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

Acting Principal’s Message

Dear Parents, Staff and Students

This week is National Reconciliation Week, a time to celebrate and build respect between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians. The theme for 2017 is ‘Let’s take the next steps’. This National Reconciliation Week we reflect on two significant anniversaries in Australia’s reconciliation journey—50 years since the 1967 referendum and 25 years since the historic Mabo decision. As we commemorate these significant milestones, we ask all Australians to be a part of the next big steps in our nation’s reconciliation journey (Source: Reconciliation Australia).

Next Tuesday, I will attend the Catholic Schools Office annual Curriculum Focus day which is part of their Continuum of School Improvement (COSI) process. This year we will have our work across the school in the Key Learning Areas of Science and Technology and Creative Arts assessed and evaluated according to the standards of NESA (NSW Education Standards Authority, formerly the Board of Studies).

Our final day of term 2 at St Therese’s (Friday June 30) has traditionally been ‘Pyjama day’ where students wear their PJs to celebrate and say thank you for our St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal. This year we will do the same, but students are invited to instead wear a ‘Onesie (or their PJs) for Type 1’ and bring in a gold coin to donate to ongoing research for Type 1 diabetes especially for children and adolescents.

Thank you to our Year 5 Mini Vinnies students and their teachers who are promoting the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal in our school, with further information in this bulletin about what we ask people to donate. We thank you in anticipation for your generosity.

Have a great week,
Sallyanne Stanbridge - Acting Principal

Acting Assistant Principal’s Message

Parents just a reminder once again that morning supervision by teachers does not commence until 8:45am. If your child needs to be at school before this time they can access the OOSH which starts at 7:00 am.

Students are only permitted to wear sports uniform on their allocated sports day. If your child needs to wear their sports uniform on other days, please provide a written note to their classroom teacher. Also our sports uniform states predominantly white joggers - at the moment we are seeing many students in fluorescent green and orange as well as black skate shoes instead of joggers. It appears that our older students are coming to school with footwear that is inappropriate for school. While we understand there may be a reluctance to buy new shoes for Year 6 as they prepare for high school, black leather school shoes and predominantly white joggers are the expected footwear at St Pius and most of the high schools in the region.

Kaylene Maretich – Acting Assistant Principal
Thank you to the families who came along to the Sunday evening Mass for the feast of the Ascension. Please join the teachers and students from Kinder, Year 3 and Year 5 as they celebrate Mass together this Friday 2nd June at 9.30am.

Sacramental News
Following a Sacramental meeting last week a firm decision has been made regarding preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist. In term 4 parents of children in Year 3 and other primary classes at St Therese’s and surrounding other schools will be invited to enrol their children in the program to begin preparation for these Sacraments. Then, following a parent meeting, preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will begin and conclude with reception of the Sacrament during Advent in late November. The following year, 2018 these children will be invited to prepare to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at separate ceremonies. For any further information please contact members of the team at the school. 49574922.

From Pope Francis

Religious Literacy (Answers: 1. C, 2. A)

Read the text and answer the two questions
"Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

1: Which prayer has these words in it?  
A. The Glory Be  
B. The Hall Holy Queen  
C. The Hall Mary  
D. The Our Father

2. Who spoke these words to Mary?
A. Elizabeth  
B. The angel Gabriel  
C. John the Baptist  
D. Joseph

From Pope Francis
With the Ascension of Jesus, we participate in the fullness of life with God. Let us carry this in our hearts in our daily lives.

Vickie Pettett - Religious Education Coordinator

School Community Notices

Mini Vinnies
It is that time of the year again when Mini Vinnies is asking for your assistance in helping others. Our Winter Appeal begins next week. Each grade is asked to bring food items allocated to their year group. Students will bring 1-2 food items each that can be donated to the St Vincent de Paul society, who will make up parcels for the needy in our community. Please help us to help those who are not as fortunate as we are. The Winter Appeal donations will be collected on Wednesday and Friday each week by the members of Mini Vinnies up until the last day of Term 2 “Pyjama Day.” More Information will be given to your child’s grade regarding requested items.
Thank you for your support
Year 5 Mini Vinnies

ICAS Science Assessment - to be held this Wednesday morning at 8.00am in 5P classroom.

