St Therese’s Newsletter
5th June 2018  Term 2  Week 6

Our Vision: “To Bring Christ and His message, in all its richness, into the hearts and lives of all.”

Principal’s Message
Dear Parents, Staff and Students

Gifted Education at St Therese’s
As you are aware from previous bulletins St Therese’s has over the past eighteen months been looking at how we address the needs of our more able and gifted students. Just to recap; all children was tested using the CoGat Test (which measures giftedness of students), from which children were identified and so began the ‘what now’. Mrs Debra Petersen was appointed Gifted Education Leader (GEL) and the staff has been given professional learning on how to address these children’s needs. I also appointed a new Leader of Pedagogy (teaching method) Lynette Barker, and a new refocusing on Thinking Skills for all children has now become a major focus. The Catholic Schools Office has been working in the background and has implemented a ‘virtual academy’ which you were made aware of last week. A new team led by Mrs Petersen has developed an Identification Process for our gifted students and the staff and executive will in the next two weeks go through the document before it is released for parent comment. A night has been determined for parents to come and listen to what is happening in the area and I ask you to read Deb’s section of the bulletin for times and dates.

In-services
Child Protection – All staff will be attending a mandatory one day workshop on child protection. The date for this in-service will be Friday 6th July which is also the last day of term.

COMPASS In-service - The Catholic Schools Office is introducing a new administration system called COMPASS. All schools in the Diocese will need to be on the system by term 4 and St Therese’s has been ear marked to go on line in term 3. The Catholic Schools Office has asked us to take an extra in-service day so that staff can be trained up on the use of the new system. The COMPASS in-service is on Monday 23rd July which is the first day of term 3.

Disco
A big thank you to the P&F for organising the disco. It was an extremely enjoyable event the children were still speaking about it on Monday.

P&F
The next P&F meeting is on this evening commencing at 7pm in the school staff room. All are welcome.

Duilio Rufo - Principal

Assistant Principals Message
Policy Updates
As part of our cyclic review of policies and procedures we have updated our Attendance Policy and Procedures and the Students Welfare Policy and Procedures. These documents will be uploaded to our website by the end of the week. They ensure all students attend school on a regular basis, as
required by legislation, as well as ensuring all students are safe while at school. I would like to draw particular attention to the rights, responsibilities and routines at St Therese's as listed below.

RIGHTS: "Our responsibility to ourselves"
- To grow and develop in the faith traditions of the Catholic Church
- To learn
- To be safe and happy
- To be valued and respected
- To experience equity, equality, respect and dignity

RESPONSIBILITIES: "Our responsibility to others"
- To live the Gospel values
- To allow others to learn
- To allow others to be safe and happy
- To value and respect others
- To act justly and fairly

ROUTINES: "The way we do things at St Therese's"
- We greet others with respect and manners
- We listen to others with respect
- We pray together
- We interact positively with others
- We wear our uniform with pride
- We obey the school rules
- We look after our environment
- We are Sun Smart
- We look after our health and wellbeing

A reminder that parents are required to provide their child's teacher with an explanation of ALL absences. This can be done in a number of ways; a phone call to the school, a note upon the child's return to school or through Skoolbag. All explanations need to be provided within 7 DAYS. In the updated Attendance procedures we have set out that teachers will contact parents on day 2 of unexplained absences.

Mathematics
As I visit classrooms I am excited to hear children tell me how much they love Mathematics. I have been spending some time in the infant classes where I have seen teachers implementing exciting "hands on" learning opportunities for students. There is much discussion of students in groups, as they work together to look for patterns in their learning and then how they will solve problems set by teachers. In Year 2, I have seen teachers using the CONNECT-EXTEND-CHALLENGE thinking routine as they explore the concept of volume and capacity and its relevance and application in real-world contexts.

