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

Lotus
My sincere thanks to the Stage 3 staff and children and to all the parents for your generosity and hard work in once again making the Lotus Art Show a resounding success. This year we have raised $12,000 for the girls in Laos and all the money will go directly to paying for the girls’ education and wellbeing. The standard of the art work was exceptional and the messages behind these works was inspiring. I am sure the children will remember this experience. There are photos of the event further on in the Newsletter.

Fun Run
This Thursday is the School Fun Run. I ask all families to support this very important fundraiser for the school. All monies raised will go directly to the purchase of resources, air conditioning and the like, to fit out the new classrooms. I would like to thank the P & F for their tireless support of the children. It’s a fun day that the children will enjoy and I invite you to come down and join in the fun. If you wish to volunteer to help on the day please contact the office and your details will be passed on to the organising committee.

Principal’s Leave
This Thursday I will wave to you as I fly over Newcastle and fly out of Australia for my trip to Ireland, Scotland and Wales. I will be back in the office on Monday 29th October. In my absence Mrs Kaylene Maretich will be Acting Principal, Mrs Debra Petersen will be Acting Assistant Principal and Mrs Jackman and Mrs Murdoch will be stepping up to the role of Coordinator. I wish all our families a happy and safe holiday break.

Lord Mayors Visit
It was a pleasure to host the Lord Mayor of Newcastle, Nuatali Nelmes at our Assembly yesterday. Cr Nelmes presented Year 5 students Julia D, Lachlan G, Emily G and Hayden M, who submitted the winning entry in the Newcastle City Council “Name the new Lifeguard Mascot” competition. My thanks to Mrs Parker who worked with the children. The children were each awarded a Special Certificate and they won, for the senior students, a free day at Lambton Pool. Congratulations to the children and thank you to the Lord Mayor and Newcastle City Council.

Duilio Rufo Principal
Assistant Principals Message

Compass

Thank you to all the parents that have attended the Compass Parent Portal Information Sessions. We ran 4 sessions in total and while the sessions were attended by a small group of parents, all present found them informative and worthwhile. We hope all parents have been able to navigate through the parent portal easily, remember the information sheets that were sent with your login will also assist you to use the portal. We understand that parents have busy schedules and it is difficult to attend information sessions, we also appreciate your understanding of the logistics involved in providing information to a large parent body. If you have any questions regarding Compass please email me directly on kaylene.maretich@mn.catholic.edu.au, common queries will be addressed like a "Help Desk" through the newsletter each week.

This week “Help Desk” is ATTENDANCE

If you hover over any date in your child's summary it will tell you whether it is an "explained" or "unexplained" absence. You only need to provide notes for "unexplained" absences - these are coded RED in Compass. Compass uses the following colour codes for attendance:

- GREEN: present
- ORANGE: late arrival or early departure that is explained
- RED: unexplained absence
- BLUE: attendance at an approved event
- WHITE/BLANK: a non teaching day e.g. pupil free, public holiday, school holidays etc.

If you are unable to distinguish between the colours in Compass, simply hover over the dates for an explanation. Please use Compass for absences for your child, Skoolbag will be discontinued from the start of Term 4. Once you have added an attendance note for your child on Compass, you do NOT need to also send in a Skoolbag notification or explanation note to your child's teacher.

Mathematics in Action!

Year 2 have been looking at position and measurement in mathematics and were involved in a project to create a map of the school. The three Year 2 classes all approached this task in different ways, with Mrs Schneider and 2L creating a model that students could "walk through". Students worked in small groups to "build" different areas of the school, ensuring that symmetry and perspective were incorporated once all the aspects were put together. I was amazed at the students’ attention to detail, including elements such as the buddy bench, stairs for the play equipment made from tooth picks, flower beds and bushes. The students also demonstrated reasoning and communication in Mathematics such as:

- "the primary classes had to be double the height of the primary 'cos they're double storey"
- "we need to put straws and skewers to hold up the roof to give it structure"
- "the Hall had to be a bigger width than the old hall, but the length had to be the same"

To see the excitement on the students’ faces and their engagement in the task was an example of Math being Fun! I think we might have some budding architects, planners, engineers, landscape designers, interior decorators and project managers in our midst!

