Dear Friends and Families

As term 3 concludes, I reflect back on all that has occurred and feel very proud of the achievements, challenges, activities and events which helped to shape this learning period. Please note the biggest event for our community next term is the FETE - Sunday November 8th.

Thank you to all the people who have volunteered their time and goods. We are still in need of volunteers to sign up to spend an hour tending your child/ren’s class stall please. You can sign up on the form outside the classroom or if you can’t get in to school, please let your child’s teacher know you are keen to be rostered and fete organisers will contact you and give you a job. Many hands make light work! Thank you in anticipation.

We are aware that many people lead very busy lives and have offered to donate goods in lieu of physical service. If you wish to sponsor our fete for $100 we would be happy to display your signage, and put small promotional materials (business cards, etc) in our show bags, please let us know.

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Composite classes

Ask any school principal - if there’s one issue that will create angst amongst parents, it’s when their child is allocated to a composite class. Parents may believe their child will be disadvantaged in some way either by being “held back” if they are in the higher year level or that they may find it hard to keep up if they are in the lower year level.

Every class is a composite class...

In reality every class is a composite class as each child’s development, whether it is physical, social, cognitive or spiritual, occurs in stages and children move through these stages at varying rates. There are variations in the physical development, social skills and academic abilities of students in ‘straight’ year level class groups. Put 25 Year 1 students in a room and you will have 25 individuals with needs that reflect these variations in development as well as individual strengths, challenges and interests. Contemporary teaching strategies accommodate the individual needs of a student whether that child is in a ‘straight’ class or a composite class.

Schools are social environments. Composite classes, buddy classes, vertical learning groups all provide settings for social development across ages. There are benefits for younger and older children in terms of “learning to learn” skills such as confidence, social interaction and independence and they also make friends outside of their standard age-groups.

Importantly, research has shown children in composite classes do no better or worse academically than their peers in straight year level classes.

Teachers and school leaders take many factors into account when determining class structures and composition. These include the academic needs, social needs (including friendship groups) and physical development of students. Schools also need to consider logistical factors such as enrolment numbers in each year level so that class sizes do not contravene workplace agreements. They also consider parent input about the specific needs of their child. With this myriad of factors to take into account, it is not a simple task.
What you can do…
Respond positively to any invitations to contribute information about your child which will inform their class placement. (As per the feedback form due to me on Friday.)
Talk to your child’s teacher about what is expected of children in your child’s year level to find out if your expectations are realistic. Share information with the teacher about what you know about your child that may enhance or hinder his/her learning.
(A great opportunity is at the start of the year at 3 way learning conversations.)
Keep informed by participating in the range of information sessions, expos, workshops and programs offered by your school. (We are open to your suggestions for topics or guest speakers and to add to your Parent Library in the Dominican building.)
Be in regular contact with your child’s teacher about his/her progress throughout the year.
(Ongoing communication via diary, email, phone call, as partners in learning.)

As partners in the education of their children, parents:

- Work collaboratively with teachers and staff
- Respect the skills, knowledge and experience of school leaders and teachers
- Access information and resources provided by the school to support them in their role as the primary educators of their children

Reference: “Composites – Stages not Ages” by Susanne Witt, ACT Council of Parents and Citizens Associations

2016 class structures
We have been working diligently on class structures considering the size of the school, relationships, cohorts in different groupings, student input via surveys and sociograms and your feedback. As is usual when working with so many different people, everyone has an opinion and these occur along a spectrum. We ask that you trust us as professionals to make the most appropriate decisions for the learning and wellbeing of your child/ren. Please note that your feedback forms are due to me by Friday. Once again, thank you in this matter.

Parking
This photo was published in the Inter Nos in week 10 of Term 1 and needs to be repeated as there are still safety concerns in the Church car park. Recently a lady could not get out of her parking spot due to being imprisoned by an illegally parked car. Please note it is against the law to park in the middle of the church car park. You will receive a ticket from the council. Parking is available in the Mortlock Oval car park if the church car park is full.