Fee Statements
Next week we will be trialling sending out Term 2 fee statements via email to your email account. These will be sent to the fee payer’s email. (If we do not already have your email address please email it through to us at admin@newlambton.catholic.edu.au by Friday 2nd June. If you would prefer to receive a paper copy, please let the office know.
Vicki McSpadden - School Bursar

Family Movie Night
Come and enjoy a fun family movie on Sunday 18th June at 3.30 (pre event activities) for a 4.00pm screening. Cost is $10.00 per head and can be purchased at www.flexischools.com.au. NOTE: Parents need to accompany children to supervise at movies.

Enrolments
The enrolment period is closing soon and I ask any parent who has a child or knows of a child who would like to enrol at St Therese’s to ring the school ASAP and ask for an enrolment pack. We would appreciate all enrolments forms to be submitted by the end of May.

Uniforms
Please note: In relation to winter uniforms in Term 2 parents are asked to use their discretion depending on the weather. Full winter uniform from 1st June.
Canteen News
The breakfast trial continues at the canteen. Before school we're selling hot chocolates for $1.20 and toast for 30c every morning. There will also be special menu items like mini pancakes for 40c and porridge for $1 available on selected days.

Four Peppermints Dinner's Ready - Looking forward to a warm meal at the end of the day but pressed for time? Pick up dinner when you pick up the kids. Meatballs, butter chicken, lasagne, chilli con carne, cottage pie, classic meat pie and cheesy chicken pie. Order on flexischools or txt 0447 509 968. www.fourpeppermints.com.au

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Playgroup – 2nd June
Come along and join us at playgroup in the school hall this Friday 2nd June from 9.15am - 11am.
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.

School Disco 2017
The school fancy dress disco is being held on Friday 23rd June.
Enter is $8 and includes drink, snack and glowstick.
Tickets must be pre-ordered through flexischools.
Infants 5.30pm - 6.45pm
Primary 7.00pm – 8.30pm
We require parent volunteers to help with duties and supervision. If you can help out with Infants or primary session. Please contact Belinda Mortimore on 0400931650 or email belinda.mortimore3@gmail.com

Curriculum Updates
LITERACY
Starting on 14 June a group of talented year 4 writers will work with local author Jess Black in a series of six Creative writing workshops which will conclude in term 3. We based selection in the group on a range of items with teachers analysing students’ writing creativity as the main criteria. These students have now received their notes about their participation in the workshops and we look forward to reading their work. A focus on developing our students’ writing is part of our school’s strategic plan for 2017.
Sallyanne Stanbridge

WELLBEING
Kids Matter - Talking About Scary Stuff in the News
Digital media means we increasingly witness wars, terrorist attacks, accidents and natural disasters as they happen – through our phones, TVs and social media feeds. And while this coverage helps us stay informed about what’s going on, it can be distressing – especially for kids. It’s pretty much impossible to shield children completely from upsetting news. And keeping things secret can mean kids get snippets of information, adding to their sense of anxiety. Your best option is to monitor what kids are seeing and reading, and support them to understand what’s happening.

Here are Five tips for parents and guardians:

1. Be aware of what kids are watching - On average, adults in Australia spend nearly 100 hours watching TV or browsing online – and that’s not including work-related stuff. Think about how often kids are in the room or watching over your shoulder, and be proactive about switching off when they’re around. As kids mature, supervise what they’re watching and talk through what you’re seeing together.

2. Help them understand - Encourage your child to ask questions about what they’re seeing. Explain that sometimes scary things happen in the world and it can be hard to understand why – and it’s really normal to feel scared and worried.

3. Provide plenty of reassurance - Traumatic events can challenge our belief that the world is a safe place – whether we’re five or 50. Reassure your child that you’re looking out for them and help them see that these kinds of scary things happen very, very rarely. Stick to your regular family routines – these help kids feel secure.
4. Focus on the helpers - Help your child see the positives – that there are lots of people working to fix the frightening situation and stop it happening again. Point out the helpers – the emergency workers and volunteers – as examples of the goodness in people.

5. Take Care of yourself - You don't need to be directly involved in a tragedy to feel its effects. It's important to take care of yourself so you can continue to support your family. Allow yourself to feel. It’s a normal reaction to upsetting news. It shows compassion. Talk to others about how this event has affected you. Think helpfully. Tragic things happen but remember most of the time we’re safe and most people are good.

