As the Grade 3 children prepare to make their First Holy Communion next week, we ask that you keep them in your prayers.

Loving Father, we pray that the children preparing for their First Holy Communion, be guided by their families and teachers as they come to know the special importance of this most blessed sacrament. May they learn of your great love for us by connecting with the parish community in the celebration of the Holy Mass. Guide them in their faith journey as they come to know you more fully through the Sacrament of Communion.

We offer this prayer for Apiath, Annie-Rose, Ebony, Jack C, Benjamin, Ruby G, Jack H, Gemma, Katie, Isaak, Ruby M, Alex, Aidan, Natalia, Thomas, Anastasia, Ruby R, Max and Ethan.

Results From the Parent Survey
At last term’s parent / child / teacher interviews, we asked you to participate in an online survey regarding the following points:

- Your influence on your child’s learning and how to support your child with learning at home
- Most effective ways to communicate between school and home
  - Your satisfaction with your child’s learning
  - Families being involved with school decision making
- How comfortable you are to approach school with any issues
  - Interest in parent information sessions
  - Social Skill development
  - Feedback on the new report format
  - Feedback about Sport Day

We had 70 responses which represents a little less than half of our families (44%). The survey with the results can be found on our school website and I encourage you to have a look at them because we use this information for future planning. In summary:

- 90% of those surveyed know that they are important in their child’s learning but they are only moderately confident in how to help at home.
- The top three possibilities for parent information sessions were bullying / wellbeing issues, reading and writing at home and helping maths learning at home.
- 80% of those surveyed liked the new report format.
- 60% of those surveyed voted to keep our current Sports Day format ie. A fun day time sports at school.

Thankyou to those parents who took the time to complete the survey. Your feedback is extremely important to us.

Sports Day—Would you like? (tick one)

66 responses

- 59.7% To keep the current fun day time sports event at school
- 60.3% A more formal sporting event like an athletics day held at an established sports ground (eg Stelwyn Park)
It's always lovely to announce good news! Two of our families have had new additions recently. Xavier has a new brother to play with and we congratulate Kasia, Nick and Daisy on Griffin's arrival. And we also welcome Zoe's little brother, Hanson who is pictured with his Mum Caihong and his Grandma. We wish each family much happiness (and not too many sleepless nights!)

We also congratulate Cooper who was awarded first class honors at his recent guitar exam. What an excellent effort and result!

COLES SPORT FOR SCHOOLS

Last term our community spent weeks collecting vouchers from Coles. We ended up with more than 20,000 which was a fantastic effort from a small school. Jess went shopping with them over the holidays and was very excited to be able to claim the following sports equipment for our school. Thank you so much for the wonderful support.

• Coloured Sacks for Sack Races (x 18) They come in our house colours so will be great for the next Sports Day and will replace the hessian sacks that were falling apart.
• Small Pop Up goals (x 4) Ideal for junior school lessons and small team games and could even be useful at playtime as an alternative to the "big kid goals".
• 30 Skipping Ropes (for grade Prep and 1 students as we didn't have a class set that were small)
• Bocce Set (for wet weather MPR play or possible use on the new grass area)
• Miscellaneous teaching items like whistles etc. that will make life a little easier for Jess.

YEAR 7 2020

A reminder to our GRADE 5 PARENTS that Year 7 2020 enrolments to ALL Independent Secondary Schools close on August 17th 2018.
St Aloysius College: www.aloysius.vic.edu.au 93259200
Marian College: www.mariansw.catholic.edu.au
Simonds Catholic College: www.sccmelb.catholic.edu.au

Our T-Ball Team's success might inspire some more students to want to play baseball. This club based in Sunshine is giving boys and girls of all ages an opportunity to try a new sport this Summer.
Ring Glen on 0421 970 767 or visit their website sunshinebaseball.com.au
Get Reading and Get Dressed - Book Week 2018

This year, we will celebrate Book Week from Monday 20th – Friday 24th. Students will be involved in a range of activities, including watching a play performed by the teachers, on Wednesday 22nd August, and a Book Week Parade on Friday 24th August.

For the Book Week Parade, we ask students to come to school dressed as a book character. You do not need to purchase a costume. Rather, children can be creative and use what is already at home to represent their book character. Children are asked to bring the book, which has their chosen character in it, to share with their class.

Students, visit the library or pull your favourite book off the shelf and think about how you might dress up. You can find lots of ideas if you google “Easy Book Week Costumes”. Here are some links to get you started:

Happy Reading!

Our T-Ballers Play Their Way Into St Theresa’s History Books.

Last term our T-Ball team were almost unbeatable and finished on top of the small schools’ ladder... something that we’ve never been able to do before! This entitled them to move onto the zone playoffs which were held at Keilor Park Stadium last week. They didn’t win but they did extraordinarily well considering their experienced opposition. Angie actually took “Catch of the Day” in the outfield from a huge hit by one of the other boys. Congratulations to Balli, Cooper, Victoria, Lucas, Valentino, Emily, Jordan, Angelina, Khanh, Maliano, Quyen and Kirsten.

Many thanks to the parents and grandparents who were there to cheer the team on and help Patrick and Genevieve in any they could.

REMINDERS

Term Overviews (summarising the work that your child will be doing this term), will be sent home next week.

Newport Athletics Sports for the senior students will be held on Friday 17th August.

One for your diaries: we will be having a SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY on WEDNESDAY 29th AUGUST

SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL (SEL) SKILL OF THE MONTH

“What’s Your Mindset?”

A mindset is a set of attitudes that shape the way we think about ourselves and the world. Some people have positive mindsets while others may think negatively. At St Theresa’s we try to have Positive Mindsets.

Talk about this way of thinking with your child, talk about times when you may have had a negative mindset about something and turned it into a positive and what the result was. Try to use the term ‘positive mindset’ as much as you can at home to reinforce the work we do at school and to embed it into your child’s way of thinking.
Book Fair Colouring Competition Winners!!

(Thankyou to everyone who purchased something from our Book Fair. We made a massive $4,229 which we will be spending on new books for your children)

Thanks to all our entries for the Book Fair Colouring Competition!

Fantastic effort from everyone!

And the winners are .......

Grade Prep : Rei
Grade 1 : Ariana
Grade 2 : Daksh
Grade 3 : Riyaa
Grade 4 : Mia
Grade 5 : Adelaide
Grade 6 : Denna