

Term 3 Week 8 Thursday 7th Sept

Do Small Things Well

St Theresa's



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3/4 CAMP at DOXA



This week the Grade 3/4s went to Camp Doxa to take part in an adventure of a life time.

Even though the weather was freezing it didn't rain so the children were able to do everything! They participated in a variety of activities that tested their courage, built their resilience and developed their team work.

Over the 3 days they developed their independence by taking on more responsibilities and taking care of themselves. The children screamed as they flew through the air on the giant swing, worked together to bake yummy goodies and tested their focus in archery as well as danced the night away at the disco. A huge thank you to our wonderful teachers but especially our parents Khiem Vu, John Azzopardi, Preety Singla and Jag Walia who came along to ensure that we were all safe and had a great time.



LIFE IS....

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.

Life is beauty, admire it

Life is a dream, realise it

Life is a challenge, meet it

Life is duty, complete it.

Life is a game, play it.

Life is a promise, fulfil it.

Life is sorrow, overcome it.

Life is a song, sing it.

Life is a struggle, accept it.

Life is a tragedy, confront it.

Life is an adventure, dare it.

Life is luck, make it.

Life is too precious, do not destroy it.

Life is life, fight for it.

Mother Teresa

INSIGHT SRC SURVEYS

Two weeks ago some of our families were invited to fill in a survey using the paper copy that was supplied or by doing it on-line. The surveys need to be completed by **TOMORROW : FRIDAY 8th SEPT.** Thanks to those families who have already completed the survey. It is very important to us that we have input from our community as we set future goals and directions.

Important : Tomorrow night (Friday) is Dads' Night at St Theresa's. The school will be buzzing as the Dads and the kids turn themselves into SUPER HEROES! Pizza and drinks will be served and there will also be a raffle with some great prizes to be won. The doors open at 6pm and the night will finish at 8pm. Hope to see all our Dads there!

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



P/1 S : Tejas for fabulous improvement in his reading. Sahajot for explaining his mathematical thinking. Ethan B. for trying so hard to sound out words when he is writing

P/1 CE : Ethan C for responsible behavior inside and outside, a great attitude and lots of hard work. Charlotte for excellent sounding out, giving everything a go and her lovely positive attitude.

P/1 L : Ashreet for improvement in her writing. Sena for his fabulous use of adjectives in his writing. Brodie for his great counting skills.

2/3 K : Jarvis for doing a great job at learning concert dance moves. Kristen for her great biography writing.

2/3 P : Achol for being a fantastic role model to her peers. Reece for channeling his inner rock God!

3/4 B : Aleksandra for an excellent narrative about Charlie Chaplin. Lucas O for making good choices and for his enthusiastic commitment to the concert.

3/4 D : Ivy for excellent narrative writing and using heaps of expressive language. Top job! Noah for the positive way he approaches his schoolwork and home tasks. And for his critical thinking input about injustice. Well done! Eliza for an excellent effort in reading and her great narrative writing.

5 TM : Cooper for writing a fantastic picture story book draft. Ananya for moving outside her comfort zone and having a go.

6 F : Rudra for his enthusiasm and commitment to our concert item. Ashli for the improved use of her diary.

FATHERS' DAY STALL

Last Friday the children were able to buy a gift for their Dad or for a Father figure in their life. The children had a great range of gifts to choose from and there were many smiles from the children as the photos below show. We are indeed fortunate to have our hard working fund-raising group of parents who have put in much time and effort in purchasing, wrapping and then selling all of the gifts. I know their efforts have been appreciated by the children who purchased great gifts and the Dad's who received them!



Important Information



There are only a couple of weeks to go with the Woolworths Earn & Learn Program and our sticker box outside the office is slowly starting to fill. Please keep collecting the stickers and ask all your relatives to collect them as well. The more we can collect the more free resources we get for St Theresa's kids.

Hello Primary Schools!

My name is Cailin Debrincat and I am the Dance, Drama and Musical director at Caroline Chisholm Catholic College.

These September school holidays I will be running a Performing Arts program alongside the fabulous people at SASH Entertainment!

We are seeking all young people who just LOVE singing, acting, dancing and performing!

'This is Me' sessions will run on Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th September at THE CLUB, 1322 Western Highway, Caroline Springs.

10.00AM - 3.30PM

\$110.00 for 2 Days

Morning Tea, Lunch & Drinks Included

(Book by September 8th and receive \$20 OFF!)

