Dear Friends and Families

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Parent Information Night last Tuesday, it was lovely to share pancakes with you as we begin the season of Lent, and to begin the new school year in community with you all.

Next Tuesday evening, 23rd February, is the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the School Board. It will be in the Dominican building starting at 6 pm until 7 pm. Please either nominate yourself or someone else to join the school board and/or St T’s. Nomination forms are in the Information Pack you received last week. If you are able, please join us for the AGM.

ST T’s – We will contact all the people who have nominated for St T’s and arrange the first meeting for the most mutually convenient time and day. Given that some parents work and would like to be a part of the group, I propose that we have one daytime and one evening meeting each term. If you have any suggestions, please email me. amorrison@sts.catholic.edu.au

Next week Jacky and I are attending CESA Supported Playgroups In Schools (SPINS) Trial Program 2016 - an information session to look at starting a Playgroup at school this year. Our goal is to hold Playgroup in Lisieux House on Friday mornings once we have all the information including the early childhood curriculum. More information to come.

Please ensure all contact information is returned to the office today/tomorrow. It is our aim to have the Inter Nos sent to you electronically. Please also return the Volunteers Information form so we can arrange school based information sessions. Thank you.

I wish you all a wonderful fortnight ahead, please touch base with your child/ren’s teacher if you have any questions about anything to do with school.

Kind regards

Angela

Parish Contact Details:
Parish Priest
8271 2109
Fr Michael Brennan
Parish Office
7070 0022
Pauline Wilson (Thurs,Fri)
Mass Times:
Saturday: 6.00pm
Sunday: 8.30am

School contact details: Phone: 8276 5528 www.sts.catholic.edu.au Email: info@sts.catholic.edu.au
What a busy first couple of weeks it has been in our school. The following is merely a snippet of all that has happened. I have also added some information about Project Compassion and some diary dates for you to add to your calendar.

**Shrove Tuesday**

To celebrate Shrove Tuesday, our parents were provided with delicious pancakes before the Parent Information Meetings. Thank you to all our wonderful staff who helped to cook the pancakes and our fabulous students who shook all the mixture. Shrove Tuesday traditionally reminds us that the following day is the beginning of the church season of Lent, a time of fasting, almsgiving and prayer.

**Ash Wednesday**

On Wednesday we celebrated with our first school Mass. On Ash Wednesday ashes, made from the charred remains of the palm branches used on Palm Sunday of the previous year, are used to make the sign of the cross on our forehead. This is to remind us of the love God has for us and to help us remember to do better and follow in the ways of Jesus.

**Caritas and Project Compassion**

During Lent, the forty days from Ash Wednesday until Palm Sunday, the Catholic organisation, Caritas, encourage us through their Project Compassion appeal, to give what we can to support and empower the world’s poorest people. This year Caritas Australia is celebrating 50 years of Project Compassion with the theme, “Learning more, creating change”.

Learning creates opportunities for long term change. Project Compassion 2016 celebrates the power of learning, and the many ways in which Caritas Australia is working with local partners around the world to provide vital learning and renewed hope to children, women and men most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. Each classroom has a Project Compassion box and I ask that you give generously throughout the season of Lent.

*Together we can empower the world’s poorest people with the opportunity to learn, grow and change.*

**Diary Dates**

Thursday the 25th February; the first class mass will be hosted by rooms 6 & 67. Please join us at the church at 9.30 am. After the mass we will have a shared morning tea. Please look out for a note detailing further information.

May you always feel God’s love

Jacky

APRIM
Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to the 2016 school year. Our Term 1, Physical Education is in full swing.

**PE Lessons:** Sport lessons are off to a very enthusiastic start. A reminder to bring your hat to school every day during Term 1 - it is compulsory for sport lessons. Years 3-7 have begun their skills lessons in Tennis. We will also focus for 2 weeks on Volleyball in preparation for this year’s Beach Volleyball Competition in Week 6 for students in Years 5-7.

Last year’s carnival was a huge success!! R-2 will be involved in fun, active games lessons which will engage children of all levels. This will be supported by an amazing program called ‘Blueearth’ and ‘Play for Purpose’. I was fortunate to have been part of a full day conference last year and can see many wonderful benefits physically, socially and emotionally, in order to develop our students’ whole health and well being. Our main focus this term is spatial awareness.

**Carnivals:** During this term in Week 7, students will represent St Therese at the annual South Australian Catholic Primary Schools Sports Association (SACPSSA) Swimming Carnival. Tryouts for the swimming squad began last Thursday 10th February at the Unley Swimming Centre, 3:30 - 4:30pm. Training will continue for the next four weeks. We had a wonderful response and our squad is looking like they have great potential!!

All carnivals throughout the year are open to students in Years 4-7. Looking forward to seeing our new Year 4s taking part this year!!!

