**Principals Message**

Dear Parents & Carers,

Today we held a special assembly presided over by Fr Stephen who initiated Kylie Lunn, Learning Support Assistant, into the Catholic faith. Kylie will be baptised at the Easter Saturday Mass and all are welcome to celebrate with Kylie on this special day.

**GEL Information Evening**

Last week our visiting speaker on Gifted Education spoke with a group of parents on Thursday evening. The overwhelming feeling from the group was one of gratitude for what is being offered to the students at St Therese's in this field and for what is planned for the future.

**Parking**

As the weather becomes inclement and before school/after school drops become more congested, please obey the road rules in relation to parking and speed restrictions. Also make sure that you respect our neighbours and not park over their driveways or access points. The responsibility for the safety of the children rests with all of us.

**Dates to Remember**

- **3 APRIL**
  - CONFIRMATION MEETING CORPUS CHRISTI 6.00PM
  - PIZZA COMBO DAY
- **5 APR**
  - 2ND HAND UNIFORM SALE 2PM
- **12 APRIL**
  - LAST DAY TERM 1
- **29 APRIL**
  - FIRST DAY TERM 2
- **1, 2 & 3 MAY YR 6 CAMP
- **7 MAY**
  - DIO CROSS COUNTRY
- **24 MAY**
  - PUPIL FREE DAY
- **27 MAY**
  - CHILD PROTECTION VOLUNTEER TRAINING

*Duilio Rufo Principal*
RE News
Pope Francis @ pontifex
“The courage to encounter one another and extend a hand of friendship is a pathway of peace and harmony for humanity.”

Project Compassion
This week we consider Michaela, a 20 year old trainee at Purple House, which is a dialysis centre in the Central Desert, for people suffering from kidney disease with the support of Caritas partners, Michaela is helping build a social enterprise and a connection to culture and a new outlook on life for chronically ill people. Our donations support this type of worthwhile project.

Classroom donations through our Project Compassion boxes are counted each week by members of the Social Justice Team. Year 4 classes were again winners, raising $45 this week. Family boxes can be sent in anytime in the next two weeks or straight after the holidays. Thank you for your support.

Sunday Mass
Several members of staff joined the Parish community at the 9:15 am Mass to show support for our colleague and friend, Kylie, who is nearing the completion of her journey into full Initiation into the Catholic Church. Kylie took one more step here among the school community on Tuesday, when Father Stephen celebrated a special Liturgy here at St Therese’s. Kylie will be baptised at the Easter Saturday evening celebration. We are privileged to be part of her faith journey.

Sacramental News
A reminder to parents who are attending the Parent meeting for Confirmation at Corpus Christi on Wednesday at 6:00pm. Please return the necessary forms for Confirmation with your choice of which celebration to attend. The first evening is filling fast so if you have a preference please get your form in soon. A reminder that children are no longer to have a “Confirmation” name, but are to be confirmed as their Baptismal name. This request has come from the Bishop’s office. Any child to choose a “Patron” may do so, but this will be a personal option, which will not be recorded on any documentation.

Vickie Pettett Religious Coordinator

School Community News
Canteen News

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Belinda Palmer Canteen Supervisor

Year 6 St Pius X High School
Last week Year 6 students were given an enrolment pack for St Pius X. If you would like your child to attend St Pius X, these forms need to be completed and returned to St Therese’s office by Friday 12th April. Please ensure you attach a copy of your birth certificate, immunisation record and baptism forms. Please note: Late forms will not be accepted.

Conditions of Enrolment and Permission Note for Local Excursions
Thank you to those families who have completed and returned their GREEN form, for each child. Those who have not – please do so ASAP and return to school.

Working With Children Check clearances
Thank you to those parents who have provided the WWCC to the school. If you wish to volunteer at the school, you must provide the school with your WWCC and show photo ID. Once the CSO has cleared you (generally 5 days) you will be able to volunteer at school. WWCC can be applied for at the childrensguardian.com.au.

Volunteers or contractors are not able to work within the school until the school receives a clearance.
Volunteers are also to complete the volunteer handbook, available on our school website.

**Child Protection Training for Volunteers**
Zimmerman House will be providing sessions at 841 Hunter Street on:

**Wednesday 27th May 9am-1pm, Thursday 29th August 12pm-4pm, Monday 25th November 12pm-4pm**  
Register with Aleisha Pound on 49 791 319 or email aleisha.pound@mn.catholic.edu.au  
2 weeks prior to session date.

**Second Hand Clothing Sale**
On Friday 5th April there will be a second hand clothing sale at 2pm before assembly. Katrina Mulley is kindly organising it and would be grateful for any parent helpers to set up on the day. Please let the office know if you are available to help.

*Vicki McSpadden* School Bursar

**Playgroup**

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**Gifted Education**
Well, what an inspiring and productive week we have had with our guest and Gifted Ed. expert Mrs Brooke Trenwith. Brooke worked with our GE committee members and executive last Thursday and then spoke to our parents on Thursday night. Her stay with us concluded on the Friday with a whole staff Professional Development day. I thank all the parents who came to hear what Brooke had to say, it was beneficial to hear some of Brooke’s strategies and her insight into how our children feel and learn. If you would like the resources Brooke shared on the night please email me debra.petersen@mn.catholic.edu.au and I can forward them to you.

