



# ST. THERESE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## From the Principal...

### HOLY WEEK

This week we have a number of planned events scheduled to coincide with Holy Week, a very significant time in the church and school year. In advance I would like to thank the teachers and students who have prepared and planned these services which include:

Palm Sunday service Prep (Monday)  
Grade 3 Holy Thursday service (Wednesday) 11.30am  
Grade 2 Good Friday service (Thursday) 10.30am.

In addition, we will also have our traditional Mini Caritas Fair on Thursday from 11.30am.

### CRAFT STALL

Last Saturday we held a craft stall in the St Therese's Hall. This was the second time we have held one of these events and we had strong support on the day, in particular from a number of visitors outside our school community.

The event was great exposure for our school and we received some great feedback from stallholders and patrons who were keen to support a similar event potentially scheduled later in the year.

A sincere thank you to the hard working team of Lauren and Ken Hall, Ange and Paul Chipman, Renata Jones, Prue Kurowski, Cate Stevenson, Jessica Cox and Scott and Kelly Luttrell who generously planned and coordinated this event on behalf of the school, which raised over \$1103.40 a fantastic result! Also thank you also to Mr Mac and Greg Bonnily who assisted with the set up arrangements.

### HELPFUL HINTS FOR PARENTS

Personal organization refers to children's ability to manage their time, their environment and their work tasks. For some children, personal organization comes naturally, however, many children, particularly boys, need assistance in this area. A structured, orderly, uncluttered environment at home and at school makes it easier for children to be organised and in control. The importance of becoming organised increases as children make their way through the grades and it is particularly relevant when students enter high school. Below are some handy hints for families and students.

### BRIGHT IDEAS FOR HELPING CHILDREN GET ORGANISED

- Routines take the worry out of remembering. Homework routines, morning routines, even after school unpacking routines help children to be organised. For instance, an after school routine may include unpacking a schoolbag, handing school notices to a parent and eating a snack.
- Have regular homework time. Establish a regular homework time and help your child to stick to it. If no formal work has been set, then use this time for reading.
- Have morning 'round up'. Remind children of the day's events each morning so they can plan accordingly.

- There are times when so much is going on in young people's lives that they require structure and routine to help them get organised. Gentle reminders to pack lunches, take notices to school and even to dress appropriately can assist children.
- Clear away the clutter. A regular clean up of desks and work areas can help children gain control of their environment.
- Make use of a checklist when it all seems too much. Place a list of routine morning activities by a child's bed (or on the refrigerator) and insist that it is checked before he/she goes to school.
- Less is better. Encourage young children to bring home only the books that he/she needs to work on each night. Some children become overwhelmed when they have a bagful of books and they have difficulty knowing where to start.
- Use a diary to plan ahead. Encourage your child to place homework, social and school events in a diary.

### **SOCCER SEASON**

A huge thank you to Mr Steve Tew who has taken on the role of school soccer coordinator again this year, supported by Mr Dwyer. Mr Tew has already spent considerable hours planning for the upcoming season undertaking numerous administrative tasks and we greatly appreciate him taking on this significant task.

### **LETTER OF THANKS**

Over the past few weeks, St. Therese's has accommodated a lovely family from St Finn Barr's Catholic School in Launceston. The school was asked and recommended by the TCEO to place the children temporarily in our classes whilst their father was recovering from an accident in the Royal Hobart Hospital. Below is a letter to the school from the family and we wish them all the best for their return home to Launceston.

To The St Therese's Community.

I just wanted to write and say how much I appreciated you all, and a huge thankyou. Not only have you opened your school to allow some normality for my children in this time, but have opened your hearts to them and me.

It has amazed me the support we have received from everyone here, the kids have felt accepted and fitted in really well, and will miss the friends that they have made here. With families sharing uniforms with Sarah and Thomas. And the beautiful mums in kinder bringing a present in for Thomas, of which has kept him and the others busy for many hours in the hospital.

One top of my husband's original burns injuries, he had 8 days in an induced coma, which lead to pneumonia. Since then Asthma attacks and a few blood clots in his lungs and near his heart has set his recovery back a little and nearly sent him back to ICU. In the whole time knowing that many were praying was a huge support to me.