In Years 5 & 6 a number of students have begun "Maths Olympiad", a problem-solving, competition style opportunity that occurs once a month from May-October. Each month students are required to solve 5 very challenging tasks, it took me quite a while to find the solution to May's questions! Students were required to use a number of strategies including: draw a diagram, trial and error, find a pattern and substitution. Following each Olympiad, Mrs Petersen and I will spend time in Years 5 & 6 respectively building on students problem-solving techniques. Last Thursday I spent some time with Year 6, and it was evident from the student's explanations and thought processes, that their classroom teachers are providing them with excellent learning opportunities in this area.

Math Trivia: the numbers on opposite sides of a dice always add up to 7

Kaylene Maretich – Assistant Principal
RE News
From Pope Francis @ pontifex.
““The Eucharist contains all the flavour of Jesus’s words and deeds, the taste of his death and resurrection and the fragrance of His Spirit.”

Sacramental News
Please check with your child to see if they have a note about dates and other important information for Confirmation. There are a large number of missing forms at present, and that may be because you have misplaced the form or it has been misplaced here at school. The note will tell you what is missing! Apologies if it has lost its way! You will notice that for confirmation there is an even spread for each night, but for Eucharist the first date of 19th August is fully subscribed at present. Please contact us if there is a concern for your family.

Year 6 students are busily preparing for the Religious Literacy test and are practising past tests. Here are a couple more for you to try:

1. The word Emmanuel means:
   A. journey in hope
   B. mother of God
   C. God with us
   D. Jesus

2. What did Jesus do at the wedding at Cana?
   A. raise Lazarus
   B. change the wine into water
   C. change the water into wine
   D. heal the crippled man

3. Which group of words below has the correct ones to complete the Hail Mary below?
   ……………..Mary mother of…………… pray for us sinners………….. and at the hour of our death, Amen
   A. Hail, Jesus, today
   B. Holy, God, now
   C. Blessed, all, always
   D. Hail, God, now

Vickie Pettett - Religious Education Coordinator

Library

Book Parade
The parade will be at 9.30. Primary will sit in the middle of the hall – parents around the wall. Infants will assemble under cola then be directed in to ‘parade’ around the hall in their class following their teacher. At the conclusion of the Infants parade, Primary will assemble under the cola and Infants will sit in the middle of the hall to watch the parade.

Thanks, Library Staff

News from the Classroom

ICAS Writing and Spelling
Just a reminder that the ICAS Writing assessment will be held next Tuesday 12th June in Mr Smith’s Year 3 classroom and ICAS Spelling next Thursday 14th June in Mrs Briggs’ Kinder classroom. Please be at school by 8.00am for an 8.10am start.

Mrs Briggs – Coordinator

Gifted Education - St Therese’s Gifted Education Information Night
This term we will hold an information night for all parents. The night will inform the school community of the Gifted Education journey so far at St Therese’s and how it has impacted on our staff and students. This will be held in the library at 6pm on the 25th June, Monday, Week 9. Some of the discussions points will be:

Defining and highlighting the difference between Gifted and Talented.

The formation of the Gifted Education Leadership (GEL) team.

Staff Professional Development in the area of Gifted Education.

The Virtual Academy – CSO Initiative.

Where to for our students.

Deb Petersen – Primary Coordinator
School Community Notices

Entertainment Books
Have you bought your new Entertainment Membership – your current memberships expired last Thursday night. To purchase a new membership go to https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/340x66 or if you are still not sure have a look at the flip book which gives the list of the vouchers. https://online.flippingbook.com/view/1030784/ Every membership bought money is donated towards the school.

Playgroup - Friday 8 June
Playgroup is on in the school hall this week so come along and join us this Friday 8th June from 9.15am - 11.15am. Cost is $3 per family with morning tea provided for parents. Please bring a drink and snack for your children. Please contact Kate if you have any questions about playgroup on 0414952491. Look forward to seeing you there.

Canteen News
Each & every Friday at the canteen it's online order only. No paper bag orders on Fridays please. URGENT NEED FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS ON WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY THIS WEEK. Contact Belinda if you can help.

Watch this space next week for some new winter menu items.

