



St. Teresa's School

~Founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1930~



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Reflection



**I am the Way, the Truth and the Life,
no one comes to the Father,
except through me. (John 14:6)**

"I am the Way" is written on our cross in the Prayer garden as you enter the school on the right. Jesus says that he is like a path; he is the way to the Father. If we follow Him, He will lead us to the Father. We don't even have to search for the path. If we just keep our eyes on Him, He will take us to our destination Himself. He also wants to lead us on our daily path of life, so that we can avoid getting hurt by taking a wrong turn and ending up in a dead end!

We pray: "Teach me your way, O Lord; lead me in a straight path". (Psalm 27:11)

Welcome

I apologise most sincerely for leaving Ms Sherilee Eborall out of my welcome to new staff in last week's newsletter. Sherilee is our new Grade 2 teacher. She has taught for the past few years at Sharonlee Primary School and is a past pupil of St Teresa's School. Sherilee is not only returning to her old school, but also to her old Grade 2 classroom! We look forward to getting to know Sherilee better in her new capacity and we wish her a long and happy stay, back with our St Teresa's family.

Morning Assembly Prayers

Parents are most welcome to stay for morning prayers, however we ask you to refrain from talking on the phone or to other parents during this period of reflection and prayer.

Parents are requested to leave directly after assembly to facilitate a smooth transition to the classroom. The classes will not leave the quad until all parents have left.

On a Tuesday, the girls will move directly to the hall for assembly before Hymn Singing. Please note that this is just for the girls, not parents.

On a Thursday we will celebrate achievements in various arenas. Please send in Certificates or Medals that the girls have received in absolutely any arena. The girls will be presented with their Certificate or Medal at assembly. Please send in an explanatory note. Send in any time during the week and Mrs Elfick will keep it for the following Thursday.



Dropping and fetching children in the mornings and afternoons

- To facilitate the flow of traffic in Rutland Ave, parents are welcome to drop off at the Aftercare gate in St. Albans Ave from 07h00am.
- Please do not congregate outside the pedestrian gate in the mornings. This is causing difficulties for parents trying to enter and leave.
- Parents must please not use the Aftercare gate to fetch children from school before 13h30, unless it is a child who is at Aftercare. We do not have a security guard at the gate before then and the Aftercare staff are busy with the children.
- The main gate in front of the school is locked at **15h00 sharp**. Any child needing to be fetched after 15h00 **MUST** be collected through the Aftercare gate.

UV Protective Swimming Tops (Rash Vests) and Branded Swimming Poncho Towels

In this hot weather please make sure the girls are protected with sunscreen daily. Please ensure that you have applied a long lasting sunscreen onto your daughter before school. A rash vest is an easy way to ensure no sunburn while swimming. Rash Vests are available from the Office at a cost of R165.

We have received new stock of the popular poncho towel. They are available from the Office and are R230 each.

Absentee Notes

Please be reminded that if your daughter misses school or an extra mural, we must have a written note (or email), giving a brief explanation. A telephone message does not suffice. There is a legal requirement for school attendance and these letters are filed.

With extra-murals, a commitment is made by your child to attend, which is an important life-skill to learn.

Open Day – Saturday 18 February 2017 (09h00 – 12h00)

The Grade 3 girls will be hostesses at our Open Day. They need to be dropped off at school at 08h30.

If any Grade 3 girl is unable to attend this function, please send in an explanatory letter.

Please advise friends and family about our Open Day, especially those with young baby girls!

We have long waiting lists for the next couple of years and the subsequent years are filling up fast!

School Contact Details



Our School Numbers are 011 442 9127 or 011 788 7943. Should you not be able to get through on either of those numbers, you may whatsapp or sms Dale Marsh in the office, on her cell phone. Kindly show consideration and do not use this number outside office hours, unless in an emergency (083 457 7423). Our email address is juniorprimary@stteresas.co.za

Please note that when we have power outages and there is no electricity, our phones do not work!



Information Packs

Thank you for sending in your forms. We do still have a few outstanding. Kindly complete and return them as soon as possible, so that we can complete our beginning of the school year admin.



PTA Committee

We are fortunate to have a dynamic PTA Committee with a number of members who are willing to continue their involvement into 2017. If any other parent would like to contribute their time and skills to help with our fundraising and community-building activities, please complete a PTA Nomination form which is attached to this newsletter. Completed forms must be returned to school by Monday 13 February 2016. The **PTA AGM** will take place in the School Hall on **Wednesday 15 February 2016 at 18h00 in the High School Hall.**

Extra-Murals Started on Monday 23 January 2017

Please note that **All** Grade 1, 2 & 3 girls must take part in at least one 'physical' extra-mural per week. School extra-murals take precedence over outside activities. Please re-inforce your daughter's extra-mural programme with her daily so that she is aware of what the arrangements are after school. Girls must wear the correct clothing for their physical activities. No child may swim without a cap. If you have any queries relating to Ballet, Karate, Playball or Guitar and CMaths, kindly contact the relevant instructor as these are privately run activities. Girls who attend the later Ballet and Karate sessions must all take their school bags down to the hall with them, as they must be collected from the Church gate on Lancaster Avenue and NOT from the main School gate or Aftercare gate. The exception to this rule will be if a sibling is already at Aftercare.