Children often learn how to feel about something by watching and modelling adults’ reactions. Share your feelings, but show that you're managing them. If you’re feeling upset or distressed, talk privately with another adult you trust or a health professional.

Julia Briggs ~ Primary Coordinator

World Environment Day
On Friday 9th June, St Therese’s will celebrate Environment Day (the official world environment day is Monday 5th June). The theme for this year’s event is, “Reconnecting People with Nature”. Students are invited to come out of uniform, wearing something green on the day and bring along a gold coin donation to raise money for some play equipment in our rock garden. Students will participate in some fun environmental awareness activities in class on the day. And the environment team are planning some activities for students to help bring back our appreciation for nature and to have some fun! More information will follow in upcoming newsletters.

Julia Briggs & The Environment Team

PBS
For the next fortnight we focus on developing INTEGRITY by “being responsible”. Often we hear adults and children say it is their "right" to speak, act or behave in certain ways to make their world fair and just; this is correct to a certain extent. With every right there is a corresponding responsibility which effects ours and other’s lives. Some of the responsibilities we need to demonstrate in all areas of our lives are:

- follow the rules to stay safe
- be the best person that we can be
- look after ourselves by eating well, sleeping well and getting enough exercise
- respect the rights of others
- look after property (ours and others)
- learn as well as we can
- allow others to learn
- show kindness and caring for others

We will be working on this at school so take the time to discuss this with your child. This is a conversation that we need to keep reinforcing with children as they can sometimes forget their responsibilities especially when during conflict with others or when things may not be going as planned.

Congratulations to the students who received the School Spirit Awards in their grade/stage meetings last week for demonstrating INTEGRITY by being trustworthy.

| School Spirit Award for demonstrating INTEGRITY by being trustworthy | 
|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Olivia Laidler & Anna Van Den Heuvel (KB) | Eva Farrell & Rose Hartersch (KHD) | Sophie McNicol, Isaac Nichols, Mia Sabotkovski & Ruby Moran (KM) |
| Emily Cameron & Benjamin Churchward (1C) | Callum Osborn & Justin Piper (1CH) | Finn Nolan & Isla O’Donoghue (1WP) |
| Jack Carter & Hanna Abson (2A) | Isabella Hadley & Elijah Martinelli (2M) | Marni Bambach & Patrick Dunn (2WM) |
| Noah Cowling & Sonny Eggleton (3K) | Jack Petersen & Zahli Sampson (3R) | Angelina Martinelli & Lewis O'Dell (3SJ) |
| Mattia Di-Nardo & Hannah Yates (4C) | Aurora Beveridge & Aisling McCormack (4N) | Phoebe Clarence & Wilson Tolhurst (4PV) |
| Madison Lawrence & Reid Searl (5B) | Matilda Lavaring & Neeve Pearson (5GS) | Shakiya-Jay Byrnes & Isla Parker (5P) |
Kaylene Maretich - Acting Assistant Principal

SPORT

Independent and Catholic School Cup
The second round to decide the 2017 Newcastle/ Hunter winner of the Independent and Catholic Cup will be played on Friday 16 June. This game will be played between St Pauls Rutherford and St Therese’s New Lambton and will take place at McKeachies Sportsground at 11.00am.
The winner of this game will play the winner from the Central Coast. Further information will be given to the players this week regarding training and transport.

Soccer Gala
A huge thank you to Chris Brain, Ben Cowling and Paul O’Donoghue who ran our school soccer trials last Thursday. By all reports the students showed some great skills and talent. The gala day is a fun day that concentrates on good sportsmanship and team work. Congratulations to those children who will take part in that event. For parents information the gala dates are; GIRLS Thursday 15th June and BOYS Thursday 22nd June. Both days will be played at Speerspoint Park Complex. Further notes and information to follow. Students will be asked to get their own transport to and from the event.

Rugby Trials
Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Rugby trials last Friday. Well done to Finn O’Connor, Jack Duffield and Lawson Dooley for impressing the selectors and being chosen as part of the Dio team. They will play further games sometime in June.

Deb Petersen – Primary Coordinator

Regional athletes
Today those students selected to participate at the Regional Carnival on June 27th were given their forms to complete and return to the Office with the $10.00 payment. Congratulations to all.