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Jo Buckingham  
Megan Collins | Public Holiday | Michelle Randall  
Lauren Ross  
Amanda Fenwick  
Katie Boyle |

Belinda Palmer – Canteen Supervisor

Eco Warrior Challenge - Environmental News
Last Friday you should have received a note about a school incursion called "The Plastic Mermaid". We have booked a renowned environmental crusader, Sara Rickards, to come and talk to our kids and educate them about plastics, how they can harm the environment and what we can do about it. It is called "The Plastic Mermaid" because one of the presenters dresses as a mermaid, the other as a turtle. The incursion will occur on Thursday 28th June – each Stage will attend a 1 hour presentation. The cost is $3 per student, with a maximum of $6 per family. Please forward your permission note and payment to school as soon as possible.

Julia Briggs & The Environmental Team

Wellbeing

Kids Matter - Well-Being
At St Therese's, we take the mid-way point of the term, Week 6, to remind us and those around us to focus on looking after ourselves. Taking time to look after your wellbeing can sometimes take a backseat to the other priorities and demands of life, especially during times of increased workload or stress. Positive wellbeing is important because it helps us to function well in the world and provides us with feelings of happiness, enjoyment, curiosity, contentment and engagement. Positive wellbeing also contributes to our mental health, that is our capacity to manage our thoughts, feelings and behaviours so that we can enjoy life, maintain positive relationships and work towards our goals. Here are some tips to help maintain wellbeing:

• Look after yourself physically, through a healthy diet, regular exercise and adequate sleep.
• Foster and maintain your personal relationships, such as your connections with friends and family.
• Develop interests and friendships outside of your work environment.
• Make time for positive activities for yourself that will help you to relax and have fun.
• Strive for balance between your professional role and your personal life; try to leave work issues at work.
• Limit the use of alcohol and other substances; don’t rely on these for relaxation.
• Learn how to monitor and manage your stress in positive ways, eg through exercise, relaxation, breathing, etc.
• If you have spiritual beliefs, make time for regular spiritual practice, or relationships with others who share your philosophy.
• Reach out for support when you need it – from colleagues, friends, family, your GP, a psychologist, or an employee assistance program through your workplace. Lifeline – 24 hour telephone counselling 13 11 14.

Enjoy your week!

Julia Briggs – Coordinator

Information Sharing – Anxiety in our community
Cheryl Roberts (Pastoral Care Worker) is once again offering parents the opportunity to attend a workshop touching on the issue of anxiety for both children and their carers. Please look out for a flyer being distributed in the next few days with more information and dates of workshop.
As we continue to explore this term’s focus virtue of Integrity, this week we turn our attention to that of Responsibility. Being responsible means others can trust us to do things with excellence. We accept accountability for our actions. When we make a mistake, we offer amends instead of excuses. Responsibility is the ability to respond in an able manner and to make smart choices.

School Spirit Award for demonstrating INTEGRITY through displaying Trustworthiness

| KN | Hosanna A. & Ella M. | KW | Eamon D. & Archie L. | KL |
| 1N | Vivienne B. & Sage T. | 1W | Felix M. & Ruby M. | 1L | Gracie B. & Hamish L. |
| 2N | Ayanna F. & Sophie G. | 2W | Finn N. & Xavier R. | 2L | Hugo D. & Ava R. |
| 3N | Oskar M. & Archie W. | 3W | Gabriella B. & Isaac S. | 3L | Charlotte L. & Tavian Q. |
| 5N | Mostyn B. & Danielle M. | 5W | Eve P. | 5L | Aiga L. & Emily M. |
| 6N | Isla P. & Jack P. | 6W | Edward J. & Isabelle K. | 6L | Finn O. & Celise W. |

Principal Award recipients for this week: to be presented at Assembly on 12 June


The following Year 6 students are receiving their Principal Awards for assistance at last week’s Athletics Carnival:

Keira C. (6N), Kaiser D. (6N), Jacqueline J. (6N), Marcus K. (6N), Charlotte O. (6N), Isla P. (6N), Neeve P. (6N), Josie P. (6N), Aiden B. (6W), Matthew B. (6W), Benjamin R. (6W), Reid S. (6W), Tallan C. (6L), Noah S. (6L)

Luke Smith – Coordinator

Sport
Golf
Any students in grades 3 - 6 that play golf on a regular basis can see Mrs Petersen for information regarding the 2018 NSW Catholic PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORT GOLF TOURNAMENT. Nominations are now OPEN.

