



Mass Times in Parish
Anglesea: Sat 5.30pm
Torquay: Sun 8.45am
Grovedale: Sun 10.30am
 Parish Phone
 Number: 52439891

Dates to Remember
Term 2:

Queen's Birthday:
Public Holiday
 June 8

Confirmation Family
Night: June 9 7pm

Hot Dog Day: June 10

Working Bee: Saturday
 June 13 (see below)

Confirmation
Presentation Mass:
 June 14

Sushi Day: June 17

Whole School Assembly:
 2:45 June 23

Last Day of Term:
 June 26 @ 12 noon

New Enrolments
due in by July 17
 (enrolment forms are in the
 Office)

An up to date Calendar can be
 found on our school website.

Newsletter

June 4 – Term 2, Week 8 2015

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Dear Families, Staff, Students and Friends,

Congratulations to members of our Year 5/ 6 team who were selected to present at the 2015 ACER conference, Improving assessment of student learning, which took place in Sydney last week. Below we have attached an article from this weeks 'Surf Coast Times'.

I thought I would also share with you a letter we received from Amy, a pre- service teacher from Latrobe University, who recently spent 3 weeks in our 1 /2 learning area.

I have been completely inspired by the 1/2 teaching team, the St. Therese staff and school philosophy during my three weeks placement. I enjoyed learning from, and becoming a part of the learning community in the 1/2 environment and have become intrigued and motivated by the contemporary learning style that you offer. I found myself regularly wishing that my Primary School had of accommodated for each student the way St. Therese does when I was at school! It was really inspiring to see all the students being catered for, supported and have a sense of belonging in the school community.

*Thanks again,
 Amy Hyland*

Working Bee: Currently we have only had 9 families respond. Please see information below.

Enhancing Catholic School Identity (ECSI) Survey: Four weeks ago you received, by email, an invitation to participate in the ECSI survey which will assist us in better understanding how our Catholic Identity is expressed in work and practice here at St Therese.

It is important that we have as many parents as possible complete this survey by June 19. If you haven't already done so could you please make this a priority in the next week. Currently we have only 14 families who have completed the survey. Please contact the office if you would like more details.

Prep party with the Principal: Pictured above are the Prep children who celebrated their birthdays in May, enjoying a party in the staff room. They are: Mylee, Lily, Luella, Jansen, Molly, William and Indiah.

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School's success celebrated

BY ADEM SABAN

TORQUAY'S St Therese Primary School has received national recognition for a system they designed and introduced to the curriculum, winning an award from the Australian Council for Educational Research.

The school's use of Google docs as real time assessment for teachers and students blew the council away, labelling the presentation as outstanding.

St Therese leader of learning and teaching Dena Reddan said the program had proven itself successful, receiving positive feedback from all parties involved.

On the Google doc, teachers record the progress of students and their work, while students are able to record what they are thinking and how they are travelling with the curriculum.

"It is a personalised approach to learning that requires you to think differently about assessments," Ms Reddan said.

"A 'real-time' approach to assessment through the use of a co-authored, co-viewed document enables teachers to facilitate learning and explicit teaching episodes.

"The students have developed a high level of self efficacy and the ability to articulate their learning and thinking."

The program was introduced as a trial to 5/6 classes, and the school is now looking to introduce it throughout the school.

Teachers Ronald Dando and Stephanie Nitschke presented the program at the Australian Council for Educational Research at the Excellence in Professional Practice – Improving Assessments of Student Learning conference in Sydney.

The council said the presentation was very creative, and fit in with the theme of the conference itself.

The program has received great feedback from parents at the school, who featured in the presentation on film.



Students Eva-May Jablonski, Griffin Lee and Ella McCarthy, who featured in the presentation, were thrilled to hear that their teachers Stephanie Nitschke, Dena Reddan and Ronald Dando's program and presentation won an award.



Outstanding Presentation Award: ACER (Australian Council for Educational Research) Conference on Assessment

Congratulations to all at St. Therese. The presentation in Sydney on Friday May 22 by Stephanie Nitschke, Ronald Dando and Dena Reddan on real time assessment and the use of google docs in partnership with students and parents, was incredibly well received. The school received the award, which was one of only four given at this International Conference. As part of the Conference, the teachers attended sessions by Professor John Hattie and Geoff Masters, just to name a few.