Duty of Care
Supervision of students begins at 8:30 am when there is a teacher on duty in the yard. There are still a number of students who arrive at school prior to the 8:30 bell. There is OSHC available if your child needs to be here before 8:30. In addition, at the end of the day there is a teacher on duty in the yard until 3:30 pm. Please be aware that the teacher is on duty to ensure the safety of the students and it can become problematic when it is unclear if students are actually with their parents or waiting to be collected. This is particularly true when students are ‘playing’ and not near the fence waiting. You can help us by supervising your own child/ren if you are in the school grounds. The wellbeing of these young people is of paramount importance to us all and together we need to ensure their safety at all times.

Kindest regards for a wonderful break if you are taking some time off. I look forward to the warmer months approaching and seeing you all back for a brilliant term 4.

God Bless

Angela

Sports day 2015 Cake Stall and BBQ stall was a great success!
But without the help of some amazing parents who started the morning with us setting up and finished the night packing up, these stalls could have never come together! Thanks to Catherine, Andrew & Elena, Tambi, Kylie, Kristie, Coni, Janine, Gino, Jo & Gen and of course all the parents who served on the stalls and thanks so much to Andrew, Gino, Rob, & Adrian who cooked the BBQ, sorry if I have forgotten someone thank you so much.
A very special thank you to Tambi & Richard, Ruby’s parents who donated all the bread on the day.
Thanks for a great day
Natascia & Lydia (Meal Deal Mums)
Without LOVE, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing.”

St Therese of Liesieux

Anniversary Celebrations
On Monday the 14th September we celebrated the 90th Anniversary of the blessing and opening of our school and parish. We also celebrated VIP day. We had a packed house and the Dominican Building was left with standing room only. It was wonderful to see so many ex parents, students and parishioners. Two gentlemen that attended actually enrolled in St Therese school in the 1930’s and it was great to talk to them about the changes and of course, ‘the old days’. Our connection with Cabra and St Dominic was strengthened with the visit of some Cabra Dominican nuns. Our cluster connection was also strengthened with guests from within the cluster. It was a fabulous community event that could not have occurred if not for the amazing community of St Therese. Thank you to all the staff that helped prepare the Dominican Building and opened their classrooms for the visitors. Thank you to all the students for sharing their work and making the visitors feel welcome. A special thank you to the year 6/7 values teams for being the perfect hosts for our visitors. You all helped to make the morning a huge success.

Little Way Week
Week Ten is, “Little Way Week”. It is a time when we gather as a whole school community to celebrate and reflect upon the life of our patron saint; St Therese. Every day this week the school has been led by the Year 6/7 Values Teams in prayer. Each day the students have also done something special in their class or with their buddies to celebrate the life and Feast Day of St Therese.

On Monday our focus was our school value of Community and we learned how St Therese lived in a community of the Carmelite nuns and taught us how to live together in harmony. We created a beautiful, ‘Tree of Buttons’ that represents the families within the school. Thank you to Mrs. Foster for leading this activity.

On Tuesday we focused on the school value of Respect. St Therese reminds us that we need to have respect for ourselves, others and God. We show respect by the little things we do in our daily actions. St Therese loved Flowers and is known as the, ‘Little Flower of Jesus’. The students all made flowers as a symbol of our respect for God and St Therese. Thank you to all the teachers for supporting this activity.

On Wednesday, (Today), we focused on the School Value of Grace. St Therese found and felt God’s Grace everywhere but particularly in nature and flowers. Today in art lessons the students made a mural that will go into our vegetable garden as a symbol of God’s Grace in nature. Thank you to Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Cooper and Mr. Crossman for leading us in this activity.

On Thursday our focus is on courage. St Therese wrote many poems and prayers and she reminds us that with courage and faith in God we can do many wonderful things. The students will listen to and read some of St Therese’s work and write some of their own poems and prayers.

Whole School Mass
On Friday we celebrate the Feast Day of St Therese at 9am in the Church. We would love to see as many people as possible join us in this celebration. You are most welcome to stay for a coffee in the staff room after mass.

Please Join Us!

I wish all the students a happy and safe holiday. I pray that you all are able to spend some quality family time together.

May you always feel God’s love

Jacky
Acting APRIM
What a wonderful day we all had at the St Therese Twilight Sports Day last Friday, 18th September! An amazing weather forecast of 19 degrees and sunshine turned on for us - how perfect was that!!

Congratulations to our students who participated actively and with great enthusiasm leading up to and especially on the day. Terrific examples of good sportsmanship and team spirit was seen everywhere! I have been most impressed with our Year 6/7 students, especially the house captains who consistently displayed positive leadership skills on the day and throughout our preparation.

