

# St Theresa's



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St. Theresa's  
and Families:

Partners in learning.

Through this gate  
walk our  
future leaders.



*Be Safe, Be Happy, Be Caring, Be Ready To Learn*

Dear Parents and Friends

Welcome back for another exciting year. Welcome especially to all of our new students and to their families. We are excited to welcome Fergal O'Neill to our school as a new teacher in Grade 3 /4. This year we are very pleased to be able to extend Maths intervention program called 'Number Intervention' to all of the Grades from Prep to Gr 2. We are also pleased to be able to extend our Good Start Program so that this year there is an additional teacher for each level. The children have settled very well so all in all we are looking forward to an exciting and productive year.



**AND HERE THEY ARE!**

**PRESENTING THE PREP CLASS OF 2020**

Kyra, Frankie, Harper, Lily, Zachary, Aguer, Lily, Senesh, Eason, Lucy, Mathias, Adele, Archie, Piranes, Nitya, Liam, Vidhusha, Brax, Varnica, Logan, Bryan, Thinu, Jenoleela, Patrick, Alby, Thorin, Jessica, Talia, Giselle, Billie, Luke, Harvey, Isabella, Jamie, Ashton, Jedidiah, Noah, Oliver, Elliot, and Xi Zi,.....have a great prep year everyone!

Your Word is a lamp to guide my feet  
and a light for my path.

Psalm 119:105



**BEGINNING OF YEAR MASS IS TOMORROW 7<sup>th</sup> FEB AT 11.40 AM.** We would love you to be there to help us celebrate and ask God's blessings on the new school year

**ASSEMBLY FRIDAY WEEK 14<sup>th</sup> Feb**  
We have our first school assembly for 2018 next Friday at 2.30 in the Multi Purpose Room. The Year 6 students will be the hosts and it will be a great opportunity to catch up on school news and to meet our new students and families. Please join us!

## 2020 Important Dates...so far

DATE	EVENT
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Beginning of Year Mass at 11.40 am
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Yr 5& 6 to Pelican & Jaw Bone excursion
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Preps have a day off school
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Assembly at 2.30 : Yr 6
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Board Meeting
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> February	No school for Preps
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Ash Wednesday Mass at 9am
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> February	No school for Preps
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>School Closure – No school for children</b>
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Assembly at 2.30 : 1/2B
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Labor Day Holiday
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Reconciliation for Yr 3
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Assembly at 2.30 : 3 /4 TM
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Board Meeting
<b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>End of Term 1.00p.m (Mass at 12.30)</b>
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Holy Thursday
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Good Friday
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Sunday
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Monday Holiday
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Term Two Commences</b>
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Anzac Day Holiday
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Confirmation at 7pm : Yr 6
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Term 2 ends at 1pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Term 3 begins
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Holy Communion for Yr 3s
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Term 3 ends at 1pm
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Term 4 begins at 8.45am
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	School Closure Day
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Cup Day Holiday
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Graduation Mass & Dinner: Yr 6
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	End of Year Mass at 12pm
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Term 4 ends at 1pm

*Welcome also to Madhushika, Selina, Abuk, Mathilda, Harper and Aluk.*



## Help Needed

One of our families is looking for someone to drive their daughter to and from school every day. The family lives in Ardeer and is willing to pay for the service. If you are interested please see or email Marie Gamwell – [marieg@stalbion.catholic.edu.au](mailto:marieg@stalbion.catholic.edu.au)

## STUDENT WELLBEING : ONLINE SAFETY

Attached to the newsletter is some information for parents and who want to talk to their children about keeping safe when online. It's produced by Australia's eSafety Commissioner and provides advice and resources to keep your child safe online and gather some tips to help manage technology at home. There is also a free webinar available for parents

### **Parking and Traffic Management**

Pick up time at the end of the school day is quite busy and we ask all families to be courteous and safe when parking and using the roads around the school. We wish to remind everyone that double parking is illegal and dangerous. Please ensure that young children are assisted to cross roads.

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

**Girls** : Summer dress, white socks and black leather shoes, school jumper and/or jacket for colder days.

**Boys** : Blue polo shirt with school emblem, grey shorts, white socks and black leather shoes, school jumper and/or jacket for colder days.

**Boys and Girls Sports Uniform** : Blue polo shirt with school emblem, navy blue microfibre shorts, white socks and runners. Girls also have the option of a blue 'skort' if they prefer

SPORTS UNIFORM **ONLY** TO BE WORN ON THE DAYS THAT YOUR CHILD HAS PHYS ED and / or INTERSCHOOL SPORTS. (Ask your child's teacher what day this happens).

### **Sunsmart Policy**

A reminder that we are a Sunsmart school and children need to be wearing a hat whenever they are outside. No hat means that they have to stay under shade. Please write your child's name on the hat.

### **Reminders : School Hours**

School hours are from 8.45am until 3.15pm. Please try to get your child to school on time so they can be well settled for the beginning of the day.

The school yard is supervised from 8.30am. If you need to drop your child off earlier than this, then they must be enrolled in our OSH Before School Program. No child is to be left in the yard without adult supervision.

Our theme for our school this year...

**2020 'See the Possibilities'**





### Celebrating Cultural Harmony

Learning about cultural perspectives is part of our curriculum for all students. This year, we are linking our focus in Italian with other areas of the curriculum. Through an exploration of the old Italian theatre called *La Commedia Dell'Arte*, students will learn about aspects of culture, including drama, masks, story and language.

#### Upcoming special events:

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February: We have a theatre company performing *La Commedia Dell'Arte* for all our students.

In March (date to be confirmed): Italian Day. On this day, we will engage in a number of activities to learn about the Italian culture and language. Students are asked to come to school dressed up for Italian Day. Students may come dressed in the colours of the Italian flag (red, white and green), or as anything representing Italy – soccer player, Italian artist, Italian chef etc.

**\*\*\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN ON THURSDAY THE 27<sup>TH</sup> OF FEBRUARY. STAFF WILL BE ATTENDING A PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY.**

**\*\*\*\*\* GRADE 5 & 6 CAMP WILL BE HELD THIS TERM ON MONDAY THE 23<sup>RD</sup> THROUGH TO WEDNESDAY THE 25<sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH.**

### REMINDERS FROM SALLY AND VIVIEN IN THE OFFICE

1. Fee Statements will be sent out to all families soon. Particular attention should be paid to the Student Levies (\$405.00 per student) **which need to be paid by Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> February.**
2. Please ensure that your family details on CAREMonkey are up to date with correct phone number, address, email address and correct emergency contact details.

**Earlier this week the boys from Gr 3-6 met with Marie to discuss and negotiate consequences for not following school rules in the playground. The consequences they chose are quite stringent however they were almost unanimous in choosing them. Thanks to the boys for their commitment to making our playground more harmonious. Thanks to Marie for leading the meeting.**



### TUCKSHOP

We sell Zooper Dooper icy poles from the tuck-shop at lunchtimes. They cost 50c. We rely on volunteers to sell them. It involves working in the tuck-shop from 1.30 to 2.00ish on the day of your choice. If you have time and want to help out just give the office a ring (93119070) The kids will love you for it!!!