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Simultaneous Storytime at Torquay Library: Some Year 1/2 students listening to a book written by Australian author, Aaron Blabey. Some parents also chose to come along and listen. Thanks to Theresa and Angie (our School Library Technicians) for organizing our participation in this Australia wide event. Over 500,000 people listened to Aaron's stories.



Closure Day: Out and About in partnership with Victoria University



Last Friday, we worked alongside Dr. Catherine Hamm and Dr. Jeanne Iorio to begin our research around connecting students to community with the view that all students are capable as learners. The teachers were able to take time to gather, share a coffee and some breakfast (thanks to the Owen's at Moby's) in order to then walk to Point Danger and create opportunities to connect to community. Catherine and Jeanne then led the staff through some current professional research around this thinking. This will enable the staff to prepare for Term 3 and our students being out and about.

ST THERESE WORKING BEE SATURDAY 13 June 2015

Dear Parents,

Our students, staff and families are very lucky to have such wonderful school grounds and we are seeking your assistance to help us out and complete some maintenance work around them. We only have 1 working bee per year and really rely on your generosity to help maintain our school grounds for your children.

The working bee will be on Saturday June 13 from 9am till 12:00pm.

Below is a list of the jobs we need to complete on the day and also a list of the tools we need to complete them. If you feel you are able to help and contribute could you please fill out the form below and return it to the office by **Friday June 5, or email me gmccarthy@sttorquay.catholic.edu.au**, so we can organise the teams needed for the day.

Anyone who has machinery, such as a bobcat, to move mulch and is willing to help out, please contact the school office. This could be done prior to the 13th.

JOBS

1. Mulching –mulch 3/4 garden areas.
Equipment needed: wheel barrows and pitch forks/mulch forks.
2. Mulching –mulch 5/6 & sculpture garden areas.
Equipment needed: wheel barrows and pitch forks/mulch forks.
3. Mulching- mulch garden beds next to prep
Equipment needed: wheel barrows and pitch forks/mulch forks.
4. Mulching- mulch garden beds around chickens
Equipment needed: wheel barrows and pitch forks/mulch forks.
5. Spread Soft fill- playground areas
Equipment needed: wheel barrows and pitch forks/mulch forks.
6. Sand pits- filling 1/2 sand pits
Equipment needed: shovels and wheel barrows.
7. Spread granitic sand near 1/2 building and 3/4 building.
Equipment needed: shovels and wheel barrows.
8. Lopping small branches
Equipment needed: chainsaw
9. Staining merbau fence around 1/2 Garden.
Equipment needed: none.

Please email me at
gmccarthy@sttorquay.catholic.edu.au

By Friday June 5 with the below information

NAME: _____ AREA I CAN ASSIST IN: _____

EQUIPMENT I CAN BRING: _____ CONTACT NUMBER: _____

Financial Assistance Information for Parents Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School **camp**s provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, **excursions** encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and **sports** teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

\$125 for primary school students

\$225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015. These forms are available from the office.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

LIBRARY NEWS:

Angie and I would like to thank the School Community for their generosity shown in support of our latest Book Fair. We raised over \$1000 of which goes directly back into purchasing books for our P – 6 grades.

In particular we would like to thank the following student volunteers - Tom Chalmers, Anton Ridgway, Kye Owens, Laurence D'Addazio, Chloe Gough, Amelia Reyntjes, Ella Johns, Lucy Jedynek, Tom Garreau and Kai Tracey. They did a fantastic job of running the Book Fair showing that given the opportunity (with only a minimum of supervision and guidance) they can do amazing things.

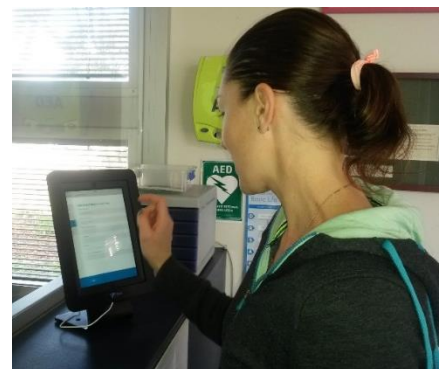


Just a reminder too for parents to check out the free activities that are being hosted at your local libraries over the school holidays. They cover most age groups but require bookings, so get in early. Here is a link to the activities

<http://www.grlc.vic.gov.au/events/all-about-kids>

Thanks again!

