



St. Teresa's School

~Founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1930~



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Reflection:



***"Just as there are many parts to our bodies, so it is with Christ's body. We are all parts of it, and it takes every one of us to make it complete, for we each have different work to do. So we belong to each other, and each needs all the others."* Romans 12: 4,5**

As we reflect on Worker's Day which was on Monday, let us remember that it takes all kinds of people and talents to do God's work here on earth. Not every job seems to be a 'top job' and not everyone can be a queen bee, but God has an important job for each of us – it is the task of serving Him. Being kind, obedient, compassionate and trying our best at all times are just some of the values that we can instil in our girls. These values will set them well on their way to doing their part in making the world a better place for all.

Welcome Back

We wish you all a warm "welcome back" to school and we trust that you have had a relaxing break – either away or at home.

Extra-Murals 2nd Term

The Extra-Mural programme, which we ran from March, will begin again on Monday 8th May and will continue until 28 July.

St Teresa's Parents' Dance – Saturday 6th May 2017



There is still space at this fabulous event! The High School hall is transformed for the Matric Dance on 5 May and parents enjoy the use of the venue the following night. It is a great evening to get together with other parents from your class. The tickets are R200 per person and includes a three course meal. They can be booked by depositing the money in the School Account with the reference "ParentsDance" and sending the POP to susan.benvenuti@Wits.ac.za OR Parents can pay at the door, but must rsvp beforehand to Sue Benvenuti for catering numbers. This is not a fundraising event, any proceeds in excess of costs will be donated to Ububele.

The dance is for parents for all grades and not just Matric parents. See invitation below.

Catholic School's Sunday 21 May 2017

Sunday 21 May 2017 is Catholic Schools Sunday in Johannesburg. We are celebrating this at St Martin de Porres, (the church attached to our school) at the 09:00 Mass. The Choir as well as all Grade 3 girls are invited to be the Church Choir for the Mass. We invite all parents to join us for Mass.

Dress for the girls:

All Grade 1-3 girls attending Mass, whether in the Choir or not, must dress in their formal winter uniform.

All Grade 00 and 0 girls attending Mass must dress in their tracksuits, or shorts if the weather is warm.

Choir girls for the day: Please meet in the quad next to the church at 08h30 sharp.

Please Note:

- If you are attending any other Mass in Johannesburg on Sunday 21 May, we request that your daughter is in her school uniform. All Catholic Schools will be requesting the same.
- The Intermediate Phase and High School will be celebrating their special Mass on this day at the Rosebank Church. You are welcome to attend.

Grade 00 & 0 Concert Dates

Please note the change in dates for the Concert:
Tuesday 25th July Matinee Concert 14h00
Wednesday 26th July Early Evening Concert 17h00

Vision Screening – 30 & 31 May 2017

Eyetek Optometrists will be carrying out compulsory vision screening on **ALL** Grade 00 & 0 pupils and any other learners who joined the school after May 2016. All other Grade 1, 2 & 3 girls have the **option** of being tested. A letter will be sent out ahead of the Screening. The cost of screening is already included in the Grade 00 & 0 fees, however for all other grades the R95 will be added to your school fees, should you request your daughter to be screened.



St Teresa's Winter 'leftover' collection



Boxes will be outside the office, from Monday, for this clothing and blanket collection. The families to whom the Mercy Sisters distribute these items are in dire need of help. Their shelters do not provide much in the way of warmth and electricity is a luxury which they cannot afford. Their best hope of staying warm this winter is through your kind donations of clothing and blankets. Thank you in anticipation of your generous donation.

Reminder re School Uniform – Term 2

Until Monday 15th May, either the summer or winter uniform may be worn, as the weather at the beginning of May can be variable. Please note that the uniforms may not be mixed.

Winter Uniform Grade 1-3

- Monday to Thursday: Tracksuit or tunic may be worn. Tracksuit may be worn with the blue sports top or plain white cotton polo-neck. Jersey/School sweatshirt may be worn **under** the tracksuit top.
- Fridays: Blazer, winter tunic, white collared shirt and tie must be worn, with either the school long socks or black tights. Jersey may be worn under the blazer.
- Scarves, gloves and hats:** Only navy blue, black or the school scarf.

