Dear Friends and Families

Welcome back to school. I hope that everyone has been well and enjoyed some downtime. So much has happened since the last Inter Nos including the following;

**Children’s University Graduation Thursday 22nd September**

Congratulations to Izabela, Mika, Chloe, Giordan, Georgia and Emma who were awarded the National Bronze Award for 30 hours of participation in Children’s University Adelaide learning activities. Recipients of the National Silver Award for 65 hours of participation to be congratulated are; Liam, Phoebe, Emily, Honey, Caitlin, Natasha and Mia.

Congratulations also go to Taylor, Tamara and Deklan for receiving the National Gold Award for 100 hours of participation and to Mikayla and Mitchell who received the National Bronze Certificate for 130 hours of participation. Well done to you all, it's such a significant achievement. If you want more information about Children’s University, please have a look at their website [https://www.adelaide.edu.au/childrensuniversity/](https://www.adelaide.edu.au/childrensuniversity/).

**Sports Day Friday 23rd September**

What a well organised and enjoyable event that was. We had fine weather and the largest turn out of supporters that I have witnessed. It truly was a marvellous day and the success was down to the community spirit of St Therese with so many lending a hand as volunteers either to provide food and drink, as officials for the events, to hand out ribbons and stickers, participation in the sprint and tug-o-war and to enthusiastically cheer the students on. I am grateful to the staff for their input and especially thankful to the marvelous Mrs Barbara Mee, PE teacher extraordinaire.

Sports Day Champions: 1st St Dominic 1069 points
2nd St Therese 944 points
3rd St Catherine 767 points
4th St Thomas 725 points

Spirit Cup: 1st St Therese 503 points
2nd St Dominic 423 points
3rd St Thomas 395 points
4th St Catherine 374 points

**Catholic Schools Music Festival on Monday 26th September.**

What a spectacular event
Now to the new term which promises to be just as active as the first three. There is a term 4 calendar included in this edition of the Inter Nos for you to add new events to as they come up.

**Year 7 Canberra Trip**

Yesterday the Year 7 students and Hannah Cooymans and Jacky Swanson left for Canberra with the year 7 classes from our cluster schools of St Thomas, Goodwood and St Joseph’s, Kingswood as well as St John the Baptist, Plympton. From the pictures and messages we have received, all is going splendidly.

**The Sacrament of First Communion** will be celebrated this coming weekend Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd October and next weekend Saturday 20th and Sunday 30th October in the Emmaus parish. Congratulations to the children who will receive the gift of Christ in Holy Eucharist for the very first time.

Next Tuesday 25th October, the R – 2 students will be involved in a **Financial Literacy** session presented by the Commonwealth Bank. It’s never too early to learn about the value of money and saving. This is another opportunity to sincerely thank the volunteers who take care of the school banking at St Therese on Thursdays. Recently they attended a luncheon and learned that our little school has the highest percentage per head of students who are banking via school banking. I am aware that many other children have private bank accounts and I thank you dear parents and caregivers for helping your child/ren to start saving early.

On Wednesday 26th October, there is a **Handball Carnival** which the participants will know about.

**School Board member, Fr Michael Brennan** is the President of the St Therese School Board. He is currently on retreat so I include his photo only. The children all know Fr Michael to be a kind and gentle man who is a great story teller and an inspiration in God’s ministry.

**Staffing News**

Mr Paul Snelling is currently on Long Service Leave until Monday 14th November and while Paul is away, Miss Rachel Lindsay is the replacement teacher. I am sure you will all make Rachel feel welcome at St Therese during her 4 week contract.

**Keep the Date….Friday 4th November – shared afternoon tea after school to plan for the 2017 St T’s Fundraiser. Keep an eye out for your invitation next week.**

I wish you all a glorious fortnight ahead.

‘Wherever you go, go with all your heart’. **Confucius**

Kindest regards

Angela

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This is Natalie Bampton our new Art Teacher
Welcome Back to Term Four. I hope that you were able to spend some quality time with your families.

**Sacramental Program**

Dates for Sacrament of First Eucharist at St Therese Church
Saturday 22nd October @ 6pm
Saturday 29th October @ 6pm

*Please join us if you can to support the children and their families on this important part of their faith journey.*

**Parish/Class Masses at 9.30am**
- Thursday 27th October Rooms 6 & 7
- Thursday 4th November rooms 3 & 4

Shared morning tea after Mass. Please provide a small plate of healthy snacks for your child to share.

The Graduation Celebration was a fabulous event. The children all looked stunning in their gowns. Congratulations to the 2016 Graduates and to all those involved. Thank you to all the staff who attended. *Please remember, you can continue to earn hours towards your next award until the end of December.*

**St T’s committee**

Our next St T’s meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 2nd November at 9am in Lisieux House

Have a Wonderful Fortnight
God’s blessing to you and your families

Jacky
Dear St Therese families and friends,

**St Therese Twilight Sports Day**

What a wonderful day we all had at the St Therese Twilight Sports Day last Friday 23rd September! An amazing weather forecast of 21 degrees and sunshine turned on for us - how perfect was that!! Every time it rained the next day I would look up to the sky and whisper a thank you for our glorious day.