New VPass Sign In/Out System: Parents will notice the new VPass sign in /out system set up in the front office. This system is very user friendly and environmentally sustainable- no more paper. If you are signing your child in late (after 10am) or signing your child out early please be sure to use the new VPass System. This system is also designed to sign in visitors and volunteers – classroom helpers will need to sign in as a volunteer.



P & F *latest news...*

St Therese parent survey

This survey has been designed to provide information on School/Parent & Friends activities that you feel are beneficial and would like to see continue in the future. Also to gain feedback on the activities that you do not value or see as worthwhile for the future. Thank you for participating in our survey. Your feedback is important. The survey should only take 5 minutes, and your responses are completely anonymous. You can only take the survey once, but you can edit your responses until the survey is closed on June 26, 2015. Please click on the link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3Q7SNVF>

Bogan Bingo

Start grooming your mullet, and get your Flanno Shirt and Moccies ready for St Therese's next big fundraising event ... [Bogan Bingo night!](#)

Date: Sat 1st August
Time: 7pm
Tickets: \$30pp - Tables of 10

Tickets will be available through TryBooking (watch this space). Buses will be organised to take you home.

Get ready for a "noice" night out!

Mother's Day lunch 2016

Callout for committee members

The Mother's Day Lunch this year was a great success attributed to a wonderful team who organised a seamless event. You can be part of this team for next year and have lots of fun planning a great day for our well deserved mums. For your expression of interest in joining the committee, please email [Deb Adams](#) (who will pass your details on to the MDL team).

Entertainment Membership Geelong and Ballarat The new [Geelong and Ballarat Entertainment™ Memberships](#) are AVAILABLE NOW and are packed with thousands of up to 50% OFF and 2-for-1 offers that you can use through to 1 June 2016.

For every Entertainment™ Book and Entertainment™ Digital Membership we sell, **\$11 contributes to our fundraising.** [BUY NOW!](#) Contact [Sally Hart](#).

Hot Dog Days Every 2nd Wednesday for all students run by parents who volunteer their time. Each child is to bring their money to their respective classroom and fill in the forms located in their class. Correct money is required. Prices: Hot dogs \$2.50, Prima drink \$1.00, Icy poles 50c. The next Hot dog day is Wednesday 10 June. Hot dog dates for Term 2 are on the school calendar. If you would like to volunteer on hot dog days, please email [Leanne O'Brien](#). All that is required is 1.5 hours on the day, once a term.

ORDERS CANNOT BE TAKEN AT THE KITCHEN!

Sushi Days Alternative Wednesdays are Sushi days **Prices:** Snack pack \$3.50, Lunch pack \$7. The next Sushi Day is **Wednesday 17 June**. Place your child's name, classroom, order and correct money on a brown paper bag. Bags are placed in a container in each learning area. Vegetarian, chicken and tuna are available.

Second hand Uniform Shop – The uniform shop is open **every Wednesday between 3.15 and 3.45 pm** in Term 2. Any second items in good condition are very much appreciated. Please place items in our wheelie bin outside the hall. Contact [Kristin Dalton](#).

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 2

Wednesday 10 June

Hot Dog Day

Wednesday 17 June

Sushi Day

TERM 3

Saturday 1 August

Bogan Bingo night

Extend Before and After School Care at St Therese Primary School

Our recap

Before School Care

The kids at Before School Care have enjoyed just chatting and talking and drawing a lot! Last week we commemorated Sorry Day and we are completing reconciliation art work and discussions. The children have baked muffins and banana bread which is delicious on cold mornings! We said goodbye to Nikita and Ryder but have had two new children, Charlotte and Kyan, join us. The girls have, as usual, loved playing with the new toys and the boys have shown interest in soccer and footy.

- Michelle



After School Care

Over the past two weeks at Extend we have been doing various activities such as jewellery making using paper, cooking and the creative corner where the children use their imaginations to create anything using provided materials. In particular the children have developed a love for the new GAGA pit that the school has made. Each day the children have enthusiastically wanted to go and play, which we have done. They have shown great team work skills and fairness throughout the time playing GAGA which is great.

Children's choices are a vital part of our program and these activities are a guide, as we will incorporate the children's choices and let them lead the activities.

