Dear Parents, Staff and Students

Welcome back for the commencement of the 2017 school year. I trust that you all had a wonderful break and that you are now refreshed and ready for the year ahead. I give a special welcome to new staff: Mr Luke Smith, Ms Louise Dawson and Mrs Monica Griffiths. We also welcome back Mrs Anne Sturt who as you know was unwell last year. It’s great to have you back Anne. Mr Crichton unfortunately has had some issues with his diabetes and so will not be returning.

A special welcome to all our new Kinder students who commence school next Tuesday and to our new students who have joined our community; Liam MacDonald, Banjo Mulley, Sophia Lunn, Daniel Jomon, Penny Muller, William Gent, Elena Macdonald, Gabriel Tobin, Emily Gregory, Eve Muller, Chynna Mulley, Edward Jomon, Shakiya-Lee Byrnes, Toby Jackson, Billy Eick, Halle Eick, Ella Barber, Dante Bergamin Callaghan and Hyunjun Roh.

School Council and Captains

At today’s assembly the School Council and Captains were re-introduced to the school community. Congratulations once again to Thomas Mortimore and Grace Gollege our School Captains. School Council: Alice Meers, Bella Crouch, Xavier Bertoncello, Chiara Martinelli, Sam Bottom, Lilianne Samson and Hannah Giles, Sport Captains Gold: Lawson Dooley and Sophie Aslett, Blue: Jacob Cook and Milly Hilton, Red: Beau Rayner, Sophie Dein and Karlia Bramble, Green: Jack Connors, Oliver Raymond and Maeve McCarthy.

Kinder Rooms:

You would be aware that last year I initiated a change in the way that we work with our Kinder children and that I have engaged Dr Cathie Harrison from the University to work with us in this most important area of education. During the holidays the Kinder rooms were remodelled and a new art and science room was built. Kinder staff spent a great deal of their time at school reorganising the rooms in readiness for next week’s children to arrive. Parents are welcome to come and have a look and more information will be forthcoming.

Kinder children start on Tuesday 7th February.

This term we are trialling Tuesday afternoon assemblies. These will commence on Tuesday 21st February at 2.30pm. This is to free up the mornings for literacy blocks in the school. Please note: there will be NO TUESDAY ASSEMBLIES before this date.

Staff In-service Day

Please note that Friday 7th April (last day of Term 1) will be a PUPIL FREE DAY.
P&F Meeting
The first meeting of the P&F will be held Tuesday 7th Feb in the Staff Room (Admin Building) at 7pm.

Staffing for 2017
KB – Julia Briggs and Sam Rosinski  
KM – Carly Mortimer  
KHD- Kristy Healey/Bernadette Duffy  
1CH-Gerard Crichton/Melinda Helmers  
1WP-Carmel Warby/Naomi Parker  
1C- Jennifer Curtain  
2A- Bernard Adams  
2WM-Alexandra Wilson/Sara Murdoch  
2M – Kaylene Maretich/Melinda Stanley  
3K-Leanne Kepreotes  
3R-John Rouse  
3SJ-Sallyanne Stanbridge/Janine Schneider

Clericals: Mrs Vicki McSpadden, Mrs Louise Dawson & Mrs Jenny Hurst
Teacher Librarians: Mrs Lynette Barker & Mrs Mandy Shumack
IT Co-ordinator: Mrs Lynette Barker
Special Needs Teachers: Mrs Sarah Barnes & Mrs Melanie Dodge & Mrs Sam Rosinski
Learning Support Co-ordinator: Mrs Sarah Barnes
ESL Teacher: Mrs Maree Adams
Integrative Aides: Mrs Jenny Moses, Mrs Sandra Breton, Mrs Gina Chiaverini, Mrs Trish Hibbert, Ms Kristen Smith, Mr Daniel Rufo, Mrs Dianne Galli, Mrs Colleen McCrae, Mrs Annie Maher, Mrs Kylie Lunn
Library Assistants: Mrs Jen Boyko & Mrs Julia Field
Pastoral Care Worker & Aboriginal Support Worker: Mrs Cheryl Roberts (Mon,Tues, Thurs, Fri)
YMCA OOSH & Vacation Care: Courtney & Kylie Madalin, Centre Co-ordination 4957 4144/0402 165 617
Canteen: Belinda Palmer
OT: Karen Ray
School Counsellor: Tamara Burns

Duilio Rufo - Principal

Working with Children Check for all volunteers: IMPORTANT INFORMATION!
Due to changes in legislation and the implementation of the New Working With Children Check Clearance across NSW, all school volunteers are required to obtain a Working with Children Check Clearance Number from the Office of the Children’s Guardian (OCG). This includes those volunteering in the canteen, helpers with reading, art, sport, transporting children or in any other capacity where they have direct contact with children. Even those who have completed previous Child Protection Declarations and are on the Register of Volunteers will need to obtain a Working with Children Check Clearance Number.

