Dear Parents, Staff and Students

Another hot week behind us and the air-conditioners proved up to the task. I was asked about “Extreme Weather Policy” and the answer is YES, if it gets too hot we keep the children indoors and at times put the sprinklers on them – which they enjoy!

Today I attended the Regional Swimming Carnival and I want to congratulate the children on their exemplary behaviour – they are a credit to the school. My thanks also to Mrs Petersen for the excellent work she is doing in the area of sport.

Next week on Monday evening the 20th February Dr Cathie Harrison will be speaking to parents about play based learning at the kinder parent information night. On Tuesday 21st February Cathie will be spending the day working with the Kindergarten classes.

Further in the bulletin are the instructions for booking your Parent/Teacher interviews. I encourage you all to meet with your child’s teachers.

Please note assemblies will recommence on Tuesday 21st February at 2.30pm in the St Therese’s Hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

Yesterday we welcomed back the program ‘Sing out Loud’ where our Year 6 students perform for elderly guests in the Hall on a Monday morning. This is both beneficial for performers and their guests. Any grandparents or elderly in the school community are welcome to join in.

There has been a report of head lice in the school. Also three confirmed cases of chickenpox.

Staff In-service Day
Please note that Friday 7th April (last day of Term 1) will be a PUPIL FREE DAY.

Dulio Rufo - Principal

Working with Children Check for all volunteers: IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

Due to changes in legislation and the implementation of the New Working With Children Check Clearance across NSW, all school volunteers are required to obtain a Working with Children Check Clearance Number from the Office of the Children’s Guardian (OCG). This includes those volunteering in the canteen, helpers with reading, art, sport, transporting children or in any other capacity where they have direct contact with children. Even those who have completed previous Child Protection Declarations and are on the Register of Volunteers will need to obtain a Working with Children Check Clearance Number.

The steps to obtain a Working with Children Check Clearance Number are as follows:
Fill out an online application form at www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check
When you have completed the application form, you will receive an Application number (APP) by email.
Take this Application number and proof of your identity to a NSW motor registry or Service NSW Office. As it is not paid work the $80 fee will be waived.
Once your application has been processed and you are cleared, you will receive your Working With Children Check number (WWC) by email (or post if you do not have an email address).
Bring your Working With Children Check number to the school and fill in the Declaration Form. You will need to bring proof of identity documents with you for a 100 point check. Your WWC number and form will then be sent to our Diocesan Child Protection Unit (Zimmerman Services) to be put on the new Register of Volunteers.

Please see attached Volunteer Induction Handbook. If you are unable to print at home please contact Office for a copy.

Uniform
Thank you to those students who have started the school year wearing the correct school uniform. Just a reminder that school shoes must be black leather shoes with laces or Velcro so that the entire foot is covered. Ballet flats and slip on shoes are not appropriate for school. On sport days students are to wear predominately white joggers; skate shoes are not acceptable. All students must wear a school hat which can be purchased at the Office for $12. All students are reminded to tie back long hair, and to limit jewellery; earrings must be small studs. If your child cannot wear their correct uniform for a short period of time, please send in a note of explanation to your child's teacher. The correct school uniform ensures your child's safety at school, as well as displaying school pride.

2017 School Leaders
Look out for our 2017 school captains and councillors who will be featured in the Newcastle Herald School Leaders Supplement next Tuesday 21st February.

Chess
Inter-School Chess Challenge will be held at Bishop Tyrell College Fletcher Friday 17 March. Further details to follow. Students from K – 6 can enter.

Sallyanne Stanbridge - Assistant Principal

RE News
Please join us on Friday 17th at 9:30 for our Opening of the School Year liturgy in the Hall, followed by a welcoming cuppa. During this Liturgy the Student Council and Sport Captains will deliver their Leadership Pledge. The various teams will also be introduced to the assembly by their leaders.
On Sunday 19th February families are warmly invited to celebrate the Sunday evening 5:45 pm Mass. As previously noted, we are working with the youth of the Parish, “the Pure Flame “ musicians at these monthly Masses. Students are invited to offer their services to perform the various ministries. Please return the tear off form on the invitation by tomorrow, Wednesday.

