Acting Principal’s Message

Dear Parents, Staff and Students

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

Next Tuesday June 27 at 9:30 our school will celebrate NAIDOC week with a special liturgy which will include the official acknowledgement and blessing of our totem poles, a gift from year 6 2016. Thank you especially to Cheryl Roberts our Pastoral Care Worker for her work in preparing this.

Next week concludes the first cohort of teachers to complete their Microsoft Technology Professional Development with Lynette Barker, our Learning Technology Coordinator. Lynette’s ‘Hands Held Out Academy’ has worked with a group of fifteen teachers throughout this semester in various technologies to aide and enhance our teaching and learning such as Skype, Snip, Office Mix and Coding. I thank Lynette for the enormous amount of work she puts into making these Professional Development opportunities authentic for teachers, which makes the learning for your children so much more engaging and relevant. In term 3, the next group of staff will begin their PD with Lynette.

Semester 1 reports will be sent home at the beginning of week 10. Parents who wish to discuss their child’s report are asked to contact the office to arrange an appointment with the relevant teacher.

Last week St Therese’s again hosted a Professional Development day in Gifted Education (GE) for several schools from our diocese. The day was facilitated by Bronwyn McLeod from (University of NSW and Gateway Education) who is working with the Catholic Schools Office on their GE project. St Therese’s, as you are aware, is one of the schools in the Central schools cluster participating in the trial project. Our GE Team, led by Lynette Barker, will embark on further work in this area in term 3.

Enjoy your week,

Sallyanne Stanbridge - Acting Principal

Acting Assistant Principal’s Message

Assembly
Thank you to Mr Ward and the School Band for your wonderful performance at the assembly this morning. We are fortunate to have such talented musicians at St Therese’s. Thank you to Mr Ward for all your hard work and enthusiasm with our band. Staff, students and parents all enjoyed the band's uplifting performance.

Next Tuesday 27 June assembly will again be in the morning, from 9:30am, for a special NAIDOC liturgy. There will be no awards given out at this assembly, instead we will reflect on and celebrate our indigenous heritage.
On Friday 30 June we will have "Pyjama Day" - Gold coin donation for Type 1 diabetes to conclude our term as well as the Mini-Vinnies Winter Appeal. Our piano students who study with Lillian and Kim Brent will put on a recital from 9:30am. We invite parents, grandparents and other family members to this special performance.

Kaylene Maretich – Acting Assistant Principal

RE NEWS

POPE FRANCIS
Jesus was broken; he is broken for us. This is the Eucharist. And he asks us to give ourselves, to break ourselves, as it were, for others.

Year 6 RELIGIOUS LITERACY TEST

Last week our Year 6 students participated in the above test. This year’s test was considerably more difficult than past years. Test your knowledge:

1. You have been asked to set up a prayer space in your room for the Season of Advent. To symbolise this season you choose:
   A. a white cloth, a bible and holy water,
   B. a purple cloth, a bible and a gift box,
   C. a purple cloth, a bible and a project compassion box,
   D. a green cloth, a bible and a card saying "Justice".

2. What is the name given to the central community Church of a diocese?
   A. Chapel  B. Seminary  C. Cathedral  D. Monastery

3. Gifts of the Holy Spirit given to us in Baptism include:
   A. joy, peace, mercy
   B. faith, hope and charity
   C. generosity, joy and kindness
   D. wisdom, understanding and knowledge


Vickie Pettett - Religious Education Coordinator

School Community Notices

School Photos
The school photos are scheduled for the 18th and 19th July. The envelope for the school photos are being sent home today. Photos can be ordered online at www.newcastleschoolportraits.com with the order code of 175835 or paid for with cash in the envelope. If you order online you DO NOT need to return the envelope. If you would like a family photo, these envelopes are available from the office. Please look out for child’s envelope and ensure FULL payment is made BEFORE the photo day. Full winter uniform is required for the school photos.

Vicki McSpadden – School Bursar

Year 6 Fundraising
Thank you to everyone who has supported any one of the Year 6 fundraising initiatives. As in previous years all fundraising goes towards:

- the Year 6 farewell (dinner for children and a photo booth)
- a gift for the school
- subsidising the cost of the year book

All support has been greatly appreciated by the Year 6 students and parents.

Mini Vinnies
Thank you so far for all of the donations that have come in for our Winter Appeal. We are only two weeks in and already people have been so generous. Remember the Winter Appeal will continue until the last day of Term 2, concluding with our "Pyjama Day". Thank you for your support.

