From the Leadership team….

Teachers as co-learners!

Many thanks for supporting our Staff Formation Day on Monday. As you may be aware it gave us an opportunity to work as a Professional Learning Community with the staff of St Thomas and St Joseph’s Schools to continue to develop our shared purpose in Mathematics, always seeking to improve our student learning outcomes! Our collaborative teams focused on the following four critical questions:

In focusing on these key questions, collaboration of our educators is centered on a common and clear understanding of direction and purpose. Each question seeks to tap into the underlying belief that students will learn at high levels given the right support and instruction.

The structure also requires a degree of specificity in focus. Research also informs us that we need to shift the focus away from achievement to a focus on growth. Working with our cluster schools develops our collaborative capacity allowing our teachers to engage in action research initiatives and to develop collective expertise. All of this serves to ensure we have high expectations for every single student and continue to be known in our region for excellence in teaching and learning.

Our teams have developed the following inquiry questions:

Years 3-7

⇒ For children develop an increased understanding of the language of operations and apply this when solving mathematical problems.

For R-2

⇒ What strategies can teachers employ to support and develop children’s mathematical understandings when counting and calculating?

Further to this one of the new initiatives I have introduced to our staff this year is the use of Scorelink as a mechanism for tracking growth in our children’s learning from R-7. We look forward to sharing this information with you!
**Sharepoint Information Evening**

We look forward to showcasing the development of our Sharepoint Page on Tuesday, 29 March, at 6pm in the Dominican Building. Bring along a device that can connect to our Wi-Fi.

**Masses and Prayer**

The first of our Community Masses will be on Saturday Night, 26 March, 6pm at St Therese Church. All families are welcome to attend but a special invitation has been sent to the families of our two reception classes. Thank you to those families that have indicated that they will be attending and have offered to play a role in making the mass a wonderful community celebration.

Our classes will be hosting our next Parish and Community daily mass on Thursday, 30 March at 9:00 am. Recently we have all enjoyed a shared morning tea in the community garden. We would love to see as many parents and friends as possible join us.

**Whole School Prayer** is held every Monday morning at 9am in the Dominican Building. Please join us.

**Children’s University**

On Wednesday 22 March during our Rec PS and 3 /4 Mc assembly Sally and Kate from the Children’s University visited our school. They gave a presentation about the opportunities available for all children in our school that are 7 years old and over to be involved in Children’s University. An information note went home last week along with a return slip to register your interest and payment. If you would like another note or would like any more information please see Jacky Swanson.

**St T’s**

The St T’s committee met again last Wednesday evening and have decided on some wonderful events to support and enhance the learning and development of all the children in our school. Recently they asked for nominations from members of our community who would like to be involved in holding a, ‘Twilight Market’ this year as a major fundraiser. To date they have received 6 responses. For this event to go ahead they are seeking a coordinator and a more volunteers. Please see a member St T’s, Tash, Lydia, Amanda or Jacky if you are interested.

If you were shopping at BIG W last Saturday, you may have noticed a small but very committed group of our parents cooking and selling sausages. A BIG THANKYOU to Irene, Elena, Andrew and Terry for their energy and support in this initiative. They raised almost $400.00 to go towards St T’s fundraising which ultimately benefits our children. Further barbeques are booked for June and November; it would be great to have more volunteers so keep your eyes out for further information.

**Assembly**

At our buddy assembly on Wednesday the Reception PS and 3 /4 Mc students shared a prayer. It was a beautiful prayer to remind us that each and every one of us are the tools for spreading God’s love in the world. They also shared some artwork of their own images and understandings of what God looks like (see above pictures).

**Lent/ Project Compassion and Holy Thursday**

Holy Thursday is the last day of term. As a fundraiser for Project Compassion, we have decided to hold a ‘Gold Coin’ Donation Day. It will also be a casual day but each class will have a different theme. The students will vote on what they want to do and you will be informed via each class newsletter. Some suggestions have been: wear odd socks, wear your clothes inside out or wear a particular colour. Please keep an eye out for information from your child’s class teacher. Our aim is to try and make a line of gold coins to go around the running track in the front of the school. As of last Friday, our tally for Project compassion was $65.00. This is enough to provide a family in the Philippines with a piglet and training on how to care for it.

Please continue to donate generously by placing money in the Project Compassion Box in your Child’s classroom.

