Term 1  Week 11   4th April 2017

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Dear Parents, Staff and Students

As we come to the end of Term 1 I’d like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their hard work and support. It has been a very busy term in more ways than one. Some of the highlights of our term were our Year 6 Sing Out Loud concert yesterday in the main hall where 6S entertained elderly guests with a range of musical items and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Another highlight was the celebration of St Patrick’s Day and Harmony Day both of which raised funds for their respective causes but more importantly raised the social issues for our children to ponder on.

It’s been a very busy term in sport with our chess team, rugby league team, swimming competitors and Polding entrants all achieving great results. I want to thank the teachers and parents who provided coaching sessions and transport to events.

I must thank the Fundraising Committee for organising an outstanding Easter Raffle, especially Belinda Mortimer and Natalie Evans.

I wish all our families, teachers and staff a safe and happy and holy Easter, especially when travelling.

P & F - Meeting will be held in staff room at 7.00pm tonight.

Enrolments

The enrolment period has begun and I ask any parent who has a child or knows of a child who would like to enrol at St Therese’s to ring the school ASAP and ask for an enrolment pack. We would appreciate all enrolments forms to be returned soon rather than later to allow the admin staff to process these.

School Fees

If you have not paid your fees for term 1 please do so ASAP. If for some reason you are experiencing difficulty with payment you are asked to contact the school and make a time to speak to me about the matter.

Year 6 News

Year 6 Camp costs are included in Term 1 fees so Year 6 parents, your prompt attention to these would be appreciated.

St Pius X enrolment forms were sent home last Friday. Please return to St Therese’s office before 28th April with a copy of student’s Birth Certificate. Please note – late enrolments may have to go onto a waiting list. St Therese’s school fees need to be up to date for final acceptance into St Pius.

Please note: In relation to winter uniforms in Term 2 parents are asked to use their discretion depending on the weather.

Staff In-service Day – Friday 7th April (last day of Term 1) will be a PUPIL FREE DAY.

Duilio Rufo – Principal
On **Monday 22nd May** St Therese’s will again host the Interrelate Family Evening Program. Students in Years 4-6 are invited to attend the evening with their parents. A note will go home next term. **Please do not send any money until you receive the note.**

Session 1: 6pm ‘Where do I come from?’

Session 2: 7:15pm: ‘Preparing for Puberty’

Whilst session 2 is aimed at Year 5-6, Year 4 students can stay for this session- parents’ discretion.

Interrelate is a not-for-profit organisation and receives no government funding for our school education work. Admission charge of $30 per family for one session and $35 per family to attend both sessions.

Thank you to our P and F who have kindly agreed to fund a trial program for our year 6 students this year, called ‘Moving into the Teen Years.’ “Moving into the Teen Years” is a program designed to enhance self-esteem, consolidate previous sexuality and relationship education and help develop communication and decision making skills. Exploring a range of adolescent issues, this comprehensive program is designed for this important time in the lives of senior primary school students. This program will be run by an Interrelate consultant at school during school hours over 4 sessions. Parents are not required to attend. This program will start on 31st May for Year 6 students.

Cheryl Roberts and I had the pleasure of taking a group of year 4 and 5 talented writers to the Annual Newcastle Writers Festival. Visit our Catholic Schools Website for a fantastic story about St Therese’s participation in the event. Year 4 students attended an entertaining and hilarious workshop with George Ivanoff while Year worked with Louise Park. Here are some of the children’s reflections:

**Year 4 & 5 Newcastle Writers Festival**

“On 30th March some lucky Year 4 and 5 students with creative writing talents went to the Newcastle Writers Festival in Newcastle City Hall. These lucky students spent an hour and half with two amazing authors, Louise Park and George Ivanoff.

They had a wonderful time as the year 4’s with George Ivanoff taught them the way to structure stories by showing us his process on the whiteboard while we took notes. We built the story by adding our idea when he called to us. Then we wrote it down on paper. George was impressed by our ideas and took a photo of the board for later. We all had fun. George asked whoever wrote this to stand up. Aurora Beveridge suggested an idea about her demon unicorn. George loved the idea so much that he said he would put it in his next book. Aurora was gifted a signed copy of one of Georges books to show his appreciation of her imagination. George Ivanoff held a very fun session and at the end he have all the kids a personally signed book mark.

The year 5’s spent their time with Louise Park doing special meditation’s, jotting down all their ideas and then making just one paragraph of a story out of their ideas in less than 100 words. They designed their very own characters who were aged 12 and took a wonderful adventure with them. They read the new book of Harriet Clare. We all thought it was an amazing experience.”

