Dear Friends and Families

In this final Inter Nos for the year, there is so much that I am grateful for as I reflect back on the 2015 school year. Most especially the chance to spend each day amongst such a committed group of professionals who work tirelessly and with great love for the children in our care.

Children’s University Graduation Ceremony
Last Thursday evening a group of 15 of our students graduated from the Children’s University in a regal ceremony at Bonython Hall at Adelaide University. We are all very proud of you.

Volunteers’ Thank you BBQ
Last night we shared a casual meal to say thank you to the amazing volunteers who have contributed to another successful year at St Therese. The students spent time last week making cards and angels to express their gratitude. We hope you enjoy these gifts.

Carols Night is tomorrow night from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. It will be a wonderful community occasion where we share in the Advent spirit with some joyful songs of praise and celebration as we await the coming of the Christ Jesus at Christmas.
The final Assembly of the year is this Friday afternoon at 2:30 in the Dominican building where the students from Room 3 present a Nativity play. Everyone is welcome.

Student Reports will go home on Friday to allow you some time in the last week of school, should you want to make a time to discuss your child’s learning with their teacher. Students will have the opportunity to spend some time next Monday morning with their teacher and classmates in their 2016 classroom.

End of Year Mass and Graduation will be on Wednesday 9th December, the last day of the 2015 school year. We will farewell students and families who are moving to new schools and we will say thank you and farewell to some members of staff. From my farewell speech for the end of year mass….

A school would not exist without the love and talent of the staff who turn up each day, who spend hours of their own time planning, marking, problem solving, thinking of new ideas, worrying about those in their care and being truly professional in all that they do. There are some amazing people who will be leaving at the end of the school year: Alison Gore, Camilla Cooper, Claire Little and Leonie Boulden. We thank you for your time and talent and wish you every blessing in the future in all that you do. We are all a little better for having known you.

Class Structures/Teams for 2016

Early Years Team:
Room 1 Reception /Year 1 Graeme Crossman
Room 2 Reception/Year 1 Siobhan Paley & Anne Tymukas
Room 3 Year 1/2 Jacky Swanson
Room 4 Year 1/2 Gab Foster

Primary Years Team:
Room 8 Year 3/4 Briony Fitzgerald
Room 5 Year 3/4 Margaret McCarthy

Middle Years Team:
Room 6 Year 5 Paul Snelling
Room 7 Year 6/7 Hannah Coymans

My name is Briony Fitzgerald. I have been working as a classroom teacher for six years. My previous schools I have worked at are St Joseph’s School Barmera, St Catherine’s School Stirling and St Francis School Lockleys. I am very much looking forward to meeting and working with you and your children and at St Therese next year.

Hi, my name is Margaret McCarthy and I am very happy to be joining the St Therese School community next year. I love being a teacher, spending time with my family, reading and cooking. I am looking forward to getting to know you, your family and the school community.

I look forward to seeing you all in the final week of school and wish you each a happy, safe and festive season.

With every blessing
Angela

Finance News
The new 2016 school fee structure was sent home last Friday. Any queries please contact Sonya Arnott on her email sarnott@sts.catholic.edu.au
Advent

As we are moving toward the end of the school year, we are also reminded that we are drawing closer to a special time in Church and our faith. We are in the season of Advent; a time of preparing for Jesus' coming as a tiny baby at Christmas. The Advent Wreath is a symbol that we use to remind us of God's endless love. Each week in the four weeks leading up to Advent we light a candle to help us prepare for Jesus' coming in hope, peace, joy and love and to trust in the new life that is ours through Jesus' death and resurrection.

Our Year Seven Students worked together to write a story reflecting on Advent and their coming graduation. It was published online in CESA news and I have shared it for you all to read below.

Year Seven students connect Advent to Graduating

St Therese Year Seven students are busy working on preparations for their Graduation ceremony and End of Year Mass. It is a time when they reflect on their journey in primary school and prepare themselves for transitioning to secondary school. One of their activities was to make a shield depicting, their journey so far, their loved ones, their memories of school and their hopes for the future. Another was to write a letter of thanks to their parents and to share their thoughts and feelings. The students are looking to the future with joy and eagerness along with insecurity and apprehension of the unknown.

One student commented, “I am really excited about the graduation ceremony and about starting High School. But, I am nervous about making new friends and new teachers. I have been at St Therese for 8 years and I feel really safe here” (student).

The students reflected on how their feelings were probably similar to those of Mary when Angel Gabrielle told her that she was going to have a baby and that the baby would be the Son of God. “She would have been excited to be chosen by God and to do what God asked but also scared of what lay ahead and having a baby” (student).

In the process of preparing the students have had to overcome a few obstacles to make the end of their year and primary schooling very special, “Just as Mary and Joseph had to conquer many challenges to prepare for the birth of Jesus”, (student).

Carol’s Night and Vinnie’s Christmas Appeal

Tomorrow night the 3rd December at 6pm. Come along and join us in celebrating the Advent Season by singing some Christmas Carols. Bring along a rug, some chairs, your loudest voice and snacks to enjoy. We are also asking that you bring a donation to place under our Christmas Tree for Vinnie’s Christmas Hampers.

Looking forward to seeing as many families as possible at Carols night

End of Year Mass and Graduation Ceremony

When: Wednesday 9th December
Time: 12.30 pm
Where: St Therese Church

Please join us in our last celebration together for the 2015 school year.

I wish you all the blessings at this special time of the year.
Have a Wonderful Christmas.