This weekend he has been able to have some day leave, which has enabled us to have some family time, even though it was just hanging out at the unit we are staying at. At this point we are hopeful that he will be released from hospital early in the week and that he will be able to come and pick the kids up from school, he is looking forward to seeing the place and people that have opened their hearts to our kids.

If all goes well we will be heading back to Launceston over Easter. To the families that have had contact with the kids and would like to keep in contact my e-mail is [katiemai@inet.net.au](mailto:katiemai@inet.net.au) and I'm on Facebook. Please let us know if you are up our end of the state as the kids would love a play date.

Lots of love  
Katie Colebrook-Smith

### STAFFING

We would like to share some exciting news with the school community regarding Mrs Emma Reid. Mrs Reid and her family are expecting their third child in October. Mrs Reid will begin her maternity leave at the end of Term 3.

Mrs Lauren Hall will be returning to St Therese's to teach Grade One in Mrs Reid's absence. Mrs Nicole Cochrane will continue to teach Grade One in Term 4, therefore co-teaching with Mrs Hall.

The teaching days for Mrs Hall and Mrs Cochrane will be confirmed closer to Term 4.

Cameron Brown  
Principal



## Reflection



### Rising with Christ.

School closes this week for the first holidays of the year and when it reopens, Easter will have been and, one could be tempted to think, gone without making a difference. We easily get into a rut with our faith, not realising just how deeply the presence of Jesus Christ has gone down into our being and transformed us to a new way of engaging with other people and our world. 'Mc, changed?' I can hear you asking. Yes, let us look at the ways. As Christians we believe:

**That good can come out of bad.** The power Jesus gave in defeating death is given to us. We are not defined or confined by the bad things that happen to us. We can turn them to good.

**That prayer really makes a difference.** The good desires I have for others can be offered to God and sent to surround and care for them – even if they are on the other side of the world.

**That forgiveness is not only possible but desirable.** When we hear stories of people who have forgiven those who have wronged them, we understand, we get it – even if we feel it might be beyond us.

**That virtue is something for which we should work and strive.** Yes, we want to be better because we believe we have been made for that.

These are the subtle ways, Jesus Christ is alive in you. Let yourself be surprised this Easter by recognising and appreciating the new divine life that is rising in your hearts.

*Loving God, my faith can seem so ordinary at times that I think it has little effect on me. Let me realise how the Holy Spirit is alive within me allowing the life of Jesus to rise in my heart and in my life. I ask this in Jesus' name confident that you will hear me.*

*Sr Kym Harris o.s.b*

### SCHOOL PHOTOS - CHANGE OF DATE

In the last newsletter we stated that the school photos would be taken on Monday 15th May. This date had to be changed due to the kinders not being present on a Monday. When booking the original date in 2016, kinder days hadn't yet been confirmed.

The new date is :

**Wednesday 31st May**

Please note that full formal winter uniform must be worn.





#### **Week 10 - Holy Week**

**Wednesday 12th April - Grade 3 Holy Thursday Service, Church 11.30am**

**Thursday 13th April - HOLY THURSDAY - Last Day Term 1**

Grade 2 Good Friday Service, Church 10.30am

Caritas Mini Fair 11.30am - 1pm

Easter Raffle drawn 2pm

**Friday 14th April - GOOD FRIDAY**

**Saturday 15th April - HOLY SATURDAY**

**Sunday 16th April - EASTER SUNDAY**

**Monday 17th April - EASTER MONDAY**

**Monday 1st May - First Day Term 2 - Winter Uniform to be worn**

**Wednesday 31st May - School Photos - Full Formal Winter Uniform to be worn**

#### **School Fees**

Statements of amounts outstanding will be sent home tomorrow.

Please note that these statements are as at 31 March and any payments made after this date will not be shown.

Accounts should now be paid in full unless there are payment arrangements already in place.

#### **Kindergarten 2018 Enrolments**

Kindergarten applications for 2018 are due before Friday 5th May 2017. If you have a child due to start Kinder next year, please get your application to us before this date. Enrolment forms are available from the school office.

