Dear friends and families

Peer Relations The students have all completed a sociogram or a survey about peer relations and as a result I have spoken with some students who indicated they would appreciate support and information if they need it. This includes our school counsellor Katrina who is at school every second Wednesday, Kids Help Line www.kidshelpline.com.au/kisd/ or 1800 55 1800 and Bullying No Way, which I provided information about in last week’s Inter Nos. Here is a link for parents who also would like more information about Peer Relations and what you can do if you have any concerns about your child/ren’s relationships at school and in their social circles.


St Therese de Lisieux’s Parents’ Canonisation
Pope Francis canonises French couple Louis and Zelie Martin, the parents of St Therese.

Pope Francis has conducted the first canonisation of a married couple in a ceremony in St Peter’s Square. Louis and Marie-Zelie Guerin Martin, who lived in France in the 19th Century, were the parents of the much venerated Saint Therese of Lisieux. The couple had nine children, four of whom died in infancy. The remaining five, all girls, became nuns. The youngest, Therese, died of tuberculosis aged 24 in 1897 and was canonised in 1925.

Known as “the little flower”, Therese of Lisieux is widely venerated for the simplicity of her spiritual life. Her autobiography, The Story of a Soul, has inspired generations of modern Catholics. Her parents are being held up as a fine example of a Christian family while bishops from around the world are gathered here to discuss how best to minister to modern families - including divorced persons who remarry, who - under present Church rules - are barred from taking communion.
Pope Francis told the 50,000 people attending the ceremony that serving others - not seeking careers - should be the model for today’s churchmen. In his homily, Pope Francis said: “The holy spouses Louis Martin and Marie-Zelie Guerin practised Christian service in the family, creating day by day an environment of faith and love which nurtured the vocations of their daughters, among whom was Saint Therese of the Child Jesus.”

Analysis by David Willey, BBC News, Rome

**Emmaus Parish**

*What does being part of a Community mean to you?*

*Colonel Light Gardens, Kingswood, Goodwood, parishes have amalgamated to become one.*

**It is called Emmaus.**

The 3 Catholic Primary Schools, St Therese, St Thomas, St Joseph are part of the Emmaus Parish so we would like to hear your ideas on how to become a more welcoming, inclusive and outreaching community.

*To hear more about what others think and have your say about your community*

*You are invited on Wednesday 18th November, 9.00 am to the Dominican building: COFFEE, CAKE & A SHORT CONVERSATION*

Everyone is invited to a morning tea! For 30 minutes please join other parents for an informal chat about our community, what we value and what we hope for.

We would love to hear what you have to say!

*Contact Chris Dighton 0418 819 824 or Marie Smith 0419832185 if you have any questions*

Thank you “The Emmaus Parish, (which includes St Therese, St Joseph’s and St Thomas schools)

**Fete Help please...**Remember to sign up for a task at the upcoming fete. If you want to help and don’t have a current Catholic Police Clearance, you can still help in the setting up on the Saturday as it will be adults setting up and they will supervise their own children if any are present. Contact Kylie Bullock on 0407 622 980 if you are able to help out.

- Please note **Raffle Books** are due to be returned this Friday 23rd October.
- **Show bag** order forms (with money) to be returned to the office (via your child’s classroom box) by next Wednesday 28th October.
- Shipping container is open this Saturday between 10 am and 12 noon for your **Trash & Treasure** items.
- Class basket items are due by next Friday 30th October.

Many thanks
Wishing you a wonderful fortnight ahead.
Angela

"Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."

Deuteronomy 31:6

"Take: Courage... I am here."  
MATTHEW 14:12
“The Son of Man came to give his life as ransom for all.”

Mark 10: 35-45

On Monday morning Room 8 led us in Whole School Prayer to celebrate the 29th Sunday of Ordinary time and reflect on the Gospel of Mark. In this Gospel, James and John try to take advantage of Jesus and want him to give them positions of power in the coming Kingdom. They see power as being prestigious and along with it comes the right to tell others what to do. But this is not the type of authority that Jesus teaches, rather in contrast Jesus views people in authority as having the privilege and resources to be able to serve those in need.