Project Compassion
Members of the Social Justice Team will attend the launch of Project Compassion on Tuesday 28th February and will be visiting classes to inform students of the work of Project compassion. Each year in Term 1 we focus on this Catholic charity. We will have our whole school celebration of this day on Friday 17th March., green day. This year there will be “no green food”, but rather a focus on celebrating St Patrick’s day by wearing green, donating money and participating in some activities in class. We trust families will support us in this worthy charity.

Harmony Day
On Tuesday 21st March we will celebrate Harmony day with a Liturgy at 2:30 in the school hall. Students will be invited to wear orange and donate a gold coin. We celebrate working together, our multicultural Australia and our need to reach out to others.

Words from Pope Francis

Vickie Pettett – Religious Coordinator
Parent Information Updates
Please email the office on admin@newlambton.catholic.edu.au with any changes to address’, phone numbers or email addresses. Also if we do not have a copy of your email address, please send.

Vicki McSpadden – School Bursar

Positive Behaviour System
This week we continue to focus on demonstrating RESPECT by using manners. We often think of manners as being saying “please” and “thank you” but it is also waiting our turn, allowing others to go before us rather than pushing to always be first and remembering behaviours appropriate to the situation we find ourselves in. One saying we often use at St Therese’s is “manners cost nothing” but the recipient feels valued and respected. So continue to talk to your child about using their manners and provide praise and encouragement for manners shown.

Congratulations to the students who demonstrated outstanding manners and were presented with the School Spirit Award at their Grade or Stage assemblies.

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Stage 1 Math & English Information Night
We welcome all parents of students in Years 1 & 2 to an information night on Tuesday 21 February at 5:30 - 7:00pm in the Fr Walsh Hall. Starting at 5:30pm you will have an opportunity to “play with” the various resources we use to teach these two curriculum areas, then from 6:00pm we will have a more formal session explaining the strategies we use. The evening will conclude at 7:00pm. Your child will receive an information note this week.

Kaylene Marettich - Primary Coordinator

Kids Matter – Highway “BUMPS”
By now all classes K-6 will have been introduced to the Highway Heroes metaphor that we are all travelling along the Highway of Life where difficult situations and challenges are met. Part of this metaphor is the concept of “bumps”. Bumps are difficulties that we encounter in everyday life and they are a normal part of life. There are different sorts of bumps: Little BUMPS are things that happen - like leaving your library bag at home. Big BUMPS are much bigger things – like someone being nasty or not be allowed to join in a game. Ongoing big bumps can turn into “hazards”. The children are learning to distinguish the difference between big bumps and little bumps – it is great to hear them re-framing their thoughts on different issues, saying things like, “At first I thought it was a big bump, but now I’ve thought about it, it really is just a small bump!” The program will go on to provide “Tools” and problem solving techniques for the children to deal with life’s bumps and build resilience. Use this language with your kids at home to help them bring perspective to challenges they are meeting at school.

Julia Briggs - Primary Coordinator

.Sing Out Loud Together (SOLT) Program has been created to engage with our community elders and students to connect through fun, stories, friendship and the love of music. In Term 1 this is 6S.
We are looking for new elders to join our choir. This term we had our first Choir on Monday so it is not too late to join. Any grandparents from Class 6S or the school? 4 more elders would make all the difference to making it a success. It is about having FUN it is not about the singing! All are most welcome to come along. Further enquiries can be made by calling NovaCare on 1300 363 654

Soccer Trials
Congratulations to the following children who will attend the Winter Trials for Soccer, this Thursday. A huge thank you to Daniel Rufo and Chris Brain for their help at school to select these children.
We wish them the best of Luck.
Boys:
Jerick Loachaivaj, Xavier Bertoncello, Zac Etheridge, Billy Eick, Hugh Browne, Max Brideson
Girls:
Alice Meers, Halle Eick, Jazmyn Burke, Tessa Mills, Hannah Giles

Deb Petersen - Primary Coordinator
Wests Netball Registrations
Following our recent registration days we have vacancies for girls who will turn 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 years of age during 2017 of any level of playing ability to complete teams in those age groups.

For further information please contact Stephanie on 0412 525 900.

Canteen News
Canteen orders can be placed online ordering from the Flexischools website. Towards the end of the newsletter is a flyer with all the details. If you have any questions, please let me know or call Flexischools directly.

Sushi - every Tuesday the canteen offers sushi. Made to order locally by Sushi For You. These orders must be placed on Flexischools. This is so I can know all orders by 9am and place our order with Sushi For You.

