



St Theresa's School Albion


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

Newsletter, September 8th 2022 (Term 3 Week 9)

IMPORTANT: Family School Improvement Survey

Last week Rob wrote to all our families inviting you all to participate in the Family School Improvement Survey run by MACS (our head office!).

MACSSIS is an annual survey whereby schools listen to the thoughts and feelings of students, families and staff, about how their school can improve. So the main goal 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 encourage all our families to have a voice and contribute to shaping the ongoing improvement of St Theresa's and that is the reason why you received an email 2 weeks ago inviting you to participate. Every family received an email with your own pin number to log into the survey (all answers are strictly confidential). There is one survey per family and you have until the 16th September to do it. Surveys are also available in different languages. **If you have lost the log in and pin number details, Trish & Jo in the office will be more than happy to supply them again, just email. So far your response has been slow, we have only had 11 out of 173 families complete the survey. We sincerely hope that more of you can find the time to do it this week.** As an added incentive there will be a couple of Sadie Black vouchers that you might win if you fill out the survey. All you have to do is contact Marie, Trish or Jo by email to tell us that you have completed the survey and your name will be entered into the draw.

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Thank you in advance for your time and support.



FATHER'S DAY STALL

Once again, our Father's Day stall was a great success with every child taking a lovely gift home. Bonnie's Preps and Ones look very happy with their choices! The fundraising group did an incredible job of making sure there were enough gifts to go around, setting them up and volunteering their morning to sell to the children. It was a tremendous effort by the group and an amazing \$2408 was raised for the school. Our thanks to our generous families for donating some of the Father's Day gifts and to our fantastic fundraising group who made it all happen.



ASSEMBLY TOMORROW : FRIDAY 9th September at 2.15pm in the MPR.
Year 4/5K will be the hosts....please feel free to join us!

BOOK WEEK DAY AT ST THERESA'S



Book Week Day was a wonderful celebration of everyone's favourite books and book characters. The day began with a parade of amazing costumes as you can see. It continued with interesting and fun book activities and stories and ended with a fantastic show for the whole school to enjoy. Thanks to all the parents for making such a big effort with the kids' costumes.



Other dates for your diaries :

Wednesday 14th- Friday 16th Sept : Year 4s at Doxa Camp

Thursday 15th Sept : Year 3s at Doxa Camp for the day

Friday 16th Sept : : Term 3 ends at 1PM

Monday 3rd October : Term 4 begins at 8.45am

Friday 7th October : St Theresa's Feast Day

Monday 17th October – Friday 28th October : 4/5K & 5/6s Swimming Program

Wednesday 2nd November – Friday 11th November : P-4 Swimming Program

Wednesday 16th November : Art Show & Music Performance

Friday 25th November : Whole School Sports Day

Monday 28th November & Tuesday 29th November : SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

Wednesday 14th December : Carols Night



PHYS ED NEWS....CONGRATULATIONS

Two of our senior students performed so well at last week's Newport Sports that they made it through to the regional finals where they performed really well again and did our school proud. Congratulations to Krystal who finished 3rd in the hurdles and 5th in the 200m sprint. And well done also to Winston who managed a third placing in the high jump.

ATTENTION....VERY DANGEROUS DRIVING!!

We have noticed with concern lately, that many parents are picking up their children outside the front of the school in a very dangerous and illegal manner. Stopping in the middle of the street while your child runs to the car, is illegal and an accident waiting to happen. Double parking is also a road offence.

You must park your car in a safe spot (even if it means that you're a long way down Drummartin St) and then walk to pick your child up from school.

TWO IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Last week every family received an invitation to Father Barry's 50-year anniversary of his ordination as a priest. The Mass and celebration afterwards is on Sunday 9th October at 10.30am. This is a reminder to RSVP Doriana if you are attending. If you could do this as soon as possible please so that catering can be finalised. Thank you.

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The last reminder is for all library books to be returned next week. We are missing a lot of books since lockdown and feel that they might be under children's beds or at the back of a shelf somewhere. We would appreciate it if you could have a really good look please.

LEARNING & TEACHING

Inquiry – Migration

This Term the 4/5 & 5 /6 classes have been focussing on migration to Australia. They have explored the ideas that migration throughout Australia's history contributes to the diversity within their class, school, and community. Australia has undertaken many migration schemes for many different reasons. The children have been able to explore migrant suitcases which we sourced from the Immigration Museum. The suitcase had items from five different migrants to Australia. The children were able to read their migration stories and see photos of the actual people.



In Art the children made their own migrant suitcases which depicted their understandings of what special items migrants would bring to Australia.

The children also went on an excursion to the Immigration Museum where they were led to explore further immigration stories.

The children developed these understandings from the unit: Immigration to Australia has contributed to the diversity and uniqueness of Australia and sharing personal stories of immigration is an important way to respect the diversity and uniqueness of Australia's people.



COMMUNITY NEWS....SCHOOL HOLIDAY SHOWBAGS

This upcoming September school holidays, Brimbank Youth Services is once again offering a School Holidays Showbags Ballot program!

The **Showbags program** provides young people with an opportunity to access social/recreational activities at a low/no-cost during the school holidays. Young people can register to receive a showbag online.

Who is eligible: Young people aged 10-17 years who live, work, study and/or socialise in Brimbank can enter the ballot. Only 1 entry per person.

How it works: Young people will be randomly selected from the pool of entries. Once the ballot closes, we will let you know if you have been successful, so please ensure that the mobile number and email you provide is accurate. Then your showbag can be picked up at a library of your choice.

To enter, you will need to fill out the registration form below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BYSSHOWBAGS>

What's in the showbags:

OPTION 1:

Double passes to Village Cinemas and a Sunshine Leisure Centre Family Swim pass

OPTION 2:

Double passes to Hoyts Cinemas and a Sunshine Leisure Centre Family Swim pass

OPTION 3:

Double passes to Sunshine Roller-skating and a Sunshine Leisure Centre Family Swim pass

Cost: \$15 per showbag (\$4 for Centrelink card holders)



School Holiday Showbags

The School Holidays Showbags Ballot is back! Available for young people who:

- Are aged 10-17; and
 - Live, work, study or have a strong connection to the city of Brimbank.
- Showbag recipients will be selected via a ballot system to ensure that everyone has a fair chance at receiving one.

We will let you know if you have been successful. Only you and/or your parent can collect your showbag from your local Brimbank library. ID is required.

What's in the showbag? Showbag 1

- Double passes to either Village or Hoyts
- Family swim pass to Sunshine Leisure Centre Showbag 2
- Double pass to Sunshine Roller Skating Centre
- Family swim pass to Sunshine Leisure Centre

Cost: \$15
(\$4 for Centrelink card holders)



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How to enter the ballot:

Complete the survey before **12 September 2022**
at www.surveymonkey.com/r/BYSSHOWBAGS

There are no other costs involved at the venue when you present the voucher.

To find out about other school holiday activities visit www.brimbankyouth.com

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