

St Theresa's

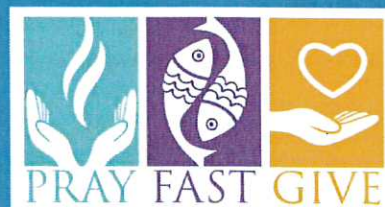


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LENT



God walks each step of the way with us.



Yesterday we celebrated Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Lent is a special time that lasts for forty days. During this time we ask for God's help to become more like Jesus, by caring for others in our family, school and community, not always thinking of ourselves first, being thoughtful and doing all we can to help others.

During Lent we think about other people in our world who need money for schooling, clothes, food and shelter. Project Compassion collects money for all these people in our world, so it is up to us to help and make a difference.

Every class has a Project Compassion moneybox and we hope they will be full by the end of Lent.

SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

At the end of 2016, four members of the Board stood down. Eva Kalomiris and Cathryn Fuller left St Theresa's and Patricia Browne and Suzanne Serra's terms were up. We would like to sincerely thank Eva, Suzanne, Patricia and Cathryn for their commitment to the St Theresa's Community and of course for volunteering their valuable time. At our first meeting for 2017 we welcomed 3 new faces to the School Advisory Board. Our thanks go to Daniel Rep (Oliver in P/1 SJ) Matha Abiel (Apiath in 2/3 P) and Kim Dalmau (Kyle 2/3 K & Chloe P/1 CE). They join the existing

Board members : Chris Woods, Simon Lovell, David Nelson, and Missagh Mahoney. All our Board members do a

wonderful job of representing community and we appreciate their dedication to the school.



The Great Masterchef Pancake Bake Off

Last Tuesday was Shrove Tuesday and pancakes were on the menu in every class. Gr 5 & 6 decided to change things up a little and work in groups, inventing their own recipes to see who would become the St Theresa's Pancake Champions. Rob was asked to be the judge and awarded the 'GOLDEN SPATULA' to Dragon, Olivia, Layne, Victoria and Juswin saying that their pancakes were light, fluffy and delicious!!!



Learning & Teaching @ St Theresa's

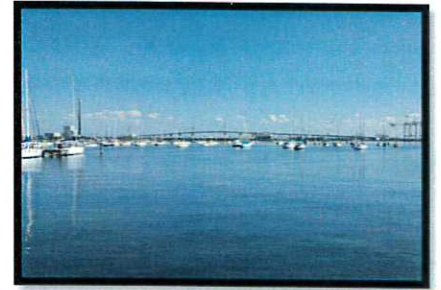


The Grade 6s had a wonderful learning experience on the Pelican 1 Catamaran. ...

Last week the Year 5 and 6 students went to Williamstown. The Year 6 students boarded the Pelican 1 catamaran while the Year 5 students went further on to the Williamstown Jawbone marine sanctuary.

While on the Pelican 1, the Year 6 students got to learn about the impact we have on marine environments and understand how valuable scientific research and data is to helping us understand marine life and how to protect it. We also learnt so much about marine animals and we were able to get close up and hold them.

This was an amazing experience to be on a boat. Thank you to Greg and John for organizing the excursion. - Bettina & Billy (Year 6)



...while the Grade 5s were keeping busy at Jawbone Sanctuary



At the Jawbone Marine Sanctuary we were divided into 2 groups. Matt our marine biologist took one group on a flora and fauna walk to explore the mangroves and Marie took the second group for an explore in the rock pools (everyone fell in!) While we were eating lunch Matt put his wetsuit on and went diving and collected lots of interesting sea creatures, like a giant starfish and crabs, for us to look at and touch. Matt had a lot of interesting information to share with us and now we know more about the impact that humans can have on the marine life and the environment...By Claudia (Year 5)



Important Information/ Community News

WEEK 7 ASSEMBLY (17th March)

This is forward notice that this assembly will start at 2.20 and promises to be an extra special one. Why? **Because the Preps are running the show** and presenting themselves to the school community!
We can't wait to see them!

Bookclub No 2 is due back on the 16th March with name and money in an envelope please. Just a reminder that there is no pressure to buy these books, it is just an important service we like to provide to our community.

Special BOOKCLUB Notice

A book was ordered from the last book club called "The Coolest Guide To Friendship". It cost \$6 but the order form had no name. If you ordered this book and it hasn't arrived yet, see Dot...she's keeping it safe for you.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE NEWS

The fundraising committee met last week and have planned lots of great events for St Theresa's in 2017. We always kick off the year with our tremendously successful Easter Raffle. The tickets will be coming home soon and next time you're at the supermarket

how about buying an egg or some chocolates to donate to the Easter Raffle? That would be wonderful.



