Dear Friends and Families

Trauma Sensitive Schools Project Sharing Day

Last Friday we presented the work that we have been doing as part of the trauma project, which continues for the first half of 2017 also. We are one of eight schools in the project and we notice the difference our new knowledge and learning is making to the lives of our children and our staff and that it sits comfortably with our underlying school and church values. We understand that in everything we do, it’s about the absolute dignity of the human person.

We truly believe we have witnessed a shift in culture, and visitors to the school comment on our calm classrooms. As adults we have deepened our understanding of behaviours and are more tolerant and accepting. Our approach to everything we do is collaborative in recognising that the students in our school are in the care of us all. We have introduced more calming strategies to engage students in their learning and we use ‘brain language’.

We recognise that behaviour happens to meet an unmet need. For example, when trauma consistent behaviour is evident, the amygdala is totally engaged by threat and fear, and the brain is flooded with cortisol. The cortex and hypocampus are not engaged so a student can’t think or follow instructions. There is no impulse control. So what do we do? We help the student to calm their amygdala to allow dopamine release which is critical for motivation, productivity and focus.

We have introduced activities from the Mind Up curriculum to reinforce ‘brain learning’. Amici Time has widened the circles of trust relationships across the school for all students, and we continue to have individual projects in place to support students.

Ask your child about their brain and about Growth Mindset – is theirs fixed or growth?

Next year we are excited to present information sessions to parents and caregivers and hope many of you will become involved is such things as Amici Time and other school activities.
The School Board met last night for our penultimate meeting of 2016. The Outdoor Education Policy was approved by the School Board earlier this year and staff have been working on the procedure document. Both the policy and procedure have been approved by the board and have been added to the school website. Please follow this link: http://www.sts.catholic.edu.au/our-school/policies

Roof/Solar, It is our goal to have the roof of the Mortlock building re-roofed and solar panels added during the summer holidays, subject to council approval. This is the first step in updating the buildings and decreasing the impact on our power bills, as well as being educative for the students in successfully living as Stewards of the Earth.

Today a copy of the St Therese Primary School Fees 2017 will be going home to all families. We are pleased to advise that after much discussion and consultation with Catholic Education Office Finance Team, School Board and School Finance Team, there will be no school fee increase in 2017. You will see from the fees information, all the things that your school fees contribute towards to make St Therese the special place that it is. We are very proud of what we offer in our small Catholic school, the relational culture, and service to the community, areas of specialisation such as PE, Drama, and Music and our highly skilled professional staff.

As a member of the St Therese School community, it is clear that this is your school of choice for your child/ren’s education. Please always be assured that ‘no child is to be denied access to Catholic schooling because of an inability to pay fees.’ SACCS Fees Policy 2006.

As stated in the St Therese School Fee Policy, ‘Families experiencing financial hardship are encouraged to apply to the School for reduction of fees. On request, an application for school fee remission will be supplied. Any reduction in fees will be considered in terms of the financial need of the family, and of St Therese’s responsibility to families who are making an effort to pay fees.’

We love all of you being a part of the St Therese community and if finances become an impediment to your choice, I strongly encourage you to arrange a time to meet with either myself or Sonya before the end of the school year. I can assure you that this is absolutely confidential and we will make it work for you.

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Student Reports. The teachers are currently working diligently on the final written student reports for the school year which will be sent home with your child/ren on the last day of term, Wednesday 15th December. If you will be away, the report will be posted to your home address.

Diary Date. Please have a look out for an upcoming invitation to ‘Christmas Under the Stars’ on Friday 9th December. This will be a beautiful way to celebrate another magnificent year as a family of St Therese families.

Wishing you all a wonderful fortnight ahead,

Kindest regards

Angela

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Water Safety Education Week – Our R – 4 classes have been attending water safety classes at the Unley Swimming Centre this week. It is absolutely wonderful to see our students involved in such a beneficial, potentially lifesaving program. The photos below are an excellent snap shot of the activities and learning that is happening.