By Claire Fitzgibbon, Taylor Bell and Aurora Beveridge

“On Thursday 30 March, a group of year 4 and 5 students went to the Newcastle City Hall for the Newcastle Writers Festival, and I was lucky enough to be one of them.

We started off by catching the OOSH mini bus. When we got there, we met an author called George Ivanoff. He was really funny and has written the You Choose series, and lots of other fascinating books. I really enjoyed his sense of humour and how he could turn ordinary subjects into really hilarious things.

After going on this awesome trip, George Ivanoff has inspired me to write stories, and I hope to publish a book when I am a little older.”

By: Makayla Lawrence – 4PV

“George Ivanoff was so impressed with my skills, he told me I could be an editor in the future!” Noah Murdoch 4C

**Sallyanne Stanbridge - Assistant Principal**

**RE NEWS**

Thank you to all who have returned their Project Compassion boxes for Cartas. If you still have it, please return by the end of this week or early next term.
This Sunday is Palm Sunday, when we recall Jesus' triumphant welcome into Jerusalem. The parish have asked that we invite the children to take part in the procession at the 9:15 mass. Children of any age are invited to participate and meet outside the church. If you have something resembling a palm leaf/ greenery, the children carry these and lay them on the carpet in front of the altar. There will be some palms available in the church.

Finally a huge thank you to my beautiful, generous team members of the Social Justice team for all their commitment in so many ways, particularly prayerfully delivering the liturgies each Tuesday and raising funds for Caritas and refugees.

*Vickie Pettett - Religious Education Coordinator*

**Positive Behaviour Support**

Congratulations to the students who received the School Spirit Award last week in their Grade or Stage Assembly for displaying **RESPECT** by forgiving others.

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I would like to thank the Year 6 PBS Team for all their hard work and dedication this term. They have prepared excellent PowerPoint presentations for the assembly each week and have been motivated and committed in ensuring student names are collected for the Newsletter each week. I look forward to working with the PBS Team next term.

I wish students and their families a safe and restful holiday.

*Kaylene Maretich - Primary Coordinator*

**Kids Matter ~ Teachable Moments**

Every time school holidays are approaching, whether I am teaching Kindergarten or Year 6, I get asked by parents if they can be doing any extra work at home to help support their child. In my opinion, school holidays are a time for play, relaxation and recharging of batteries, but some parents worry their child’s academic achievement will slide or that their child needs extra practise to keep up with their peers. Is there a place for schoolwork in the holidays? My recommendation would be to keep things relaxed, but I would say reading is an important activity to continue over the break. Reading to or with your child is new learning, plus entertainment. Parents should discuss what they have read with their child; this is not only a great way to check for your child’s understanding of what has been read, but also an opportunity for some of that cherished one-on-one time that children crave. Other learning activities such as StudyLadder and Mathletics are okay and have their place, but they are not the be all and end all. It’s all about interaction with other people. The most important work for your child over the break is play – talk to your child, definitely read, but use those times when you are out at the park, the shops, the beach etc to be your teachable moments. The holidays are a renewal time for neurological pathways, so you get productive learning when students come back. Enjoy the break!

*Julia Briggs - Primary Coordinator*

**Touch Football Trials**

Congratulations to Jack Duffield, Lawson Dooley and Zachary Etheridge who were chosen to take part in the Diocese Touch trials on the 26th April, term 3. Well done to all the students who went on the day.

**Catholic and Independent Schools Cup**

The school had 2 teams enter into this Rugby League Gala day and by all accounts the children had a great time. Our Junior team won both of their games and many had their first experience of Rugby League. Thank you to Daniel Quinn for coaching the Junior Team. We continued to have success with the Senior team who won the Grand Final for their age group and will now progress forward to the next round. Thanks must go to the senior coach Jason Duffield and also to all the parent helpers for transporting the students to and from the event and for assisting the coaches. Well done to all involved.

*Deb Petersen - Primary Coordinator*
Dear Parents
In term 4, 2016 we brought together a team of presenters to support parents of children with ADHD and relating behaviours—Dr Michael Lonergan, Steve Zolezzi and Jenni Gilmour. The evening was very well received and we realised at the time that parents wanted more support in dealing with challenging behaviours.