God Bless,

**Amanda and Jacky**

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**Pop these important dates in your diary...**

- Sat, 25 March—Community Mass: Reception Classes: at St Therese Church, 6pm
- Tue, 28 March—SharePoint Info Evening in Dominican Building
- Sat, 1 April—Presentation of Sacramental Candidates at St Therese Church, 6pm Mass
- Wed, 12 April—Cluster Yr 7 Retreat Day
- Thurs, 13 April—Holy Thursday Liturgy, 9am in Dominican Building
- Pupil Free Dates: Term 2: June 9; Term 4: Dec 14 and 15
From, The Middle Years Director of Learning...

The middle years focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer and lifelong learner, both in the classroom and in the wider world. As a team we provide a rigorous, challenging and engaging curriculum where students understand the connections between subjects and the real world, to become critical, creative and reflective thinkers. We aim to provide a balance between the acquisition of essential knowledge and skills, development of conceptual understandings, demonstration of positive attitudes, and taking responsible action. These are essential qualities for young people to become global leaders. In years 5, 6 & 7 we have a strong emphasis on personal understanding, the emerging sense of self and also the importance of belonging to and serving a community. This encourages our students to use their initiative and take action. This can be seen every single day with students actively contributing to the school community through running events, working alongside community members and making a difference.

Congratulations to our 2017 Student Leaders:

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Hannah Cooymans
Middle Years Director of Learning

Kytons

This week a form went home to order Kytons bakery items. Please return the form and money to the office by Tuesday 4 April, and don’t forget you can conveniently pay for your order via Qkr!

Items will be available on Wednesday 12 April - just in time for Easter! Don't forget to ask family and friends as all the money raised will go towards resources for our children.

Flu Shots

A reminder that the flu vac clinic, administering the quadrivalent influenza vaccine, will be available at school for all adult family and friends of our school community on Friday 7 April from 2pm. No need for an appointment - just turn up. Consent forms are available from the front office, or you can fill them out on the day. Cost is $18 which can be paid via Qkr! or at the front office. Please share with your family and friends.

Every person vaccinated receives a lollipop!

Epi-pen recall for certain batches...

Info below taken from the following link: [http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-03-20/epipens-recalled-over-failure-to-activate/8371014](http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-03-20/epipens-recalled-over-failure-to-activate/8371014)

“...Four batches of life-saving anti-allergy EpiPens have been recalled because they may fail to activate or require increased force — with potentially deadly consequences. About 80,000 EpiPen 300 microgram adrenaline injection auto-injectors, that may contain a defective part, have been distributed worldwide, Mylan-owned Alphapharm said in a statement posted online.

"The failure of the auto-injector to activate may result in patients not receiving the required dose of adrenaline, resulting in the worsening of symptoms of anaphylaxis or anaphylactic reactions, which could be life-threatening," the company said. .."
St Therese Winter Sport
The St Therese Winter Sport Packages went home this week. On offer for Years 2-7 are Netball, Basketball, Football, Volleyball and Soccer. What an amazing response we have had so far-so many students expressing an interest to be part of After School Sport! I am in the process of putting teams together and matching up coaches/managers. Thank you so very much all parents who have committed to coaching a team. I will be in touch as soon as possible with team/game details. **We are still short coaches/managers and I ask that you please consider this role if you are able.**

A REMINDER THAT EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST ARE DUE BY FRIDAY 31 MARCH!

SACPSSA Swimming Carnival
On Wednesday 15 March, a squad of 16 students represented St Therese at the annual SACPSSA Swimming Carnival. It was a day full of many individual achievements. Our school competed in section 6 and we came 7th overall out of 8. Miss Cooymans and I are extremely proud of the way our students conducted themselves throughout the day. We were a very tight team full of encouragement, sportsmanship and a wonderful team spirit. I must point out that this was the smallest squad we have taken to the carnival. The U12 and Senior teams were very low in numbers so we had the younger age groups filling in. It was important to us all to have someone representing us in all races as opposed to an empty lane. Our amazing students gave their all and were always in the heat of the race. Well done and thank you to all of the students that gave this a go.

**Congratulations to you all!!**

**A special thank you to Emily Cooymans, Janine Donato, Mrs Frangos, Peter Dolinsky and John Stevens for your willingness to act as officials for us- you all did an amazing job.**

Athletics Carnival
The annual SACPSSA Athletics Carnival is in Week 7, Term 2. Information and Try Out forms were sent home this week.

Sporting Schools
Sporting Schools Cricket and Volleyball are now in their third week. Our students are thoroughly enjoying these sessions and learning many new skills. A reminder to wear your school hat and have enough water at school on the day, to carry you through to the end of these sessions.