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 and vice 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, movement to Justin Timberlake’s ‘Dance’ 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 in 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 Dominic’s (black) who won the overall competition winning the ‘St Therese School Sports Day Shield’, by gaining the most event points and to St Therese (yellow) 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 - you all ensured the smooth running of the event. 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, especially Gary who came along and loaded and re-loaded his trailer all 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 2016’........ 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, volleyball and soccer teams for a wonderful season representing St Therese School. All the best to our summer season teams who began this week. We are looking forward to hearing your game results.

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. R - 4 classes will attend 'Water Safety Education' lessons at Unley Swimming Centre - a very important new program for our students. We also have some Cricket Clinics booked and we'll celebrate our love of sport in Week 6 for National PE Week. I am in the process of applying for funding for Sporting Schools. Watch this space for R - 2 and 3 - 7 opportunities this term.

Yours in sport
Barbara Mee

Canteen Roster Term 4

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Urgently needed

Two helpers for canteen on Monday 28th November
Please let the Front Office know if you can help
111 REASONS TO USE YOUR SCHOOL CROSSING.

Reason 1: Nearly one in every eight road deaths in South Australia is a pedestrian. In addition to fatalities there are on average just under 100 pedestrians seriously injured as well as many more who receive minor injuries each year.

Reason 2: Your child will learn about pedestrian safety by watching you, so use safe behaviour around cars, roads, footpaths and car parks. Always stop, look, listen and think before crossing a road, and use pedestrian crossings wherever possible. Always cross at the safest point, even if you have to walk further out of your way and if you’re crossing at the lights, wait for the green man!

Reason 3: Queensland’s Centre for Accident Research and Road Safety recently conducted an Australia-wide survey of parents focused on keeping kids safe around roads and cars. They found until the age of NINE, children’s perceptual and cognitive abilities are not sufficiently developed to enable them to make sound judgements when they are crossing roads. Holding hands with your children is the best way to keep them safe around a school crossing.

Reason 4: The Australian Road Rules state if you are within 20 metres of a crossing (including a school crossing) you must use that crossing to walk from one side of the road to the other.

And the other 107 reasons? 107 is the number of dollars an expiation notice (fine) will cost you if you are detected breaching the above Australian Road Rule. So keep an eye out for any hazards and keep holding hands until you’re all safely in the school yard or in the car.

This article has been prepared by A/Sgt Nigel ALLEN of the Road Safety Section, South Australia Police. If parents have any questions about school crossings please contact the Road Safety Section on the telephone number 82076586.
Information for Parents about Safe Schools Coalition Australia

What parents have a right to know about the Government teaching radical gender theory to our children

What is Safe Schools?

"Under the guise of anti-bullying, the Safe Schools Coalition is promoting a radical view of gender and sexuality". Kevin Donnelly, Senior Research Fellow at the Australian Catholic University.


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COURAGE doesn't always ROAR. Sometimes courage is that quiet voice at the end of the day saying, "I willtry again tomorrow."

-Mary Anne Radmacher
Sophia Garden Party
Jubilee Fundraiser

Sat 22 Oct
11am-4pm
Cost: $10/$8

Celebrating Sophia’s 25th anniversary with:
Performance of *The Story of Sophia* radio play
Unveiling the Yearning to Yarn project

Singers, Music,
Circle Dancing
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Wine & Drinks for sale.

All Welcome!

Venue: 225 Cross Road, Cumberland Park
(Next to Cabra College)

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**T-Ball Come & Try – FREE Session**

The Sturt Baseball Club is conducting a FREE T-Ball Come & Try session for 4-5 years olds.

Date: Friday 21st October
Time: 5:45pm – 7:00pm
Venue: Sturt Baseball Club, cnr Old Belair Rd and High St, Mitcham

T-Ball is a great way for girls and boys aged 4-5 years to learn running, throwing and batting skills in a fun environment.

We would appreciate it if you would share this T-Ball Flyer with your parents.

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**Contact**

Wallace Long
Vice-President
Sturt Baseball Club
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**Basic Cooking For Beginners**

During this course you will gain hands on experience cooking a three course meal. No cooking experience necessary. This course is for men and women.

Tuesday October 25, 12pm-3pm
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Places are limited bookings essential

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Come along and learn how to make and decorate cupcakes with 13 year Portia. Portia will show the basics of how to make a perfect cupcake then there will be a hands on decorating opportunity for all people involved. Bring along your own apron!

**Saturday October 29, 3pm**
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