



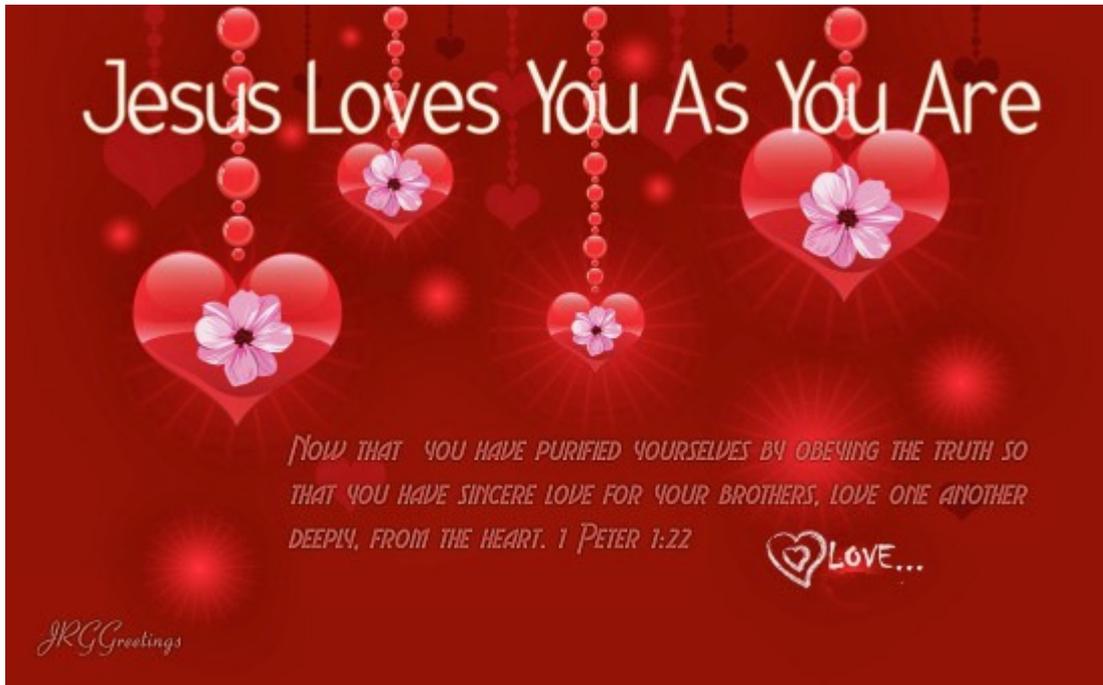
St. Teresa's School

~Founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1930~



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Reflection



At St Teresa's, we have an open door policy. We welcome input and discussion with parents. I therefore find it quite distressing to hear that some people speak poorly about certain staff at the school, without addressing it through the correct channels. I can assure you that I do not judge anyone who comes to me with a concern regarding the well-being of their daughter. I take your concern seriously and look into the matter comprehensively.

At St Teresa's, we have the most gorgeous children, dedicated staff and a parent body to make any school proud! Let's work together in unity to ensure an exceptional education for your daughter – one that is steeped in good morals and values.

"Anyone can find the dirt in someone. Be the one that finds the gold!" Proverbs 11:27

Hats during assembly

Should you wish your daughter to wear her sunhat during assembly, please ensure that she knows this and puts her hat on. Some parents would prefer children to get extra Vitamin D early in the morning, other parents' girls have very sensitive skin and they would therefore prefer their girls to wear their hats during assembly. We are non-prescription in this regard.

Reminder **Afternoon One Way System on Rutland Avenue**



In place from **12h30 – 14h00**. Please be patient with fellow road users and avoid parking across driveways and entrances.

Valentine's Day Celebration - Friday 10 February

In order to wear our Valentines colours civvies, we are once again this year doing a collection for CHOC.

Martina Geoghegan has been in contact with CHOC. On their wish list are items to make up 'Carebags'. These bags are given to the children on admittance to hospital. They consist of the basic items needed in hospital. We will collect items during next week by way of a donation box at the front of the school. There are specific items for each class to bring. Martina, together with a team of parents, will then assemble the 'Carebags'. There will also be a collection box for money, should that be easier for you. Martina will use the money to purchase drawstring bags.



