

St Theresa's



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Tomorrow we celebrate St Theresa's Feast Day with MOG school beginning with Mass at 10 am. and followed by tabloid sports and a shared lunch. It will be a great day!

We Have Very Talented Maths Students At St Theresa's

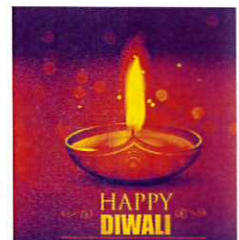
Last term we reported that Helen and John were each working with a group of students on two maths projects entitled 'Uluru' and 'The Just Right Cookie' with the idea of entering them into a Maths Talent Quest open to all primary and secondary students. Well the good news is that the Uluru group won a High Commendation for their work and they received their certificates at assembly last week. The other group were talented enough to win a Distinction Award which was presented to them at La Trobe University this morning. Congratulations to these mathematical thinkers, we're very proud of you!

HAPPY DIWALI !

Our Indian Community are this week celebrating Diwali – the festival of lights. We wish you all a wonderful Diwali and a day full of family happiness, excitement and fun.



Our thanks go to Shweta Arora (Elina's Mum) for creating a beautiful and authentic display of the decorations and traditions of Diwali that is currently on display outside Rob's office.



St Theresa's is a diverse community, our students come from 11 different countries. To assist us to recognise, highlight and celebrate our diversity, feel free to contact Marie (student wellbeing leader), Greg (family school partnerships leader) or Jen (EAL support teacher), and discuss cultural events important to your family.

Very Sad News

I am very sad to tell you that one of our Dads, Wagner Javelona passed away earlier this week after battling cancer. Wagner's daughter Margaret is in Yr5 TM and his son Matthew attends Caroline Chisholm Catholic College and is in Yr 8. We hope Roni, Wagner's wife and the children find comfort in those around them and may Wagner rest in peace and in God's care. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.



GRADE 1 DINNER AT SCHOOL!

On Friday 13th (what a date to do this!!) we had our long awaited Year 1 dinner at school. At the end of the day the children changed into their casual clothes (all looking gorgeous of course) and got ready for their surprise activity – A Hip Hop Dance Lesson! Camille brought along her music, her costumes and her fantastic dance moves and everyone had a ball.

After our sweaty lesson filled with fun, swagger and lots of attitude, we ate the delicious sausages that John had cooked on the BBQ and had lots of laughs on the playground, which was fantastic because we had it all to ourselves! Before we knew, it was 6 o'clock and our Mums and Dads were arriving to pick us up. We got to have one last treat to take home.... a yummy cupcake!

Thank you to all our teachers who prepared such a happy night for us.



IT'S BEEN A BUSY WEEK FOR OUR SENIOR STUDENTS!

Earlier this week the Year 6 students participated in a 2018 Yr 7 Transition Day with other Year 6 students from Mother of God and Our Lady's in Sunshine. It was run by BluEarth, the organisation that works with our students every fortnight. The aim of the day was to give the kids a chance to mix with others who are going to the same Secondary School and get to know each other a little before next year. BluEarth led the kids in friendship, trust and team building games and then the kids were given a chance to form friendships. It's the first time that we've organised a day like this for our Gr 6s and it was very successful. The students came away very reassured about beginning Secondary School and knowing that they will have new friends there.

The Secondary School Forum (also held this week) provided our senior students with another opportunity to ask questions about what Secondary School will be like. We would like to thank the schools who attended the Forum: Marian College, Caroline Chisolm Secondary College, Sunshine Secondary College and St. Aloysius College.





ITALIAN DAY!



Yesterday we celebrated our LOTE subject by devoting a whole day to Italy and everything about it. The day began with a costume parade and it was a sea of red, white and green in our multi purpose room. There were quite a few Italian soccer players, Marios and Luigis and even some pieces of pizza and bowl of spaghetti! As you can see in the photos, the costumes looked fabulous and we must thank our parents who go to so much trouble. The parade was followed by a day full of fun activities like Italian dancing, playing soccer, Mona Lisa portraits and biscuit making all topped off with some delicious gelati at lunchtime.

These days take a lot of planning and we'd like to thank our Italian teacher Sandra Fazio for working hard to make the day run so smoothly and happily.



SEL SKILL OF THE MONTH:

Self- Esteem: To improve your self esteem try to think positively and don't compare yourself to others. Be with your friends.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- There won't be an assembly this week but 3/4D will be hosting NEXT Friday's assembly.
- This term the Fundraising Group are planning a sausage sizzle at Bunnings in Caroline Springs and our big Christmas Raffle. Details of the next meeting will be in next week's newsletter.
- School Advisory Board Meeting is next Wednesday, the 25th of October at 7pm.
- Term 4 is a Sunsmart term. Children are required to wear a hat outside. And another reminder about wearing the correct uniform to school, especially the black leather shoes please.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



P/1 S : Oliver for paying attention to his illustrations and including more detail. Well done! Elina for great responses in Mathematics when answering questions about the difference between a picture graph and a bar graph. Winston for excellent improvement in his writing. Congratulations!

P/1 CE : Chloe for working hard to improve her writing by focussing on her spelling and handwriting. Nicolas for being a lot more focussed and independent and displaying a positive attitude to schoolwork. Liyana for excellent improvement in participation and writing.

P/1 L : William for being a happy and helpful class member. Jake for improvement with his reading skills.

2/3 K : Thomas for working really hard to stay focussed and improving his GRIT. Aidan for his ability to accurately tell the time. He always knows how long it is until lunchtime.

2/3 P : Isaak for being a self motivated learner and never giving up during maths classes. Ruby for coming back to school and working like a Grade 4 even though you're only a Grade 2!

3/4 B : Aleksandra for being a happy, friendly and helpful member of class. Chelsea for always putting her best effort into all her schoolwork. Well done!

3/4 D : Philip for the positive way he has started Term 4 and for being a "Good Samaritan". Mia for her beautiful expressive reading and wonderful story writing. Well done!! Kaleb for the way he approaches all his learning with such a positive mindset.

5 TM : Margaret for trying her best with everything she does. Valentino for putting his best effort into his work. Keep it up!

6 F : Kiannah for always demonstrating great friendship qualities. Sophia for her consistent and high level commitment to her learning. Fantastic.

Congratulations to all these children and also to Dylan in 3/4B for achieving his pen licence

CONGRATULATIONS EMILY NGUYEN...the quiet achiever!

Last week Emily competed in the Western Regional Athletics Finals in the 3km and the 800m events. She did so well that she has qualified for the State Finals for the 800m. Well done Emily, an outstanding effort.