**Principal’s Message**

Dear Parents, Staff and Students

Last week Mrs Marettich, Mrs Barker and I had the opportunity to spend two days in Sydney at an Edu Tech Conference. Some four thousand educators from around Australia and the world came together to look at the direction that education is taking in the 21st century. Obviously technology plays a big part in the direction of our children’s education. Schools here in Australia and worldwide are standing up and asking the question “if there is no such thing as a standard child, why are we constantly being asked to standardise education”? This question concerns you as parents. One presenter, Mr Prakash Nair, put forward the notion ‘should schools be like carpenters or gardeners’? In other words, should we be constructing them or growing our children and nurturing their qualities. And what does the future require of your child?

**School Reports**

Teachers are currently finalising Semester 1 reports. As many of you would remember quite a lengthy discussion was held in 2016 around whether we would have interviews in relation to reports. The vast majority, some 90%, preferred not to have interviews in direct relation to report cards as these are self-explanatory. Rather, parents asked that interviews be held at the end of Term 1 and during Term 3 so as to focus their interview on exactly how the children were going, not just on the report card. The majority of parents appreciated this opportunity. As always any parent in welcome to ask for an interview at any time if they have concerns.

**Assistant Principal’s Message**

**Canteen Review**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Canteen Subcommittee for their ideas and enthusiasm towards the health of our students. We have had a number of meetings this term, and have had an external review of our school canteen by Hunter New England Health. Your child will bring home a summary of this review and the recommendations of the subcommittee for you to consider. Any further feedback from parents can be sent through to admin@nwl.catholic.edu.au.

**Curriculum**

Next Tuesday 19 June, Mrs Julia Briggs and Mr Luke Smith will attend a Continuum of Schools Improvement (COSI) curriculum day focusing on PDHPE and HSIE. This is an excellent day where these two Key Learning Areas (KLAs) are reviewed to identify strengths and areas for improvement. Following the day, the Catholic Schools Office (CSO) will send through recommendations and affirmations which will be published in the Newsletter.

**Creative Arts**

The Creative Arts are one of the seven KLAs, I cannot stress enough the importance of this area as a way for students to express themselves creatively and uniquely. Research shows that Creative Arts builds our abilities in; emotional intelligence, confidence & resilience, commitment & persistence, communication, coordination and identity & belonging. The CSO supports the creative and performing arts through two diocesan-wide initiatives; Dio sounds which focuses on music and Aspire which focuses on dance and drama. All our
Stage 3 students will attend these performances as a way to build students' interest in the performing arts as well as inspire our students to engage actively in the performing arts. Students in Stage 3 will have received a note for Dio sounds (21 June) and Aspire (1 August) that needs to be returned with payment, as soon as possible.

**Mathematics**

A photograph showing the Connect-Extend-Challenge thinking strategy being used in Year 2 to synthesise and organise understanding of Volume and Capacity.

Trivia: It should take no more than 20 moves to solve a Rubik's Cube no matter which of the 43 quintillion (10 with 17 zeros after it) starting positions you begin with!!! - anyone up for the challenge?

**Kaylene Maretich – Assistant Principal**

**RE News**

From Pope Francis @ pontifex.

“Loving Christ is not a superficial sentiment. It is an attitude of the heart that we demonstrate when we live as He wants us to.

A large number of our students are involved in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which is to be on Wednesday June 20th and Thursday 21st June at 7:00pm. Please pray for these children as they take this next step in commitment in their lives. A reminder that there will be a practice for all these children from 2.30- approximately 3:45 pm on Tuesday 19th June. Our Year 6 students are participating in the Year 6 Religious Literacy Test on Wednesday and we are confident they will uphold the high standard previous Year 6 students have achieved. Thank you to their teachers for their consistent efforts with them.

**Vickie Pettett - Religious Education Coordinator**

**Library**

Last Wednesday we held our annual Book Fair and Book Week Parade. Our theme was *Treasures of the Earth*, which happen to coincide with Environmental day, so we focused on recycling and treasuring our natural products. The Library staff would like to thank McLeans Book shop who set up in the Father Walsh Hall and provided a myriad of books covering many genres. We are pleased with our total sales of $9736.99. Our commission of 15% helps in the purchase of Library resources.

In spite of the inclement morning, a very successful Parade was enjoyed by all - Students, Teachers, Parents and Grand Parents. The hall buzzed with music and chatter as students showed off their costumes and characters. Thank you to all who helped make this a wonderful time.