Students from the Social Justice Team will sell scarves and beanies for $5.

Year 5 Mini Vinnies

Canteen News
Breakfast continues at the canteen from 8:45am through to 9:10 - Hot chocolates $1.20, toast 30c and mini pancakes 40c. Toasted sandwiches are also available for lunch. Cheese for $2 and ham & cheese for $3.50.

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
Playgroup – 23rd June

This week the children will have fun baking their own cookies! The children will also get to decorate their yummy treats. So come along and join us at playgroup in the school hall this Friday 23rd June from 9.15am - 11am for some baking fun!
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.

Curriculum Updates

PBS
For the next 2 weeks we will focus on INTEGRITY by displaying PERSEVERANCE. Perseverance means we persist in doing something even though it may be difficult or success may take a long time to achieve, some people also call this “grit”. Perseverance is not an easy behaviour to practise as often we may feel frustrated and angry or even upset that we find tasks difficult or cannot achieve success easily. But as the saying goes "nothing worth doing is ever easy", so this week talk to your child about perseverance. In this digital age perseverance may be even more difficult as we receive instant gratification from online games and internet searches for information. Some ways to practise perseverance is to try something new e.g. taking up an instrument or new sport, resisting the urge to look up information of the internet you may have forgotten - instead let your brain keep trying to find the answer and trying :brain teaser puzzles” such as KenKen and Sudoku.

Congratulations to the students that received the School Spirit Awards last week in their grade or stage assemblies for displaying INTEGRITY by "displaying perseverance"

| School Spirit Award for demonstrating INTEGRITY displaying perseverance |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Oliver Mason & Oliver Ramien (KB) | Hunter Campbell & Maiya Abson (KHD) | Liam Beveridge & Eylah Walton (KM) |
| Ella Kelly & Ethan Pung (1C) | Olivia Manning & Ryda Rassar (1CH) | Liam MacDonald & Grace Helmers (1WP) |
| Jenna Callaway & Arley Tonkin (2A) | Sydney Harder & Tavian Quinn (2M) | Jett Cole & Knox McMahon (2WM) |
| Cooper Richards & Samuel Treyvaud (3K) | Kayna Teoh & Isaac Warner (3R) | Riley Cashman & Marcus Clarke (3SJ) |
| Indie Bambach & Ashton Walker (4C) | Jack Molloy & Darcy Trummel (4N) | Esther Leung & Blake West (4PV) |
| Kaiser Dalton & Brayden Rufo (5B) | Isaac Manning & Lexi McNaughton (5GS) | Georgia Sauderson & Gerald Yap (5P) |
| Ella Barber & Benjamin Wellard (6J) | Darby Hepple & Lucinda Steep (6M) | Abby Rose Kolnberg & Xavier Bertoncello (6S) |

WELLBEING
Kids Matter – The Benefits of Optimism

Research has shown that optimists tend to have better physical health, greater success at school, work and sport, and more satisfying relationships. They also have better mental health, reporting less depression and anxiety, and live longer than pessimists.
Some children tend to be naturally optimistic and persistent in the face of obstacles. Others are more sensitive to setbacks and prone to taking things badly. However, optimism is a learnable skill. Even adults with habitually very pessimistic ways of thinking can learn to think more optimistically. Children can learn optimism unconsciously by observing people around them, such as parents. However, they can also be taught optimism explicitly, like any other skill. There are several things you can do to help your child be more optimistic:
* Help children to realise that their feelings and responses to events are not caused just by the events themselves, but also by the way they think about these events (their ‘self-talk’).
* Helping children to practice identifying their self-talk in situations from their own lives.
* Helping children to identify and challenge the accuracy of their beliefs.
* Helping children to generate alternative, more optimistic explanations for the same events.
* Role model optimistic thinking - Children learn from observing others. If you express optimism, perseverance, and resilience in the face of day-to-day obstacles, your children will learn by example. If you notice that you tend towards pessimism, start working on your own thinking. It will pay off for your children!
* Teach problem solving - When children feel overwhelmed or anxious about a situation, help them to learn problem solving skills by asking them to think about a number of alternatives for dealing with the problem. Do not step in to solve the problem for them.

Choose optimism, it feels better!!

