Principals Message
Dear Parents & Carers
I would like to express my thanks to those parents who have heard about the death of my brother and have expressed their condolences to me. My family and I feel very supported by the community of St Therese’s.

This Thursday I will be holding a meeting with Shaddock Architects and the builder to determine start dates for construction. Please note that the first step will be the erecting safety fencing around the demolition zone. This is scheduled to happen on Tuesday 26th March. Please respect these safety measures and be aware that we may have to make adjustments to the Entry and Exit points of the school as needs arise.

Shave for a Cure
Last Friday a group of students (pictured below) took the brave step of shaving their heads with donations going to the Shave for a Cure Cancer organisation. I applaud these children for their courage and their sense of community spirit. As a flow-on of these children’s initiative, a large number of students then took up the challenge of having their hair sprayed to raise further funds. This was an outstanding success and shows the depth of emotional maturity and compassion that our students embody.

Dates to Remember
20 MARCH  
BOOK CLUB ORDERS DUE
22 MARCH  
HARMONY DAY
23 MARCH  
ELECTION DAY CAKESTALL
27 MARCH  
MCDONALDS FUNDRAISER
28 MARCH  
BROOKE TRENWITH TALK 6PM GIFTED ED - STAFFROOM
29 MARCH  
PUPIL FREE DAY
1 APRIL  
CROSS COUNTRY
3 APRIL  
CONFIRMATION MEETING CORPUS CHRISTI 6.00PM
PIZZA COMBO DAY
12 APRIL  
LAST DAY TERM 1
29 APRIL  
FIRST DAY TERM 2
**Assistant Principals Message**

**Shave for a Cure**

Most of us have directly or indirectly faced cancer and the effects of treatments that in some cases have been unsuccessful. So last Friday, Harry S, Jonah Q, Eli P, River S, Ethan O, Gus F & Ben B had their head shaved and over the weekend Keely B had her hair cut, to raise money for **Shave for a Cure**. Thank you also to Amanda S and Amanda W for providing us with your expertise in shaving the student’s hair. We also thank a big group of Year 6 children, who helped me to spray the hair of many of the children, we raised $1640 from the hair spraying. We thank all these children for their commitment to assisting find a cure for cancer, which has touched most of us at St Therese’s. The actions of these children were a fine example of our Mercy values of **Care & Compassion**.

**ANZAC Day Celebrations**

On Thursday 25 April, we celebrate ANZAC Day, where we remember all the brave men and women who have fought and continue to fight in our defence forces around the world, so that we can enjoy living in a safe country. Each year, St Therese's students are invited to participate in the New Lambton ANZAC Day services and March. Students who would like to participate, are asked to meet at 9:45am at Lambton Pool for a commemorative service, with the march starting at 10:15am. The march is from Lambton Pool to Lambton Bowling Club. Students MUST wear their FULL FORMAL uniform. I will supervise the students on the march, with other staff. Parents and/or guardians are asked to line the journey the march takes, and may collect their child/ren from the carpark at Lambton Bowling Club.

**A Very Proud Assistant Principal**

Over the past week I have been reminded of the beautiful nature of our students at St Therese's. Being on duty, as well as during class time, I have seen innumerable examples of the value of **Respect** that we are focussing on this term. Some of the behaviours I have seen are: students volunteering to help teachers or volunteers that are carrying large items, giving a supportive hug or pat on the back when a friend is upset, our senior students “manning” the flying fox so our younger children can get across, big smiles as “Good Morning Mr/Mrs ..” and so many more. Additionally, I’ve heard the kind and friendly way most students speak to each other in class and on the playground. All of these actions have occurred without any prompting from adults. I have been so proud of our students and school community. I encourage you all to continue this wonderful behaviours, which sets a great example for others as well as creating such a positive environment for our school.

**Student Drop Off**

*I would ask all parents to read the policy regarding drop off/pick up at the back of this newsletter. We are receiving complaints on a daily basis from frustrated parents who are not able to drop their child off to school in a timely manner because others have parked illegally in the drop off zone.*

**Kaylene Maretich** Assistant Principal

**RE News**

Pope Francis @ pontifex

“Lent is a reminder to stop, to turn to the essential, to fast from all that is superfluous and distracting. It is awake up call for the Spirit.

**Sunday Mass**

Thank you to the families who came along to the 9:15 am Mass at St Therese's church on Sunday. Special thanks to the children who were involved in Ministry of the Word: Eve M, Penny M and Jack M, the Offertory procession: Orson M, Charlotte L, Demetria H, greeting and welcoming parishioners: Charlotte L, Altar Server Aiga L and assisting in the choir: Will B. we thank the parish musicians for working with us to supply enriching music and Father Velerian for his pastoral care.

**Year 6 and Year 4 Visits**

Thanks to Father Stephen who has now met with all Year 6 classes and 4L. He will meet with the other two Year 4 classes this week.
Harmony Day
Wear something orange on Friday for Harmony Day! Members of the Social Justice Team will be involved in presenting the Liturgy at Assembly on Friday. They will also have for sale ORANGE bracelets for $4.00 on Thursday-Friday until all sold.