**After School Sport:**

**Cricket:** Students in Years 2-7 are able to represent St Therese in the 2016 SACA Cricket Competition. This competition will run through Term 1 and again in Term 4. Nomination forms went home last week and a Senior Kanga team will commence playing in their competition this Friday.

**Volleyball:** Students in Years 4-7 are able to represent St Therese in the 2016 Volleyball Spikezone Competition. This competition runs throughout the year. Nomination forms went home last week. It would be wonderful to have a school volleyball team or two. Please consider and return your forms by the end of the week.

**Netball and Basketball:** We have 1 basketball team and 3 netball teams continuing the summer competition this term. Good luck to all players and enjoy.

**Multisports - Kelly Sports:** It is with excitement that we begin a new after school programme for R-2 students called Multisports. Multisports will be held on the hard courts here at St Therese School, Tuesdays, from 3:30 - 4:45pm, throughout Term 1. Students will be involved in fun and energetic modified games in the following sports: Cricket, T Ball, Athletics and Hockey. It is not too late to register your child/children. If you are interested please see the front office or myself for a flyer with all of the details you will need.

Please refer to any flyers printed in the Inter Nos and the PE Board for extra sporting opportunities.

Have a wonderful fortnight.

Yours in sport,
Barbara Mee

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### Canteen Roster Term 1

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FREE - piano to give away.
Please contact the office asap if you would like to take the piano from Lisieux House. You will need to remove it please.

We would like to welcome all the new children and their families, who started at St. Therese School this year. We hope that you make lots of friends, learn new things and have lots of fun.
Great excitement this week - our equipment earned through the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program from last year arrived!!

We were able to order Drama resources, games, construction toys and a Relaxation Yoga kit.

Many thanks to the generous families who collected stickers during the promotion period and a special thank you to Rita Portmann, and her team, who counted and collected our stickers.

The Premier's Reading Challenge is on again this year. The Challenge aims to encourage young people to read regularly and to raise awareness about the importance of reading to children at home.

Reading to and with your children helps lay the foundation for future learning and provides them with a strong grounding in literacy.

This year, the Premier’s Reading Challenge will run from now until 9th September, 2016. The challenge involves reading at least 12 books (of course the more the better!) before the cut-off date.

Every child who completes the challenge will receive an award –
- First year – a certificate signed by the Premier of South Australia
- Second Year – Bronze Medal
- Third Year – Silver Medal
- Fourth Year – Gold Medal
- Fifth Year – Champion Medal
- Sixth Year - Legend Medal
- Seventh Year - Hall of Fame Medal
- Eighth Year Onwards – Hall of Fame for Life Medal including year of participation

**Students in Reception to Year 2 will be completing the Challenge in the classroom. Students in Year 3-7, can get forms from their teacher and are encouraged to complete the challenge at home as well as at school.**

To find out more about the Premier’s Reading Challenge visit:
[www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au)

Melissa Fairlie
St Therese Learning Assistance Programme (LAP)

We are looking for more volunteers to help out with our LAP Programme at St Therese School. LAP provides individual care, enrichment, extension or support to students from Reception to Year 7. Nominated students benefit from one-to-one time each week with a caring volunteer. The success of the program is based on five simple principles. These are that LAP:

- is always one-to-one;
- is about relationships;
- builds confidence and self-esteem;
- takes a creative approach to learning;
- promotes parent and community participation in schools.

Could you be a LAP Volunteer at St Therese?

The roles and responsibilities of LAP volunteers can be summarised in the “Six C’s of LAP “

- CARE, have a genuine interest in children
- COMMUNICATION, be prepared to listen attentively, be willing to get to know the child
- CONFIDENTIALITY, recognise the privilege you have working with the student
- CONTENT, be prepared to spend time planning activities with the LAP Coordinator and teaching staff
- COMMITMENT, have the time to make a genuine and realistic commitment to the programme
- COOPERATION, be prepared to work with teachers as partners, providing support and assistance for students.

All volunteers must hold a current Catholic Church Police Clearance, and be prepared to undertake “Child Safe Training”, a free 2hr course, run by the LAP Association twice a year. LAP provides an educational and heart-warming experience for both the student and the volunteer. If you would like to find out more, or perhaps get involved, come and see me at school or give me a ring on 8276 5528 during school hours.

Melissa Fairlie  
LAP COORDINATOR
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Term 1 of 2016!
We hope everyone had a fantastic Christmas and summer break, now refreshed to start the New Year. In weeks 1 and 2 we have had plenty of fun playing 'get to know you' games, having fashion parades, making Chinese lanterns to celebrate Chinese New Year and baking up a storm of yummy treats.

Each week will have planned activities to get the children involved in different themes, including arts and craft, building challenges and active games. We also understand how important it is that the children complete their homework and have time set aside for this with ongoing support.

As most of you know by now we have had an exciting start with renovations being made to Lisieux House thanks to the wonderful efforts of volunteers, a big thankyou goes out to all of them. I would also like to thank all of the families for being patient and understanding in this time of transition.