*Mandy Shumack, Lynette Barker, Jen Boyko and Julia Field*

Library Staff

PS thanks to the Library staff for a bountiful “Paddock to Plate” luncheon!
News from the Classroom
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

Funding Appeal:
On Thursday 31 May 2018 Jess Collins tragically suffered an accident doing what she loves most, surfing with her friends on the Gold Coast. Jess was left face down and paralysed in the water, remaining conscious as she used her lifeguarding knowledge to hold her breath and stay alive. This accident resulted in a spinal injury, fracturing her C5 vertebra which squashed the spinal cord and left her without feeling or movement below the shoulders. Less than a week post-accident and spinal fusion surgery Jess is breathing on her own for the most part and has regained some sensation and slight movement in her arms however, the medical professionals have expressed their concerns that she will not regain movement in her legs.

For those who don’t already know Jessica Collins, she is a force to be reckoned with and the girl who lights up the whole room when she enters. She has an infectious personality that leaves you wanting more and is always leaving a positive impact on those around her. She takes on many important roles as a daughter, a sister, a friend, a lifeguard, and an athlete (just to mention a few). Jess has already achieved so much in her lifetime whether it be representing and medalling for her local club Redhead, NSW and Australia in Surf Life Saving, attending to and saving the lives of others as both a volunteer and council lifeguard, or being only one school term of prac away from completing her university degree in primary school teaching. Above all, she should be most proud of her ability to fight and stay strong in the face of adversity given her current situation.

Only recently turning 24, Jess has her whole life ahead of her to prove the professionals wrong and she will NOT let this defeat her. However, with her strength and determination to fight, comes a lifetime of expenses for both Jess and her family. We, as her family and friends, ask for any donation (see link below) no matter how big or small to help Jess take on this next chapter in her life. These donations will go towards Jess’s recovery and rehabilitation in the hope that one day she will again stand tall and face the sun, just like a sunflower.

We appreciate all of your love and support xx
https://www.gofundme.com/sunflowers-for-jess

Entertainment Books
Have you bought your new Entertainment Membership – your current memberships expired is expired. 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 15 June
Playgroup is on in the school hall this week so come along and join us this Friday 15th 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.

ICAS Spelling Reminder
Just a reminder that ICAS Spelling will be held in Mrs Briggs’ classroom this Thursday 14th June at 8.00am. Please be prompt.

Mrs Briggs - Coordinator
Canteen News
The canteen is now selling hot chocolates in the mornings before school. $1.50 or if you bring your own cup it’s only $1.20. Toasted wraps are also now available at lunchtime - cheese - $2, ham & cheese - $4, ham, cheese & tomato - $4.50.

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Belinda Palmer – Canteen Supervisor

Gardening Club
Thanks to the beautiful rain we have had, our garden is growing and looking healthy. Today, infants planted potatoes and enjoyed finding big, healthy worms and digging in the dirt. We are all looking forward to harvesting these potatoes later in the year. Have a great week!

From Mrs Lunn

World Environment Day
Last Tuesday, 5th June, we celebrated World Environment Day at St Therese’s. Students completed environmental awareness activities in their classrooms and prizes were given out for the best Nude Food Lunch boxes - the competition was high - parents should be congratulated on their efforts to provide nutritious and environmentally friendly lunch boxes. Alas, the heavens decided to open on the day and shower our gardens, so the lunch time activities were postponed. A new date will be advised. There was only one winner from each class for the best Nude Food Lunch Box, these students are listed in the table.

Thank you to all the Year 6 helpers and all the students and families who help make our environment better.

Waste Free Wednesday
Did you know? The average Australian produces 1.5 tonnes of waste in a year. Much of this household waste is avoidable – like plastic packaging and food waste. But according to the ABC, Australians still let $8 billion worth of edible food hit the bin each year. Next Wednesday at St Therese's we are having a "WASTE FREE WEDNESDAY". Waste free lunches encourage the first step in the waste hierarchy - AVOIDING waste. Choosing products that have less packaging results in less waste that you have to dispose of. It not only makes good environmental sense but it makes good economic sense too. Waste free lunches are often cheaper and in most cases a lot healthier too! What does this mean?

- There will be NO BINS on the playground at all next Wednesday.
- Try to bring unpackaged food.
- If you have rubbish, put it in your bag and TAKE IT HOME.
- If you have rubbish from the canteen - DO NOT LITTER - take it home!!

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to a better planet.

Mrs Briggs & The Environment Team
We’llbeing

Kids Matter - The Problem Solving Wheel
The problem solving wheel is a great visual to keep handy to help children identify ways they and strengthen their emotional and behavioural control.

Enjoy your week!
Julia Briggs – Coordinator

PBS
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 Responsibility

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

Luke Smith – Coordinator
Sport
State Trials for Hugh and Cooper
Last week we had 2 students attend State trials in their chosen sports. Congratulations to Hugh B. who travelled to Sydney last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for Soccer. Hugh was made captain of his team during a game and enjoyed the competition. Cooper M. also competed at State Trials for Touch Football last Thursday and Friday in Parkes. Cooper scored during his games and also enjoyed his time away competing. Well done boys.