**Sports Day captains and vice captains**
This year we have decided to announce our Sports Day team captains and vice captains earlier than Term 3 in which the event is held. Our students have made a commitment not only to their team but also to the school community to take on various sporting leadership tasks. I congratulate the following students on their success........

Yours in sport,
**Barbara Mee**
Child Safety

Please remember that between the hours of 8:30—9am and 3:00—4:00pm the areas outside the school gate and alongside the church are a ‘Child Safety Zone’ for quick drop off and pick up of students. The maximum time limit for being stationary in your vehicle is 2 minutes. We have had some recent incidences where cars have remained parked for at least 10 minutes in the Zone which congests the area.

Some points to remember and to remind your children of:

- It is 25km zone with the crossing flags out
- Executing U-turns at the end of the zone are not safe
- Children are to cross at the crossing directly to the other side and not across the crossing eg, from brick island to brick island
- Cars are not to be left unattended. The maximum standing time is 2 minutes only
- When pulling up to the ‘Child Safety Zone’, please pull up directly up to the next car—please don’t leave large gaps so other cars bank up on the roadway which puts everyone at risk.

All of these behaviours impact on the safety of our students so please remember to exercise caution in these areas.

We thankyou in advance, The staff of St. Therese

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Emu (flags) crossings

What do they look like?
Emu crossings have white road markings and red “CHILDREN CROSSING” flags displayed on red and white posts. They are located in school zones.

How do they work?
Emu crossings are part time crossings. They are operational when the “CHILDREN CROSSING” flags are displayed. Schools may provide school crossing monitors to supervise the crossing of children and adults.

The flags shall be displayed only when school children are likely to be proceeding to or from school within normal school hours and not at other times. See factsheet: School crossing monitors.

What should pedestrians do?
Whenever people cross the road, even if the flags are displayed, they should still use the STOP LOOK LISTEN THINK procedure to check that vehicles have stopped and drivers have seen them before they walk across.

When the flags are not up pedestrians do not have priority. They should use the STOP LOOK LISTEN THINK procedure to cross the road.

When crossing monitors are on duty everyone must follow their instructions.

What should drivers do?
As emu crossings are in school zones, drivers must travel at no more than 25 km/hr at any time when children are present on the road or footpath.

Drivers must stop for anyone using the crossing or about to use the crossing when flags are displayed.

Drivers must not park within 20 metres of the approach to an emu crossing or within 10 metres after passing it.

For further information:
Call 8402 1917 - Email dpi.way2go@sa.gov.au – Visit www.dpi.sa.gov.au/Way2Go
Early Collection of students:

If you wish to collect your child early please ensure you leave enough time to sign them out at the front office and take an early departure card to the class teacher when you pick up your child.

Unless absolutely urgent we are unable to call classrooms during learning times.

A wonderful and selfless effort from one of our students, Jensen, in Rm 1/2 HM
Emmaus Mass—10am, Sunday, 7 May, 2017

Please come to this special event—Emmaus Mass

On Sunday, May 7, 2017
From 10am—1pm

For Emmaus School Families and all the Emmaus Community

At Holy Cross Church for Mass followed by a BBQ in St Thomas School grounds (across the road from the Church)

Holy Cross Church: 33 Angus St, Goodwood
St Thomas School & Preschool: 10 Rushton St, Goodwood

St Dominic’s Chapel
in the grounds of
Cabra Dominican College
turns 100 Years in April.

To mark the occasion a
Eucharist Celebration
followed by morning tea will be held on
Sunday 30 April @ 9.30am

Seating is limited. Please reserve a seat at
http://www.cabra.catholic.edu.au/news-events/online-bookings

For more information please contact Helen Telford on 8179 2453 or
htelford@cabra.catholic.edu.au

NEW!

Hub Recreation Centre

TERM 1, 2017

FREECOME & TRY SESSIONS!

WHERE: The Hub Recreation Centre -
Park Ave (opposite Mitre 10), Aberfoyle Park.

WHEN: 3 FREE come and try days, 28 March, 4 & 11 April
from 4:00-5:00 pm. Weekly competition will follow in Term 2.

WHO: Any one in years 4-7, experienced players and newbies!

HOW: Get a team of 4-6 together and nominate online OR enter as
an individual and we will help you find a team!

www.volleyballsa.com.au/spikezone OR phone 8363 1265

FREE YOUTH
SWIM & SLIDE

Saturday 1 April 2017
10am to 2pm

An initiative of City of Marion’s National Youth Week celebrations

FREE entry for ages up to 25 years

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• Inflatable obstacle course
• Soccer fun on the grass
• Come and try volleyball

Parents with supervision of children over 16 years.
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