

# St Theresa's



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

## Exploring Jawbone

The Year 5s went on a land based excursion to Jawbone Coastal Reserve near Point Cook.

'We worked with park rangers and marine biologists. We went bush walking with Sandy and Annett and saw the year sixes on the boat with the binoculars. We discovered cool things from them then afterwards went with Jack to the sea. I enjoyed it when we were touching the starfish and other animals even though I almost accidentally killed one. My goal was to get over my fear of the ocean. When we went in bare foot the water was cold and filled with shells, snails, crabs and seaweed. We had to run barefoot across disgusting dead seaweed but unfortunately we fell in the water and were soaked!!' (Achol)

## Sailing On The Pelican Catamaran

For the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row, our lucky Grade 6 children went out on a 65 foot catamaran on Port Philip Bay. The catamaran included a classroom for learning, outside learning spaces and on board marine scientists and other educators, who shared stories and samples of the marine environment. Here are a couple of student's reflections about the day:

*'On Monday, the Grade 6 students boarded the Pelican 1, a boat that moors at Gem Pier in Williamstown. We travelled 1 ½ kilometers out to the Point Cook area. This was an excellent excursion with many new experiences and learnings such as boat safety, water pollution, sea creatures and many other interesting topics. My favourite part was seeing an awesome seal lying on a boat marker.'* (Matthew A)

*'On Monday the grade sixes went on the Pelican 1. We first had 20 minutes to roam on the catamaran and get our sea legs. When we hit big waves water splashed up the deck, it was super fun. Except I got a bit seasick but thanks to the Pelican staff I soon felt better. We learnt about sea creatures and how bad pollution is! We also saw a seal laying on a floating marker. It was an awesome learning experience.'* (Nick)

This was a very exciting and unique learning experience for the students which will now form the basis of their term Curriculum learning. Our thanks go to Greg Woolford for organizing these experiences and securing the funding for them!



**There is NO Inter school sport tomorrow**

**Gr 3/4D will run assembly next Friday 1st March at 2.30.**

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK... the first ones for 2019!



Prep L : **DJ** for working well with others and for having amazing counting skills. **Eva** for the school rules so well!  
 Prep /1 S : **Annie** for the enthusiastic way she approaches her learning. **Darcy** for being so determined to do his absolute best at all times. You are a champion! **Akucjang** for being so attentive and asking fabulous questions to improve her learning.

1/2 K : **Jasleen** for trying her hardest and being a superstar learner. **Ethan K.** for always working hard and taking on feedback to improve his work.

1/2 B: **Alex P.** for his great work and for settling into his new class very well. **Anastasia** for doing her best work at all times. An excellent effort!

3/4 D : **Annie-Rose** for sensational holiday reading. **Jake** for making a great start to the year. Top positive mindset! **Ruby** for terrific holiday reading.

3/4 F : **Aidan** for a great start to the year. Your focus and readiness to learn are fantastic! **Digby** for being a positive role model in the class and being so focused on achieving his goals.

3/4 CE: **Ethan** for being a great new addition to our school and settling in so well. **Jack H.** for making a great start to the year, being focused and completing all tasks well. **Katie** for asking questions to gain feedback and improve her learning.

5/6 TM : **Megan** for demonstrating the SEL skill of the month – Mindfulness. **Marcus** for making a wonderfully positive start to the year.

5/6 P : **Lucas O** for setting a great example to his peers and showing everyone how to be a top Grade 6er. **Zandy** for coming into Grade 5 'ready to go' and dominating the first few weeks of school.

We have quite a few students who have worked hard on their handwriting and achieved their **PEN LICENCES!!**  
 Well done Digby, Apiath, Aidan, Alyssa, Gemma, Benjamin, Scarlett, Annie-Rose, Ruby G and Ruby M.



## WELLBEING @ ST. THERESA'S

You will see signs around our school that say St Theresa's is an eSmart school.... but what does that mean?

eSmart, an initiative of the Alannah & Madeline Foundation, helps teachers and the greater community to best manage cyber risks, bullying and cyber bullying issues so our students feel safer and supported.

It is a Framework that sits across the entire community – the teachers, students, parents and the community.

eSmart is a long-term change program designed to educate, track, monitor and prevent bullying and cyber bullying.

eSmart also supports our school to embrace the benefits of technology while reducing our childrens' exposure to cyber risks, such as cyber bullying, online predation, sexting, identity theft and fraud.

It is not a band-aid or a quick fix, and, based on documented evidence, it was created to address cyber risks and help schools meet their duty of care.

