SPECIAL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW. Our 2018 leaders will be announced

# SEL SKILL of the MONTH

Using Self Talk
Self talk has a really
big influence on your
confidence. Be aware
of your self-talk and
make sure it is
positive. Change
unhelpful thoughts to
positive ones.



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# **School Reports Review**

The Australian Government has given schools more choice as to the content of school reports. Therefore, on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am in the MPR we would like to meet with interested parents to review our current school reports and discuss options for future school reports.

All parents are invited to this meeting, as we would like your input to our future school reports!

If you are not able to attend the meeting but would like to send some feedback/suggestions please email: johnk@stalbion.catholic.edu.au



### LIONS CLUB OF SUNSHINE

The Lions Club of Sunshine is a wonderful supporter of our school and in turn we like to advertise their Christmas cakes and Christmas trees. The trees can be purchased from Bunnings in Sunshine for \$65 on 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. The delicious cakes come in 2 sizes, small for \$13 and large for \$17. The cakes can be ordered from Mike Hereward on 9312 5061 or Chris Detiefsen on 9311 3946 or by contacting the school office..

## **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

Tickets for the Giant Christmas
Raffle are \$1 each or \$10 for the
whole book. If you sell all your
tickets and want another book, see
Sally in the office.

Thank you to those families who have already donated a gift for the raffle **BUT** we need a lot more donations to make this the biggest raffle ever. You might like to buy a toy or Christmas lollies or chocolates, or biscuits and puddings.

The raffle will be drawn in the last week of school.

#### CHRISTMAS CAROLS

# NEXT TUESDAY: 12th Dec

Next Tuesday night is our Carols night and thank goodness the weather forecast is for a warm night.

We begin at 6pm with a picnic dinner on the turf area followed at 6.45 with some beautiful singing from the children. We hope all our families will be there and be ready to join in.



SECOND WEEK IN ADVENT

# **Praying For Our Needs**

Lord as we move into Advent there are many distractions for us every day.

Help us to pause to make ourselves ready to celebrate Your coming at Christmas.

Teach us to appreciate the gifts you bring – love, joy, happiness, freedom and peace. Give us the grace to invite you into our hearts every day.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.



We will be holding 2 Advent paraliturgies next week on Monday and Friday. Please join us in the MPR at 9am.



# Important Events and Dates..there is a lot on so please take note.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December: 2018 Leadership Assembly at 2.30 Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December: Gr 2 Day Camp to Williamstown Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December: Advent Paraliturgy at 9am

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December : Picnic Dinner & Christmas Carols at 6pm

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December: Graduation Mass & Dinner at 6pm

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December: Advent Paraliturgy at 9am

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December: Gr 6 Farewell Assembly & Award

Presentation at 2.30

**Friday 15**<sup>th</sup> **December**: Transition Day (students spend time with their 2018 teachers). Reports go home.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December: Yr 6 outing to Adventure Park

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December: End of Year Mass at 12pm after which students finish up for the year at 1pm. This is the last day of school for children.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December: Term 4 ends for teachers.

#### **READERS & LIBRARY BOOKS**

Parents we are still waiting for some readers, rainbow readers and library books to be returned to school so that we can complete our stock take.

Don't stop reading with your children though...I'm sure you have lots of books and magazines at home or visit your local library.

#### CHRISTMAS HAS MADE IT TO ST THERESA'S

There is quite a bit of Christmas activity happening at school now and we would like to share some of it with you.

Grade 2/3 K was asked to write a persuasive text explaining to Santa why they deserve to get Christmas presents.

"Dear Santa, we've been great kids, better than you can imagine. Here's why....firstly, we do everything everyone tells us to do. For example, the teacher tells us to clean the floor and we do it straight away. Secondly, we never call out. If a teacher is speaking we always listen. Thirdly, whenever we are working we're very quiet; we concentrate on our work and don't talk. Lastly we always have fun and that's why you should leave some presents for us." By Stephanie.

#### In Grade 5 the students are writing Christmas Poems

"Cause it's Christmas, the best time of the year. Sipping hot cocoa by the fire, spreading holiday cheer! We have to work every day but Christmas is our holiday. Christmas is more than just a day in December; it's all over those things we love to remember. Bright coloured balls and streamers of tinsel, glass satin stars and tiny toy trains. One little star on top of the tree, shining so bright but you can hardly see. A few Christmas presents underneath for me." By Ananya

#### **BEGINNING OF SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2018**

We will be beginning the new school year with "Parent Teacher Chats" on <u>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January.</u> (Interviews-on-line will be available for you to book a time once your child knows their 2018 teacher after December 15<sup>th</sup>).

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January: Preps will begin on their own (There will be no school for Yrs 1-6)

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February : All children attend school Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February : All children attend school The school office will be open from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January.