The steps to obtain a Working with Children Check Clearance Number are as follows:
· Fill out an online application form at www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check
· When you have completed the application form, you will receive an Application number (APP) by email.
· Take this Application number and proof of your identity to a NSW motor registry or Service NSW Office. As it is not paid work the $80 fee will be waived.
· Once your application has been processed and you are cleared, you will receive your Working With Children Check number (WWC) by email (or post if you do not have an email address)
· Bring your Working With Children Check number to the school and fill in the Declaration Form. You will need to bring proof of identity documents with you for a 100 point check. Your WWC number and form will then be sent to our Diocesan Child Protection Unit (Zimmerman Services) to be put on the new Register of Volunteers.

Please see attached Volunteer Induction Handbook. If you are unable to print at home please contact Office for a copy.

Welcome Back
Welcome back to a new school year and I trust that you had a happy and peace filled Christmas with your family and loved ones.

This year we will continue our focus in literacy on spelling and staff will also participate in Professional Development in writing. This will begin with Dr Alison Davis (an academic from New Zealand) who will work with staff on the evening of Thursday 6th April and all day on Friday 7th April. Please note that Friday 7th April (last day of term 1) will be a PUPIL FREE DAY.

Enjoy your first week,

Sallyanne Stanbridge - Assistant Principal
RE News
Today the members of the Executive Staff led the school community for our first Assembly Liturgy, focussing on the Beatitudes. Tuesday Assembly is the only time we come together as a whole school community and it is an opportunity to share God’s Word together. Parents are always welcome at these Assemblies. Parents are warmly invited to join us for a whole school Opening Celebration on Friday 17th February at 9:30 in the Hall. A welcoming cuppa will be available after the celebration.

From Pope Francis:
“We all have a duty to do good.”

Vickie Pettett – Religious Coordinator

The literacy hub: Phonics Facts

In January I was fortunate enough to be involved in the first Australian Multisensory Structured Language (MSL) club for students aged 5 – 13 with Dyslexia. The club was run over 4 days in Melbourne and catered for 100 students. Leading Literacy Specialists from NSW, Victoria and Tasmania travelled to provide evidenced based education for the students at the club. Students worked in small groups of three or four with an MSL tutor in the morning, followed by afternoon sessions of activities (for example lego robotics, drama, sports and arts) where the children could build relationships with other dyslexic children helping to break down the isolation that dyslexic children often feel and establishing relationships that they can continue.

The club was so successful that another is already being organised for the July holidays with over half the positions already being filled.

All teaching at the camp used the latest evidence based practice in the teaching of reading and spelling with explicit instruction around phonology and morphology an emphasis. Research tells us that this type of instruction is not just essential for those experiencing difficulties but should form the basis of ALL literacy instruction in mainstream classrooms.

It was exciting to be part of such ground breaking club and to work alongside some of the most inspirational literacy specialists from around Australia. I look forward to bringing strategies back to further strengthen the MSL peadagogy we use at St Therese’s.

Next week I will be back in Melbourne for further training with Orton Gillingham Fellow Susie van der Vorst who is travelling from her home in the USA to train a small number of OG Educators. I am fortunate that Mr Rufo has supported this extra training and once again I look forward to bringing new skills back to our students at St Therese’s.

Look out for “The Literacy hub: phonics fact” in upcoming newsletters as we will address some of the phonology and morphology that your children are learning at school.

Sarah Barnes - Learning Support Co-ordinator

For Sale
New School Bags have arrived in at the office $40ea. We also have hats in stock for $12.

The second hand clothing pool is also located in the office with second hand clothing ranging in price from $2 - $15. If you are donating secondhand clothing, please ensure it is in good, clean condition.

Family Discount Forms and School Fees
Thank you to those families who returned their family discount forms last year. If you are yet to complete this form, please contact the office for a copy. Discounts will only be applied to your school fees based on the information contained on this form. If you hold a HCC card, please provide a copy to the office asap. Fee statements will be sent home in Week 3. They will show Term one fees only. If you require the full year's fees please contact the office and a yearly invoice will be supplied. Fees can be paid via, cash, cheque, Bpay and Direct Debit. Eftpos payments can be taken over the phone. For help working out the weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments, please contact the Principal, Mr Rufo.

Vicki McSpadden - School Bursar
Swimming Carnival 2017

6th Feb - Monday Week 3, Forum - All notes are now overdue for the swimming carnival. If you are new to the school please see me (Mrs Petersen) about what events you would like to go in. Any outstanding money for your child/ren to attend should be paid at the office this week. A final note about the carnival will go home during this week and we thank the parents who have already offered to help in some way. Let's start the 2017 Sporting year off to a great start and come and support your children as they participate in the School Swimming Carnival.

The top 3 swimmers in each event (except relays) will head to the Central Regional Carnival on Tuesday the 14th Feb. More details to follow.

Please make sure that students are at school on time so that they can catch the buses. Children will be marked off the class roll as per normal and then make their way to the buses.