Julia Briggs  Primary Coordinator

SPORT

Girls Soccer Gala
Last Thursday the Junior Girls were given the opportunity to represent the school playing soccer at Speers Point. Four teams played on the day. It was a great day and all of the girls had fun. We are thankful for all the time the school, families and friends put into the gala. Thankyou to all of the mums and dads for helping us in our soccer and supporting us through our games.

Stella, Zahli and Kayna.

Last Thursday I had the privilege of taking two Senior Girls teams to a soccer gala day at Speers Point Park. Both senior teams played with skill and enthusiasm. I was very impressed with the sportsmanship and determination showed by all the players. The more experienced players guided those who had never played before with patience and excellent example. The day ended with one of our teams coming equal first when they couldn’t be separated even after 10 minutes extra time against the team from Merewether. This game was definitely the most exciting games I have watched since the 1997 Knights grand final! Congratulations girls, all attending were very proud of both teams in every game.

Anne Sturt 6S

Regional Carnival
Congratulations to the athletes who have been selected to represent St Theresa’s at the Regional Carnival next Tuesday 27th June at Glendale Athletics Centre. We need all notes returned with the $10:00 cost by Wednesday,21st. Mrs Schneider will meet all athletes at the venue at 9:00am. Parents are reminded that all athletes must remain with the team at all times.

Andie Widseth, Madison Barradeen, Lillianne Samson, Sienna Cole, Chelsea Hawley, Karlia Bramble, Mia Sproule, Sophia Madzandzic, Milly Hilton, Maire Deppe, Bella Murdoch, Jack Murdoch, Hannah Giles, Noah Giles, Clarissa Paine, Taylah Young, Brodie Young, Charlotte Lunn, Lucinda McNabb, Matilda Golledge, Holly Mcspadden, Kate Morrissey, Monique Ramplin, Maeve Mccarthy, Layne Brownlee, Jorja Matevs, Alex Jones, Noah Cowling, River Steele, Logan Burke, Tyler Buckingham, Toby Gallagher, Tom Merrill, Tom Aslett, James Collins, Tom Lawrence, Isaac Manning, Jacob Cook, Ethan Zander, Cooper Mckenzie, Lawson Dooley, Jacob Manak, Yuehan Leong, Connor Chapman, Daniel Lynch, Mostyn Bowen, Xavier Bertoncello, Cael Mowbray, Toby Gallagher
News from the Classroom

5 cent challenge
Thank you to everyone who has donated to the 5 cent challenge.
After another fantastic week, the following classes are leading the race to win a class ice-cream party
6S  $183.55  6M  $138.75  KB  $119.60
Thanks again for all your support – Final week next week.
Year 6 students and parents

Writing Workshop
Last Wednesday 12 students from Year 4 were given the privilege of attending a Writing Workshop with Jess Black, a famous children’s author. We discussed what we like, then Jess showed us how to plan a story. It was so cool, looking at different ways to write! We are all looking forward to continue our writing adventure with Jess in the next few weeks.

Makayla
An excerpt from my story:
“….I am on a mission. And when I say mission I mean A MISSION! Koalas think I’m evil, so I call myself “Evil”. Koalas don’t understand that you can be nice on the inside, but evil on the outside. You’re on their side, aren’t you? Well if you are, STOP READING NOW!

An excerpt from Jake’s story:
Bob was in the middle of spying on Jude when he thought to himself: "AHA! Just what I need a bird!” He slowly and quietly exited the house…..At one o’clock he remembered his mission to get a bird………….He found a burrow of meerkats and …..” asked if they knew a good place to find a bird. “No, but I know a tree where Griffins go” yelped the meerkat. “Griffins?” exclaimed Sam and he set off to find the griffin tree.

GENERAL NOTICES

OOSH
Dear Parents and Caregivers

The YMCA New Lambton OSHC recently underwent Assessment and Ratings. I am very proud to announce that our centre received an “Exceeding” rating. This is thanks to a very dedicated team who work hard to nurture an environment that is inclusive and supports the needs and interests of each child who attends. Please contact Kylie on 0412 165 617 if you are interested in enrolling you child/ren.

Last week was another fantastic week at the Y with children taking advantage of the improved weather to engage in a range of active play. Isaac M, Brendan M and Patrick A have been doing a fabulous job leading our YMCA Fit Kids, organising a number of games and challenges for children to participate in. Soccer, handball and shark tips were again hot favourites for outdoor play.