Kaylene Maretich - Assistant Principal
RE News
Sacramental News
Thank you to all those families have returned their blue notes for Reconciliation. If you have not done so, please return before the end of term.

Mercy Day
On Monday Year 4 students travelled to St James Kotara for Mercy Day. Even though it rained nearly all day the children had a great day enjoying lots of dancing, playing board games and meeting kids from other schools. The message for the day was “Life for All” which translated to the children learning about helping those in need. This year the funds raised on Blue Day will help indigenous pre-school children attend pre-school every day. We were complimented on the beautiful manners and behaviour of our students. Our thanks to Mrs Maureen Rak and Helene O’Neill for organising the day and the Year 10 students from St Pius who kept us dancing.

Vickie Pettett - Religious Education Coordinator

School Community Notices
Canteen News
Ice Monys will be available again from Term 4. They are 50c and a range of flavours.

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Belinda Palmer – Canteen Supervisor

P&F AGM November 6 2018
The P&F Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 6 November 2018 in the St Therese’s staff room from 7pm and all parents and friends are invited to attend. All Executive Positions (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary,) will be declared vacant and positions will be re-filled following an election process.

Playgroup 28th September
Playgroup will be in the school hall this week, so come along and join us for some fun this Friday 28th September 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.
Book Sale
We did it! We raised the $3000 needed by Council to have a memorial bench placed in ‘Bella Rose Park’. THANK YOU to everyone!! Everyone who donated books, the staff who helped collect the books, those who shared details of our sale to their friends, those who came along and bought books on the day and those who put money into the go fund me page.

Our leftover books have now been donated to charity which may help others.

We have included Bella’s story in case you would like to read it.

Thank you again, from Zander, Zahli and Lilah.

**Bella Rose Buckingham**

22nd Sept 2009 – 21st February 2011

Bella was born with Noonan syndrome - a genetic issue causing a myriad of problems. Despite this, Bella was a huge personality; stubborn and funny and affectionate. She laughed an awful lot, even though it left her breathless.

Bella's only outings other than her appointments were at this park as she wasn't able to frequent busy places due to infection risk. This park was extra special as it brought her joy and let her lie on her back and look at the trees and the sky. It was where she celebrated all of her short life's achievements.

Bella Rose Buckingham never had the life she deserved, the one her family wanted for her. Bella was a true character and an amazing fighter who touched the lives of all of us in our community. This park has been nicknamed ‘Bella Rose Park’ by friends and family, including her little brother, Jacob, who she will never meet. Many from our local community still gather there to remember her. Unfortunately, current council laws may prevent the official naming of this park after one of our own community members as she was a child at the time of her passing and so we are trying to raise $3000 to cover council fees to have a memorial bench placed in ‘Bella Rose Park’.

Thank you for your support to remember the little girl who brought our community together during her life and continues to do so after her passing.
News from the Classroom
The City of Newcastle’s Lord Mayor attended our school assembly yesterday to congratulate four Year 5 students Julia D, Hayden M, Lachlan G and Emily G on winning the Lifeguard Character Writing Competition. These four students worked hard during Term 3 writing a persuasive text to persuade the Newcastle Council why Lifeguard Summer was the perfect name for the New Lifeguard in town!
A massive thank you to everyone for your support for the LOTUS Fundraiser – you are such a generous and supportive community. To date we have raised $12,000.00. Every cent of this money will go directly to Laos and support the education of girls.

We also thank our sponsors for their kindness and benevolence: Brian Ribeyro, Crema Coffee Garage, Curious and Brave Boutique, Domayne Kotara, Hadley Cycles, John Pettet, Newcastle Earthworks, Red Hill Estate Wines, Second to None Recycled Boutique and Steele Lewis Designs.

