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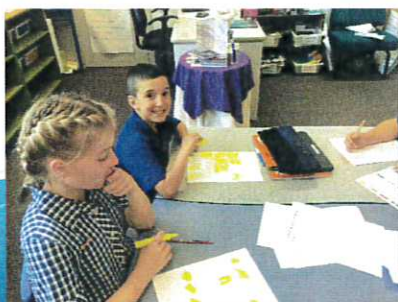
In honour of Blue Team winning the 2017 sports, the newsletter will be printed in blue this week. Congratulations Blue Team Captains, Abby and Daniel and the whole team. Congratulations to Laurie for running such a well-organized and fun day with a minimum of fuss. (Even if it was a bit hot)
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Learning & Teaching @ St Theresa's Literacy / Numeracy Week



This week as a school, we are celebrating Literacy & Numeracy week. Children have been busy contributing to a shared story across the grades. At lunchtime, children have been listening to stories told by staff and then spending some time reading in the library. This year's shortlisted picture story books were explored and enjoyed. A variety of Maths activities have been completed with children in mixed groupings. A writers' walk has been set up in the library, with a variety of writing from both individuals and classes.



ADVENT

This Sunday we commence the start of the new liturgical year. It is the First Sunday of Advent. So together we pray and prepare for the coming of Christmas.

Lord, we ask your blessing during Advent.

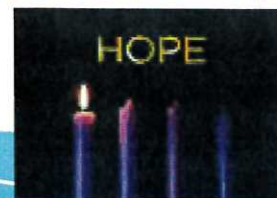
As we begin our Advent journey, we remember the passage from darkness to light taken long ago by your people, as they waited the Messiah.

As Advent begins, help us to know our own story.

Help us to follow the path lit by the example of all believers who have gone before us.

We make our prayer in the name of Jesus, your Son. Amen

We will be holding an Advent paraliturgy in the MPR tomorrow at 11.30. Please join us.



The 3/4B Assembly will be held in the MPR tomorrow (Friday) at 2.30.

And The Winners Are.....BLUE TEAM!



Yesterday was Sports Day and it was a great day. All the teams tried so hard and displayed great teamwork and perseverance and also encouraged and cheered their team mates. A big thanks to our Yr 6 sports captains Sophia, Daniel, Abbey, Cherry Lou, Peter and Milkias who helped to set up this day for us and worked hard to make it run so smoothly Well done Blue, it has been a while since you stood on the winner's podium!



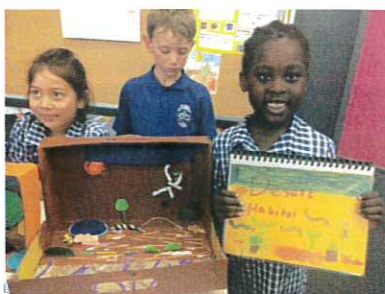
This little guy sort of sums up how we were all feeling by the end of the sports! At least he's on the winning team!

Many thanks to our fabulous mums who worked in extreme conditions to feed the kids and the teachers : Michelle, Sabrina, Kristy, Natalie, Danielle, Chantelle, Roni, Kim, Philomena Georgia and Anna. You are very much appreciated! And finally, thanks to all our parents who came and cheered on their kids on and helped to make it a happy day for our school.

PREP / 1 LEARNING EXPO

'HABITATS OF THE WORLD'

Inquiry for the P/1s this term has been investigating the different habitats of the world. Their work culminated in a learning expo last week where they displayed their dioramas and reports in the MPR and the entire school came to have a look and ask questions. The older students were very impressed with the dioramas, posters, pamphlets and booklets that the P/1s had created but even more impressed with the amount of knowledge the students had about their particular habitat.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



P/1S : Ryan for fabulous improvement with his reading. Malek for trying so hard to write a fantastic animal report on Tigers. Noor for wonderful improvement with her writing.

P/1L : Ashreet for being brave enough to put her head underwater at swimming. Zonghong for being brave at swimming.

P/1CE : Arnav for developing his reading and writing skills so much this term. Peace for being a responsible and happy member of the class who works well with all her classmates.

2/3K : Kidus for working up the courage to go swimming and doing a great job at it. Sunny for working on her organizational skills.

2/3 P : Kathleen for making up maths problems to help Patrick teach money. Leo for helping other students create their own google slides. He's an expert!

3/4B : Mathi for a brilliant information report about photosynthesis. Ivana for an excellent information report about a rose.

3/4D : Marcus for his novel review presentation and for sharing ideas in discussions. David for the way he has been applying himself in all areas of the curriculum

5 TM : Gabriel for working hard to learn his speech. Angelina for her amazing work on her picture story book.

6F : Ashli for her excellent analysis of a character and for making interesting predictions in reading. Billy for his mature questions and comments during class discussions.

Social & Emotional Learning (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's positive. Change unhelpful thoughts to positive ones. Change 'I can't do this!' into 'What can I do to help me to do this?' Spend a little time talking to your child about times in their lives when using positive self talk might really help them.

WE NEED YOUR HELP & FEEDBACK



School Reports Review

The Australian Government has given schools more choice as to the content of school reports. Therefore, on **Monday 11th 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



SWIMMING PROGRAM FEEDBACK

The swimming program finished 2 weeks ago. While we are very satisfied with the program that the Aquatic Centre provides for the children, we would like to hear what our parents think. You will be receiving an email with a link that you can open and answer a couple of simple questions. We would be grateful if you could spend a minute or two filling in the survey so that we can plan for 2018.

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 9th, 10th 16th and 17th 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.

The Year 2/3 maths group who recently won a Maths competition used their \$50.00 prize money to purchase sand play equipment for the school, new buckets, rollers and sifters will soon be found in our sandpit. Thanks a lot kids..the sandpit kids will love it.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets for the **Giant Christmas Raffle** went home earlier this week. Tickets 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 as you can see from the photo, we need a lot more donations to make this the biggest raffle ever. You might like to buy a toy or Christmas lollies and chocolates, or biscuits and puddings.

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



CHRISTMAS CAROLS...

NEXT TUESDAY

Next Tuesday night is our Carols night. We begin at 6pm with families having 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.