All School Rugby League Competition
Congratulations to those students who played in the Senior Rugby League Competition last Tuesday at Windale Park. The boys played extremely well but were beaten in the Quarter Finals. I would like to thank Mr Kyle Manak for his commitment to the team and for coaching the boys through Term 1 and 2. Thank you also to all the parents and family members for supporting the boys on the day.

Soccer Gala Change of Date
Last week I put in the bulletin the change of dates for the Soccer Gala days. I wanted to ensure everyone was aware of these dates and so here they are again.

Junior and Senior BOYS - 9th August, Term 3, Week 3.
Junior and Senior GIRLS - 16th August, Term 3, Week 4.
Softball
Congratulations to Christian P, in grade 6, who has been selected to represent the Diocese of Maitland – Newcastle at the POLDING Softball Trial. The trial is to be held at Newcastle, Stevenson Park Mayfield West on Friday 22nd June 2018.

Age Champions: Athletics Carnival 2018
Junior Girls - Matilda Golledge
Junior Boys - Jack Murdoch
11 Yr. Girls - Violet Palmer
11 Yr. Boys - Cooper McKenzie
Senior Girls - Dekoda Lewis
Senior Boys - Ethan Zander
Champion House: Cyril House (Gold) –
Captains (Tilly Lavaring, Jacob Manak)

Deb Petersen Primary Coordinator

Regional Athletics – Notes went home last week to those students who qualified for the next level of Athletics competition. The event is scheduled for Tuesday 3rd July at the Hunter Sports Centre, Glendale. Please ensure the notes and payment are returned to the school office by the due date (Wednesday, 20th June). If there are any students (8-13 Yrs.) who attend Little Athletics and have a certified qualifying high jump please inform Mr Smith. As an indication, the starting heights for the Regional Carnival are listed below:

**BOYS**
- Juniors/0.9m by 5cm to 1.15m then by 3cm.
- 11 yrs/1.00m by 5cm to 1.20m then by 3cm,
- Seniors 12/13 yrs/1.05m by 5cm to 1.35m then by 3cm.

**GIRLS**
- Juniors/0.90m by 5cm to 1.05m then by 3cm
- 11 yrs/1.00m by 5cm to 1.15m then by 3cm
- Seniors 12/13 yrs/1.05m by 5cm to 1.30m then by 3cm

Pivotal Cup Basketball
As mentioned in previous newsletters, we have two teams entered into the Pivotal Cup Competition. The Pivotal Cup is a skills-based competition (*not a game of basketball) competing against other schools targeting fundamental basketball skills: running, dribbling, passing & shooting. Our teams will be competing at Newcastle Basketball Stadium on Saturday 16th June at approximately 6pm (after the Hunter Women’s game and before the Hunter Men’s game). Come along and cheer our teams on!! Thank you to Sally Cashman who has been training the players.

Mrs Briggs - Coordinator

General notices
OOSH
Hello from The Y,
The holidays are approaching quickly and we are now ready to take bookings. Please take a look at our fabulous program and go online to secure some days of fun for your children.

**REMAINDER** – due to the playground being used for AFL clinic on Wednesday afternoons we will be using the hall to play group games between 4 and 5pm. Also remember our ‘jumper/jacket on from 4.30pm for outdoor play’ to prevent the children from getting cold on these chilly afternoons.