Children will boogie to their favourite hits while learning original SASH dance moves, enjoy relaxed drama games and explore their singing capabilities. The program works towards a small presentation, which enables participants to experience the thrill and excitement of performance as well as achieve a sense of accomplishment. 'This is Me' is the perfect forum to improve social skills through focussed team activities and confidence through performance. The physical nature of the class also develops focus and coordination.

Our fully trained facilitators will ensure all children are comfortable throughout and most importantly are having FUN!!

Regardless of age, gender or ability, every child is given the opportunity to express themselves through this unique performing arts program.

Email Cailin at c.debrincat@cccc.vic.edu.au OR Natasha at natasha@sashentertainment.com.au

MATHS COMPETITION.....What is it?

The focus of the Maths Talent Quest (MTQ) is on the process of mathematical investigations. Open to all primary and secondary students, the Maths Talent Quest aims to promote interest in mathematics and foster positive attitudes amongst students, teachers and parents. The Maths Talent Quest allows students to investigate mathematics on an individual, group or class basis with the opportunity to have fun exploring mathematics in real life situations.

What did we do?

This year 12 students from Grades 2, 3 & 4 worked with Helen and John to enter a project in the MTQ. The Grade 3 & 4 students used Uluru as their basis. They brainstormed a range of facts and figures about Uluru and used these for their investigation. Some students compared the height and length of Uluru with other natural and manmade features around the world (eg Pyramids, Stonehenge and Eiffel Tower). Some students completed timelines from Uluru's existence; others compared visitor numbers to other natural attractions around the world (eg Niagara Falls, Grand Canyon etc). Students completed graphs in Excel for comparisons, used Google MyMaps to compare distances and used Google Forms to create and collect surveys. The students worked with numbers into the millions and learnt many new Maths skills as part of the MTQ.

The Grade 2/3 investigation was inspired by the story of "Goldilocks and the three bears" and we investigated finding out about the 'just right' cookie. Investigating cookie recipes involved collecting and representing data. We then created our own cookie recipe, which we baked. This involved many measurement skills. The costing of each recipe was calculated and compared. Finally, other students were asked to taste the cookies and judge the best one. Again, data charts were created. Soham's recipe came out on top. Perhaps it was the secret ingredient of Coke.



Special thanks to all the students who participated:

Grade 2 & 3: Digby, Benjamin, Sunny, Achol, Cooper, Soham

Grade 3 & 4: Lucas, Selina Mathi, Soham, Heath, Rhian, Kiara and Lily



HATS OFF TO BROADWAY...What a happy night for St Theresa's!



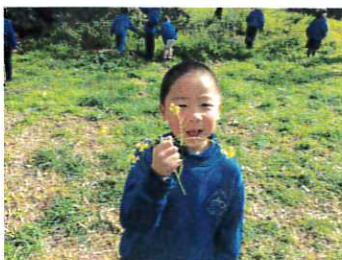
What a wonderful night our concert night was! I've never seen so many happy kids and happy adults all together. I've also never seen so many talented children on stage before or teachers so proud of their students. It was amazing to see the progress the



children made with their acting, singing and dancing in such a short time. They are to be congratulated for their hard work and their commitment to 'getting it right on the night.' Our Gr 6 lead roles need a special mention. What a great job they did with their acting, and remembering all those lines to tie the whole story together. Well done Milkias, Kianah, Bettina, Ashli, Abbey and Juswin!



Prep Meditation



Last week the P/1s went to Selwyn Park for a Religion lesson where they could experience a touch of nature as part of their unit on God's creation. They sat in a circle and experienced a meditation that inspired them to appreciate the beauty of the natural world and fill their hearts with joy and create a response to it.

Included in this newsletter is a pamphlet inviting our families to a community dinner and information night "Raising Children In More Than One Language" on Tuesday 19th September. **There is a cut off strip at the bottom of the sheet that we would like you to fill out and return to school next week if you are planning to attend.** Please join us for this very informative evening.

Term 3 finishes for the students on WEDNESDAY 20th September at 3.15

For the rest of that week the staff will be involved in Professional Development regarding our 2018 school review.

OSHClub are planning to run full day care on the 21st & 22nd Sept depending on numbers. Book on www.oshclub.com.au by 5pm 14th September if you're interested.

Our next assembly is tomorrow 8th Sept and will be hosted by 2/3P