Fridays are online orders only at the canteen. Fridays are our busiest day of the week at the canteen - we regularly make over 150 lunches. To help streamline this we ask that all orders be placed via Flexischools. Any paper bag orders will be offered a sandwich, roll or wrap. No hot food for paper bag orders - sorry. If your child comes with a paper bag order they will not go without lunch - they will just be asked to come to the canteen so they can tell me what they'd like on their sandwich, roll or wrap.

Dinners Ready
Freshly prepared meals for you to take home when you pick up the kids. 10 dinners to choose from - see www.fourpeppermints.com.au for all the details. Orders can be via Flexischools or at the canteen. Orders close 1pm the day prior.

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Congratulations
Congratulations to Charlotte Roberts (5B) who has advised that she has been offered a position at the Joffrey Ballet School Summer School. She will be travelling to New York whilst she participates in a 3 week Ballet Intensive workshop in July. She will receive guidance and tuition from some of the industry’s most experienced and talented choreographers.

Playgroup
Welcome to the new team for playgroup:

Gerlies Bremmer 0406086785 gep.bremmer@gmail.com
Camelia Maleka 0422260678
camelia.maleka@gmail.com
Katie Cameron 0414952491
katiecameron7@gmail.com
Helen Shah 0411497271
helenlmshah@gmail.com

Playgroup will not be on this Friday 18th February due to the opening celebration.
Please join us in the school hall the following week on the 24th for playgroup fun!
Please contact Kate on 0414952491 if you have any questions about playgroup.
Dear Parents/Carers,

Despite the very hot weather last week, children still managed to enjoy their time at the YMCA, playing fairly and cooperatively during games of soccer, football, Pokemon challenges, board games and Bingo. When the sun was at it hottest, children took some time to chill out watching movies and enjoying ice blocks. This week, children are encouraged to bring some spare clothes so that they can cool off with some water play.

Children’s thoughts on the Y:
“We love to go outside and play soccer!” Alice M, Connor C
“We like the food at the Y.” River S
“Everyone is happy at the Y.” Lawson M
“The Y is a fun and safe place to come and play with friends.” Alex K

Have a fabulous week!

Kind regards,

Kylie Nadalin - Coordinator
YMCA NSW – Newcastle Region I St Thereses Primary School,
New Lambton NSW 2305
m 0402165617
e oshc.newlambton@ymcansw.org.au w ymcansw.org.au
Follow us! facebook | twitter | youtube | instagram

Piano/Keyboard/Guitar lessons $20 lesson ring Ben on 0408 504 882

How to replace a school travel pass or School Opal card lost over the holidays
To report a lost, stolen or damaged rural/regional school travel pass, please advise the student to contact the relevant transport operator to find out the replacement procedure.

To report a lost, stolen or damaged School Opal card, please advise the student to go to http://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/reportPass. If the student proceeds with replacing their School Opal card, it will be cancelled immediately and a new card will be sent within 8 to 10 working days.
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For further information please visit
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or contact Simon on 0408474847

Polding Summer Trails
Congratulations to Oliver Watkins and Darby Hepple who trialled for the Polding Basketball Team on Friday. Even with the extreme hot weather they managed to enjoy themselves and have fun. Well done boys, your school community is proud of you.

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TRAVEL ASSOCIATES
Dear Parents

Semester One interviews will be held this term with your class teacher. Bookings must be finalised by the 23th of February at 3pm, when bookings for this event will close.

For parents that do not have internet access, please phone the school on 4957 4922 to book a time. Interviews are strictly 15 mins.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

Enter code... j6bah

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Enter your details

Select the teachers you wish to see

Select the appointment times that suit your family best

When you click FINISH, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately – Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until the bookings close on 23rd February at 3pm

You may change your bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 4957 4922

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the “contact us” button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school’s name and suburb.
SCHOOL/FAMILY PARISH MASS

On Sunday, 19th February we are invited to participate in the liturgy at the 5:45 pm Mass.

We especially invite our students and families of Year 6 leaders and members of teams to assist at this Mass.

We appreciate the music supplied by members of “Pure Flame” group. There will be a cuppa for parents and ice blocks served for all students attending.

If your child/family can assist please fill in the form below and return by Wednesday 15th.

With thanks,
Vickie Pettett (REC)

My child/family will be attending the Mass on the 19th February and can assist in the following way

Cuppa Greeting Reading Offertory choir Altar Server