Dear Friends and Families

Thank you so much for your well wishes on my new appointment. I can sincerely say that I will miss this beautiful community, most especially the children who have become very dear to me. I will ensure that Amanda is introduced to all these special people and that she gets to learn about each of their unique and beautiful gifts.

It is so fortunate that we have had a professional relationship with Amanda as a leader in St Joseph’s, Kingswood which is one of our close cluster schools. The staff know her and this connection will deepen and strengthen over term 1. The Numeracy Project will continue seamlessly as will the Trauma Sensitive Schools project.

I have worked closely with Amanda over the years as I was acting principal at Kingswood seven years ago. Amanda is a trusted friend and colleague and I am delighted that she will be the leader of this fine community. Please make her feel as loved and welcome as you have me.

There is a lot of activity towards the end of the school year and I want to outline as much information to you all as I can.

**Week 7**
0 Friday 2nd December, Amanda Humenuik will be here for a visit. Please come to Coffee Club to say hello. I will take Amanda around to introduce her to the children.

**Week 8**
- Siobhan Paley will be on long service leave. Anne Tymukas will be in the class full time until the end of the term. We wish Siobhan and her family safe travels to the UK for a wintery Christmas.

**Tuesday 6th December, 6 pm - School Board meeting.**

**Friday 9th December, 6 – 7 pm Carols under the Stars in the Community Space behind St Therese Church. Please return the RSVP (which will come home from St Ts) for catering purposes.**

**Week 9**
- Monday 12th December, 9 am - Whole School Prayer will be an opportunity to farewell Joyce and present her with the gift from the staff and parent community.

After whole school prayer the students will spend the morning with their 2017 class teacher and classmates in their new classroom.

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学校教育理念：
教育和发展整全孩子的生活
在教会和当今世界
All class parties will be on Tuesday 13th December. Please see notes from class teachers with regard to this.

Wednesday 14th December. Last day of Term 4.
9:30 am End of Year/Graduation Mass. Students will sit with their buddies in church.
6:30 – 9:30 pm Graduation dinner in the Dominican building

Student reports will be sent home on the last day, Wednesday 14th December. If your child is absent, the office will be open for the remainder of the week for you to collect. All remaining reports will be posted to your home address.

Have a glorious fortnight. Angela
The liturgical year of the Church always ends with the celebration of the Feast of Christ the King which was celebrated on Sunday 20th November. We are now in the season of Advent; a special time in our Church and our faith where we prepare 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. During Advent we light candles as symbols 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.

**Did You Know?**
- Advent is a four-week season of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas. The word ‘advent’ means coming.
- The early Church believed that the second coming of Christ was imminent. It could happen at any moment.
- The first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the Church’s liturgical year.
- The Advent Wreath traditionally holds four candles which are lit, one at a time, on each of the four Sundays of the Advent season. Each candle represents 1,000 years. Added together, the four candles symbolise the 4,000 years that humanity waited for the world’s Saviour—from Adam and Eve to Jesus.

**Vinnies Christmas Hampers 2016**

Christmas time can be an extremely stressful time for some families with added financial burden associated with the Festive season. Each year we ask our families to donate non-perishable food items to help contribute to St Vincent de Paul’s Christmas hampers for needy families in the local area. Suitable items include: Christmas cake/pudding, tea, coffee, sweet biscuits, boxed pavlova, shortbread, hot chocolate, Christmas decorations, tinned ham, tinned vegetables, mixed cereal boxes, serviettes, potato chips, gravy mix, sauces, soap, a movie voucher, a book voucher or perhaps a shopping voucher. Our school contribution forms a significant part of what Vinnies can give so your donations are much appreciated. Over the next two weeks there will be baskets in each classroom and we ask you to please donate generously. Thank you!

**Sacramental programme 2017**

The Emmaus Parish have a family centred, parish based Sacramental Program which is supported by the three primary schools of St Therese, St Joseph’s and St Thomas. We are accepting enrolments for the 2017 Sacramental program. If you would like your child to be involved please see me to get a registration form. If you require any further information please see myself or Sr Jasmine Lawrence.

