

# St. Theresa's Newsletter

St. Theresa's  
Catholic Primary School



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Autumn TERM 2016 – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas is nearly here! Father Christmas is busy filling up his sleigh and we know the children at St Theresa's have been on his good list! Father Christmas confirmed this when he surprised the children during their Christmas party. Some children could not believe how he knew all of their names! Thank you to his merry little elves, Mr Brohan, Mrs Orsi and Mrs Hamerton for helping him deliver gifts.

What a fantastic first term we have had this Jubilee year. It has been packed with so much learning and events that we can hardly believe it's coming to an end already!

We started our term with our Jubilee mass, followed by our family disco and have ended it with such high calibre Christmas performances. The children were so happy and confident in the nativities and the carol concert. We are all so very proud of each and every one of them.

A huge thank you to the staff for all their hard work this term. St Theresa's is truly an amazing Catholic School.

On behalf of all of the staff, we would like to thank you for all your gifts and Christmas wishes. We really appreciate your kindness and generosity. We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year. God Bless.

Mrs O'Melia and Mrs Pears

## New Teacher Starting after Christmas

I am delighted to welcome Miss Higgins to the St Theresa's Team. Miss Higgins will be teaching in Year 5 and Year 6 for the rest of the school year.

She has been working in our school over the last 3 weeks and has spent time with Mr Troy and Miss Johnson finding out what the children have learnt this term. Please make a point of introducing yourself to Miss Higgins when you see her around the school.

## Goodbye and Thank You

We are very sad to say goodbye to Miss Davidson who has been teaching in Year 5 and Year 6 this term. She has been an invaluable member of our school community and the children have learnt so much under her guidance. We wish her every success for the future upon her return to Australia.

## E-Safety News

### **Protecting Your Children from Online Trolls:**

The world is full of strange and wonderful things. The internet allows us to access all of it, including the good and, unfortunately, the bad.

Please click on the link below and have a read of this excellent article from Parentinfo. It gives advice on how to keep your children safe from online trolls.

<http://parentinfo.org/article/how-to-protect-your-child-from-trolls>

**Reminder-** School reopens on January 9<sup>th</sup> 2017.

### Dates for your diary

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January - Children return to school  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January- French starts back at 3.30pm  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January - Year 4 Swimming lessons  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January- Chess Club starts back

### School Uniform

Please take the opportunity over the Christmas break to address your child's hairstyle if it is not in keeping with school policy. To confirm for those who have boys in the school, a shaved head on the back and sides, with long hair on top is not a permitted style. Gel or wax styling products and dyed hair are not permitted either.

Hair should be neat and tidy and be tied up at all times. Hair accessories should be small plain bands and be blue, black, brown or red.

Please also note that, due to health and safety grounds, the only items of jewellery we allow children to wear in our school are small stud earrings and watches.

If children arrive in school wearing unacceptable items of jewellery, they will be asked to remove them and hand them to the class teacher. These items will be returned at the end of the day.

If your child's hairstyle or uniform does not follow the school policy, you will receive a letter from the Senior Leadership Team.



#### **KEEP IN TOUCH:**

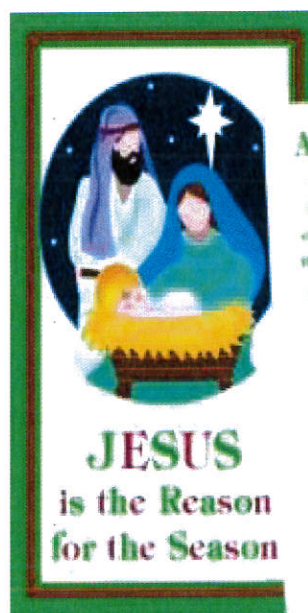
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### **Attendance this week**



Reception	91%
Year 1	93%
Year 2	97%
Year 3	95%
Year 4 Red	96%
Year 4 Blue	96%
Year 5	99%
Year 6	98%
<b>Total Attendance</b>	<b>96%</b>

*Well done to Year 5 who had the best attendance this week.*



#### **A Christmas Prayer**

God, our Father, thank You for giving us Your Son Jesus on Christmas Day to live with us and be a child just like us.

Let me always be aware that Your Son is the reason why we celebrate Christmas. During this season allow me to share the joy of His birth with my family and friends.

When I think about the presents I want, help me to remember that Jesus is the best present I will ever receive.

Happy Birthday Jesus!

Amen

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