Items for each class to collect are as follows:

Grade 00

Toothbrush

Toothpaste or

Underwear for boys & girls (pack of 3) Age 2-3yrs & 3-4yrs

Grade 0

Body lotion or

Underwear for boys & girls (pack of 3) Age 4-5yrs & 5-6yrs

Grade 1

Deodorant

Lip Balm or

Underwear for boys & girls (pack of 3) Age 6-7yrs & 7-8yrs

Grade 2

Face Cloth

Toilet Paper or

Underwear for boys & girls (pack of 3) Age 8-9yrs & 9-10yrs

Grade 3

Colouring Book

Small box of crayons or

Underwear of for boys & girls (pack of 3) Age 10-11yrs & 11-12yrs

Out the mouths of Babes

Some lovely Critical Thinking from one of our Grade 00 Rosies:

During a Phys Ed lesson, Mrs Springer explained an extended activity based on the throw-and-catch activity that they had been learning. She asked the girls to "Throw the ball in the air - clap your hands- and then catch the ball". One little girl looked very hesitant to try this new activity...but the brain was working overtime! She then called to Mrs King and suggested the following: "How about I throw the ball in the air - you clap your hands - and I catch the ball!" Now that is the kind of thinking we enjoy!!

Grade 00 & 0 Grandparent's Day – 15 March 2017 09h00 – 10h30

This is a special day for all our Pre-Primary Grandparents or their proxy's or special family friends in lieu of a Grandparent to come to school during the school day. They will be entertained by the children and invited to visit the classroom after which they will share in a delicious tea. An invitation will follow closer to the time.

Dads and Daughters Dance – 24 March 2017

This annual informal evening is always a hit with the girls. The high school hall is decorated and the girls and their dads enjoy the evening together. There is a DJ and food available for sale as well as photos. Save this Date!

Art Fair – 29 July

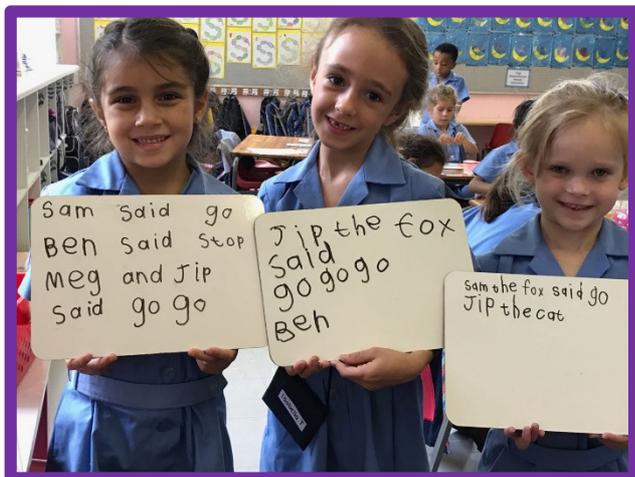
This is a new event that will take place at the High School Campus. It promises to be much fun as well as inspirational. Details to follow in the second term. Save the date!

A pink rectangular sticky note with rounded corners, pinned with a purple pushpin. The text "Save the Date" is written in black on a white rectangular label on the note.

Pool

Our new pool pump has been delivered and installed. The water is being tested and balanced and all swimming, P.E. and Extra-Mural will resume from Monday.

Gorgeous Grade 1 P and Grade 1 S girls learning to write sentences



Grade 1 S



Grade 1P

School Closing times for Half Term - Thursday 23 February between 11h00 & 12h00 (please diarise)

- Grades 0 & 00 to be collected from 11h00 – 11h30
- Grades 1, 2 & 3 to be collected from 11h30 – 12h00.
- Parents may collect from the aftercare gate to ease traffic congestion.
- Grades 0 & 00 aftercare 'regulars' will be sent to a/c at 11h15.
- Grades 1, 2 & 3 aftercare 'regulars' will be sent to a/c at 11h45.
- Children waiting to be collected will remain in the classroom.
- Children in the younger grades with older siblings can be collected at the same time as the older siblings.
- All children not collected by 12h15 will be sent to aftercare.

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.
- 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!

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.**

Swimming Poncho Towels



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

Andiccio's

Each girl has gone home today with a R100 voucher for Andiccio's Hyde Park. Andiccio's sponsor our Ububele outreach programme each week by providing the girls with their meal. Enjoy!



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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 tour 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 this reply slip by **Monday 30 January 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
Friday	17	tbc	♥ Catholic Schools Gala – venue to be confirmed
Saturday	18	09h00-12h00	♥ Open Day – Prospective New Pupils (Grade 3 – Hostesses)
Thursday	23	11h00-12h00	♥ 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	09h00-10h30	♥ 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	17h30	♥ 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