Dear parents,

This is our last newsletter for the term so I take this opportunity to thank you for your support and to wish you a good break with your children over the next two weeks of holidays. It feels like we’re limping into the holidays with lots of sickness around the place. We also had some very sad news last week that Mrs Helen Hancock’s father passed away and will be buried tomorrow. Please keep Helen and her family in your thoughts and prayers. Add the miserable weather to all this and the holidays have come at the right time. Term Four will commence on Monday, October 9.

**This Friday, September 22, is both the last day of the term and Footy Day**, so students can come to school wearing either their footy gear or the colours of their favourite football team of any code. They are not to wear football boots for safety reasons. We’ll have a bit of a parade to start the day off so come along and join in the fun. We’re asking all children to bring in a bottle on Friday for our Mystery Bottle stall at the Carnival. Ideas include Soft Drink, Water, Juice i.e. Apple/Orange, Tomato Sauce, BBQ Sauce, Marinade sauce etc. If you donate alcohol, it will go to the spinning wheel as a prize. All donations can be left at the Office or your child's classroom. Please note that ALL Alcoholic Donations need to be given immediately to Office staff on arrival to School.

As indicated in last week’s newsletter, there is a combined parent and staff meeting **straight after school tomorrow, to look at a masterplan for the playground**. The meeting will be held in the parent room, commencing at around 3:40pm. We’d love you to join us.

If you have any thoughts about the first draft of the Masterplan that is displayed around the school, please don’t hesitate to **write them down on the yellow post-it notes provided in the Parent Room**. Again, your feedback is really important.

Thank you to those parent who have already returned the short survey from last week’s newsletter about the Learning Conversations that have been conducted over the last couple of weeks. We’ve only had eight replies though. **If you’ve been involved in a Learning Conversation we would really appreciate your feedback**. Please do this by completing the form below and getting it back to us by the end of the week.

A separate note went out yesterday in relation to the **Foundation to Year Two swimming program**, which commences on October 23. This program is **compulsory** for all students in these years. The only exemptions are as follows:

- Students can show proof that they can swim fifty metres
- Students can show proof that they are already enrolled in learn to swim lessons
- Significant health concerns

Last year in Australia there were 21 drowning deaths of children aged from 0 – 14. We don’t want any of our students becoming a statistic. If parents would like to discuss this with me, please feel free to make an appointment.

Yours in Christ,
Terry Cahill.

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Please circle a number that best reflects your opinion of the Learning Conversations in comparison to Parent/Teacher Interviews:

1____2____3____4____5____6____7____8____9____10
Poor

Comments (optional)

Parent’s Name: ___________________________ [Please print]
RE NEWS
Please save the date of ***Wednesday, October 11*** in your diaries as we will be celebrating the Feast of St Therese with a whole school mass in the Hall at 2.30pm.

It would be great if you could come and celebrate with us.

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**This week’s Grammar and Word Strategy**

**Word Study:** ‘o’ will usually say ‘u’ when it is followed by the letters ‘m’, ‘n’, ‘th’ and ‘v’.

(m, n not always consistent)  e.g. some, come, money, mother, love

**Grammar:** Past. Present. Future, Verbs change according to whether an action:

Is happening now (present tense) / Happened in the past (past tense) / Will happen tomorrow (future tense)

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**FOOTY COLOURS DAY**

This Friday, September 22 is Footy Colours Day! Students please come dressed in your favourite team’s colours and in exchange for this free dress day we are asking students to donate an unopened bottle for our Carnival ‘Mystery Bottle Stall’ Donations can be left at the office. Any alcohol donations must be delivered to the office straight away.

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**JAPAN**

We will celebrate Japanese Day on Friday, October 13

Please come dressed as Japanese anime characters, Sumo wrestlers, Ninjas, Samurai, Pokemon characters, Hello Kitty or in Kimono.

Be creative, come as your favourite Pokemon card character!

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Register at flexischools.com.au, select St Therese’s Primary School and choose Colour Run.

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**St Therese’s Primary School**

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Enter your details and include what size t-shirt you require.  

Speak to our office staff if you need help with registering.