WANTED : HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES!

With so much news around about how important fruit and vegetables are for good health, it is worth reminding everyone that less junk and more fresh food is what we are looking for in the children's lunchboxes!



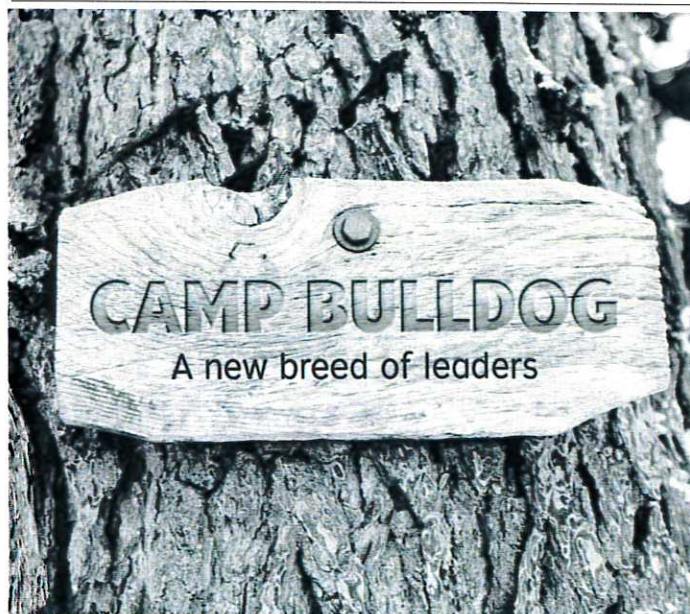
Ecolinc Sustainability Expo Sunday March 26th 2017 10am - 3pm

Ecolinc Science & Technology Innovations Centre
17 - 23 Labilliere St, Bacchus Marsh
Phone: 5367 0171 or email Ecolinc@edumail.vic.gov.au
Website: <http://vr.ecolinc.vic.edu.au/>



A free family-friendly event with:

Guest Speakers
Talk to the 'Techsperts'
Farmers/Sustainability Market
'Hands on' Workshops
Educational Demonstrations
Arts & Crafts
Food & Drinks
Competitions
Unplugged concert



The Western Bulldogs' Camp Bulldog initiative is youth leadership camp developed for young people aged 10-14. The initiative uses the Western Bulldogs Football Club as a vehicle to inspire, educate and mentor young people to become social leaders in their community.

Date: Friday 31 March - Sunday 2 April 2017.
Where: Urban Camp, Parkville
Who: Kids aged 10 - 14 (at the time of camp)
Cost: \$385 per person

For more information email Adam.Moedt@westernbulldogs.com.au
or go to westernbulldogs.com.au/campbulldog

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



P/1 SJ: Oliver Rep for a fantastic and confident start to Grade 1. Well done! Ryan Do for being a happy and hard working class member. Well done on a great start to Prep.

P/1 CE: Maher for trying so hard all the time and participating more and more every day. Nicolas for helping other children with counting during maths activities. Cade for joining our grade so easily and being such a bright and hard working member of our class.

P/1 L: Nathaniel for his amazing number knowledge. Lucas for being brave. Jake for an amazing start to the year. He has been so focused on his work.

2/3 K: Riyaa for setting a great example for others by working so hard and starting Grade 2 with a BANG! Kyle for setting a personal goal and working hard to achieve it.

2/3 P: Achol for being a fantastic role model to the class and always applying herself. Apiath for always looking for ways to challenge himself. Well done!

3/4 B: Evan for being well organized and responsible. Leeam for his unique text response to 'The Gizmo'.

3/4 D: Ivy for her positive and happy nature towards everything she does. Kaleb for the positive and productive way he has started this year. Well done!

5 TM: Oliver for making good choices during Interschool sports. Denna for a beautifully presented first Reading Journal Entry.

6 F: Antonia for a fantastic and positive start to the year. Harry for his efforts to come to school organized and ready to learn.



PEN LICENCES

Congratulations Adelaide and Quyen for being the first ones to earn your pen licences this year. You must have been practicing over the holidays.

Friday's assembly
will be presented
by 2/3K in the
MPR at 2.30pm.
Please come
along!