Athletic Champions
Congratulations to our 6 Athletics Champions for 2017, who were presented with their medals today: Chelsea Hawley and Cooper McKenzie Junior champions, Karlia Bramble and Thomas Lawrence 11 year champions and Lillianne Samson and Jacob Cook Senior Champions. Blue House won the point score!

PASTORAL CARE
In Term 4, 2016 we brought together a team of presenters to support parents of children with ADHD and relating behaviours- Dr Michael Lonergan, Steve Zolezzi and Jenni Gilmour. The evening was very well received and we realised at the time that parents wanted more support in dealing with challenging behaviours.

Challenging behaviours are manifested through the frustrations of low esteem, self-doubt and insecurity sometimes because of an underlying condition, sometimes anxiety, and sometimes because of relationship difficulties between parents and children. The main thing to know is the behaviour is not the child and when we separate our personal self we can see that more clearly.

Jenni Gilmour is generously offering this evening as a FREE presentation to parents of St Therese’s.

The evening will be held on Thursday 1st June 6.30 – 8.00pm in the Library. Jenni will give a short presentation leaving a generous amount of time for questions.

Blessing Cheryl Roberts

News from the Classroom

Kindergarten Excursion to Hunter Valley Zoo
Last Tuesday Kindergarten had a wonderful day at Hunter Valley Zoo. Mother Nature was kind to us, giving us glorious weather. The kids behaved beautifully and the zoo was fantastic!! It was our first time to the zoo and we were suitably impressed! Highlights included the lions, the white kangaroos, the meer cats, the camels, monkeys and all the different reptiles! There were a few sheep who were a little pushy when it came to sharing our feed bags!!! We want to send a huge thank you to our group leaders - five kids in a group doesn't sound like a lot - but it is wearing being vigilant with 5 very excitable children - we could not do this day without your help! And thank you to the many other parents who came along - your supervision support was much appreciated!! Most importantly the children had a great day and we have lots to talk about in our science unit over the next few weeks!

Many thanks, The Kindergarten Teachers
Congratulations to Kate Morrissey for her award in the annual Lambton/New Lambton RSL Anzac Day poster competition. The theme of Kate's work was 'Once a soldier, always a soldier'. Here she is pictured with RSL president Jeff Askew at the presentation at last week's assembly.

GENERAL NOTICES
Dear Parents/Carers,

Last week our wonderful YMCA children spent their mornings baking and their afternoons running a fundraising stall as part of our Charitable Children Week. They did a fabulous job and managed to raise almost $200. These funds will be donated to the Native Animal Trust Fund (NATF) to aid their efforts to rescue and rehabilitate injured or orphaned wildlife. Children demonstrated enthusiasm, commitment, responsibility and enjoyment as they participated in our week of fundraising. They are extremely proud of the amount they managed to raise. We thank all our families who generously made donations.

This week we will celebrate National Reconciliation Week with children participating in range of Indigenous games, sports, arts and craft.

ABSENCES – A huge thank you to those families that are notifying absences. This assists greatly with after school pick up and keeps my stress levels low.

Patrick Allen, Ruby James, Emily Malcolm
YMCA Fit Kids – Last week we introduced YMCA Fit Kids to our program. YMCA Fit Kids came about due to strong interest shown by children in organised games and sports. YMCA Fit Kids gives some of our older children the opportunity to organise and lead activities, whilst others simply enjoy participating in a range of physical activities. A big thank you to Isaac M, Brendan M, Cohen S, Josh S and Patrick A for their wonderful ideas, leadership and organisation so far.

Have a fantastic week!
Kylie Nadalin - Coordinator
YMCA NSW – Newcastle Region I St Therese
Primary School,
New Lambton NSW 2305
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e oshc.newlambton@ymcansw.org.au w ymcansw.org.au

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Lillian’s Piano Studio –

Free Trial lesson (bookings encouraged)

We are holding free trial lessons for children who are interested but unsure. With experienced, qualified and registered AMEB teachers, let us guide your children through basic to complex stages of music with the added convenience of lessons within school hours at St Therese Primary School. To arrange a free trial lesson please contact Kim Brent on 0401-787-997

WIN AN ICE CREAM PARTY FOR YOUR CLASS

It’s the 5c Challenge

On Monday 29th May, a glass jar will be placed in each of the classrooms. Children are to place their 5c cent pieces there.
Each Friday afternoon the jars will be collected and coins counted by Year 6 parents until Friday 23rd June.
Each week at assembly Year 6 will update the children on how much each of the classes have raised.
The class that raises the most money will win an Ice Cream Party in the last week of Term 2.
Start collecting your 5 cents!
Thank you from Year 6 Fundraising team.

