Principals Message
Dear Parents & Carers
Last Friday at our school assembly, our School Leaders for 2019 were reintroduced to the school community. Below is a photo of the children and I look forward to working with them this year.

Thank you to everyone for your flexibility in relation to afternoon dismissal. This is an ongoing situation for the year and any thoughts that might improve the pickup are most welcome.

Condition of Enrolment Form & Excursion Notice
Last week every parent would have received, on green paper, a document headed “Local Excursions” and “Conditions of Enrolment”. The Condition of Enrolment Form is mandatory. The Catholic Schools Office has requested all schools ensure that these documents are completed and signed and returned by the end of Term 1. Schools have been instructed to chase up any outstanding documents. To those parents who have already submitted them, I thank you and to those who have not, could I encourage you to do so ASAP.

Dates to Remember
13 FEBRUARY
REGIONAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL
BOOK CLUB ORDERS DUE

15 FEBRUARY
CLOTHING POOL SALE

19 FEBRUARY
SCHOOL MASS MAIN HALL 9.30AM

20 & 21 FEBRUARY
SCHOOL PHOTOS

28 FEBRUARY
DIO SWIMMING CARNIVAL

1 MARCH
REGIONAL WINTER TRIALS

4 MARCH
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

5 MARCH
UNIFORM SUB-COMMITTEE 6PM
P & F MEETING 7PM

6 MARCH
ASH WEDNESDAY

17 MARCH
PARISH MASS 9.15AM

29 MARCH
PUPIL FREE DAY
School Photos
On 20th and 21st February all children will have their school photos taken by Newcastle School Portraits. Orders for these school packs are to be placed directly online (see attached flyer).

My thanks to Peter Fields (Director) for coming last week and taking photos of all our Kindergarten children on their first days of school.

Pupil Free-Staff In-Service
I draw your attention to the Staff In-Service which will take place on Friday 29th March. This will be Pupil Free Day which means there will be no teachers at school on this day. Please make appropriate arrangements for your child’s care on this day.

Dulio Ruto  Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Settling into School
Last week was the first full week for both the staff and students. While many were quite tired by the end of the week, everyone enjoyed the week, getting back into the routines, engaging with peers and getting to know their way around their new grades. The first few weeks of the year are about your child getting to know their teachers and classmates, as well as the teachers getting to know your child. We are currently in the process of relationship building exercises as well as setting class and school norms, in order for St Therese’s to be an environment that nurtures and challenges each child. It can take some children a bit longer to settle into their new classes, as compromise and collaboration are skills that take a lifetime to learn. If your child is having any difficulties please contact their teacher to discuss your concerns. All children have times when they find school difficult, this is a normal part of the school journey. We are here to work in a partnership with you, to ensure your child grows academically, socially and emotionally.

Beginning of the Year Assessments
All teachers are currently assessing your child, in order to plan engaging learning opportunities throughout 2019. In Kindergarten and Year 1 students are undertaking InitiaLit Assessments to identify the sounds your child knows and how they can use these sounds. They are also participating in Mathematics assessments to look at their understanding of numbers and how numbers are used. In Years 2-6, children are undertaking the Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) in Mathematics, Reading Comprehension and Spelling (Years 3-6 only). These tests identify your child's strengths and areas for improvement, in order for teaching programs to build students' academic growth, as well as allowing us to challenge our students in the various Key Learning Areas (KLAs). Once all testing has been completed, we will begin our flexible grouping across the school.

Later this term, you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher. The Term 1 Parent Teacher interviews are held so that parents and teachers can discuss goals for children for the 2019 academic school year. More information regarding interview times and dates will be sent in the coming weeks.

Lost Property
I was quite amazed with the large tub of unlabelled lost property from last week alone. This has been washed and placed in the clothing pool. Parents please label all your child's property and encourage them to be organised and responsible for their own things. All children K-6 should know to put their things in their bags when they are not using them. There are always a large amount of lunchboxes, drink bottles, hats and other personal items strewn around the school at the end of each school day.
**Sport Days**
Just a reminder that sport days are as follows:

- Kindergarten - Wednesday
- Year 1 - Thursday
- 2L - Tuesday
- 2N - Wednesday
- 2W - Thursday
- Year 3 - Wednesday (Weeks 1-4) then Tuesday (Weeks 5-11)
- Year 4 - Tuesday (Weeks 1-4) then Wednesday (Weeks 5-11)
- Year 5 - Tuesday
- Year 6 - Thursday

Kaylene Maretich  Assistant Principal

**RE News**
Pope Francis @ pontifex
"Love of God and love of neighbour are inseparable. They are two sides of the same coin: lived together they are the true strength of believers."

**St Therese’s Term 1 Mass**
Please join us to celebrate our first Mass of the year in the Hall at 9:30 am on Tuesday 19th February. All parents are welcome and we ask that you show your respect for the occasion by not bringing coffees/drinks into the Hall with you. Thank you to our Student Council leaders, who will be demonstrating their leadership by taking an active role in the Liturgy.

**St Therese’s Parish Sunday Mass**
We try to forge strong links with our Parish by contributing our involvement in the Liturgy of the Mass once or twice each Term. This involves families/students offering to act as Altar Servers, greeters at the door, Readers of the Word, bearers of the Offertory gifts, preparation of morning tea and being part of the choir. We would like to make a start at the Parish Mass on Sunday 17th March and ask that you please consider coming along to support these Masses and help make Holy Trinity Blackbutt North St Therese’s a welcoming community.