Our goal is to keep our children safe from bullying, cyber bullying and violence. eSmart is a way to achieve this.

eSmart publishes a bulletin that has lots of ideas and helpful resources. **The top ten cyber safety tips were published in this month's bulletin. Please use this link and read the safety tips to ensure that you are doing everything you can to keep your children cyber safe.**

<https://www.esmart.org.au/news/top-10-cyber-safety-tips/>

### NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING & VIOLENCE FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH

Along with thousands of other schools nationwide, St Theresa's will be participating in the 'BULLYING. NO WAY' day. The SRC and the Social Justice Team will work together to organize lots of anti bullying activities for the whole school. More information to follow.



### SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH.

*There is no school for the students on this day*

### FUNDRAISING NEWS

**MEETING TONIGHT @ 7PM in the STAFFROOM.....** We would love to have some new members join the group so please consider coming along tonight. The meetings are always good fun and it's a great way of meeting some other school parents.

**BUNNINGS BBQ** Our first fundraiser for the year is a BBQ outside Bunnings on Ballarat Road in Sunshine.

It's on **SUNDAY 3RD MARCH from 9am-4pm**. Even though a note has already gone home, we still need volunteers to help out during the day. If you can spare an hour or two to help out, fill out the form and send it back to the office by **TOMORROW** please.

*Even if you can't help out with the BBQ, you can still help the school by heading down to Bunnings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and buying a sausage or 3!!!*



Last week at our first Assembly for the year, the Grade 6 students made this pledge to the School Community. "As the 2019 leaders of St Theresa's we pledge to live out our school motto 'Do Small Things Well'. We will uphold the wellbeing mantra of the 4Bs, so we can achieve our best and so can all the students at our school.

*No two people are alike and we not only accept this but respect and encourage this diversity that enriches our school community. Together we will stay determined to do the right thing. No matter what obstacles are to come, no matter how difficult the situation, we will stay strong as one team and use a Growth Mindset. We will always teach through our actions and words and will strive to be amazing role models for all St Theresa's students. We will be positive and hardworking, so that we can be the best students we can."*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Creative Writing



St Aloysius College invites Primary School girls from Grade 3, 4 & 5 to attend a special Creative Writing Workshop

Students will learn a range of writing techniques, and produce a creative writing piece guided by our GATE (Gifted & Talented Education) Leader and English Teacher Ms Cartledge

**Tuesday 26th February**  
4.30 to 6pm at St Aloysius College  
31 Curran Street North Melbourne

Please register: [www.trybooking.com/471042](http://www.trybooking.com/471042)

Students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian for the session  
If you have any questions please contact our Community Development Manager on 9325 9200



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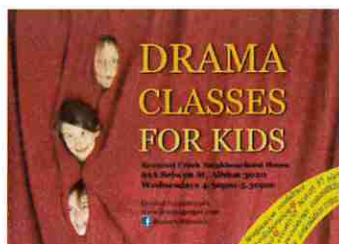
### Kid's Drama With Jessica

Come and join local drama teacher Jessica for fun weekly one hour sessions that use games, improvisation and simple texts to explore all areas of drama. Jessica helps her students blossom into confident, creative and focused young people.

Ages: 7-12 y.o.

Where: Wednesdays during school terms,  
4.30pm, Kororoit Creek Neighbourhood House

More info: Jessica.0449  
069962 [www.jessicagerger.com](http://www.jessicagerger.com)



### LEARN CIRCUS SKILLS

Linda Burger has recently opened a Circus School at the Sunshine Badminton Center. She teaches circus skills to children from age 6 up and these training sessions are a fun way for children to learn about their capabilities and work in a teamwork environment. Skills taught are acrobatics, balancing and aerials.

Classes run from Monday to Friday after school from 4 pm to 6:30 pm at the Sunshine Badminton Center. Information pamphlets are available from the office. Linda can be contacted on 0405 170 260 or [lindadorartists.com](http://lindadorartists.com)

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

My name is Trudy I am a manager of a company called Doutta Gala West, we are looking for mums of school aged children, to join our team working in the community assisting the elderly with spring cleaning, decluttering and ongoing services.

We are willing to train on the job. Applicants are required to have a current car license a car, must be compassionate, respectful and non judgmental as we enter into all different type of environments.

Employment is on a casual basis, possibly working Monday to Friday, 2 - 4 hrs per day depending on the roster. It is a rewarding job at the end of the day making the elderly happy and keeping them in their homes longer. Any questions and /or resumes can be sent to [info@dgw.org.au](mailto:info@dgw.org.au)

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**Abbey Solo Foundation**  
PRESENTS  
**VICTORIA POLICE CRICKET CLUB** VS **ABSTARS**  
**T20 Fundraiser Match**  
All proceeds going to the **A+ Abbey Solo Foundation**  
Giving togetherness to kids fighting cancer  
Sausage sizzle, kids entertainment, auction prizes and more  
Wednesday 27th February 2019 @ 5pm  
Sunshine Heights Cricket Club  
Ainsworth Reserve  
25 Vernon Cres, Sunshine West  
Come down to have some fun and raise money for kids fighting cancer!