Emails: jacky@sts.catholic.edu.au or jasmine@eparish.org.au

**End of Year Mass & Graduation Ceremony**

When: Wednesday, 14th December
Time: 9.30 pm
Where: St Therese Church

Please join us in our last celebration together for the 2016 school year.

May God’s love shine in your life.

Jacky APRIM
National PE Week

Last week 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 Rebecca Mason and her dancers for being our guest speaker. She gave a wonderful talk showcasing her dance studio and the importance of living an active and healthy lifestyle. I am hoping that perhaps some children were inspired to take up dance.

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!!!!

Cricket Clinics

This week all classes from R-7 will be involved in MILOin2Cricket clinics. The cricket season is upon us and being involved in these clinics is a great way to promote the sport. Cricket is on offer in Term 1 for Year 2s and up. It would be fantastic to nominate a team or two next year.

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!!!

Sporting Schools

Just a reminder that Sporting Schools Hockey and Bowls still have two weeks remaining.

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. If you are interested in enrolling your child/children there are flyers advertised in this Inter Nos or see the PE Board or myself.

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 merry Christmas and safe holiday break.

Yours in sport,

Barbara Mee

Canteen Roster Term 4

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Dear parents

We have been advised that a St Therese student may have been in contact with someone with a confirmed case of Chicken Pox. Symptoms that may appear a couple of days before the rash; fever, loss of appetite, headache, tiredness and a general feeling of being unwell.

Mary MacKillop Centre Adelaide - It’s Christmas Season!

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Our Early Years Students are Cracking the Reading Code!

Over the past three years, the teachers here at St Therese School have adopted a synthetic phonics approach to teaching sounds, spelling, reading and writing. The 'synthetic' component reflects the practice of 'synthesising', or blending together. The 'phonic' part reflects the process of linking individual speech sounds (phonemes) to written symbols (graphemes). Essentially, when a child learns to read using Synthetic Phonics they learn to link letters to speech sounds and then blend these sounds together to read words. They also learn to separate (segment) words into their constituent sounds and link these sounds to letters in order to spell them.

Synthetic phonics instruction comes from a rigorous, evidence-based research that is shown to be effective in enhancing the literacy development for all children. It is particularly beneficial for children at risk of learning difficulties or who are suspected of having a learning disability. However, research also demonstrates that all children benefit from phonics instruction, learning to read and write at a faster rate than they would without phonics.

Here at St Therese, these research findings are definitely ringing true! Recent data obtained from Early Years testing results demonstrate a drastic improvement over the past three years in reading and writing across the Early Years – especially since the implementation of synthetic phonics.

In 2016, all results were markedly improved compared to 2014 and 2015 and are higher than the regional average in SA!

This means that the current teaching and learning methods undertaken by students and teachers are really 'working! Our children are learning to 'crack the reading code’ at an advanced rate and as a result are becoming more able and confident readers and writers.

The synthetic phonics approach is also applied and taught in the middle and upper years at St Therese and is the basis for the reading intervention programs used. The aim in these year levels is to build on the foundations of the alphabetic code so children become more aware of how and why words are spelt and the spelling rules around such.

Thank you to all staff, students and parents for their ongoing support of the approach – know that your children are receiving reading and writing instruction that is scientifically proven, practised and shows results!

If you have any questions about the synthetic phonics program at St Therese, please contact our Key Literacy Teacher, Siobhan Paley.
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2017 Athletics Holiday Development Clinic

The Dream. Believe. Achieve. Athletics Holiday Development Clinic conducted in the January school holidays is open to all age groups from Under 6 through to Under 18.

The clinic is designed to provide opportunities for skill/technique development in the participants desired athletic track and field events through coaching from some of South Australia’s best young coaches.

Our aim is for your to dream...believe...and achieve... personal best results!