Sacramental News
Thank you to those who have already sent in their forms for Confirmation and Holy Communion organisation. For those who are yet to return their forms please do so ASAP.

PROJECT COMPASSION
This week’s message is about Tati, who lives in the remote forest of Indonesia. She has 3 children and earns her income working in a rubber plantation. Tati took part in ecotourism training with Caritas Australia and now earns enough to send her children to school. Her wish is to earn enough to ensure her family is free from poverty and she is committed to making this happen. We can help other families like Tati’s by donating through our PC boxes.

Vickie Pettett Religious Coordinator

School Community News

Canteen News
Order your pizza combo now. It’s a Year 6 fundraiser. $5.50 (plus the usual Flexischools fee) buys you a slice of freshly baked pizza, a juice and a Freddo Frog. Pizza Combo Day is Wednesday 3 April. Orders close Monday 1 April 9pm. Order through Flexischools only - no paper bag orders please.

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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 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.

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 was sent home with your child in week 3. 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.

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 to also 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.

Newsletter Update
Currently newsletters are distributed via;
- Compass
- Email
- Website
- Hardcopy for those parents who have requested it.
From Week 7 newsletters will no longer be sent out via email. If you do not have electronic access to the newsletter, please let the office know and a hardcopy will be sent home with your child.
Note: When using your phone to read the newsletter in the Compass App-you need to “view in browser”.

Vicki McSpadden School Bursar

Playgroup
Playgroup will be on in the hall this Friday 22nd March. Come along and join the fun from 9.15am to 11.15am. Cost is $3 per family with morning tea provided for parents. Please bring a drink and snack for your children. Please contact Cath if you have any questions about playgroup on 0450922205. Look forward to seeing you there.

P & F
Below is a link for the Council of Catholic School parents Newsletter. This is a valuable resource for news throughout the Dioceses.
https://ccsp.schoolzineplus.com/newsletter/55517

Easter Guessing Competition
The Easter Guessing Competition will start on 25th March 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.
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.

Year 6 Fundraising
Election Day Cake Stall - 23rd March outside the School Hall
Come along and purchase some yummy homemade treats including cupcakes, slices, biscuits and more. All available until sold out.

McDonald’s Night – 26th March
Please support the Year 6 fundraising effort by purchasing a meal at McDonalds Broadmeadow on Tuesday 26th March between 6-7pm. 10% of drive thru and in store purchases during this time will be donated to the Year 6 fundraising.

Pizza Combo Day – 3rd April
Wednesday 3rd April is Pizza Combo day at the canteen. Please purchase through Flexischool. Your choice of Cheese, Hawaiian or meatlovers pizza with chocolate and a juice. Gluten Free available (+$1.00) Orders close Monday 1st April at 9pm and orders are not transferrable.

Donna Douglass Vice President

Parent Talks

Behaviours are responses/reactions to the stress in the environment
Home! School! Work! Mind! Body!
Cheryl Roberts will continue her parent information talks this Thursday 21 March and next Tuesday 26 March for any interested parents/carers. Please contact the office if you wish to attend.

To bring Christ and His message, in all its richness, into the hearts and lives of all.
RESPECT through Forgiveness: We show respect for others and their dignity as fellow human beings when we can display the virtue of Forgiveness. We all make mistakes and do or say things that can cause others pain, whether intentional or not. This is why true forgiveness begins with an honest assessment of ourselves. When we accept that we are also human and make mistakes, we can begin to show compassionate forgiveness towards ourselves. This is then transferred to how we see others. When someone does something that hurts, angers or upsets us we can respond towards them with the same degree of compassionate understanding and forgiveness that we would want others to show towards us. Many times people hurt us without even a conscious understanding of what they are truly doing or the effects it may cause in us. In His final moments, in the midst of horrendous pain and suffering, Jesus managed to summon the courage and strength to lead the way for us all in this regard as He cried out, “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.” (Luke 23:34).

Forgiveness does not mean we condone the wrong and unjust acts of others. It does not mean that we cannot address our concerns and hurts with those who have caused us pain. It does, however, mean that we still continue to view the other person as a child of God, the same as ourselves, who has inherent dignity. When we can do this, we are able to let go of the need to hold onto any pain and suffering that keeps both parties locked up. True forgiveness, therefore, is as much about freedom for the forgiver as it is for the forgiven.

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

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Principal Award recipients for this week:

Luke Smith Coordinator

Library
BOOK CLUB: Issue 2 Book Club is now available. Closing date for orders is next WEDNESDAY 20th March.
There are now two ways to order from Scholastic Book Club.
If you wish to make a purchase through the school, simply fill out the order form – place it in an envelope with the CORRECT money, or cheque made out to Scholastic Australia. Please write your child’s name and class on the front of the envelope as well as the order form.
ALTERNATIVELY, you may order through ‘LOOP’ which is on-line order and payment, with your purchases delivered to the school.
Office pick-up is always available for discreet orders such as birthdays, Christmas, 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’ which can be picked up from the office.