Soccer Gala Dates
Just a reminder that the soccer Gala dates have changed.
Junior and Senior BOYS - 9th August, Term 3, Week 3.
Junior and Senior GIRLS - 16th August, Term 3, Week 4.

Polding X Country
Best of luck to Jack M and Lucinda P who will attend the Polding Cross Country this Friday in Sydney.

Deb Petersen Primary Coordinator

Basketball - Pivotal Cup
A reminder that we have two teams competing in the Pivotal Cup, skills based, basketball competition this Saturday night 16th June. Our teams will compete at Newcastle Basketball Stadium at approximately 6.00pm between the Women’s and Men's Hunters games. Come all and cheer on our school!! If you are planning on coming to the game collect a pink token from the office - hand this token in when buying your admission ticket - the school receives $2 back for every ticket bought.

Mrs Briggs - Coordinator

General notices

OOSH
Hello to everyone from The YMCA,
We hope you all enjoyed a relaxing long weekend despite all of the rain. Hopefully this week we will see the sun a lot more and be able to get spend some time outdoors.
Thank you to those who have donated succulents for our new garden. While it is starting to take place we will need a lot more to get it really established.
You may have noticed that our chickens are no longer with us at the service. It was decided that it would be best for the chickens to be moved to a new home plus it means that Steph (Educator) will no longer have to spend time on the weekends here to care for them. We have found a very loving home for them where they can stay together and still be treated like chicken queens.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – All casual bookings, advice of absences and changes to bookings are now done via our new Child Care Team on 1300 009 679. This means you will no longer write in the diary or call, text or email the service directly. Casual bookings can still be done via the phone app or your my family lounge account. When you inform the team they will advise us of your changes. The Child Care Team is open from 6.30am to 6.30pm. If you have a last minute emergency please still call us here at the service.
Vacation Care bookings opened last week and rolls are filling up at a steady rate. Please see the attached program and either go online or call the Child Care Team to make your bookings.

Kind regards,
Christine Morgan
YMCA NSW – Newcastle Region I St Therese’s Primary School,
New Lambton NSW 2305
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For Sale
Scungies Size 4-6 x 8 $5 the lot. Or I can happily divide them between who ever needs some.
**ST THERESE’S - MOVIE NIGHT**

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW**

**Year 6 Fundraising Event**

**When:**  Sunday 17\(^{th}\) 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.
Dear Parents,

My area of interest has for a long time been Anxiety. It is my belief that it is underlying all challenging behaviour in children even when a condition has been diagnosed. This is so for adults as well. I have worked with anxiety for many years and have had instant and lasting change in the areas of: panic attacks, night terrors, school refusal, separation attachment anxiety, sleeping disorders and more. All are limiting challenges that prevent a child/adult accessing and realising their potential. I have witnessed paralysing fear turn around and drop away.

Parenting today is more stressful with social expectations and demands. Children are exposed to so much more via media, technology, peer pressure and the need to fit-in and belong. Many parents mention that they seem to have lost the title of leader, that their children are defying parent direction. Frustration and stress in the family unit is present daily.

You may have noticed that as the child gets older the anxiety has heightened and the behaviour more challenging. The anxiety seems to be running the house. There have been many families experience lasting change by acknowledging first there is a problem, breaking habits formed in both parent and child and taking up residence in the leadership role. Building parent/child relationship with respect and confidence.

I would like to offer four weekly information sessions for parents this term. The intention is to offer you information that will provide an insight into the causes of challenging behaviours and an opportunity for you to parent confidently and consciously to develop a stress free living environment. Resilience is the desired outcome.

The sessions will begin in week 7 and held weekly for the remainder of the term. All the sessions will cover the same message on how to build a relationship with your children through conscious and confident parenting/leadership. The sessions will vary and each will provide helpful information that will benefit you the parent. You are welcome to attend one or all.

Please provide your expression of interest for organisation purposes. All parents are welcome to attend.

Yours sincerely

Duiio Rufo
Principal

Cheryl Roberts
Pastoral Care Worker

We/ I __________________________ am interested in attending the following sessions:

- [ ] Friday 15th June 9.30-11.00 Father Walsh Room
- [ ] Monday 18th June 9.30-11.00 Father Walsh Room
- [ ] Thursday 28th June 9.30-11.00 Father Walsh Room
- [ ] Tuesday 3rd July 6-8pm Father Walsh Room
2-day 4 on 4 Football Tournament.
World Cup Edition!

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 12/13 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.

Pro division (16/17 yr old mixed division) - $480.00
This is a team registration for the 16/17 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 uniforms 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 proper soccer shoes, soccer boots, shin pads
- A bag with morning tea, drinks, carnet money & snacks. It is also important to pack a change of sports shoes, hooded jacket & towel

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.

BOOK NOW - motiv8sports.com.au / we sell out quick!