



# St Theresa's School Albion



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

**Newsletter Friday November 12th 2021** (Term 4 Week 6)

*Hi Everyone, This is what we've been waiting for....a school full of smiling children, all very happy to be back with each other! Fingers crossed that it stays that way!*



**LUNCH ORDERS** : Please be advised that our Lunch Order service is **not** running at this time. Please ensure your child has a packed lunch and snack every day. We will send out an email if/when lunch orders resume this year.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

On the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month, St Theresa's stopped to honour Remembrance Day, which is one of the most significant days on the Australian calendar. We paused to remember all those who have died or suffered in wars, conflicts and peace keeping operations. The students stood silently for one minute to commemorate and honour the courage and sacrifice of Australians who have served their country.



Remembrance Day marks the anniversary of the guns falling silent on the Western Front in the First World War.



**PREP 2022 Transition Meeting** : We have the first of 3 transition meetings beginning **next Tuesday** morning from 9-11am in our multipurpose room. It will be wonderful to be able to welcome our new parents and next year's preps into the school.

*With the restrictions easing a little, we are allowed to have a few more events and activities at school, so I am attaching the important dates for the rest of the year.*

### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

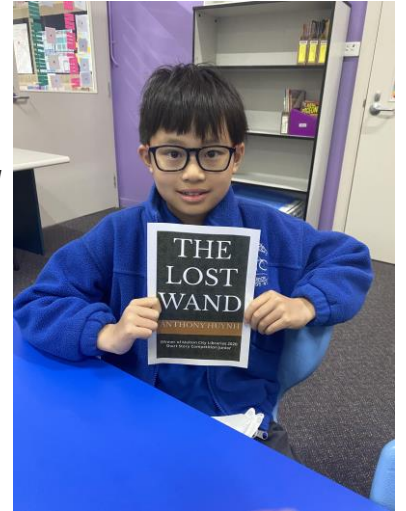
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Preps celebrate 100 days of school.
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> 9am – 11am	2022 Prep Orientation Day 1
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> 9am-11am	2022 Prep Orientation Day 2
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> 9am-11am	2022 Prep Orientation Day 3
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY</b>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Speeches and voting for the 2022 Student Leadership Roles
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	Graduation Mass at 6pm
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Farewell Assembly
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Semester 2 Reports go home
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Bump Up Day.... students spend some time in their 2022 class
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 outing to Adventure Park
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	End of Year Mass at 12 noon
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	Term 4 ends at 1pm

***Now that all classes are back at school, we need to do a stocktake of the students' IT devices. COULD ALL I.T. DEVICES BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL NEXT WEEK PLEASE***

***And the same can be said for Library Books and Readers. WE ARE MISSING A LOT OF BOOKS, SO CAN YOU SEARCH THE HOUSE FOR ST THERESA'S BOOKS AND RETURN THEM TO US PLEASE.***

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ANTHONY HUYNH IN 3/4F : AUTHOR OF 'THE LOST WAND'

***St Theresa's is very proud to announce that we have a published author! During last year's lock down Anthony Huynh wrote the award-winning short story "The Lost Wand" and was awarded first place. What an amazing achievement! Anthony's Dad alerted him to the competition run by Melton City Library. The book is currently available on Amazon Kindle and is #26 in Best Sellers in Children's Short Story Collections Amazon worldwide. You might like to have a look so I have included the link below.***



[https://www.amazon.com.au/gp/bestsellers/digital-text/2524328051/ref=pd\\_zg\\_hrsr\\_digital-text](https://www.amazon.com.au/gp/bestsellers/digital-text/2524328051/ref=pd_zg_hrsr_digital-text)

**AND WE HAVE SOME MORE CLEVER KIDS IN YEAR 5/6.....just ask Britt, their teacher**

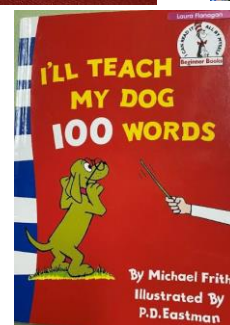
Students in our Maths Extension group are not only developing their skills in number, but also their ability to collaborate and work together to problem solve. It is fantastic to see our students be able to justify and provide reasoning for their thinking and openly share any misconceptions they may have had. This allows for much fluid discussion in our sessions, giving all students a sense of achievement, reinforcing new learnings and having their voice heard.