The children of Room 8, did a wonderful job of reading and reflecting on the Gospel. They asked, “How can we show kindness today, and put others first?” This is something for us all to consider. What can we do today, to put others first at work or home and within our community?

Sacramental programme 2016
The Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion are offered to Baptised Catholic children from 7 years of age. Readiness for the sacraments is not determined by chronological age but an interest in the sacraments and the Mass and a family’s ability to commit to the process of preparation. Preparation involves parent meetings, family workshops, small family groups and working through a workbook for each of the sacraments.

The Emmaus Parish have a family centred, parish based Sacramental Program which is supported by the three primary schools of St Therese, St Joseph’s and St Thomas.

We are accepting enrolments for the 2016 Sacrament program. A letter will go home to students aged 7 and over with more information shortly. If you would like your child to be involved please see me to get a registration form. If you require any further information please see myself or Sr Jasmine Lawrence, Pastoral Associate, Kingswood. Emails: jacky@sts.catholic.edu.au or jasmine@eparish.org.au

Children’s University Graduation 2015
The Graduation for the children who have been involved in Children’s University and who have met the requirements of 30 hours in at least 3 different accredited learning destination activities, is fast approaching. Kate from the university will come to the school next Wednesday the 28th October to fit gowns on the children and to run through procedures for the evening. If you need more information the best option in the first instance is to visit the website; http://childrensuniversity.com.au. If you still need some help please see me.

May God’s love shine in your life.

Jacky Swanson
Acting APRIM

OSHC
Hello Parents and Caregivers
Just a quick reminder that in term 4 the students need to wear hats whilst at OSHC, especially with the coming weeks of high UV ratings. If your child/ren do not have hats they will need to stay inside.

This term we have a few projects on the go! Jess and the children are doing a lot of constructive arts with the lego, come in and see some of the Mario Brothers at OSHC!

Dan is doing some fitness based games and starting to set up a child friendly fitness class for the children to participate in.

Please look at the vision board for further information on this term’s activities.

Kindest Regards
Dan and Jess
Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Welcome to Term 4 sport.

**Gymnastics Lessons**
We will begin our Gymnastics focus unit for PE lessons next week. Last year the program was a great success with children finding themselves doing things they've never done before and being very proud of their achievements and risk taking. We will be learning about Static Exercise Positions and Movement and incorporating these into various other skills….ask your child/children about the difference between static and moving exercises and their experiences with forward rolls, spring landings, balancing, core strength and safety landings…..

**Sporting Schools**
Sporting Schools begins again this term in Week 3. How exciting! On offer for the R - 2 classes is Hockey lessons and for the Year 3 - 7 classes we have Volleyball. Remember to return your form showing your interest as soon as possible to avoid missing out. Both sessions have a maximum of 25 participants.

**Handball Carnival**
On Monday the 19th October, 30 Year 6/7 students, one boys’ and 2 girls’ teams played in the annual SACPSSA Handball Carnival. This was the second time in a few years since attending this carnival, it was so much fun - it’s definitely one in the calendar now for years to come!!!

It was a very hot day with the temperature reaching 34 degrees but that didn't stop any of the students from putting in their 100% best. A minimum of 5 games was played by each team. Miss Coomans and I could not be happier with the way the students conducted themselves, showing terrific sportsmanship, team spirit and skill level…..we are very proud indeed.

Well done to you all!!

**SACA Cricket Visit**
This Thursday students in Reception - Year 2 will participate in a presentation from ‘SACA Milo Into Cricket’. This visit is free - isn't that great! Hopefully some children will love it so much they'll be inspired to take it up as a sport.

**National PE Week**
Week 5 this term is National PE Week. We'll acknowledge and celebrate the benefits and value of physical activity in our lives at school. Watch this space!

WOW an active and exciting term ahead!

Yours in sport,
Barbara Mee

**Basketball**
20th October 2015
A nail biting game to the finish
**St Therese Slam Dunks** 5 to
**St John Sliders** 4
All players played really well
In Room 1, we have been learning about Indigenous Australians. We learnt about the Aboriginal flag, Dreaming stories, Bush Food, Symbols in Artwork and their culture and traditions.