Jacky Swanson
Acting APRIM

Canteen Roster Term 4 2015

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National PE Week

In Week 5 we celebrated National PE Week. It was wonderful to see so many students awarded with certificates for exceptional performance in sport and representing St Therese at the various carnivals and in sporting teams throughout the year. Congratulations again - it is terrific to see our students being part of an active lifestyle from a young age. Thank you to Ian Barnes for being our guest speaker. He gave a wonderful talk on the importance of living an active lifestyle. Ian runs Kelly Sports – the company we source our Sporting Schools coaches through. Read below for an exciting new after school programme your child/children could be part of next year.......

Thank you to the staff and students involved in the lunch time T-Ball game, Netball game and Volleyball game - it was lots of fun with students across the year levels wanting to play!!!!

Holiday Sport Clinics

During the school holidays many organisations are offering sporting clinics for children. This is a wonderful way to keep them active during this time. Let me know if you are interested in enrolling your child in either or all of the following......I have the flyers or see the PE Board!!

- Little Athletics SA
- Cricket Clinics plus more

PE lessons

The skill development and growth in confidence of students from R-7 during this term’s Gymnastics unit was fantastic. I have been so impressed with the willingness to have a go, take a risk and try something that was thought couldn’t be done. It was a very satisfying unit for the students and myself. Well done to everyone!!!

After School Multi Sport Program for R-2 students

As mentioned above Ian Barnes from Kelly Sports has a new program running for students in R-2. It is called the Multi Sport Program. A flyer with information will be distributed this week. Please keep a watch for it as it sounds very exciting!

This brings us to the end of the PE year. Well done to our students for your effort and enthusiasm and thank you so much to everyone who has volunteered their time in support of the sporting programs we run here at St Therese.

Wishing you all a safe and Merry Christmas.
Yours in sport,
Barbara Mee

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Thank you!

I would like to thank all those who helped out on the Craft Stall at this year’s fete. A special thank you also to Alexa Carr, Tanya Willis and Helen Molony for their wonderful donations.

I know how much work goes into preparing these items, so it was very much appreciated.

It is my last fete at St Therese. I have run the Craft Stall for 4 fetes and it has been a very rewarding experience. I hope the next person to take on this role finds it as enjoyable as I have.

It has been a true Blessing to be part of this lovely school community for 10 years.

All the best in the future.
Helena Kojevnikoff
Year 4 play – “Bound for Botany Bay”

This year, the year 4s have been learning about the First Fleet to Australia. Last week, they performed a play titled “Bound for Botany Bay” to demonstrate their learning. We performed the play to the rest of the students in the school and to parents and families.

George – One of the places the First Fleet stopped on the way to Australia was Teneriffe.

Caitlin and Lana – We learned that the lead ship was named HMS Sirius after a star in the southern sky.

Molly – I learned that Major Rosa was Captain Arthur Phillip’s assistant.

Honey – I learned that life was tough in the 1780s.

Brandon and Niamh – I learned that the First Fleet left England in 1787, and travelled for 8 months before they arrived in 1788.

Jarrod – Before the convicts were sent to Australia, they were sent to America.

Tamara and Mischa – There were 11 ships in the First Fleet. 3 carried supplies, 6 carried convicts and 2 carried soldiers and sailors.
Community School Holiday Programs

COME AND LEARN THE WORLD GAME AT THE HOME OF THE FOXES

CUMBERLAND UNITED has announced its Community School Holiday Soccer Clinic dates for the summer holidays.

We at Cumberland United believe in providing something back into our Community and are committed to provide a sustainable program for all. Cumberland United Community School Holiday Soccer Programs have been successfully running since 2015 and provides a soccer program suitable for boys and girls aged 5 - 13 years old.

using the power of soccer we look to inspire creativity at all ages within the community by providing a fun program in a safe and friendly manner.

The dates for the 2019 Cumberland United School Holiday Programs
- Mon 16th Dec – Fri 20th Dec 2019
- Mon 13th Jan – Fri 25th Jan 2020
- Mon 3rd Feb – Fri 14th Feb 2020
- Mon 2nd Mar – Fri 13th Mar 2020
- Mon 20th Apr – Fri 1st May 2020

All participants will be run by our Junior Technical Director "Haidy Young". Half played over 10/2 games of professional football in England for newly promoted EPL side AFC Bournemouth and was the TFA's "Coach of the Year" in 2019.

Bookings are essential, reserve your place by phoning Haidy on 0417 359 219, or email her at haidy72019@hotmail.com.

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*5 year olds must have spent 2015 at school
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**WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES ALL THE HOPE, WONDER AND JOY THAT THE SEASON CAN BRING**

**BEST WISHES FROM THE STAFF AND COUNCIL OF THE FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COMMUNITIES**
SA Water VACSWIM is a program to waterproof the confidence in young South Australians, in and around the water. It is a South Australian Government supported initiative to provide children aged 5 to 13 years with opportunities to develop a range of skills and positive experiences in the areas of water safety, confidence and competence in the water, personal survival activities and basic aquatic emergency procedures.

These skills are delivered at over 130 pools, beaches and lakes throughout South Australia by one of three primary program providers – Royal Life Saving Society, Surf Life Saving and YMCA – who engage qualified instructors to teach the children of South Australia.

The majority of programs take place from Monday 4th to Tuesday 12th January 2016; they run for 45 minutes a day for 7 days.

Let me know if you require any other information.

Francesca Biello | Events Manager

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