As our theme for the week was “Environmental Awareness”, Jenny extended on our sustainability craft by providing a number of pre-used materials to turn into fantastic creations, including rainbow wind chimes, Papier Mache and much more. Lexi started a plastic bag recycling program in support of Hunter Homeless Connect. This was a huge success! Within a day her recycling box was filled with used plastic bags from many of our families. Well done Lexi for supporting such a wonderful cause.

Children’s thoughts:
Jack M – “I enjoy playing handball with my friends.”
Cooper A – “I love playing soccer because it’s fun to play with my friends.”
Max N – “I like playing Lego with my friends. It’s fun to make lots of cool things.”
Daniella P – “I like playing Littlest Pet Shop with my friends because they are so cute.”
River S – “I like the groups games that we play.”
Ollie D – “I like to draw at the YMCA.”
Ada N – “I love using the loom bands to make bracelets, rings and necklaces. It’s so much fun!”

It really is fun to play at the YMCA!

VACATION CARE: Don’t forget to get your bookings in as places are filling fast. We are now fully booked for our Treetops excursion on Tuesday 4th July. Places are still available for all other days. Please visit www.ymcansw.org.au to book. Have a fantastic week!

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Anita’s Cleaning Service

No time during the week or on the weekend to clean?? House work getting you down?? Oven looking grimy?? Would you like to Come home to a sparkling clean house??

If the answer is “YES”
Call Anita on 0405 445957

Helena’s Mandarin Class

My Mandarin classes aim to let your child learn a new language with fun & in a relaxed atmosphere. The class is interactive, creative & educational with lots of games, songs & play.
I am a native Mandarin speaker with many years teaching experience. I will let your child be immersed in a wonderful cultural & language experience. Your child in my class will build up a solid basic foundation of the Mandarin language giving them the confidence to obtain wings to fly into a new learning world in their later school years.
With my help & guidance your child will gain communication skills in Mandarin. It is the perfect introduction to any child wanting to learn Mandarin.
Please contact me for more information:
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DAY TIME BABY SITTER

I am 18 years old and the eldest of four children. I have my First Aid certificate and Royal Life Saving Bronze Medallion.
I am available for casual babysitting 8am-3:30pm, Monday-Friday.
I am hoping for some daytime work to help me save up for my trip.
I have been babysitting for 5 years, references available on request.
I am more than happy to meet up with parents to make sure they feel comfortable with me and to understand their expectations.
Contact Kristen McSpadden on 0478385448 for details.
COMBO DAY
WEDNESDAY 28 June
$5
FRESH BAKED INDIVIDUAL PIZZA
(Hawaiian or Meatlover)
Freddo Frog
& JUICE or WATER
Gluten Free Also Available
Orders via Flexischools Only
Order Close Monday 26 June 9pm

20TH ANNUAL
SPECIAL NEEDS MASS

On the Feast of
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Bishop Bill Wright, the communities of St Joseph’s
Primary School Merewether and Holy Family
Primary School Merewether Beach, together with
the Federation of P&P Associations and The Special
Needs Working Party, warmly welcome all to join
with Principals, teachers, schools staff, families and
parishioners for this special celebration.

Tuesday 8 August at 7pm | St Joseph’s Catholic Church
Cnr Kennick and Farquhar Streets, Merewether

“Let us love and praise God in all”

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 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 you 5 cents!
Thank you from Year 6 Fundraising team.

Winter Holiday School 10 – 13 July 2017

Story Writing for Future Experts
Years 5 - 8, taught by Jason Neveill
11 – 13 July (2 hour session each day)
Generating ideas, holding attention, description,
character development, using imagery, editing
and proofreading.

Thoroughly Thinking
Years 5 - 8, taught by Amanda Parsons
11 – 13 July (2 hour session each day)
De Bono’s hat theory is used as a tool to develop critical
thinking, collaboration, communication and creativity.

Junior Maths & Science
Years 5 - 10, classes with Kirk Hirsch, Toshiko Ogawa & Lisa Sayers
Individual and small group lessons available upon request.
School Disco 2017
Friday, 23rd June

Infants - 5:30pm to 6:45pm
Primary - 7:00pm to 8:30pm

• Cost - $8.00 (includes a drink, chips and 1 glowstick)
• Tickets must be pre-ordered through flexischools by Thursday 22nd June.
• LED wristbands ($2), glowsticks ($0.50) and Glow-rings ($2) can be purchased on the night
• Disco Cafe will be available to parents in the Fr. Walsh Hall (next door) Selling:
  - homemade soup
  - Hot drinks (coffee, tea and hot chocolate)
  - Fresh baked treats