REMEMBER: All orders earn valuable resources for our school.
SPORT

Mascot Cricket Challenge
Stage 1 and Kindergarten have been participating in the Sydney 6's Mascot cricket challenge. Students have been learning various cricket skills. To conclude this great program the ABC radio will be here on the final day (Friday March 22nd) to interview some children and teachers about the skills they have learnt and how they have enjoyed their time learning about the game of cricket.

Deb Petersen Coordinator

Cross Country
We will hold our school Cross Country on **Monday 1st April, Week 10**. Students and teachers will walk to Regent Park to complete the event and then back to school. All students are expected to attempt the cross country. **Parents should have already signed an excursion permission note at the beginning of the year that covers the cross country. If you still have not sent this green note back in, please do so asap.**

The 8, 9 and 10 year olds will run 2km (estimated to start is 9:45am) and the 11, 12/13 years olds will run 3km. If any parents would like to volunteer to assist on the day we would be very grateful, please email or phone the school office to let us know if you can help. (You must have produced your WWCC number to the office and been approved).

Year 6 teachers

Harmony Day
Thankyou to the parents who are able to share Harmony stories with classes this Friday. A reminder to please contact me at the email below if you are available to visit a class. We look forward to meeting you on Friday morning. Students will be provided with a very simple lunch of bread and butter on this day. This is a reminder to us all of the limited food and resources available to so many people around the world still. Of course, if your child has special dietary requirements you are welcome to provide these on the day as an alternative.

Please advise the school if you do not wish your child to participate.

Yours in Harmony,

Maree Adams, EAL/D teacher
maree.adams@mn.catholic.edu.au

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.
Hi from YMCA,

Firstly a huge thank you to Mr Rufo and the office staff for organising and supplying our service with new air conditioning. It has been a welcome relief in the heat we have been experiencing and will continue to make our room much more inviting as we head into winter with the cold mornings. This week will be packed full of fun as always. We will be doing some tea light craft as well as some open ended craft with boxes, ribbons and assorted craft items. This week we will be setting up a number of fun challenges both indoors and out including ‘the chin up challenge’ and ‘the mobilo challenge’, this will give the children opportunity to test themselves both physically and mentally. Over at the hall we will be playing large group games including ‘red rover cross over’ parachute games and hockey plus more. Indoors will be fun in the home corner, construction zone and the drawing table. Outdoors we will be playing touch football and large hide and seek games. Afternoon tea this week is our beautiful fruit and veggie platters with - make your own sandwich, rice crackers and veggie sticks with dips, mini pikelets, bake beans and spaghetti scrolls and veggie fried rice.

REMINDER – Vacation Care bookings are now open so go online to book in for some holiday fun. Please keep in mind that our excursion days are very popular so you need to get in quickly to secure a place. We will be going to Tree Tops Adventure Park, Ten Pin Bowling, Laser Tag and Speers Point Park and to Lake Cinema to see Wonder Park.


Christine Morgan | Childcare Coordinator
YMCA New Lambton OSHC | Burke Street, New Lambton, NSW, 2305
p 0402 165 617
Dear Parents,

There have been some Federal Government and Catholic Schools Office (CSO) changes to our Students with Disabilities funding scheme. All schools have now transitioned from Students with Disabilities (SWD) funding to the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD). The new data collection model has resulted in a broader range of disabilities being included in our data collection including, but not limited to, Specific Learning Disabilities (Dyslexia, Dysgraphia and Dyscalculia), Mild to Moderate Language Disorders, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADD/ADHD) and a range of Chronic Illnesses.

The new broader definition of disability has resulted in a significant increase in the number of students meeting the criteria for disability support. As a result changes have been made to the way in which schools meet with parents to collaborate and set goals for students with additional needs.

From this point forward formal Personalised Planning (PP) meetings will only be held for children requiring support at a Substantial or Extensive level. Students requiring a Supplementary level of support will have their individual needs addressed through the following channels:

- Parent Teacher Meetings (Learning Support Teacher may be present at Teacher/Parent request)
- Email communication between the Parent and Class Teacher, Learning Support Teacher/School Psychologist
- Phone calls
- Meetings between the parent and Class Teacher, Learning Support Teacher/School Psychologist on a needs basis

Many of our students that once required a PP, now fall into the Supplementary level of support. Their goals, supports and strategies will continue to be documented using the Personalised Planning tool.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child’s level of support, or any aspect of the new changes, please contact me at melanie.faehndrich@mn.catholic.edu.au or at school on 49574922.

Kind regards,

Melanie Faehndrich

Learning Support Coordinator
A MUSICAL ADVENTURE JR.

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Chess Champions at St Therese’s
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- **BUS ZONE**
  - You cannot drop off or pick up your child here.
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- **PARK SAFE STAY SAFE**
  - You can drop off or pick up your child here but you must either stay in the car or walk out of the zone.
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For more information call 4974 2000 or visit www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au