UNDER 9 – UNDER 18

Date: Thursday 12th and Friday 13th of January 2017

Location: SA Athletics Stadium, 145 Railway Terrace, Mile End 5031

Times: 9AM – 1:30PM (each day)

Cost:
- Two Day Registration — $90.00
- One Day Registration — $50.00

Thursday = Coaching Day (4 x 45 minute sessions)

Friday = Mini Olympics (Photo finish will be used, and results can go towards qualifying for State Challenge & SIC’s. Not all athletic events are offered on this day)

UNDER 6 – UNDER 8

Date: Wednesday 18th of January 2017

Location: SA Athletics Stadium, 145 Railway Terrace, Mile End 5031

Times: 9AM – 1:30PM

Cost: $30.00

For more information or to register, head to www.salaa.org.au/holidayclinics or athleticssa.com.au/holidayclinics

Contact: Little Athletics SA - 08 8352 8133
Athletics SA - 08 8354 3477
**Music Technology Workshops**

Have a budding musician? Discover and explore beats n loops with Garageband on iMac. Beginners to advanced levels. Ages 10+.

- **Date:** Monday 16 January
  - Blackwood Community Centre
  - Monday 23 January
  - Cumberland Park Community Centre

- **Time:** 90 minute sessions. Bookings between 9 am to 4.30 pm
- **Cost:** $20 per session
- **Contact:** 0408 364 900 or themadatree@gmail.com

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**Circus Elements**

Learn circus tips including juggling, flower sticks, plate spinning, balance sticks, hoops and hand held stilts.

- **Date:** Tuesday 24 January
  - Blackwood Community Centre

- **Time:** 10 am to 11.30 am
- **Cost:** $5
- **Contact:** 8372 8888
  - communitycentres@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au

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**Crocheting**

Learn all the ins and outs and tricks and tips to make that special project you have always wanted to do! Materials supplied. Ages 10+.

- **Date:** Tuesday 17 January
  - Gallery One Mitcham Cultural Village

- **Time:** 10 am to 12 pm
- **Cost:** $15
- **Contact:** 0431 297 258

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**Filmmaking**

Join Kids Camera Action and discover filmmaking from concept to script to directing to acting to editing and the use of top quality equipment and software.

- **Date:** Monday 9 to Thursday 12 January
  - Mitcham Cultural Village

- **Time:** 9 am to 3 pm
- **Cost:** $320
- **Contact:** 0413 724 755

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**iPad Filmmaking 101**

Get a better understanding of how to make the most out of your iPad camera and iMovie App with Kids Camera Action.

- **Date:** Friday 13 January
  - Mitcham Cultural Village

- **Time:** 9 am to 3 pm
- **Cost:** $110
- **Contact:** 0413 724 755

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**Kids Mosaics**

Create your own tiled artwork on a choice of cool shapes with Gallery One. Materials supplied.

- **Date:** Wednesday 18 January
  - Mitcham Cultural Village

- **Time:**
  - 10 am to 12 pm (Ages 8-12)
  - 1 pm to 3 pm (Ages 13-16)

- **Cost:** $35
- **Contact:** 0426 884 198

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**Miniature Food Jewellery**

Come and learn how to make miniature food jewellery using polymer clay with Gallery One. Create a necklace or a pair of earrings. Materials supplied.

- **Date:** Thursday 19 January
  - Mitcham Cultural Village

- **Time:** 10 am to 12 pm
- **Cost:** $15
- **Contact:** 0411 350 853

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**Kids Yoga**

Get the kids to wind down from the school holidays and ready to return to school calmly and focused with yoga classes with Shakti Yoga.

- **Date:** Thursday 19 January
  - Mitcham Cultural Village

- **Time:** 11.30 am to 12.35 pm
- **Date:** Wednesday 25 January
  - Cumberland Park Community Centre

- **Time:** 10 am to 10.45 am
- **Cost:** $5
- **Contact:** 0438 804 822

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**Hair for Teens**

Wanting to learn how to be more creative with your hair? Learn how to make the best of your hair with our professional hairdresser who has experience in working with teens. Ages 12+.

- **Date:** Monday 23 January
  - Cumberland Park Community Centre

- **Time:** 1 pm to 3 pm
- **Cost:** $5
- **Contact:** communitycentres@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au

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