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**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**

**YR 6 FUNDRAISER**

**DESPICABLE ME 3**

**SUNDAY 18TH JUNE - EVENT CINEMAS GLENDALE**

3.30PM PRE-EVENT ACTIVITIES - 4.00PM SCREENING

TICKETS $10 EACH - PURCHASE AT WWW.FLEXISCHOOLS.COM.AU

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**PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE**

**100 YEARS OF THE NLFC AT THE**

**Blue Ice Ball**

**SATURDAY, JULY 22nd**

7:00 PM (Doors open at 6.45pm)

**THE STARLIGHT ROOM**

**WESTS - NEW LAMBTON**

$120pp including drinks package, 2 course meal and live entertainment

Hosted by

Natasha Beyersdorf from NBN

Black Tie - Ladies formal dress in NLFC colours blue, white or black

Tickets to be purchased from the help desk at Wests New Lambton, Wests Newcastle or Wests Mayfield

Dietary requirements to be specified when purchasing tickets

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**A Night to Remember**

**Raising Money for Alzheimer's Australia**

Saturday 27th May

7pm - 11.30pm

Queens Wharf Hotel

150 Wharf Road Newcastle

Tickets $100

Includes finger food and 3 hour wine, beer and soft drink package

Dress in something that you will remember

Funds raised will go to the Newcastle Hunter Unit of Alzheimer’s Australia


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**NEW LAMBTON SCOUT HALL**

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MONDAY / WEDNESDAY

6.00 pm to 7.30 pm

(Young children 6.00 pm—7.00 pm)

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CALLING ALL STUDENTS
2017 ASPIRE SONG COMPETITION!

THE THEME
This year’s Production is titled “The Hoarders Next Door” and is centred around a close knit neighbourhood in a suburban street. The story develops over an Australian summer.

Hoarding — “holding onto, preserving or collecting things that are then hidden or carefully guarded”

We are looking for a song that reflects this theme of holding onto things - either physical things or emotions; but also, that ultimately there is a need for all of us to reveal and share who we really are with others.

HOW TO ENTER
Video or record yourself singing and or playing your composition, even if this is a work in progress, and save it as an mp3 or mp4 file (file no larger than 20MB).

Attach a copy of your lyrics and music e.g. the chords you play with your song. However, writing out your song isn’t compulsory. We really want to hear your song!

Send your entry via email to:
ruth.mccrae@mn.catholic.edu.au

For any enquiries about entering your song, please contact Ruth McCrae by email or phone: 4014 7300

We look forward to this year’s amazing entries.
The Aspire Committee

CLOSING DATE IS
FRIDAY JUNE 2ND, 2017

THE WINNER OF THE ASPIRE SONG COMPETITION WILL WIN A $600 VOUCHER FROM MUSO’S CORNER

THE SELECTED SONG WILL BE DIGITALLY RECORDED AT TOMMIROCK STUDIOS NEWCASTLE AND WILL BE USED AS PART OF THIS YEAR’S PRODUCTION AT THE CIVIC THEATRE.

ENTER NOW TO WIN

In its 5th year, The Aspire Songwriting Competition continues to encourage creativity and self-expression through songwriting.

The competition invites all students from throughout the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese to create a song that will feature in our 2017 August production at the Civic Theatre. Entries will be judged on creativity, originality, melody and overall appeal.
6TH JUNE '17
CONVERSATIONS ABOUT CATHOLICS

Can you answer questions your child brings home from their RE lessons?

Four sessions aim to help parents understand a little about what children are learning in Religious Education in school and to assist parents to participate in their child's faith development. This is especially helpful if one of the parents is not of the Catholic faith. We talk about God, Catholic tradition, the sacraments, prayer and other topics. Participants are given an opportunity to ask questions. All are invited to come to join the group in a relaxed atmosphere over a coffee. The sessions last approx. 60 to 90 mins.

RICHARD BERGHOFS
St Therese Meeting Room
Victoria St New Lambton
4932 6486 or 0410 331 879
rbergholzer@bigpond.com
9:30 to 10:30 am or
7:00 to 8:30 pm