Sporting Schools - Sporting Schools is underway. R - 2 Hockey and Year 6/7 Bowls have had their first session and the children are loving it! We are fortunate now to be running Bowls during school on Tuesdays with our Year 6/7s. A reminder to all of the students involved to bring your drink bottle and wear your school hat - your hat is compulsory!

Gymnastics Lessons - Our Gymnastics focus unit for PE lessons have almost come to an end. Children have found themselves doing things they’ve never done before and are very proud of their achievements. We’ve been 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, backward rolls, spring landings, balancing, core strength and safety landings.....

National PE Week - Week 5 this term is National PE Week, we will be celebrating this during Week 6. There will be some fun Staff v Students games at lunch time. We will acknowledge and celebrate the benefits and value of physical activity in our lives. A whole school assembly will be on Friday 25th November at 2:30pm. Parents and caregivers are most welcome!!!!!!

Yours in sport, Barbara Mee

Wednesday 14th December is the last day of school and OSHC at St Therese School for 2016!

If you require care on the 15th or 16th December, we would like to invite you to come along to our closest service at Scotch College.

Westbourne Park Primary School begins their Holiday Club from the 19th of December.

Please see the sign in desk or pin board at Lisieux House for program details for each service or go to www.campaustralia.com.au. If you would like any additional information do not hesitate to talk to us or call 1300 105 343.

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Room 4

NEWS

This term in Mathematics we are learning about Capacity and Volume. We all went out into the sandpit with a cup and did lots of measuring and recording. We had so much fun. We estimated how many cups of sand it would take to fill each container and then we actually measured and recorded our answers. Our estimations were very close to the real answer.
Library News

Premiers Reading Challenge
Congratulations to everyone at St Therese – we had a 100% success rate for the Premiers Reading Challenge this year – everyone received either a certificate or a medal – well done.
A big thank you to all our wonderful readers, inspiring staff and encouraging families.

Room 3 with their Bronze, Silver and Gold medals

New Books
Come into the library and see our new books, a lot of these were bought with money that was raised during our Book Fair in Term 3.

Have you ever wondered what teachers do at night – we have a book that will tell you!

Do you want to know how to code? – We have some new coding books.

Feeling like an artist? – There are some new books to show you how.

Need a good laugh? – There are loads of new novels.

Would you like to visit Rome – Read the book first!

Would you like to know how to get your parents to bed?

I’ve got just the book for you!!

Plus loads more ...... come into the library and check out our new titles

Many thanks to Kristy Lamond,
Kylie Bullock, Tonia Greening Luisa Miles and Margaret Wojcik for helping me cover all the new books – you all did a mammoth job, thank you!

Melissa Fairlie
Instrumental Chamber Concert

Last Thursday night more than 40 students took part in our annual Instrumental Chamber concert. These children learn a musical instrument either through school or privately. The concert was a great way to showcase their talent as well as gaining invaluable experience performing in front of an audience.

Nicole Moxham our music teacher was a wonderful compere; the students were also supported by their instrumental teachers, Josh Molenarr (guitar) and Macarena Zombrano (piano).

The St Therese Choir sang, Adele’s “Hello” and “The Lion Sleep’s Tonight”, what a talented group they are!

Enquire at the office if your child would like to learn an instrument next year.
Q. How do I keep track of my Qkr! payments?

A. Itemized Qkr! eReceipts provide a record of purchase and are a convenient way to keep track of your Qkr! payments.

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3. Tap ‘Send’ to email the eReceipt to your email address, or enter another email address, and tap ‘Send’.

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Emmaus Youth Music Gathering
Saturday 3 December 2016
1.30 pm to 8.30 pm

St Therese Church
Community Gardens
Oxford Circus
Colonel Light Gardens

Mass at 6.00pm followed by a BBQ & Jam session

BYO your instrument & sheet music

A day of learning songs to play at Mass & contemporary & fun songs

Come along if you can sing, play a musical instrument or would like to learn

Day run by Johanna Kilmartin & Michael Madigan assisted by Carmel Homes

For further information or to register contact: johanna@kilmartin.net.au, mick.44@live.com.au or carmhomes@gmail.com

Emmaus Parish phone no 70700020
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