



St. Teresa's School

~Founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1930~



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Reflection

22 February is Baden-Powell Day. Robert **Baden-Powell** retired from the British army to found the Boy Scouts – He died in Kenya in 1941. Here is part of a message he left for us all.

Dear Scouts

I believe God put in this jolly world
come from being rich, nor merely
One step towards happiness is to
boy, so that you can be useful and



to be happy and enjoy life. Happiness doesn't
successful in your career, nor by self-indulgence.
make yourself healthy and strong while you are a
so enjoy life when you are a man.

Nature study will show you how full
the world for you to enjoy. Be

best of it. Look at the bright side of things instead of the gloomy one. But the real way to get happiness is
by giving out happiness to other people. Try and leave this world a little better than you found it and when
it comes to your turn to die, you can die happy in feeling that at any rate you have not wasted your time
but that you have done your best. "Be Prepared" in this way, to live happy and to die happy – stick to your
Scout Promise always – even after you have ceased to be a boy – and God help you do it.

Delight yourself also in the LORD: and he shall give you the desires of your heart. Psalms 37:4

Statements 2017

We apologize for the delay in the sending out of statements this year. All families should have received their Statements via email last week.

Please let the Bursar know on DVanAs@stteresas.co.za if you did not receive your statement.

Open Day

Many thanks to all the Grade 3 Hostesses, Grade 2 Sports girls, the Staff and the parents who gave up their Saturday morning to help and thus contribute to the success of last weekend's Open Day. The event was a great triumph and showed off our beautiful school to its very best.



PTA AGM

Congratulations to Tammy Webber and her team on a highly successful year of fund-raising. We appreciate the many hours given so generously for the good of our school. Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to join the PTA Committee. We appreciate your time and interest in the best for the school. We look forward to a productive year ahead, as we remember that everything we do, enhances the educational experience of our girls.

Shrove Tuesday – Tuesday 28 February



Our Mothers' Representative Committee will be hard at work this half-term whipping up batches of pancakes to sell to the girls on Tuesday for Shrove Tuesday. This year, all proceeds will go to **Rare Diseases South Africa**, a Non-Profit Organization assisting patients affected by rare diseases to access life-saving treatment and supportive care for improved quality of life. One of our own Rosie Families have been affected personally by a rare disease and raise awareness tirelessly to help other families in the same situation.

- Please send R10 on Tuesday with your daughter in a marked envelope to the Class teacher for the purchase of her pancake.
- In addition Rare Diseases South Africa is selling ribbons at the cost of R10 each in support of those affected. We will be selling these ribbons from the office during next week and at the ice-lolly table on Friday. The girls can wear the ribbons on their blazers from when they purchase them until the end of the day on 3rd March. For more information on rare diseases; contact info@rarediseases.co.za.

Care Fund R150

This Fund enables the parents of each class to create a kitty, from which the Class Rep is able to purchase a gift or flowers and cards, on behalf of the class. Every year there are significant events, both celebratory and condolatory, experienced by some families within each class. As parents at St Teresa's, we would wish to be supportive during these happy and sad occasions. Class funds are held separately and each purchase is documented by the Class Rep and the office. Please send your R150 contribution in an envelope for attention of your Class Teacher. Thank you to those who have sent it in already.

World Book Day – Friday 3 March 2017



We will celebrate this annual literary event by collecting children's books to donate to schools in disadvantaged areas and by dressing up as a character from a book on the day. Children's books, which are in good condition, may be left in your daughter's classroom, during the run up to World Book Day.

Please talk to your daughter about which character she would like to portray – it does not have to be a well-known character, it can be someone from her favourite book at home. If it is a book that you have at home and can be brought to school, please let your daughter do so. The aim behind this is to encourage reading at all levels.

Please do not spend money on elaborate costumes – make do with what you have at home.

The important thing is that your daughter knows who her character is and is able to tell us who she is representing.

Ice Lollies

The Grade 3's will resume selling Ice lollies after school each Friday to raise money for their end of year leaving present. The lollies cost R5 and will be sold outside the office from 12:30 until 13:45 from Next Friday!



Medication for children at school



From after half-term, any medication that needs to be given on a daily basis must be accompanied by a letter of instruction from the Doctor with the dose clearly stated on it. Doses will only be altered on receipt of another letter from the doctor.



Lice

Please be aware that there have been a few cases of head lice reported since the start of the new term. Kindly check your daughter's hair regularly and if you do encounter any uninvited visitors follow the instructions detailed in the Capitus Pediculi – Head Lice letter, which can be found on the D6 Communicator under **Resources → Foundation Phase General Information 2017**.

Appropriate Dress when leaving school property

Please ensure that your daughter leaves either in her **full school uniform** (the blazer is not compulsory when it is very hot – please use your discretion) or in her **full Phys. Ed uniform**. This includes the appropriate shoes. **No** child may leave the school in a swimming costume or ballet clothes. This rule is for your daughter's safety, her pride in her school, as well as her development of awareness of appropriate dress in public.

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!

St Teresa's Art Blast – 29 July

This is a new event that will take place at the High School Campus. It will include the Art Galleries on Keyes Ave and blend into the Art Mile seamlessly. There will be things to see, things to buy, things to learn, things to experience and much much more. It promises to be fun as well as inspirational. Details to follow in the second term. Save the date!

Save the Date



Buddha, our loyal Laborador is looking for a loving home

My parents are migrating to New Zealand but I can't go with them. They are now desperately looking for a new home for me. I am a free spirit that loves children and protecting my owners. I am an eight year old boy and I'm very healthy. Please phone my Mom, Pauline if you would love to have me. You can reach her on 083 291 9564 or at pmeyer000@gmail.com.

DATES TO DIARISE

Term 1				
February				
Thursday	23	11h00-12h00	♥	Close for Mid Term Break (See closing times in body of newsletter)
Tuesday	28	07h45	♥ ♥	Re-open after Mid Term Break Shrove Tuesday
March				
Wednesday	1		♥ ♥	Ash Wednesday CHOC representative to visit school at assembly to collect "Care Bags"
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
Wednesday	29		♥	Grade 2 outing to 'Amazing Mazes'
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