Dear Families and Friends

Staffing News:

Mrs Joyce Pettersen has made the decision to retire next year and will start to relax into retirement by reducing her days for the rest of the year to Monday, Tuesday & Friday.

I am grateful that Marie Anderson will work on Thursdays in the office. The whole school community shares a genuinely deep affection for Joyce and I am sure they will want to acknowledge her service and care for our children by making Joyce’s term a memorable and happy one. We will celebrate Joyce’s retirement in a fitting manner at the end of the school year, about which you will be informed.

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Barbara Mee has successfully won the permanent position of PE teacher at St Therese starting in 2017. Barbara’s leadership and innovation in Sport at St Therese has been appreciatively supported by the whole community and we look forward to her continued enthusiasm and commitment.

You might have seen a new face around the school since Pete retired. Gary Baldwin is our new grounds/maintenance person. Gary comes to us with 10 years’ experience in grounds and maintenance after moving to Australia from the UK in 2006. We welcome Gary to the team at St Therese School.

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

Last day of School: 14 December 2016
Finish time: 3:10pm

ST TS 2017 FUNDRAISER
PLANNING CONVERSATION
Friday 4th November – this Friday
straight after school in the Dominican building
We are seeking ideas and suggestions to plan for a Twilight Market in 2017.
Please come along with a plate of food to share while we brainstorm ideas of possible stalls and ideas on how to involve every family.
Children will be supervised by Angela, in the playground.
Please provide them with a snack.
ALL WELCOME
Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)
The year 7 students have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given
the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture,
heritage and democracy.
The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national
capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion
the Australian Government is contributing funding of $60 per student under the Parliament and Civics
Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of
the excursion.
The cost of the Canberra trip was based on last year’s costs and fortunately the cost was less this year. Parents
of year 7 students have been credited the difference which includes the PACER rebate.

Diary Dates for the next fortnight….
Friday 8:50 am Parent Coffee Club in Dominican building, drop in, bring a friend
9:15 am Playgroup in Lisieux House for children (& their parents) from 0 – 5 years old
Monday 7/11/16 YELP excursion
Tuesday 8/11/16 6 pm School Board Meeting
Wednesday 9/11/16 Principal’s Tour

Wishing you all a wonderful fortnight ahead,
Kindest regards
Angela

APRIM NEWS

Congratulations!
Congratulations to the following children for celebrating their First Communion on Saturday 22nd and 29th October.

Phoebe, Molly, Mika, Gemma, Elise, Alice, Grace, Francis, Enoch, Rupert and Edward

As Father George Nader said during the celebration,

“May they be reminded of the love of Jesus through receiving the Eucharist as often as possible “.

“Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love.”
St Therese of Lisieux

Parish/ Class Combined Masses
Father Michael is on a retreat so all combined masses have been put on hold until his return

Remembering All Saints Day

All Saints’ Day is a holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated each year on 1st November. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have died and reached heaven. It is also a day for remembering all those people that have left this earth and are now in God’s embrace.

Please keep Father Tony Papps in your prayers. He has been unwell with a recent stint in hospital. Fortunately he is now on the road to recovery.

Keep the Date
End of year Mass & Graduation Ceremony
Wednesday 14th December at 9.30 am.
Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Gymnastics Lessons
We have begun our Gymnastics focus unit for PE lessons. The children love this program. They are finding themselves doing things they’ve never done before and being very proud of their achievements and risk taking. We are 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.....

Water Safety Education Week
Water Safety Education will run during Week 5. Information was sent home on Monday this week. Please read the form carefully and return both the school permission slip and the Aquatic Consent Form before or no later than 7th November. We are very excited about this new program!

Sporting Schools
Sporting Schools begins again this term in Week 4. How exciting! On offer for the R-2 classes is Hockey and for the 3-7 classes we have Junior Jack Attack Bowls. 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 Wednesday 26th October, the Year 6/7 students, one boy’s and two girl’s teams played in the annual SACPSSA Handball Carnival. The weather was perfect for us and all students gave their 100% best. A minimum of five games was played by each team. Miss Cooymans 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
During this term 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 cricket up as a sport.

National PE Week
Week 6 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!

Yours in sport, Barbara Mee

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Prayer for All Saint’s Day

Dear holy saints of God, we join our prayers of praise to you this day.

With you, we sing of God’s goodness, rejoice in God’s mercy and celebrate God’s incredible love.

Teach us to live as you lived- always thinking of others, always recognising our weaknesses, always rejoicing in God’s gifts, always closely following Jesus.

Blessed are you, happy are you, all you holy saints of God.

Pray for us that we, too may someday be among God’s Holy Ones.

Amen

May you always know God’s love
Have a wonderful fortnight

Jacky
Room 3
Asian Studies Presentations- Fabulous learning!
St T’s News

It was a very well attended St T’s meeting on the 19th October, which kicked off by the great news that $1500 was raised from the stalls on Sports Day to contribute to new playground features, and $1800 from the BBQs held at Big W. Special thanks to all the volunteers who coordinated and contributed to both these events, especially St T’s stalwarts Irene Pomazak, Elena Mason and Natascia Fiorito.