Jenni has offered an evening in the third week of next term, just on parenting. Challenging behaviours are manifested through the frustrations of low esteem, self-doubt and insecurity sometimes because of an underlying condition, sometimes anxiety, and sometimes because of relationship difficulties between parents and children. The main thing to know is the behaviour is not the child and when we separate our personal self we can see that more clearly.

The evening will be held on Tuesday 9th May, Week 3, Term 2. 6.30 – 8.00pm. Jenni will give a short presentation leaving a generous amount of time for questions. Your interest in this event is important so please fill in the form below.

Blessing Cheryl Roberts

The literacy hub: Phonics Facts

Syllable types
Your children may be coming home talking about the different syllable types they are learning at school.
So what’s a syllable… A syllable is a word or part of a word with a taking vowel. Every syllable must have a vowel sound. Vowels are the glue of our language and they can be short or long.

Your child will learn each of the six syllable types as well as concrete rules for dividing syllables. We begin in Kindergarten with students learning about the first two syllable types. Ultimately, the goal is for students to learn strategies for pronouncing unknown words in order to build new vocabulary. This process will begin with simple one-syllable examples and move to more complex words as student’s master each of the syllable types.

Why Teach the Six Syllable Types? Without a strategy for chunking longer words into manageable parts, students may look at a longer word and simply resort to guessing what it is — or altogether skipping it. Familiarity with syllable-spelling conventions helps readers know whether a vowel is long, short, a diphthong, r-controlled, or whether endings have been added. Familiarity with syllable patterns helps students to read longer words accurately and fluently and to solve spelling problems.

Your child may come home talking about non words. The use of pseudo (nonsense) words in phonics instruction is supported by current research and serves different purposes. One purpose is to ensure application of the rule or pattern, rather than students learning a word by sight. More importantly, it enables students to read words that are not in their vocabularies because students will be able to apply the rules to accurately decode the word.

Additionally, reading nonsense words prepares students to decode unfamiliar multisyllabic words. When the basic syllable division rules are applied to break down longer words, students must read the parts (which in many cases are nonsense words). For instance, if a student breaks the word sarcastic into syllables, he/she must read the “nonsense” syllables sar, cas, and tic to accurately read the word. Through practice reading and writing nonsense words/syllables, students will be more prepared to solve words with more than one syllable.

By learning the syllable types and the rules for dividing words, students are empowered to solve unknown words and increase their vocabularies.

What are the 6 syllable types?
1. Closed Syllable (CVC)
A closed syllable ends with a consonant. The vowel has a short sound. Examples: cab-in, nap-kin, trum-pet

2. Open Syllable (CV)
An open syllable ends with a vowel. The vowel has a long sound. The long sound of the vowel is usually the name of the vowel. Examples: me, pho-to, re-ply, ti-ger

3. Vowel Consonant –e Syllable (silent e) (CVe)
The final e is silent. The silent e (magic e) at the end of the word makes the vowel before it say a long sound. Examples: note, pipe

4. R-Controlled Syllable
The syllable has at least one vowel followed by r. The vowel combinations are: ar, or, ir, er, ur, and ear. Example: corn, her bird is hurt

5. Vowel Combination Syllable (CVVC)
The vowel in this syllable has a special sound according to the pattern. It usually has two vowels together. Examples: rain, snow, light
This is often split into 2 categories
a. vowel teams: ai, ay, ee, ea, igh, y, oa, ow, ue, ew. These combinations make a long vowel sound.
b. diphthongs: oi, oy, oo, ow, ou, aw, au. These combinations make a new sound.

6. Consonant –le Syllable
The syllable comes at the end of a word. The final e in the syllable is silent. The syllables are: ble, dle, fle, gle, kle, ple, zle, and stle. Examples: turtle, bubble, bundle

Sarah Barnes - Learning Support Coordinator

Curriculum News: Technology
The Australian Government recently released the draft Digital Technologies curriculum, which is both exciting and challenging.
At St Therese’s ICT has always been a core part of our Library program and class teachers integrate ICT into their class program when it is relevant and adds value to the learning. We support students in becoming effective users of technology. They “develop skills and understandings in managing and operating ICT to investigate, create and communicate”.

The new Digital Technologies curriculum aims to “build on and extend ICT, moving students from technology consumers to creators”.

At St Therese’s we are researching the most effective and creative way to deliver ‘digital technologies’ programs which will include coding and computational thinking.

Another area of rapid growth within education is a drive towards STEM education. STEM education is the learning of science, technology, engineering and mathematics in an interdisciplinary or integrated approach (NSW DoE). Many schools, including St Therese’s, are designing integrated units of work that are inquiry based with an emphasis on STEM skills and knowledge. There may be times when Digital Technologies such as coding are include in STEM activities but it is important to remember they are two separate concepts.