Sport Rep Clothes
I have a number of sport representative clothes missing still. If you have any items at home please send them in.

Deb Petersen - Primary Coordinator

Sport Days for 2017

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Canteen News
The roster for 2017 has been emailed out. If you have volunteered and not received a copy please txt me your email address. Canteen News - Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help in the canteen this year. I have emailed the roster and it is also soon be on the website and Skoolbag app. There are gaps on some days so if you are able to help please let me know. The menu and price list are also available on Flexischools, the website and Skoolbag app. The only change from last year is that our homemade choc muffins are now $1.20.

The swimming carnival is next Monday but the canteen will be open as usual for those children remaining at school. Volunteers rostered in that day are welcome to attend the carnival.

Dinner's Ready - Why not pick up dinner when you pick up the kids. Freshly prepared meals are available from Four Peppermints Catering (aka Belinda from the canteen). Something different is available every day - ranging from slow cooked lasagne to cheesy chicken pie, pulled pork to quiche. All the details are on www.fourpeppermints.com.au Order via Flexischools or contact me directly - Belinda 0447 509 968

Clarinet for sale
Great condition - only used in School Band for approx. 6 months Includes : Clarinet, Case & Music Stand $150.00.
Ph. 0412 658 958 – Jennie

Wests Netball Registrations 2017 – at Wests Leagues Bowling Club, Tauranga Road, behind Wests carpark. For further information please call Stephanie on 0412 525 900.
Wednesday, 1st February 2017 4pm to 8pm
Saturday, 4th February 2017 9am to 1pm

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ST THERESE’S CANTENE PRICE LIST - 2017

LUNCH BAG ........................................... $0.20

SANDWICHES & SALADS

Vegemite ........................................... $1.50
Cheese ........................................... $1.50
Egg ................................................. $2.00
Egg & Lettuce ...................................... $2.50
Salad (Lettuce, Cucumber, Tomato, Carrot) $2.00
Ham ................................................. $3.00
Ham & Salad ...................................... $4.00
Teacher’s Salad Plate (Ham, Salad, Beetroot, Shallots, Cheese, Egg & Avocado) $7.00
Caesar Salad (Lettuce, Egg, Bacon, Cheese, Croutons & Dressing) .................. $4.00

Add 50c for Roll or Wrap
Add 50c for Avo, Egg or Cheese

HOT FOOD

Chicken Drumettes ................................ $0.50
Small Pie (Low Fat) .............................. $1.60
Sausage Roll (Low Fat) ........................ $2.00
Hot Dog with Sauce ............................. $2.50
Large Pie (Low Fat) .............................. $2.60
Chicken Burger (Chicken Breast, Patty, Lettuce & Mayo) ......................... $3.70
Potato Box (Chips, Potatoes With Bacon, Cheese, Corn, Shallots & Sour Cream) $4.00
Chicken Chili Wrap (Chicken Tender, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese & Mayo) ....... $4.20
Sauce Portions ..................................... $0.30

FRUIT & VEG

Carrot Sticks ....................................... $0.30
Fruit ................................................ $0.70

DRINKS

Water ................................................ $1.20
100% Juice (Apple, Tropical, Orange) ........................................... $1.50
Flavoured Milk (Choc, Strawberry) ............................................. $1.80

SNACKS

Hello Pandas ...................................... $0.80
Popcorn ........................................... $0.70
Jumpy’s (BBQ, Chicken) ........................ $1.20
Red Rock Deli Chips (Plain, Honey Soy) ....................................... $1.50
Choc Chip Muffin .................................. $1.20

COLD TREATS

Zooper Dooper ..................................... $0.40
Juicies (Apple, Apple/Blackcurrant, Orange, Tropical, Wildberry) .......... $0.60
Lemonade Fizz ..................................... $0.60
Moosies (Choc, Strawberry, Banana) ...................................... $1.00
Dixie Cup .......................................... $1.10
Fandango (Fairy Flots, Choc Mallow) ......................................... $1.50
Slushie .............................................. $1.50
Tuning in to Kids

Building Emotional Intelligence through Conscious Parenting

A six session parenting program for parents of children aged 2-12

Facilitated by Jenni Gilmour, Child and Family Psychologist

Would you like to learn how to:
- be better at talking with your child?
- be better at understanding your child?
- help your child learn to manage their emotions?
- help to prevent behaviour problems in your child?

Tuning in to Kids shows you how to help your child develop emotional intelligence. Children with higher emotional intelligence:
- have greater success with making and keeping friends
- have better concentration at school
- are more able to calm down when upset or angry
- tend to have fewer childhood illnesses

Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ!

Where: The Family Health and Wellness Centre, OTP House, Kotara
When: Tuesdays 6.30-8.30pm
Starting February 28th for 6 weeks
Cost: $360 (Rebates available)
Call 4956 3353 to Register

Does your child want to learn guitar, keyboard, piano? Ring Ben: 0408 504 882
$20.00 for 30mins private lesson, group lessons at a reduced price.

The new leaders for 2017