*Deb Petersen* Coordinator

**P & F**
**Easter Guessing Competition:** (There is no raffle this year only the guessing competition)
Please support the P & F by sending in $1 for a guess with your child once the jar is in their class. There is one prize jar per year and the competition will run for 3 weeks. The jar will spend one week in each class and winners announced on Friday 12th April. Each guess is $1 and no IOUs are allowed. If your child has missed their week they may ask to go into the class currently where the jar is located and place a guess. Keep any eye out for the jar in your class.

**Entertainment Memberships**
The launching of the NEW 2019/2020 Entertainment Memberships has commenced. The Entertainment book is turning 25 this year and they have been working hard to make this the best edition yet. Order now so you can take advantage of bonus Early Bird Offers. Not only will you get to enjoy valuable bonus Early Bird vouchers but also you will receive a $20 Woolworths online offer  
$50 Cellarmasters online offer!  
*$20 off your total shop when you spend $220 or more at Woolworth online.  
^$50 off your total shop when you spend $120 or more at Cellarmasters online.  
^*Terms & conditions apply  
Early bird Entertainment memberships can be purchase using the link  
Support St Therese’s Primary School Entertainment Book now!

Hardcopy books will be still be available for purchase and collection at the school office from second week in April ready to be used for the school holidays.
News from the Classroom
In science, Year 6 have been working on force. The three types of force we discussed were push, pull and twist which we then had to demonstrate examples of by creating a Rube Goldberg machine. A Rube Goldberg machine is a machine that uses a combination of push, pull or twist motions to start a chain reaction. We used a variety of class items and sports equipment and worked together to see how long we could continue the chain reactions without human interference. We were challenged in making our machines work and coming up with designs that were effective.

Zara C and Ruby J

RESPECT: As we approach the end of our First Term for 2019, we begin to wrap up our focus upon the virtue of Respect. Each year this is our first major focus area and for good reason…without respect, for one another, our environment and the wider world in which we live, we have nothing. Respect is the foundation of positive, healthy relationships. Hopefully you, as parents, guardians and grandparents, have been able to witness your children growing in the virtue of respect at home just as they have been encouraged to do so here at school. Thank you for your continued support in this area, as the virtues truly are the building blocks of character and we are blessed at St Therese’s to have such respectful students.

School Spirit Award for beginning the year with Great School Spirit.

| KN | Ajay C. & Dolcie D. | KW | Lily C. & Eloise C. | KL | Frankie S. & Mason S. |
| 1N | Griffin C. & Queenie C. | 1W | Jayden C. & Josie W. | 1L | Kayleigh G. & Oliver M. |
| 2N | Ava G. & Blythe P. | 2W | Amelia B. & Sonny P. | 2L | Ivy M. & Sienna S. |
| 5N | Max N. & Hayley S. | 5W | | 5L | |
| 6N | Aurora B. & Zander S. | 6W | | 6L | Oliver M. & Jack W. |
Principal Award recipients for this week:
Max W. (KW), Scarlett H. (1L), Rosie W. (1L), Casper H. (2N), Mya T. (2L), Isla O. (3N), Lucy A. (3W), Olivia H. (3L), Oliver H. (3L), George H. (4N), Grace M. (4N), Nate B. (4L), Kruz D. (4L), James M. (4L), Olivia R. (4L), Quinn T. (4L), Gabriel W. (4L) and Milla E. (5N)

Luke Smith Coordinator

SPORT
AFL Trials
Congratulations to Lachlan S in grade 6 for his selection into the Diocesan team for Polding AFL. The Polding AFL will be hosted at Teralba next Wednesday on 3rd April.

Diocesan Winter Trials
Well done to those students who attended the winter sport trials last week in their chosen sport. Congratulations to Cooper M who will now play in the Polding Open’s Rugby League Team trials and to Thomas M, who was successful at Soccer and is now a part of the Polding team trial.

Polding Swimming
Congratulations to our swimming team who attended the Polding Swimming Meet at Homebush last week. To make it this far is an extreme achievement. A special mention to Andie W who placed third in 100m freestyle and is now through to PSSA.

School Cross Country
Thank you to our grade 6 teachers for organising our school cross country. The students had a wonderful time and those who were successful in this long distance race will compete in the Dio cross country next term.

Deb Petersen Coordinator
**OOSH**

Hi from the Y,

This week we will be doing some more colourful crafts with Michelle to help make our room even more bright and colourful and more mobilo construction competitions and large construction using foam blocks and large lego bricks. Wednesday afternoon we will head to the hall for some large group games but we will also make good use of the beautiful autumn weather and spend as much time as possible playing outdoors throughout the week. The children have been making good use of the whiteboard by playing ‘teachers’ and it’s interesting to see their portrayal of being a teacher. I’m sure this dramatic play theme will continue this week as well.

One of our educators, Cecilia has been giving Spanish lessons to children who are interested to learn another language. Some of the children are very interested in this and are even practising at home.

This week as always we will be serving fruit and veggie platters along with yummy afternoon teas starting with Steph’s dairy free chocolate brownie this afternoon.

Thank you to the parents/caregivers who have updated their enrolments for 2019. There are still a few to be completed so if you have not already done this please see Steph or myself and we can assist you in doing this.

Vacation Care is now fast approaching. Our excursion to Tree Tops Adventure Park on Tuesday 16th is now booked out but we still have vacancies on all other days. Please go online and book in for some holiday fun before other days get booked out as well.


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