We can tell you lots of things that we have learnt. Just ask us.
School Zones
School zones are installed on most roads around schools, as shown by these signs. A zigzag white line is also usually marked on the road to let drivers know they are approaching a School Zone.

Drivers must not exceed 25km/h at any time of the day or night when a child is in the zone, including weekends and school holidays.

The lower speed limit applies whenever children are in the zone, including weekends and school holidays. It makes sense to slow down as you approach a school at all times of the day and night to check if there are children in the area. Children can be present outside of normal school hours because of many activities that take place in the school.

Emu Crossings
An Emu Crossing has a red ‘Children Crossing’ flag displayed on red and white striped posts. When the flags are displayed drivers must give way to pedestrians crossing or about to cross the road.

Emu crossings are located within School Zones, which have a speed limit of 25km/h when children are on the road or footpath.

If the ‘Children Crossing’ flags are not up, the 25km/h school zone speed limit still applies if there are children present.

Koala Crossings
A Koala Crossing consists of two yellow flashing lights mounted on red and white striped poles.

Koala Crossings operate only when the yellow lights are flashing. A 25km/h speed limit applies between signs on the approaches to the crossing when the lights are flashing, and drivers must stop and give way to anyone using the crossing or about to cross the road.

School monitors may be present at the crossings and it is important to obey the stop signs used by the monitors.

Wombat Crossings
A Wombat Crossing consists of a wide road hump marked with thick white stripes.

A 40km/h speed limit applies at all times within 30–40 metres of the crossing as shown on signs.

When a pedestrian is crossing or about to cross the road, drivers must stop and give way.

Parking Signs
No Stopping signs
You must not park or stop in a No Stopping area for any reason.

No Parking signs
You can only stop in a No Parking area for the immediate purpose of picking up or dropping off passengers or goods. The driver must remain with the vehicle and take no more than 2 minutes.

Parking Restrictions
Near school crossings
Parking is generally banned at school or other pedestrian crossings for 20 metres before and 10 metres after the crossing, unless signs indicate otherwise.

It is important not to park near crossings as it can make it harder to see children and other pedestrians using the crossing.

Double Parking
It is illegal to ‘double park’ by stopping next to another car already parked near the kerb. Double parking restricts access for other traffic and can block sight lines for children on the side of the road.

Parking across driveways
You should not park across a driveway. Restricting access to driveways is illegal and can inconvenience the property owners.

Continuous Yellow Line
A continuous yellow line marked on the edge of the road has the same meaning as a no parking zone.

No parking allowed at any time if there is a yellow line.

Parallel Parking
Unless there are signs or markings on the road to indicate some other method, you must park parallel to the edge of the road and footpath.

The rules are:
• Park your vehicle so that it is facing in the same direction as the moving traffic.
• Unless permitted by a parking sign, leave a minimum of 3 metres between your vehicle and any continuous driving line.

From the Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities

The latest edition of Federation e-News has been posted on our website www.parentsfederation.catholic.edu.au

The direct link to e-News is here

In this jam-packed edition focusing on family engagement in children’s learning, find out more about:

➢ The inaugural Parents in Education Week
➢ School Start Buddy – helping young children learn to read and write
➢ Learning Potential app for parents
➢ Family support during Year 12 exams
➢ Walking with Year 12’s – from an award winning SACE coordinator
➢ Our new Federation Ambassador Initiative
➢ Welcome Pack for new families
➢ Our School in Profile: St Joseph’s, Hindmarsh
➢ Council member Rebecca Smith

And so much more.....

Be connected. Be informed. Be heard.
Fun not Fuss with Food

Wednesday 28 October
7.30pm

Nutritionist Peter Hill looks at steps to change behaviour, and provides strategies that cue into natural developmental changes in children, supporting their growing independence and curiosity.

Talking to Babies & Toddlers – why and how

Monday 9 November 7.30pm

Presenter – Melissa Saliba

To babble or not to babble; to use screens or not to use screens. Find out why babbling, chatting and reading to your little one is essential for them to learn how to talk as well as read, write, socialise and regulate their own emotions. Melissa will provide practical suggestions of how and how often to talk to your child. She will help you learn to recognise different ways and opportunities to engage in baby chatter, and about the many benefits to be gained.

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