Vickie Pettett Religious Coordinator

**School Community News**

**Canteen News**

- We have a new look Juicie ice block - it looks like a Calypso ice block and come in Orange, Wildberry, Tropical & Lemonade. Price is $1.
- Please remember to update your child’s class in Flexischools. We have had quite a few distressed children who can’t find their lunch order because it has gone into last year lunch tub.
- Just a reminder that every Friday is online orders only. Online orders are through Flexischools. No paper bag orders please.
- Sushi is available every Tuesday. Made freshly for us by Sushi For You in New Lambton. Orders should be placed through Flexischools.
- Nicenjooseys are the replacement for the old Zooper Dooper and are still 40 cents.

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Belinda Palmer  Supervisor

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Low Income Health Care Card
Any families who hold a low income health care card need to produce it to the office ASAP to claim the full year 50% tuition fee reduction. Health Care Cards produced later in the year will only allow discounts to apply to that term’s fees.

School Fees
A paper copy of your school fees will be sent home with your child later this week. Future reminders will be via email. Please note that some regular school excursions, athletics and swimming carnivals as well as camp costs will be included on your school fees. If you are experiencing financial difficulty please contact the office to speak to Mr Rufo the Principal for assistance.

Clothing Pool Sale
This Friday 15th February from 2pm in the main hall there will be a clothing pool sale where all items are half price. Please come along to buy a school uniform bargain. Many Thanks to Katrina Mulley for organising the sale.

Vicki McSpadden School Bursar

News from the Classroom
Waste Free Wednesday
Once again we are embracing Waste Free Wednesday here at St Therese’s – that means no bins will be placed on the playground for garbage and parents are asked to minimise the packaging used to wrap their child’s lunches and to take any wrappers/refuse home with them.

Thank you for your support of this environmentally friendly initiative.

PBS
RESPECT: Manners – This term, we will be focusing on the virtue of Respect. The first way in which we are exploring how to show respect through the use of Manners. We use our manners through words; saying “Please”, “Thank You” & “Excuse Me”. We can also teach our children to show manners through their actions; by taking turns, standing back and allowing others to go first, holding the door open for another, etc. When we take the time and patience to repeat these messages to our children (and it does take many reminders!) we are instilling in them the importance of showing Respect to others. Trust me, others will thank you for this and appreciate it as your children grow to be respectful members of society!

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

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Principal Award recipients for this week:
Angelina M. (5L), River S. (5L)

*Luke Smith Coordinator*

**BOOK CLUB – Issue 1**
Closing date for orders from Scholastic Australia – Issue 1 is tomorrow, **Wednesday 13th February**.
Please ensure that your order form has been filled in and placed in an envelope with your child’s name and class on the front. Remember to enclose the CORRECT money or cheque made payable to Scholastic Australia.
OR you may order through ‘LOOP’ which is on-line order and payment, with your purchases delivered to the school.
Please note: Late orders for ‘LOOP’ may incur a delivery fee if order is posted to your home.
Office pick-up is always available for discreet orders such as Christmas, birthdays, rewards etc. Clearly mark the order ‘Office pick-up’ and add a contact number. ‘LOOP’ also has an option to tick a box for ‘gift orders’.
**REMEMBER:** All orders earn valuable resources for our school.

**SPORT**

Cooper B and Jonah Q travelled to Lismore last week to trial for the NSWCPS basketball team. Cooper made it through to the last 14 but missed out - Jonah was selected as one of the top 10 players who will represent NSW in the NSW PSSA competition which will be held in early May.

Both boys trialled extremely well and represented their school displaying great sportsmanship.

*Deb Petersen Coordinator*

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**PUPIL FREE DAY – FRIDAY 29TH MARCH – YMCA NEW LAMBTON WILL BE OPERATING FROM 6.30am to 6pm.** If you need all day care for that day please go online and book in. Bookings will be open in the two weeks prior to that day.

*Christine Morgan | Childcare Coordinator*
*YMCA New Lambton OSHC | Burke Street, New Lambton, NSW, 2305*
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
BUNNINGS P&F FUNDRAISER
BBQ
SUNDAY 24th MARCH
BUNNINGS KOTARA
2 hour shifts between
8.30am & 4.30pm
Email tmstanding81@bigpond.com
or call/message 0421979570
(Madeleine) to volunteer
ALL volunteers must be
aged over 18

Music Lessons with Ben!
Individual Guitar, Keyboard
or Piano lessons for your
child at just $20 for 30
minutes!
Some spaces are still available for this Term
Lessons available on Tuesday or Thursday
Please enquire with Ben Pettett on 0452 320 342

To bring Christ and His message, in all its richness, into the hearts and lives of all.
New Lambton Football Club have opened registration to girls and boys seeking to play football (soccer) in their U6 teams. For further information, please go to our website at http://newlambtonfc.com.au/player-registrations.
Help us to get kids excited about eating veg!

Only 5% of NSW kids eat enough vegetables.

Want to help make a change? Then let’s link vegetables to fun times!

Join hundreds of primary schools across NSW this term and register for Vegetable Week & The Big Vegie Crunch.

Help us break the record for the largest number of children eating vegetables simultaneously. More than 50,000 children crunched together in 2018. Let’s smash this number in 2019!

Vegetable Week & The Big Vegie Crunch - Monday 1st to Friday 5th April, 2019.