St T’s accepted the design of the new school jacket, made of a hardy and warm material similar to our trackies; stay tuned for when these will be available, they will make a great addition to the current uniform range. The jacket can be worn in all seasons.

We were also excited to hear about the new Outdoor Education policy currently with Angela and the Board, with further details to come!

St T’s have also decided that in lieu of a fete in 2017, we will be hosting a Twilight Christmas Market in term 4, 2017 with stalls featuring items made by our children as well as items by very talented local artists and small businesses. We hope that this event will showcase the combined efforts and talents of our students, the school staff and parent community of St Therese. If you are interested in joining the Organising Committee or sharing your ideas about this event, please come to the Dominican Building after school this Friday 4th November (week 3) to have a cuppa and share your ideas, especially new families to the school (we reckon there are untapped sources of creativity and energy in these families, please come along!) Angela will look after the children in the playground.

Finally, and excitedly, the St Therese “Christmas Under the Stars” will be held in the evening of Friday 9th December between 6 and 7 pm (week 9). It promises to be a gala of stupendous proportions featuring the “Story of the Christmas Tree” as told (and sung!) by our talented children. There will be a Sausage Sizzle, and families are encouraged to bring a picnic rug, chairs, a basket of nibbles and a bottle of your best festive fizz. It would also be great for kids to don an angelic tinsel halo, or dress festively in red and green!

St Therese church porches need a kind llick of paint to brighten them up for the Advent/Christmas season. If you have a couple of spare hours to help out we would love to hear from you. You don’t need to be a Leonard Da Vinci to impress us. Please contact Wendy on 0409382504 or email wendyheuz@bigpond.com.

Florist needed! Do we have any florists in the Emmaus parish who could provide some advice? Our floral arrangements at St Therese need a revamp and we welcome anyone with expertise who would like to help our team of lovely ladies. Please contact Wendy or Ele on 0409382504 for more details.
Thank you for supporting School Banking!

We would like to thank all of our students who have taken part in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program this year. Not only does the program reward children for saving regularly, but it is also a great fundraiser for our school.

Keep an eye out for our 2017 Back to School launch in Term 1 next year where you’ll find out about our new theme, new rewards and the Grand Prize competition!

Our final School Banking day for 2016 will be **Thursday, 1 December 2016**. If you wish to order a reward item for your child this year please ensure that your redemption slip is filled in and returned prior to this date. Any tokens that have not been redeemed this year can be used in 2017.

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**COME & TRY**
Little Athletics

3-17 year olds

2 free visits

[adelaideeagles.org.au](http://adelaideeagles.org.au)
Christmas Family Fun Day – Room 3 and 4  
Sunday, 23rd October 2016

What an awesome Christmas ‘Family Fun Day’ Room 3 and 4 had on Sunday, 23rd October! A BIG thank you to all the parents for your contributions. The day demonstrates what a generous, open and energised St Therese school community we have and thrive on!
We were also proudly sponsored by ‘Ascot Meats’ 651 Marion Road, South Plympton, who provided succulent sausages. If you get a chance please support a local family business!

SAVE THE DATE – Sunday, 13 November 2016

The Flinders University Chamber Ensemble return to Holy Cross Church, Goodwood, on Sunday, 13 November 2016, for a concert to raise funds to install some play equipment in the St Therese Community Garden, Colonel Light Gardens. After the 10:00am Mass, there will be a morning tea, followed by the concert in the church, which will by directed by our Choirmaster Arthur Siow. Please put the date in your diary and come along to support our community.
Social media content - October 2016

- Share social media content from the accounts below to modify to suit your audience.

Content for:

DECD facebook page - [https://www.facebook.com/DECD.SA/?fref=ts](https://www.facebook.com/DECD.SA/?fref=ts)

DECD twitter account - [https://twitter.com/DECD_SA](https://twitter.com/DECD_SA)

- A parent’s attitude, values and behaviours are the most important influence on a child’s early learning and development. View this year’s Parents in Education Week recorded info sessions online. #ParentsInEd

- Being a part of your child’s education can help them do better at school. View the free parent info sessions from this year’s Parents in Education Week. #ParentsInEd


- No matter what background or skill level a parent has, they can help their child get the most out of their learning by being interested. Adelaide’s #2016PIEWeek parent info sessions now available online. [www.decd.sa.gov.au/2016PIEWeek](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/2016PIEWeek)

- Hear from national and international child development experts. Parent info sessions available online to view now or host your own webcast. Find out more. #2016PIEWeek

- FREE session for parents of children 0 to 5: Helping you to get involved in your child’s learning in the early years. Available to view online now.

- FREE session for parents of children 13 to 18: Understanding the mysterious world of teens at home and at school. Available to view online now.

- FREE session for parents of children 5 to 12: Understanding your child’s development and learning and Unlocking your child’s genius. Available to view online now.

- FREE session for parents of children all ages: Discussing views on childhood: the role of education, schools, parents and the community. Hosted by education minister Susan Close. Available to view online now.
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