Visit the Department of Education website http://www.stem-nsw.com.au/ to learn more about STEM.

Our school website has a TECHNOLOGY section that provides more detail on the Digital Technologies curriculum, in particular coding and STEM, along with links to resources for families.

I will give an overview of technology at the P&F meeting tonight. We will discuss how, as a school community, we can foster this area of our curriculum.

**Lynette Barker - Learning Technology Co-ordinator/Teacher Librarian**

**Canteen News**
The canteen will be closed for lunch orders on Wednesday 5 April due to the pizza combo day. Ice Monys will not be available in Terms 2 & 3. We’ll just be selling them in Terms 1 & 4.

Four Peppermints - Thanks to everyone who placed an order for Hot Cross Buffins. 10% of all profits goes back to St Therese’s P & F. They can be collected on Thursday 6 April from the YMCA or from the canteen until 3:45pm. If you would still like to place an order you have until 8pm tonight on Flexischools or you can txt me on 0447 509 968 and pay when you pick them up.

We're shaking things up at Four Peppermints Dinner's Ready. We’re having a break during the holidays and then........From Term 2 the deadline for ordering will be extended to 9am on the day of delivery. This will now be the same as the kids lunch orders on Flexischools. While you're online ordering their lunch, you can also sort out dinner. Seven meals, garlic bread and chocolate muffins will be available every day so you can order what you'd like any day of the week. More info will be sent home in a flyer before the end of term. Real Food - Made Easy.

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**Playgroup – There will be NO playgroup on Friday 7th April – due to Pupil Free Day**

Playgroup will be back in the school hall in term 2, week 3, 12th May.

We hope you all have a great Easter and holiday break.

**Easter Raffle**
Thank you to the Kindy parents and grandparents who helped out with the raffle wrapping last Friday. I would also like to thank the Year 6 students who were a big help as well. We were overwhelmed with the response to our request for raffle prizes and are looking forward to an exciting draw on Thursday.

Our next major fundraising event will be our Mother’s Day Stall set down for 11th May, more details to follow.

**Belinda Mortimore, Fundraising Co-ordinator**
Dear Parents/Carers

Children at the Y will be celebrating the upcoming holidays this week with Disco and Party Week! Staff and children will be organising loads of fun group games and dancing up storm to end the afternoons.

VACATION CARE – Places are filling quickly for our Autumn Vacation Care program, so I encourage all families to get their bookings in now. Jump online today to check out our exciting program and make your bookings. We now offer two excursions per week and range of other great activities to keep your children entertained.

Last week the children enjoyed a visit from The Native Animal Trust Fund and a gorgeous baby rescue possum.

Children’s Corner:
“I like the Easter craft we get to complete at the Y.” Lydia B
“We love the YMCA craft.” Chloe M, Sophie G and Maddy L
“I love listening to music in the senior chill zone.” Alice M
"I love getting to play with kids from other schools at the Y." Lawson M
"I like that we get to play with our BeyBlades." Will B

PUPIL FREE DAY – We are offering a full day of care on the 7th April for those families requiring care. Please ensure you advise centre staff if your child will be attending on this day.

Have a fabulous week!

Kind regards,
Kylie Nadalin - Coordinator
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Kim Sinclair (mum of Imogen in 6M)

Athletics Carnival – Year 6 Fundraiser
A COMBO deal will be available to students at the athletics carnival. The cost of $5 includes a Sausage Sizzle( bread roll), drink and a Freddo. Orders can be made on Flexischools until Wednesday 9pm 3 May 2017. Parents who are attending the athletics Carnival are welcome to purchase their own Combo deal as well. A Cake stall and Coffee Van will also be available at the carnival. The BBQ and food and coffee are organized by the Year 6 parents.

Sing Out Loud Concert
On Monday morning Mrs Sturt’s Year 6 students held a concert for the elderly in our community in conjunction with Novacare. The very talented Stephanie trained the children and elders for a number of weeks and their confidence and joy in performing was palpable, not a dry eye in the house for their rendition of “The Blessing Song” accompanied by the very talented Ben Pettet.
An Evening with Jenni Gilmour discussing “Support for Parents in dealing with challenging behaviour”

When:      Tuesday 9th May  
Where:    Fr Walsh Hall  
Time:       6.30pm – 8.00pm

Parents Name:_________________________________   Number Attending:___________________

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