#### **Grade 7 Enrolments**

Grade 7 enrolment applications were due at your nominated Catholic high school before Friday 31st March 2017. If you intend for your child to continue on at a Catholic school for Grade 7, please ensure you contact that school asap for enrolment forms.

## **P&F Update**

### **Coin Line**

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March we lined up all the silver coins that were donated by families towards the fundraising efforts of Matt Kean for the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre in Melbourne. A staggering \$524.40 was raised. Our sincere thanks to all families for your generous support. The winners were declared a draw between prep and Grade 5.

### **Easter Raffle**

Raffle books came home last week and need to be returned to the office no later than Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>. All students received a book of 10 tickets which can be purchased for 50c each. Colour coded tickets per class so please only purchase tickets in your child's name on the corresponding class colour allocated. Raffle will be drawn on Thursday afternoon

**Donations are still urgently required for Easter raffle prizes**

### **Purchases**

The P&F have recently purchased a much needed new Bluetooth stereo that has been fitted into the School Bus.

### **Mothers Day Stall**

A Skoolbag form will come out in the first few days of Term 2 for you to complete if your child wishes to purchase a gift. The stall will be held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Ideas wanted**

Do you have any great fundraising ideas? Is there anything you'd like to see the P&F do? We have our usual fundraisers like the Easter raffle, Mother and Father's day stalls, discos and of course the Fair. As something new a quiz night is being planned for Term 2 this year. But we always welcome fresh ideas! If you have any great ideas please email [pandf@sttherese.tas.edu.au](mailto:pandf@sttherese.tas.edu.au) or complete the Skoolbag form that will come out in regards to this matter.

**The next P&F meeting will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm.**

Laura Benson  
P&F President.





## Waste Education

Danielle from Glenorchy Council came to St Therese's last week. She taught us about the waste services that Glenorchy Council does for us. We talked about Littering, Recycling and Reusing. It is important to sort our rubbish carefully before we put it in the correct bins.

Here are some photos of Danielle talking to Grade 3.



## STAFF FIRST AID TRAINING

Last Thursday after school, staff participated in our annual first aid refresher course. Majority of our staff are first aid trained and each year we refresh our skills so that we can administer first aid in general and also in the case of an emergency.

Mrs Bellini and Mrs Moutwari did a fabulous job of saving Mr. Firstaid's life!



## GLENORCHY GIRL GUIDES

**Invite you to Come and Try Guides**

For Girls aged 6-17 years

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## **Hobart Royal Botanical Gardens** **Kinders and Grade 5 Buddy Excursion.**



On the 28th of March, Kinders and Grade 5s enjoyed a day at the Botanical gardens, as part of our buddies team building. Kinders really enjoyed their Possum Magic Morning Tea too and we took some of the characters from the story on a walk of discovery. We also found lots of exciting things of interest that we brought back to the classroom to share with others. Our favourite part was rolling down the hill with our buddies. We had a very exciting and busy day.



# Palm Sunday Liturgy



On Monday 10th of April, Prep presented the first of the Holy Week Liturgies, Palm Sunday. With the help of Deacon Michael, Prep children told the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem with his 12 Disciples. The crowd welcomed Jesus as they waved their palms and called out "HOSANA! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest."



Holy Week is a time set aside to celebrate God's love for us in giving us Jesus our Saviour.

Each year, during Holy Week, we celebrate some important events in Jesus' life. As well as remembering Jesus' life as a man on earth, we believe that Jesus is with us in a new and special way.





# Palm Sunday Liturgy





# The Last Supper



Prep children continued with the Easter story.  
We shared a special meal with our friends.





# Easter Story Continues...



**Jesus gives Judas a piece of bread.  
Judas leaves to get the soldiers.**



**Jesus praying in the Garden of  
Gethsemane.**



**Jesus being arrested by the soldiers.**



**Jesus carrying the cross.**



**Jesus is crucified.**



**Jesus' body is placed in the tomb.**



# Easter Story Continues...



**Jesus' friends spoke with Father Mark about the Easter Story.**



**Jesus' friends returned to the tomb. Jesus was no longer there.**



**Searching for Jesus.**



**Searching for Jesus and spreading the words. "Jesus is Alive".**



**When we returned back to the classroom, Jesus was there. We all prayed together.**