



THERESE'S TIMES

St. Therese's Catholic Primary School Monto

Phone: 41661654

Email: stm@rok.catholic.edu.au



NEWSLETTER No. 3

WEEK No. 3 Term 1

DATE: 08.02.2021

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Bishop's Inservice Day (BID) – 15th February

Our annual BID, is on Monday, 15th February. This is a **pupil Free day** as all staff across all Catholic Schools will be attending this Inservice Day led by Bishop Michael and our Director Leesa Jeffcoat. Every year St Therese's staff usually travel to Gladstone to network with colleagues, however, this year it will be done through ZOOM with Catherine Simmonds, a consultant from CEO visiting the school to present a Religion workshop in the afternoon.

Different Communications—Different Uses—to Keep You Up-To-Date and to Promote St Therese's Catholic Primary School Monto

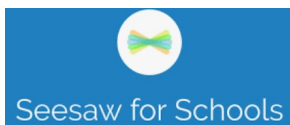


Therese's Times—Each week, a weekly newsletter is sent out. The Therese's Times endeavours to keep families up – to-date with events, teaching and learning, well-being and reminders throughout the semesters.

Facebook—Keep up to date with all the happenings and events, on our FaceBook page and 'Like' this page and promote it with your family and friends. Name of the page is **St Therese's Catholic Primary School Monto**.



Seesaw for Schools is a platform for student and parent engagement and inspires students of all ages to do their best. Students use creative tools to take pictures, draw, record videos and more to capture learning in a portfolio. The tool also allows for teacher/family correspondence. This year the diocese has purchased Seesaw for School for every school to utilize. It is currently being set-up and should be up and running in the near future.



Email— At St Therese's we use Email to inform families, to ask for permission or authorisation to do something. We can send Emails after sending data to ask a person for their opinion or decision about something.

This is a good way to communicate if you want to give someone time to think prior to deciding.

SMS— is a text messaging service component of most telephones, internet and mobile device systems. a short quick message that can be sent through to families and staff to alert them of news at short notice.



From the APRE

BISHOP'S INSERVICE DAY - PUPIL FREE DAY

Next Monday 15th February is a **pupil free day**, this day is set aside every year as training for teachers to gain their accreditation in teaching Religion. This year our focus is "Our Catholic Schools Today".

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Reconciliation, Confirmation and Communion Sacrament preparation for children in Year 3 and older will begin in this term. If your child is interested in participating in the Sacramental program for 2021, please email contact me before **Wednesday 10th February**. Please return Sacramental Program notes as soon as possible.



UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS

On the Tuesday before Lent begins, many people prepare for Lent by making or buying pancakes. This day is known as Pancake Tuesday or **Shrove Tuesday**. This year on Tuesday 16th February we will be selling pancakes with various toppings and fruit for 50c to raise money for Caritas. **Ash Wednesday** is the day which marks the beginning of the season of Lent, the period of forty weekdays which precedes Easter. All families are invited to join the St Therese's school and parish community at 12pm on Wednesday 17th February for our Ash Wednesday Mass. Due to COVID restrictions, Ashes will not be rubbed on the forehead this year.



MJR SHIRTS



The final order of MJR Shirts will be made in this week. If you would like to order a shirt for your child/ren please complete the order form and return to the school before



Wednesday 10th February. These shirts can be worn by students and staff in 2021 on Wednesday's.

The entrance of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple. Psalm 119:130

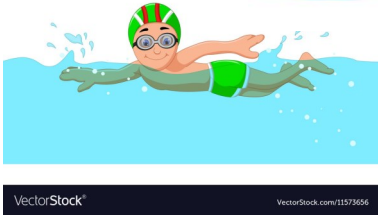
Kind Regards, Renee Maliborskij
renee_maliborskij@rok.catholic.edu.au

BIRTHDAYS



Apology to Oliver Larsen—Yr 5—5 February
The wrong date went in last week.

Swimming



Swimming attire—Please remember for children to wear full uniform to school on swimming days. Swimmers can be under the uniform. When walking to the pool, students can change shoes to thongs and wear a sun-shirt and a towel. Students need to have applied sunscreen before attending the pool. On return to school, students dress in full uniform with shoes and socks. This is a Work Place Health & Safety (WHS) and Student Protection (SP) requirement.

SPORT

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The 2021 swimming carnival is fast approaching.

This year's swimming carnival will be held on **Monday 22nd February** commencing at **9:30am**.



Today nomination forms have been sent home with students.

Please nominate which events your child would like to participate in.

We're looking for parent volunteers to assist with the swimming carnival running smoothly.

If you are able to lend a hand on this day, please indicate your preference of jobs and return parent volunteer form with the student nomination form before Tuesday 16th February.

Thank you, we appreciate your support. Renee

CRICKET QLD VISIT



Cricket QLD will be visiting our School on Tuesday 16th February to share skills with the students and PE ideas with the teachers.