# 100 DAYS of SCHOOL



*Today we are thrilled to be able to celebrate 100 days at school with our Prep students. Of course, the Preps have been learning for a lot longer than 100 days but so many of those learning days were at home. We're very proud of how they have coped with such a topsy turvy year and what great learners they have become. Some of the things the children will be doing today are reading stories about being at school for 100 days, writing a story about what it feels like to be 100 and so many maths games that involve numbers to 100...sounds like a lot of fun!*

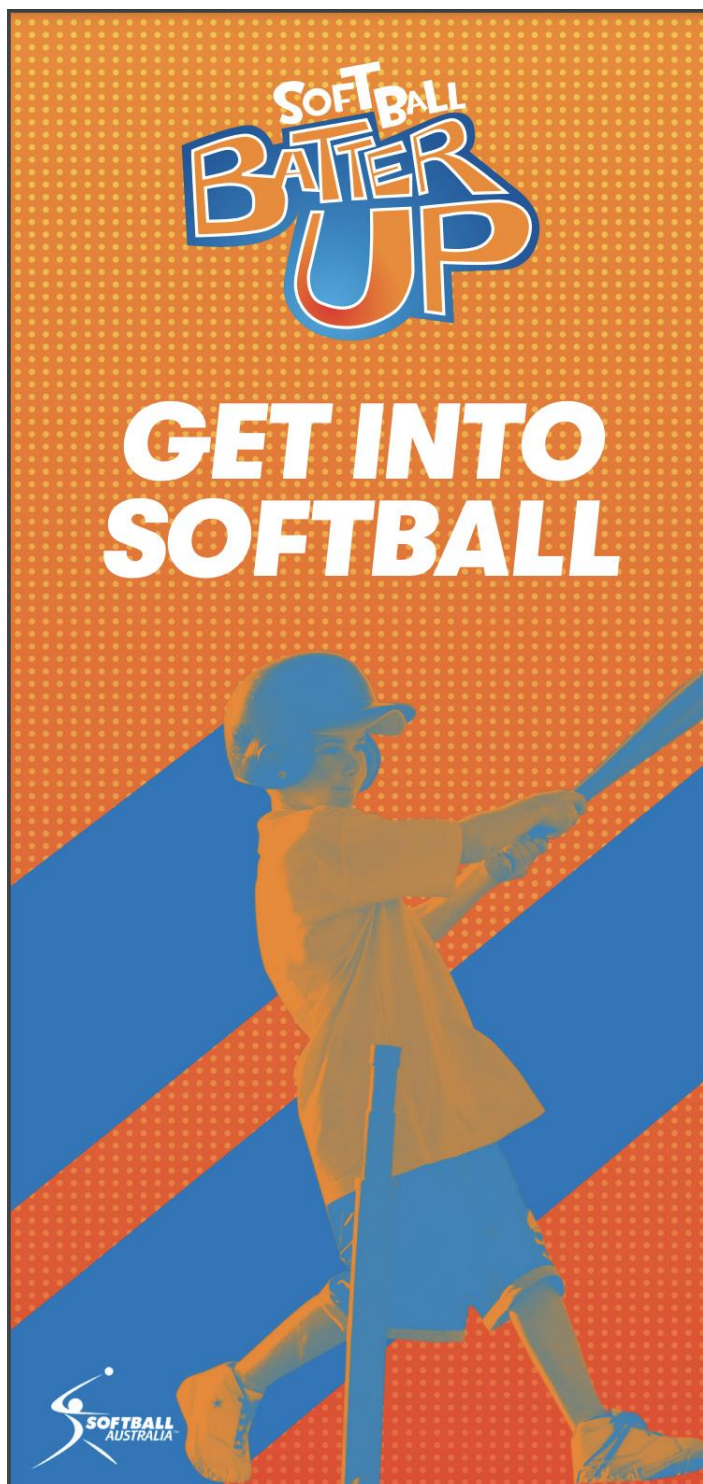


To celebrate all things 100, Sharon took this wonderful photo with her 100-year-old Grandmother. The children then wrote about what it would be like to be 100!



The Sunshine Softball Association is running another Softball Batter Up Program for 5-10 year olds starting on Monday 15 November to Monday 20 December. The program will be delivered with COVID safety measures in place.