Kind regards,
Christine Morgan
YMCA NSW – Newcastle Region I St Therese’s Primary School,
New Lambton NSW 2305
m 0402 165 617
e oshc.newlambton@ymcansw.org.au w ymcansw.org.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 Pettet on 0452 320 342

LOST PROPERTY AT OFFICE

Urgent Host Families Wanted for visiting French Students

Visiting students from France 15/16 yrs are keen to stay with local kind families with children keen to experience living with a Friendly Australian family
Our French girl and French boy are here on a cultural exchange and will be attending ST PIUS X high school
06 July - 02 August or 26 July - 26 August
Pis Call today Jennifer - Study Abroad Campus Education
M: 0418 630 414 E: admin@campus.com.au
Remuneration paid for your hospitality

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45-51 Flinders Street, Waurn Ponds VIC 3216
T: 5272 9977  E: waurnponds@ymca.vic.asn.au
W: www.waurnponds.ymca.org.au
Year 6 Fundraising Event

When: Sunday 17th June

Where: Event Cinema at Kotara

Time: 6.30pm

Cost: $12 per ticket, only available through Flexischools

Note: All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please note the slight time change from 6pm. Movie starts at 6.30pm.
P & F School Disco
The P & F School Disco was held last Friday night, the weather held off and a fantastic night was had by all students! Thank you to all the students who bought their own water bottle to help save on using plastic cups. A big thank you to the Kinder and Year 5 Parents for kindly volunteering their time for this event.
3-DAY OLYMPICS 2018

Children who attend Motiv8sports 3-day Olympics 2018 will experience over 12 different non-contact team sports sessions as well as 12 Olympic individual events & 4 x mega sessions earning points for their country. The Motiv8 Sports Olympics is by far our biggest event of the year. Every child receives a huge Olympic medal if they can complete this huge 3-days of sport. For our first ever event we are offering a free Motiv8sports rookie shirt valued at $30 if you’re part of the July event.

Where: Merewether High School
When: 9th, 10th, 11th July
Time: 8:30am - 3:30pm
Contact: +0412 872 396

We look forward to Motiv8ting you at Super Camp 2018.

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Day one - 16th July 2018 8:30 - 3:30pm
Day two - 17th July 2018 8:30 - 3:30pm
Location - Merewether High School
Contact details - +0412 872 396
newcastle@motiv8sports.com.au

Registration

Elite division (8/9 yr old mixed division) – $480.00
This is a team registration for the 8/9 yr old division each team consists of 4 players for 1 x registration. $120 per player can be paid on the morning of the tournament at registration. ($120 x 4 = $480) Each registration includes a BBQ lunch on day 2, team uniform & chance to win amazing prizes.

Junior division (6/7 yr old mixed) – $480.00
This is a team registration for the 6/7 yr old division each team consists of 4 players for 1 x registration. $120 per player can be paid on the morning of the tournament at registration. ($120 x 4 = $480) Each registration includes a BBQ lunch on day 2, team uniform & chance to win amazing prizes.

Legends division (12/13 yr old mixed division) – $480.00
This is a team registration for the 12/13yr old division each team consists of 4 players for 1 x registration. $120 per player can be paid on the morning of the tournament at registration. ($120 x 4 = $480) Each registration includes a BBQ lunch on day 2, team uniform & chance to win amazing prizes.

Pro division (10/11 yr old mixed division) – $480.00
This is a team registration for the 10/11 yr old division each team consists of 4 players for 1 x registration. $120 per player can be paid on the morning of the tournament at registration. ($120 x 4 = $480) Each registration includes a BBQ lunch on day 2, team uniform & chance to win amazing prizes.

What’s included?
- 2 x amazing days of entertainment
- Official team uniform with jersey
- A BBQ lunch on day 2
- The winning team receives a huge trophy
- A chance to win some amazing soccer prizes!

What to pack:
- Each player should wear comfy soccer wear, soccer boots, shin pads
- A bag with morning tea, drinks, canteen money & snacks. It is also important to pack a change of sports shoes, hoodie/jacket & towel