The Cricket Queensland Staff will set up the Brisbane Heat inflatable nets and targets for students to utilise after school.

More information will be shared on the school Facebook page in the lead up to the event.

New Newsletter format next week!



Next week, St Therese's will have a new Newsletter format up and going. The version is user friendly and can be added as a link into the Facebook page each week.

AustNews are a team of dedicated professionals with a vision to innovate, design and build a bespoke communication platform for the education sector, in order to open a gateway between the classroom and the home. The Therese's Times will arrive in your Email inbox as past newsletters have done before. It is a much better tool to work with and to communicate to the community.

PARENT ORIENTATION NIGHT

Next Tuesday—16th February

will be our **Parent Orientation Night**. Times are scheduled between 5:30pm to 6:30pm.



Teachers will send out a schedule in the next few days for each of the classes.

MARK YOUR DIARIES PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Week 8

Monday 15th March—Friday 19th March

Teachers will be sending out more information over the next few week.

WE'RE ON TOUR!

MONTO

The Cathedral College, Rockhampton
The Cathedral College Principal, Rob Alexander and Assistant Principal in Boarding, Ron Armstrong are visiting St Therese's to showcase their school and boarding facilities.

Thursday 4th March, 2021
9:15-9:45am
St Therese's School Library

FROM THE APC

NAPLAN ON-LINE

This Thursday 11th February, Miss Khia Whelan Yr 3, Mrs Joanne Stark Yr 5 and myself will be doing a QCAA webinar for NAPLAN on-line in preparation for Test NAPLAN this term and for the National testing in May next term. Parents of Year 3 and Year 5 students will be updated at the Orientation Night.



Click [here](#) for parent/carers information

Click [here](#) for dates.

Text is sourced from <https://nap.edu.au/docs/default-source/resources/naplan-online-information-brochure-for-parents-and-carers.pdf> not modified. 1st February, 2021.

2021 Student Residential Address and Other Information Collection



Student residential addresses are collected annually by the Australian Government and used to inform school funding calculations.

CEO staff will collect the data requested by the Government from TASS on behalf of St Therese's Catholic Primary School Monto.

Please read attached file by clicking [link](#).

P&F and AGM Meeting

The P&F meet last Monday night for the annual AGM Meeting.

2021 P & F Executive Positions

President: Katie Muller
Vice President: Steph Olive
Secretary: Sarah Avis
Treasurer: Tracey Larsen

Next P&F Meeting—Thursday, 4th March @6pm—Albert Hotel.

Board Meeting

The Board meet last Thursday night

Board members:

Shannon McElroy (Board Chair)
Joe Vince
Teina McLurcan
Kiara Geddes (STM Staff Representative)
Robyn Finch (CEO Liaison Officer)

FEELING UNSAFE



Under the Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Regulation 2017 (section 16(3)), schools administered by Catholic Education - Diocese of Rockhampton are required to have at least two nominated staff members who assume the responsibility as Student Protection Contacts.

The names of these Student Protection Contacts are to be made known to staff, students and parents and the names/positions/contact details of stated staff members for the school are maintained on a central register, updated regularly.



New posters have arrived for 2021 - Posters will be updated with nominated staff members' photographs and names and then hung up throughout the school for visual viewing.

- * Doiya Knapman - Principal
- * Renee Maliborskij - Acting APRE
- * Kiara Geddes - Learning Support
- * Lorraine Muller - Administration and Financial Officer



Congratulations Isla - Year 6

Isla was captured by Jess for being kind to her classmates.



Wellbeing

Wellbeing lessons have been timetabled in every Friday for P-6. Half hour lessons— ie Zones of Regulations and other social activities.
Kind Regards, Kiara-Che Geddes

ESAFETY—ON-LINE SAFETY

ICT Code of Practice

Information and Communications Technologies Code of Practiced

There are two booklets Early Learning—Yr2 and Primary Yr 3—Yr 6. These documents are important documents that parents and students (Yr 3-Yr 6) sign off on enrolment. These documents are also to be signed off by parents/carers and students at the beginning of each year to ensure everybody is aware of the responsibility of using ICT with schools—being safe, being responsible, legal, appropriate and for educational purposes and becoming good digital citizens. Guidelines from these booklets are to be followed.

Booklets will be emailed out for each class during the week for parents/carers to read through with their child/ren. Your child/ren will bring a form from school for parents/carers are to sign. Thank you, Doiya

The 'New NORMAL'



LEVEL 1

COVID FRAMEWORK PRACTICES TO FOLLOW

Schools must maintain appropriate health and hygiene measures, including:

- **staff and students MUST NOT attend school if sick**
- regular **handwashing and hand sanitising** particularly before and after eating, and after going to the toilet
- increased cleaning of school classrooms, particularly high-frequency touch points such as water fountains or bubblers
- regular cleaning of playground equipment and play materials
- physical distancing of adults.