There are still a few things to finish off but once they are done we would love to fill the house with beautiful new furniture. To raise money for this furniture there will be a BBQ held at Stratco at St Marys this Sunday 21st February. We have some volunteers already and would love as much support as we can get from the school community, if you are available and happy to help out. Please contact Irene if you can help for an hour or two. Mobile: 0407 715 546

I look forward to meeting more families over the coming term and all the exciting things to come for OSHC.

Kind Regards,

Kathryn Jackaman.

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2016 Project Compassion

Dear Parents and Caregivers

This year the theme for Project Compassion is Learning More. Creating Change.

In each of the six weeks of Lent, schools will be sharing weekly stories that reflect this year’s theme. Each week we will share ways you can talk together about the messages in each story and, together, be inspired to learn more and create change.

Week One: Doney’s story

View the video of Doney’s story here: http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion/weekly-stories/week-1-Doney

Find out more about Malawi where Doney and her family come from: http://www.caritas.org.au/learn/countries/malawi
The Effective Living Centre has run Positive Parenting Courses for a number of years, supported by the Unley City Council.

We know from parent feedback that they often first hear about our courses from school newsletters. We thank you for your help in the past and would appreciate it if you could include information about our Term 1 program in one of your newsletters.

The program is as follows:
- Wednesday March 2 – Talk so Kids will Listen and Listen so Kids will Talk – Donna Broadhurst
- Wednesday March 16 – Understanding your Child’s Temperament – Donna Broadhurst
- Wednesday March 30 – Managing Anger in Children – Donna Broadhurst
- Wednesday April 6 – Talk so Teens will Listen and Listen so Teens will Talk – Vina Hotich

All sessions run from 7.30 -9.30pm at 26 King William Rd Wayville
Cost $15 adult, $12 Conc, $10 ELC Friend, $24 Couple

Further information on the full year’s program and how to book at www.effectiveliving.org or by email office@effectiveliving.org

Our previous Office Administrator Madeleine Stock has moved to another position and a new coordinator will start soon.

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Asthma Australia

Asthma Kids
Last year Asthma Australia launched the interactive website “Asthma Kids” for primary aged children. Thousands of kids have taken Chester’s Asthma Trail to learn more about asthma, what asthma feels like and how they can help a friend with asthma. Now primary teachers can complete Asthma Kids with their class too. It works well as a stand-alone activity, can be integrated into a cross-curricula approach or could be a great follow up supplement after an asthma information session for your students. Asthma Kids starts with a video suited to your class age group that takes students on Chester’s Asthma Trail. www.asthmakids.org.au

Asthma Kids is also a great tool for use by families too. Below is an article that you could use in your school newsletter to encourage families to visit Asthma Kids.

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Asthma Kids
Looking for a way to help your child understand more about their asthma or about a friend with asthma? Asthma Kids is an online, interactive tool to help primary school aged children understand what it’s like to have asthma and what they can do to help. Watch one of the introductory videos then take Chester’s Asthma Trail. There are prizes to win too! www.asthmakids.org.au
Mr Darren Whelan
St Therese Primary School
7 Oxford Circus
COLONEL LIGHT GARDENS  SA  5041

Dear Mr Whelan

Each year I provide funding for the Parent Initiatives in Education (PIE) Grants Program to support parent groups in Catholic schools.

The PIE Grants program has been operating for a number of years now, supporting parent groups to increase the participation of parents/carers in their child’s school community. The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities administers this program on my behalf.

Parents, carers and families are the first and most important influence in a child’s life, instilling the attitudes and values that support each child to take part in learning and contributing to our community. Success in education depends on strong partnerships between professional educators, parents, families and communities. Parents can support their child’s education in so many ways, from listening to reading, staffing the canteen, accompanying children on excursions and volunteering to serve on the school Governing Council. By taking an active interest in what their child is learning at school, parents are better equipped to support them. That is why it is so important that parents feel they can forge positive, constructive relationships with school leaders and teachers, and indeed the whole school community, so that are able to actively engage with their child’s education.

I am pleased to advise that your application for a 2016 PIE Grant has been successful and that St Therese Primary School will receive a grant of $390 (exclusive GST) for your project: Parent Pack. The Federation of Catholic School Parents Communities will present you with a cheque on my behalf.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank you and your parent group for all that you are doing in your school community and wish you every success with your project.

Yours sincerely

Susan Close
Minister for Education and Child Development

25/1/2016

Cc: The Principal
Sunday April 3rd.
2.00 p.m.
St. Joseph’s Old Scholars (celebrating 100 years)

Annual Mass.
Kensington Convent Chapel.
Priest: Fr. George Nader.
Devonshire Afternoon Tea $5.

Invitation for ALL former students/teachers (male & female) from ANY Josephite School/College here or interstate to attend.

Also 2016 is 150 years of the Sisters.

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