



St Theresa's School Albion


*Be Safe,
Be Happy,
Be Caring,
Be Ready to
Learn.*

Newsletter, August 25th 2022 (Term 3 Week 7)



SACRAMENT of the HOLY EUCHARIST

Last Sunday was a very important and memorable day in the faith journey of these beautiful children, as they made their First Holy Communion together. Congratulations to Alannah, Katelyn, Zani, Akucjang, Annie, Daniel, Angel, Lance, Rory, Liam, Michael, Olivia, Evie, Stephen, Indigo, Eva and Ryeome.

It was a very happy occasion thanks mainly to the 3/4 team and the RE Leader, Tenielle-Marie, Jessica, Jackie, Sam and Doriana who prepared the children so well and made sure the church looked extra special.

Our thanks to Father Barry who ensured that the Mass was a special occasion for the children.

BEST BEE AWARD



Last week it was our great pleasure to announce another Best Bee award winner for 2022. This time it went to Rei Xu in 4/5K. Rei displays the 4 best bee behaviours constantly....Be Safe, Be Happy, Be Caring & Be Ready To Learn.

Rei always has a smile and is a happy and friendly student who is very reliable with anything that the teachers ask him to do. Recently we asked him to do an extra special task that would help the teachers and students very much and he did it without hesitation. He is a dependable classmate and a great role model to other students. Congratulations Rei!



SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

Next Thursday 1st September

No students at school on this day (OSHCLUB will be available)

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



P/1S : Stephen for always being ready to learn and having a positive attitude towards everything he does. Ethan for writing a fabulous recount about Little Red Riding Hood. Nidhi for being such a kind, caring and responsible class member. Super Star!

P/1B : Ishaan for his hard work and determination to improve his reading. Diyon for working hard and listening carefully at all times. Keep it up!

1/2CE : Augustine for working so hard to write a wonderful story with his partner. Varnica for amazing comprehension when reading with a beautiful, fluent style that is lovely to listen to.

1/2 B : Senesh for trying to make good choices both in the classroom and out in the yard. Isabella for being a thoughtful and kind classmate and for completing all her work to a high standard. Well done!

3/4 J : Georgia for her effort and contribution in reading groups. Daniel for sustaining focus on tasks and improving the quality of his work. Evie for her consistent hard-working ethic in class.

3/4TM : Brandon for getting involved with maths games in the morning. Well done! Akucjang for putting a lot of effort into the beautiful presentation of her work.

4/5K : Kitana for displaying a positive attitude to all she does and for being a great role model in class. Lennon for his thoughtful and in-depth ideas during our reading group discussion. James for his amazing ideas in his biography planning.

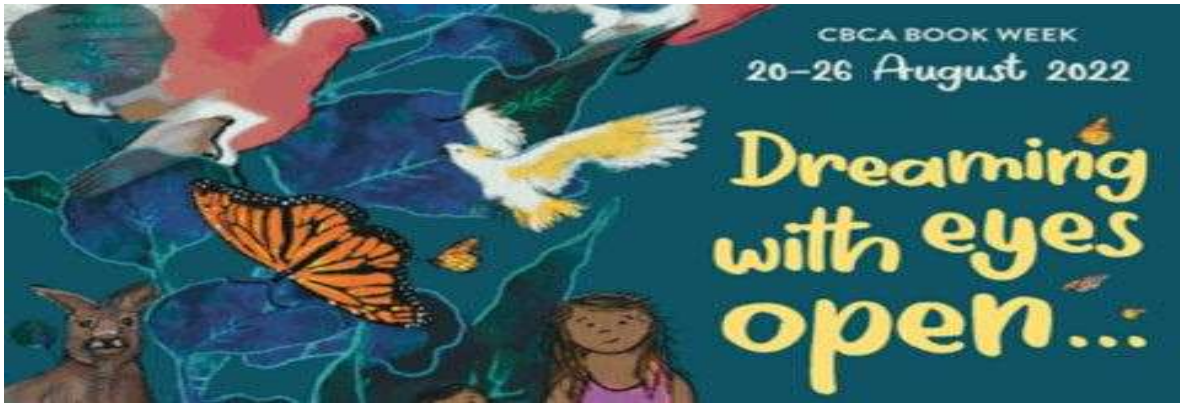
5/6 F : Anastasia for living out the senior school values of Respect, Effort and Gratitude. Thanks for being a great student! Andrei for his creative thinking and open mindedness in all that he does!

5/6 P : Ethan E for showing great maturity to step out of his comfort zone and challenge himself. Milla for her engagement in her work and her ultimate 'can do' attitude.

Congratulations also to Anoop who was awarded his pen licence



BOOK WEEK IS HERE!



Tomorrow, **Friday 26th August** we will be having a **Book Week Parade** at 9.00 in the MPR. Children will be able to come to school dressed as their favourite book character (some simple last minute costume ideas can be found here..... <https://mumsgrapevine.com.au/2020/09/book-week-costume-ideas/>)

Parents are welcome to attend our Book Week Parade at 9.00am in the MPR.