There were so many highlights on the day....... Our Whole School Health Hustle was a fantastic way to warm up, ensuring all students were prepared for their upcoming events. All classes were taught by their team captains during our whole school fitness lessons. I'm sure you agree it was just terrific that our students produced and delivered this themselves!

How much fun were the house cheers...... the dedication seen on so many faces during the cheers was just priceless. They were creative and inspiring and really set the atmosphere for the day perfectly.

The Relays were just fabulous - R - 2, 3 - 7 and the Parent Relay!! ...... the whole community involved, supporting Sports Day. The Reception/Year 1’s were absolutely divine - without a practice they knew what to do. I loved seeing all of our spectators lining the running track, cheering and adding to the atmosphere. Now that I have mentioned our spectators, I was just in awe of how many parents, family members and friends came along - WOW an incredible turn out! What excitement the Tug - O - War brought out - 10/10 to all participants- just great!!

Congratulations to St Catherine’s (blue) who won the overall competition winning the ‘St Therese School Sports Day Shield’, by gaining the most event points and to St Dominic’s (black) who were the winners of the ‘Spirit Cup’, gaining the most spirit points. The ‘Spirit Cup’ is awarded to the team that accumulates the most points leading up to the big day. We continued with our token system this year whereby students were awarded tokens for positive behaviour and good sportsmanship in the classroom and out in the yard. This system has been very well received by our students and in the end there was so much positive behaviour around us we almost ran out of tokens!!!!

Well done to ALL teams as overall, all of the students were winners on the day showing supportive behaviour for all competitors.

I would like to finish by saying a huge thank you to the staff of St Therese for their incredible support leading up to Sports Day and on the day. Also to our amazing officials who helped out at particular events, to our parent helpers who worked tirelessly at the Sausage Sizzle and Food Stalls and to each person that took part in the big clean up at the end of the day. WOW - I'm sure it was the quickest 'pack up' in the history of sports days! Without your help as volunteers an event such as this cannot run smoothly so thank you, thank you once again.

Enjoy the photos of the ‘St Therese School Twilight Sports Day 2015’......... there are also more on the PE Board.

After School Sport
Our winter season has come to an end. Congratulations to all of our netball, basketball and soccer teams for a wonderful season representing St Therese School.

Term 4
Term 4 will be off to an exciting start with the Year 6/7s participating in the SACPSSA Handball Carnival in Week 2. R-7 classes will be involved in Gymnastics as part of the PE Curriculum. We also have some Cricket Clinics booked and we'll celebrate our love of sport in Week 5 for National PE Week.

Have a well-deserved and wonderful break everyone.
Yours in sport,
Barbara Mee
On Saturday, October 31st at 6.00pm, the annual Candlelight Defunti Mass will be held at St Therese’s Church, Colonel Light Gardens.
Fr Patrick Colbourne, of the Cappuchin Order will be the Celebrant and the Monteverdi Choir will be present.
An invitation is extended to all to bring a photo of your deceased relative and there will be an opportunity during Mass to light a candle for your loved one.
After Mass we will be a gather for supper across the road at St Therese School.
Please bring a plate of supper to share. All welcome, especially parishioners and school communities.

Netball

A big Congratulations to The Stars on winning the Grand Final on Monday against Pulteney Blue 8 to 5.

Well done to Abby, Caitlin, Eleni, Emily, Lenna, Mia, Mischa, Molly, Niamh, Tamara and Taylor.

What a fantastic game, you all played so well.

You have all improved so much this season and we are so proud of you all.

Uniform fitting times

During the holidays we will be open for fitting bookings on Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs 9:30am – 4:30pm and Saturday 1:00pm – 4:00pm in both weeks.
We will then revert to Mon, Thurs and Sat during the school term.
Community School Holiday Programs

Come and learn the world game at the home of the Foxes.

Throughout 2015/16 Cumberland United Football Club will be holding All Day Community School Holiday Programs for 7 to 12 year old boys and girls. All sessions to be held at Cumberland Park P.A.A. Sweeper Reserve. VMVBA Avenue, Cumberland Gardens, from 9.15am until 3.15pm each school day.