Labelling of Personal Possessions

Please ensure that **ALL** items of clothing, lunch boxes, water bottles, PE kit, school bags etc are clearly labelled with your daughter's name. Labelled items can be returned to their owner quickly, if we know to whom they belong.



Homework Supervision

Grade 2 & 3 girls are welcome to use the Media Centre up until 15h30 in the afternoons to do their homework or to read books. Please note the supervising teacher is not responsible for checking homework.

School Newsletters

Newsletters are distributed electronically. Please read the Newsletter thoroughly every Thursday and file it away for reference, as it contains important information for our parents and their daughters. Please diarise all dates listed. We encourage our parents to support their children, by attending all of the parent functions. We use D6, a school communicator tool to send out our emails and sms notifications. It also acts as a database with many important notices, letters and newsletters available for parents to view. Please find the link below and download it to your PC and or phone.

- <http://www.school-communicator.com/download.php> - choose **St Teresa's School** from the dropdown bar: Please ensure you select the St Teresa's without the 'h'.
- *NB: We advise that you "Personalise" your content to suit your specific needs.*

The mobi site address is: <http://mobi.d6communicator.com>

Please note that the registration with Infomed will go through St Teresa's at our cost.

Please return all forms by Monday 30th January.



Important Parent Information:

Infomed is a medical data management system that is used by your school to manage medical information; events and our communication as well as online indemnities. This system keeps the school up to date with regards to medical information they need to care for your children while they are in their care.

In the event of a medical emergency; while your child is in the care of the staff of St Teresa's; this product allows them to call for an ambulance and have your child; evacuated; transported and seen to in a trauma room with up to R5000 facilitation of credit.

This R5000 facilitation is a product of last resort in the absence of medical cover on the injured party.

VERY IMPORTANT

For those parents who did NOT complete this form last year and to our new parents.

Important REPLY SLIP to be completed and returned;

In order to get our parents registered with Infomed they require the following information:

- ✘ ID numbers for father, mother and daughter/s
- ✘ Email addresses of father, mother.

Please complete the following tear off slip and return to the school office allowing the school to furnish them with the above details.

I / we

father / & mother

of _____ Grade _____ hereby give permission for the above information to be given to the Infomed personnel .

Signed:

Date: _____

Please return the following reply slip by **Monday 30 January 2017.**

ST. TERESA'S SCHOOL PTA - 2017

NOMINATION FORM

Should you know of a parent who would like to develop themselves by participating on the PTA Committee, please complete this nomination form and return it to your relevant school office by **Friday, 10th February, 2017** or sign, scan and e-mail it directly to sttpta@gmail.com

If a parent would like to nominate themselves, you are most welcome to do so by filling in this form yourself and having another parent or teacher sign the proposal section.

Proposer: _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Nominee: _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____

What skills do you think this person could bring to the PTA this year?

PROXY 2017

I, _____, being a parent/guardian of

_____ (daughter's name) at St. Teresa's


School and thus a member of the St. Teresa's School PTA, hereby appoint

_____ /or the Chairman (complete as applicable), as my proxy to vote on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 15th February, 2017 at 18.00, in the High School Hall.

Signed at _____, this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Member signature

DATES TO DIARISE

Term 1			
February			
Friday	10		♥ Valentine's Day civvies
Wednesday	15	18h00	♥ PTA AGM at High School Hall Rosebank
Saturday	18	09h00-12h00	♥ Open Day – Prospective New Pupils (Grade 3 – Hostesses)
Thursday	23		♥ Close for Mid Term Break
Tuesday	28	07h45	♥ Re-open after Mid Term Break ♥ Shrove Tuesday
March			
Wednesday	1		♥ Ash Wednesday
Friday	3		♥ World Book Day (dress up as your favourite book character)
Monday	6		♥ Travelling Bookshop
Tuesday	7		♥ Travelling Bookshop
Wednesday	15		♥ Grade 00,0 Grandparent's Day
Friday	17		♥ St Patrick's Day – Green civvies 
Monday	20		♥ School Holiday
Tuesday	21		♥ Public Holiday - Human Right's Day
Friday	24		♥ Dads and Daughters' Dance – High School Hall Rosebank
Friday	31		♥ Extra Murals end for Term 1 ♥ Reports to Parents
April			
Monday	3		♥ Parent Consultations
Tuesday	4		♥ Parent Consultations
Friday	7		♥ School Closes
Term 2			
May			
Monday	1		♥ Public Holiday- Worker's Day
Wednesday	3	07h45	♥ School Opens – Term 2

Leigh's Swimming Academy

2 Enclosed heated pools
 Babies classes 6months – 3yrs
 Learn To Swim 3yrs>
 Stroke Correction 3 – 9yrs
Contact: 083 646 9724