

**Happy first day
of Summer
everyone!**

We are very pleased to welcome Sally Patkin to the St Theresa's staff. Sally is our new office manager working alongside Viv and making sure the school runs smoothly. Most of you would already know Sally who has Nicholas in Gr. 3 and Taylor in Gr 1 and has been a tremendous helper in the classrooms. Sally has been in the job for a couple of weeks now and is already doing a sensational job!



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CONGRATULATIONS TO GREEN TEAM...Winners of the 2016 School Sports!

As we approach the end of the year we would like to announce the school structures for 2017. The classes will be as follows :

P/1 SJ : Sharon Flanagan & Jessica Mamistvalov, **P/1 L** : Larissa Scavo,
P/1 CE : Carla Pullen & Erin Panagiotou who returns from maternity leave.
2/3 K : Kathryn Pulis, **2/3 P** : Patrick Gamwell
3/4 B : Brigid Wisniewski , **3/4 D** : Doriana Cooper
5 TM : Tenielle-Marie Pereira, **6 F** : Frank Stosic
EAL Support : Jennifer Perrone,
Reading Recovery / Maths Intervention : Dot Chats
Art Teacher & Classroom Support : Judy Foulds
Performing Arts Teacher : Jane Cahill
Physical Education Teacher : Laurie Krepp
Italian Teacher : Sandra Fazio
Classroom Support : Angie Condon

We are pleased to announce that in 2017 St Theresa's will introduce a new initiative to support students' Literacy and Numeracy progress, as they enter their first years of schooling. Mary Madden will run the **Good Start Program**, working collaboratively with the Prep/1 teaching team and the leadership team, ensuring strategic and targeted teaching to maximise student learning. The role will include:

- Liaising with the Literacy/numeracy leader, EAL teacher and Reading Recovery teacher
- Planning and documenting Literacy and Numeracy lessons with teachers
- Acting as a conduit for the sharing of best practices in planning sessions and working towards the alignment of pedagogy in the junior classrooms
- Working in classrooms - team teaching, taking small groups, working with students one to one, or working with the whole class while a classroom teacher works with the small group
- Providing additional release for classroom teachers, so that they may be involved in team teaching or lesson observations
- Taking Literacy & Numeracy focus groups across the junior classes for a sustained period of time, based upon a like need
- Working within the St Theresa's Visible Learning Project, to help teachers make student learning visible
- Working with the classroom teachers and Literacy/Numeracy Leader to track the progress of all students
- Providing feedback to teachers and students and allowing the conditions for collaborative peer feedback amongst staff to occur.

Fr Barry has approved a small fee increase for 2017. School Fees will now be \$880 per year per family and the book levy will increase by \$10 to \$250 per year per child



MARKET DAY for the P/1s was a huge success and a great way to finish their "Farm To The Plate" Inquiry unit. I think we have some very smart business gurus in the making!



FUNDRAISING NEWS : GIANT CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The last big event from our fantastic fundraising group will be our annual Christmas Raffle. Tickets will be sent home today. Please make an effort to sell and return them to school by Tuesday week, 13th December. If you want more tickets, just ask Sally or Viv in the office. We are appealing to your outstanding generosity once again for **Christmas donations** for the raffle. You might like to donate a toy or some Christmas lollies and chocolates or biscuits and puddings, so we can have lots of prizes to give away.



A message from Jade & Laura from CASEA

This week marked the end of the CASEA Program with a special performance by group members to their parents / family.

The aim of the performance was to showcase the skills they have developed during the program. They did a wonderful job!

Thanks to all the children and teachers at St Theresa's for their support, participation and hard work in making CASEA such a great success.



ART SHOW & CHRISTMAS CAROLS : NEXT THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER

We will be celebrating two special St Theresa's events at the same time : The Art Show and Christmas Carols. The Art Show will be available for our families to view from 3.15pm onwards and the Carols will begin in the Church from 7pm. Please try your best to come along, have a look at the artwork and then get into the Christmas spirit by joining us for Christmas carols.

Friday 9th Dec : Reports Go Home

Tuesday 13th Dec : 9am school assembly to present 2017 Leadership Awards and Special Awards

Wednesday 14th Dec : 2017 classes are announced

Thursday 15th Dec : 2.30 Final school assembly and presentation of sport medals run by the Gr 6s

Friday 16th Dec : 12pm Whole School End Of Year Mass. Children will be dismissed at 1pm to begin their holidays. Term 1 2017 begins for Preps on Thursday 2nd February at 8.45am and for Grs 1-6 on Friday 3rd February at 8.45



Last Monday the weather was finally kind to us and the children had a wonderful day competing in tabloid sports and sprints. It was a very close result with the winners being the **GREEN** team.

Congratulations and thanks must go to Laurie and the Gr 6 Sports Captains for their excellent organising skills.

With the end of the year only 2 weeks away, we would like you to pay any outstanding fees or levies as soon as possible please. Any problems, see Rob.