The dates for the 2015/16 Community School Holiday Programs
- Mon 23rd Sept – Fri 7th Oct 2015
- Tue 19th Dec – Fri 29th Dec 2015
- Mon 19th Jan – Fri 8th Feb 2016
- Mon 28th June – Fri 22nd July 2016

Three Costs:
- Morning Session: $15.00
- Afternoon Session: $15.00
- All Day Session: $30.00

All sessions will be run by our Junior Football Director “Neil Young”, Head played over 250 games of professional football in Europe for newly promoted EFL club AFC Bournemouth and was the FA’s “Coach of the Year” in 2002.

Bookings are essential as numbers will be limited, reserve your position by phoning Neil on 0439 692 307 or email him at cumberlandunitedsoccerclub@gmail.com.au

Welcome to our Club.

CUFC 2015 Goalkick Programs

Come and learn the world game at the home of goalkick.

Our next Goalkick Program for 5, 6, 7 & 8 year old boys and girls commences shortly for 6 sessions concluding with presentations on the last morning. All sessions to be held at our home ground at A.C. Batty Reserve, Victoria Avenue, Camberwell Gardens from 8.30am until 10.15am each Saturday morning.

Please be at the ground at 8.45am to register. Ready to start promptly at 8.30am.

Program 1 – Saturday 6th June until Saturday 20th July
Program 2 – Saturday 27th August until Saturday 7th September

- Our Program has been designed by experienced coaches and is implemented progressively over the eight weeks to provide children of all levels with new skills.
- Staying small-sided games under the guidance of qualified coaches and learning fun skills whilst being enjoyable and fun.
- Staff levels are compulsory.
- Cost is $120.00 per Term.

Applicants forms are available for download on line at www.cumberlandunited.com.au look under Junior’s then Goal Kick or you can contact Neil Young on 0439 699 359 for further details.

WELCOME TO OUR CLUB

The club Junior email address is juncrook@bigpond.com.au.

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Under 6 – Under 8
Wed 30 Sept / Thurs 1 Oct, 9am – 12.30pm
Under 9 – Under 13

Venue: SA Little Athletics Stadium, 145 Oakley Terrace, Mile End SA 5031

To register, go to: www.las.afl/holidayclinics or call us on 08 8322 8333 for more information.
We will be running the **US OPEN GRAND SLAM CLINICS** and private lessons are available during the September/October holidays. Note the **NEW TENNIS WHIZZ SESSION**.

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**Term 4 bookings are currently being taken if you are not already in one of our programs.**

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If you can’t beat them join them!
If you struggle to get the kids away from their digital devices and outside into the fresh air, we may just have solved your problem!
We are conducting a “Digital Treasure Hunt” on our extensive grounds. Collect a pedantometer and treasure box from reception and then explore the grounds and photograph your finds (using your device) Once completed submit your entry count to the office to go in the draw to win a prize. You get to take your pedantometer home, to keep on counting!

Wednesday 30 September & 7 October 10am-3pm Ages 3-6 and 7+ Cost $4

**LET’S PLAY WITH CLAY!**
It’s a dirty job but someone has to do it.
Come along and get dirty join our clay course allowing you to fashion a bowl and learn some basic techniques about working with this wonderful medium.
You will sculpt a pot, use all sorts of objects to create impales in your design, roll it, twist it, use your imagination. Once completed you will leave the pot behind it can dry, be fired and then you have created a forever keepsake.

Thursday 1 October 10am-12noon Ages 5+ Cost $10

**THE ART OF NATURE**
Explore, Collect & Use
Children can make their own painting using only what you would be able to find in nature. Use sticks, leaves, fruit, vegetables or bark to stamp, paint or collage your masterpiece. Use our collection of licks and paints to make your creation come to life.

Tuesday 6 October 10am-12 noon Ages 7+ Cost $7

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**SPRING FETE**
**SUNDAY 25TH OCT**
9.00am - 3.00pm

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The course will also cover:
- Helping your child with transitions - starting school
- Helping kids problem solve – dealing with siblings
- Building resilience and self-esteem
- Celebrating parenthood – self-care

Venue:
St. Therese’s Primary School
7 Oxford Circus
Colonel Light Gardens

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Dates - 3 sessions
- Tuesday, 20th October, 2015
- Tuesday 27th October, 2015
- Tuesday, 10th November, 2015

Time: 9.15-11.15 am

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