Winter Uniform Grades 00 & 0

- Tracksuits every day, with white golf shirt, or a plain white polo-neck. No long sleeved t-shirts are permitted. Shorts may be brought to school to change into later in the day.
- Scarves, gloves and hats: only navy blue, black or the school scarf.

General Uniform Rules:

- Hot water bottles and blankets: these are not allowed to be brought to school.
- Hats must still be brought to school, as our "No hat – No play" rule remains in place for the winter term.

Holiday Care Dates 2017

SECOND TERM	
Closed	Fri 16 June - Youth Day
Closed Mid-Term	Mon 26 June – Fri 30 June 2017
AUGUST HOLIDAYS and THIRD TERM	
Closed	Mon 7 August – Fri 18 August 2017
Open	Mon 21 August – Tues 5 September 2017
Closed	Mon 25 September – Heritage Day
Closed Mid-Term	Friday 20 October – Monday 23 October 2017
Open	Thurs 7 December – Friday 15 December 2017

New Sweatshirt

New sweatshirt available from May 2017, at McCullagh & Bothwell. Sweatshirt to be worn with the informal Winter uniform (i.e. school tracksuit). The sweatshirt may not be worn with the tunic.



DATES TO DIARISE

May			
Monday	8		♥ Extra Murals start
Monday	22		♥ Hooked on Books – during school day
Thursday	25		♥ Ascension Day – Mass during School
Tuesday	30		♥ EyeTek – Eye tests during school
Wednesday	31		♥ EyeTek – Eye tests during school
June			
Thursday	15		♥ Youth Day Mass – Grade 2 & 3 attend Mass at Intermediate Phase
Friday	16		♥ Youth Day – Public Holiday
Friday	23	11h30-12h30	♥ Sponsored Walk – during school ♥ School Closes for Half Term
July			
Monday	3	07h45	♥ School opens after Half Term
Friday	14		♥ PTA Quiz night High School Hall
Saturday	15		♥ Grade 1, 2 & 3 Interhouse Sports Day
Wednesday	19		♥ Grade 00 & 0 Fun Races (during school day)
Tuesday	25	14h00	♥ Grade 00 & 0 Concert Matinee
Wednesday	26	17h00	♥ Grade 00 & 0 Evening Concert
Friday	28		♥ Extra Murals End ♥ Reports to Parents
Saturday	29		♥ St Teresa's Art Festival (High School) whole school event
Monday	31		♥ Parent Consultations
August			
Tuesday	1		♥ Parent Consultations
Wednesday	3		♥ School Closes
Term 3			
September			
Wednesday	6		♥ School Opens
Friday	8		♥ Spring Day Civvies
Monday	11		♥ Extra Murals Start
Friday	15		♥ PTA Movie Night
Tuesday	19		♥ Hearing Tests – during school day
Wednesday	20		♥ Hearing Tests – during school day
Sunday	24		♥ Heritage Day
Monday	25		♥ Public Holiday



**St Teresa's Matric
Parents warmly
invite all parents
and teachers to join
us for the annual
Parents' Dance.**



**Tickets R200* per person
(Bring your own drinks)
Matric Girls R150**



**Saturday 6 May 2017
19:00 – 23:00
St Teresa's High School Hall
Dress: Smart(ish) – Ballgowns and
Tuxedos definitely optional**

*This is not a fund raising event – all money
collected in excess of costs will be donated to the
School's Ububele Project.

Each year the Grade 11 girls transform the High School Hall into a magical space for the Matric Dance.

The Parents' Dance held the following evening allows the whole school community to enjoy an evening of fun and celebration in a beautiful venue.

Traditionally the Matric Parents attend with their daughters who dress up again in their matric dance finery and dance with their Dads and Moms.

Come and share this special evening with us ...

To book: Please pay St Teresa's by EFT with reference:
ParentsDance

Email payment confirmation, names and seating requests to Sue Benvenuti
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