IMPORTANT : Family School Improvement Survey

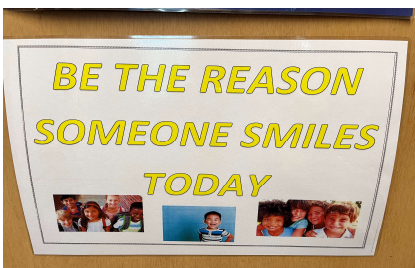
In 2022, our school is participating in Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools – School Improvement Surveys (MACSSIS). MACSSIS is an annual survey whereby schools listen to the thoughts and feelings students, families and staff have about how their school can improve. These surveys help inform the ongoing improvement of schools across Melbourne.

One of the main goals of the family survey is to identify the strengths and areas for improvement in our school. **MACSSIS data benefits everyone within our school and provides valuable feedback on areas that St Theresa's can focus on.** We believe it is important to encourage families to have a voice and contribute to shaping the ongoing improvement of the school and that is the reason why next week you will receive an email inviting you to participate in the MACSSIS survey.

Every family will receive a letter with your own pin number to log into the survey and all answers are strictly confidential. There is one survey per family and you will have until the 16th September to do it. Surveys will also be available in different languages.

Rob and the Leadership Team sincerely hope that you can find the time to complete the survey. The more information we find out, the better we become! Thank you in advance.

Marie Gamwell (Deputy Principal)



SEL SKILL OF THE MONTH

*You never know what someone else is going through. Whether it's a stranger just passing on the street, or a good friend, **something as simple as a smile can change a day.***

Take a minute to discuss this message with your family.

DANCING WITH ANDY

Recently Greg Woolford, our Family School Partnerships Leader, successfully applied for a grant from Songroom for 10 weeks dance instruction for the children. So, we now have Andy working with us this term. Andy was born in Scotland, trained in London and has taught dance all over the world and now we're lucky enough to have him at St Theresa's. The children were very excited with some of the moves he taught them last week.



FUNDRAISING NEWS...FATHER'S DAY IS COMING UP

On Friday 2nd September, we are holding our Father's Day stall, thanks to the very generous donations that the children brought last week. Gifts for Dad and Grandad will range in price from \$2 right up to \$20. It's not too late to donate a gift. Just bring it to school and hand it in at the office.

Thanks again for your generosity.



WALK OF FAME BRICK PAVERS

The "Walk of Fame" brick pavers forms need to be returned to the office by this **Friday 26 Aug.**

If you have any questions or would like any further information, please contact Clare Kearns (Parent Fundraiser) on 0477 073 300.

**** Please note:** This will be an annual fundraising option for families/students/staff, so there will be future opportunities to have a brick on the "Walk of Fame"

The next ASSEMBLY will be hosted by 4/5K and will be held in the MPR at 2.30PM on Friday 2nd September. Please join us!

COMMUNITY NEWS.... This week we received the following notice from Victoria Police regarding the wearing of helmets when riding a bike. There has apparently been an increase in students not wearing their bicycle helmets as reported by many members of the community.

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BIKE/SCOOTER HELMETS

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR LOCAL POLICE

This is a reminder that all users of bikes and scooters (including the motorised versions) MUST wear helmets unless exempt. We have had concerns raised by members of our community, and it is quite apparent that residents have become complacent regarding these laws.

Mandatory bicycle helmet laws were introduced in July 1990. This applies when riding:

- ☐ on roads and road-related areas
- ☐ on bike and shared paths
- ☐ in bike lanes
- ☐ in recreational parks
- ☐ in car parks
- ☐ on footpaths.

Police can stop bike and scooter riders and issue a fine or a warning for not wearing an approved bicycle helmet. The current fine for this offence is \$231.

Research indicates that bike helmets greatly reduce the risk of head injuries, which are the major cause of death and injury to bike riders.

- ☐ Bicycle helmets reduce the chances of a serious head injury by almost 70 %
- ☐ Two years after introducing bicycle helmet laws in 1990 a 23% reduction in head injuries in Victoria.

This is a significant safety issue, and we encourage you all to look after yourselves, family, and friends.

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Bush Kinda/ Garden Playgroup

Dear Parents

I am seeking interest in setting up a 0-5yr old garden/ bush kinda playgroup at Mother of God Primary School, Ardeer (2-3 hrs, 1 day a week). I need evidence of interest to show the need for this.

If interested, could you please click on the link below to complete a 2-minute survey?
Also feel free to share it, if you have anyone you think maybe interested

FYI-The school currently has a large established vegetable garden with adjoining classroom that could be accessed by a playgroup and we would have a pre-school/ horticultural worker running the session.

Survey link

<https://forms.gle/WnhrKTwsNwiZn2ys7>

Greg

Greg Woolford
Western Cluster Engagement Leader
Mother of God School
St Theresa's School
Our Lady's School



New learning resources to help your family stay safe online



This is a great resource for families. Spend a few minutes having a look. eSafety has released new resources to help parents and carers from all backgrounds protect their families online.

The new videos and advice sheets from the [Online Safety for Every Family suite of resources](#) covers how to:

- get started with social media
- enjoy safer online gaming
- help your child if they are bullied online.

To make sure more families can start a conversation with their children about online safety, [the information comes in multiple languages](#) - English, Simplified Chinese, Arabic, Vietnamese, Tamil and Dari.