Please note that the association is not for profit, the cost of the program is to cover expenses of the participant pack and other equipment provided. The association will not be making a profit from these programs.



Softball Australia's national participation program, Softball Batter Up, is designed to be fun, flexible and engaging for children from kindergarten age to Year 6, focusing on fun activities while learning basic throwing, catching and striking skills.

Every registered participant receives an Official SBU Starter Kit to begin their softball journey.



Sunshine Softball Batter Up Summer 2021

**Venue:** Bon Thomas Reserve Quinn St, Deer Park

**Dates:** Monday 15 Nov - Monday 20 Dec (6 weeks)

**Times:** 5:00pm - 6:00pm      **Ages:** 5 - 10

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**Cost:** \$60 with pack included, \$40 without pack

# Respond honestly to dishonesty



## • POSITIVE PARENTING

by Michael Grose

You enter the kitchen. Your child looks at you like she's hiding something. You see cake crumbs on the bench and the tips of her fingers. 'Did you eat the chocolate cake?' Your child smiles at you, with chocolate stuck in her teeth, and innocently replies, 'No.'

You know your child is not telling the truth. The evidence is everywhere! So, what do you do?

Honesty is an essential value for children and young people to develop as it's central to building trust and community cohesion. Here are some simple, effective ways to encourage your child to be honest.

### ***Remember, telling fibs is normal***

Catching your child in a lie can be frustrating, but remembering that it's a normal part of growing up can help you keep calm. While there is a moral aspect to honesty, children in the early years of primary school tend to be very concrete thinkers, responding better to your immediate concerns such as 'I need to know you are telling the truth' instead of the moral aspects of right and wrong. For older primary aged children and teenagers, the broader issues of trust and morality are parts of the conversations you should have.

### ***Don't ask questions if you know the answer***

If your son is smeared in chocolate cake, don't say, 'Did you eat the chocolate cake?' Instead try, 'I can see you ate some chocolate cake. You must have been hungry huh?' Then pause and ask, 'Do you think I'm pleased or upset? Why? What should we do next time?' Use the awkward situation as an opportunity to find out more about what your child may need.

## ***Show the truth***

If you are a parent of a teenager, you know how easily parent-teen relationships can be harmed by accusations and criticism. If you think that a teenager may have misled you about an area of concern such as not being where they said they were, then it's probably wisest to bring your young person's attention to evidence of the truth rather than back them into a corner with an accusation. "You said you were at Jana's, but her mum said that Jana didn't have any visitors yesterday" is a statement of truth from your perspective that's invites a response from a young person.

## ***Listen to their side***

Things often aren't as they seem so if you think your child or young person is not being completely honest, be prepared to listen to their side of a story. This is not to suggest that you let them pull the proverbial wool over your eyes, but there are times when kids may believe they are telling the truth. Alternatively, they may have told a lie to keep themselves safe or to prevent them from following the crowd. Get your child talking, ascertain if they believe they are being truthful, and if they aren't, listen to why they bent the truth.

## ***Let the consequences do the teaching***

Acknowledge truthfulness when a child or young person owns up to doing the wrong thing. Help them fix the dishonesty and discuss how to do better in the future. Avoid punishment as this will cause more lying in the future. Allowing the consequences to do the work helps keep your relationship intact and ensures that lessons are experienced, and responsibility is taken.

## ***Extract a simple promise***

Studies show that children are less likely to be dishonest once they have promised to tell the truth. If they tell you the truth, and then you punish them severely, they will be less likely to tell the truth in the future, promise or not.

## ***Model honesty***

Many adults are guilty of social 'white' lies. Such 'little white lies' that conveniently bend the truth to your advantage are commonplace. Children and young people take their cues from parents, so these little white lies show them it's okay to bend the truth in certain circumstances. You don't get away with anything when you are parent – your behaviour is always on show so stick to the truth, even when it's difficult, if you want your kids to do the same

## ***In closing***

Honesty takes time and maturity to learn, especially in the face of the clearly tactical advantages of bending the truth. As parents, nurture honesty in kids by modelling, discussing its merits and acknowledging that it's not always easy to be honest. And maybe, avoid keeping the chocolate cake on the kitchen table.