- Tayla

Next week's activities for After School Care:

Monday 8 th June	Public holiday – Queen's birthday
Tuesday 9 th June	Rainbow paper
Wednesday 10 th June	Balloon rockets
Thursday 11 th June	Lava lamp bags
Friday 12 th June	Bursting rainbow ooblek

Have you 'liked' [Extend After School Care](#)?

Did you know we have a Facebook page filled with fantastic pictures and information from our services? Find out what your After School Care has been up to or get some great ideas of activities to do at home with the kids. You never know what you might find if you don't [look](#) and like!

Visit: <http://www.facebook.com/ExtendAfterCare> and make sure to LIKE us!

Watch this space throughout the term for regular updates from our Extend team!

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au **ONLINE BOOKINGS:** extend.com.au **CALL OUR OFFICE:** 1300 366 437

Community News:

Music Lessons - Oxygen Tuition

To enrol, enquire or confirm lessons offered at St Therese, contact Oxygen Tuition via the 'Enquire/Enrol' button on www.oxygentuition.com.au home page or call 52 296 889

Shopping Tour – Supporting Cancer Services at Barwon Health

When: Saturday July 25 Cost: \$50(due by July 17) **Includes:** Morning and Afternoon Tea and Picnic Lunch (Let Wendy know of any dietary requirements) **Contact:** Wendy at University Hospital Geelong Cafeteria Ph 0418 995 759

Pick up times: 7am – Swanston Street in front of The Swanston Centre 7.20am – Corio Road House, Melbourne Road

Shops: Feel Good (body products), Five Star Direct (Kitchenware), Bags and Luggage, Natio (skin care), TS 14 Plus (Ladies Clothing), Beaches Fashion, Bambis Homewares, Candy Stripes (children's clothing)

Project Restyle Fashion Market - Clear Out, Create, or Make!

Sunday June 7 11am-3pm

Stalls available to sell high quality clothes and crafts. Stall Bookings Close Thursday May 28th

Call 5261 2583 9am to 1pm or email admin@springcreekcommunityhouse.org.au



Due to popular demand Totally Sport is back this July School Holidays!

Lock Wednesday 8th July and Thursday 9th July into your diaries!

Great opportunity for any kid grade 2-6 that loves sport.

Based out of Deakin Cats, Simonds Stadium this 2-day program will involve

AFL, Disc Golf, Soccer, Netball, Hula Hooping, Fit Kids, Ultimate Frisbee, Hip Hop Dancing and so much more.

Check out our website leisurenetworks.org for further details or book now www.trybooking.com/138499

\$50 per day, \$90 for 2days or take advantage of our early bird booking of \$80 for the 2 days. (early bird ends June 26)

School Holiday Activities 29th June – 9th July 2015

Activities cater for Children of all ages. You can choose one or several of the activities listed below. Cultural Education activities and Arts and Craft classes are priced at \$5.00. All cookery classes are priced at \$8.00. BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL by the 26th June 2015

Trudy or Nikayla on (03) 5241 5700



Narana
Aboriginal Cultural Centre

Week One 10:00am – 11:00am: **Cultural Education Activity** 11:00am – Noon: **Arts and Crafts**

1:00pm – 2:00pm: **Design a Koori T-shirt**

Arts and Crafts Activity Swaps-Rock Art, Placemats, Beading

Week Two – NAIDOC WEEK

Monday- 10:00am – 11:00am: **Cultural Education Activity** 11:00am – Noon: **Arts and Crafts** 1:00pm – 2:00pm:

Kangaroo Bolognese

Tuesday-10:00am – 11:00am: **Treasure Hunt** 11:00am – Noon: **Cultural Education Activity** 1:00pm – 2:00pm: **Arts and Craft**

Wednesday-10:00am – 11:00am: **Cultural Education Activity** 11:00am – Noon: **Arts and Crafts** 1:00pm – 2:00pm:

Placemats

Thursday-10:00am – 11:00am: **Cultural Education Activity** 11:00am – Noon: **Arts and Crafts** 1:00pm – 2:00pm: **Design a Koori T-shirt**

Friday- *Narana Closed*

Narana Aboriginal Cultural Centre, 347 Boundary Road, Grovedale VIC 3216 Ph: (03) 5241 5700