Stage 3 would also like to acknowledge and thank Mrs Mary Russ (ex-teacher of St Therese’s) for assisting in the making of flowers for the event. Mrs Russ gave up hours of her own time to help us prepare for the fundraiser.
**News from the Classroom**

**MANGOES MANGOES MANGOES**

Yr 5 are kicking off their fundraising for next year by selling trays of Mangoes. A tray of mangoes will only cost $25. Tray size may vary from 12 large mangoes per tray to 23 small mangoes by tray. Orders with money are due back by Tuesday 30th October 2018. Flyers should have reached home by now. If not the flyer and order form are attached to this week’s newsletter.

**Gifted Education**

If you are talented in Creative and Performing Arts and in Stage 3, audition applications are now open for the ASPIRE 2019 performance. The closing date for applications is the 28th September, 2018 (last day of Term 3, 2018). Please go to [https://aspire.mn.catholic.edu.au/](https://aspire.mn.catholic.edu.au/)

**Wellbeing**

**Kids Matter – Holidays!**

As we head into these school holidays, many families have planned a trip away. Many of us have expectations about how these well-earned holidays will pan out. Especially when you have been saving up and working hard for a break. You want a holiday. You want the kids to have fun, but you know, appreciate that you are away. You want everyone to enjoy themselves AND have a break AND do different stuff.

The vision in our minds of holidays can be quite different to the reality. Time in the car with screaming kids is not the vision of cool music blaring and deep and meaningful chats with your partner while the kids sleep happily in the back seat. When you eat out you can spend a LOT of time refereeing the kids who might be getting silly or loud, then there are spilt drinks, refusing to eat food, knocking stuff down, running around. IT’S FULL ON.

Kids and all their needs and quirks and frustrations continue on whether you are at home or not without much of a care as to whether it’s holidays or not. They still need down time, rests, time doing nothing, despite you wanting to be somewhere new and exploring. Here are some tips:

- Lower your expectations then everything else will be a bonus!
- Got visions of wholesome family fun in restaurants? Keep them in your dreams! Grab some takeaway and hit the park instead.
- There will be spilt drinks at tables until your kids are 15.
- Kids don’t care that you are in some amazing destination, they just don’t.

Allow for plenty of rest and down time. The best bits of any holiday are the bits that aren’t planned.

You will be happy to be home at the end of it, everyone will be. And the memories will far outweigh any of the dramas that happen along the way, they just will. Enjoy the break!

*Julia Briggs – Coordinator*

**PBS**

**Care & Compassion** – It was rather appropriate that our Yr. 4 students went yesterday to participate in and celebrate our links to the Mercy sisters, their tradition and the special charisms that this tradition holds for our school. Being Caring & Compassionate are deeply connected to this charism of Mercy. Hopefully, we have all done our best this term to show Care & Compassion for one another. Next term, our major virtue focus will be upon Inclusivity. We will explore what this means in real and practical ways through our weekly focus areas; Celebrating our Unique Gifts, Accepting Differences and Reaching Out to Others. Have a safe and blessed holiday period.

**Principal Award recipients for this week:**

Indigo H. (KN), Hamish L. (KN), Charles L. (KN), Cedella B. (KW), Milla G. (KW), Ryder P. (KW), Bruno R. (KW), Beau R. (KW), Patrick E. (KL), Miah F. (KL), Liam B. (1N), Marly M. (1N), Ada N. (1N), Sienna W. (1N), Tilly C. (1W), Lachlan M. (1W), Eliza A. (1L), Molly B. (1L), Sienna B. (1L), Mikayla F. (1L), Eloise H. (1L), Harvey L. (1L), Olivia M. (1L), Oliver R. (1L), Oliver H. (2W), Charlotte L. (3L), Noah C. (4N), Jorja M. (4L), Delaney T. (4L), Candice E. (6W) and Mason H. (6L).

*Luke Smith – Coordinator*
**Sport**

On Friday 21 September 2018 having successfully completed the qualifying semi finals, William H, Elliott D, Archer L, Christian P and Liam H represented St Therese’s at the 2018 NSW Interschools Chess Finals in Sydney.

The calibre of competitors was very high, with St Therese’s being one of only two local schools competing in a field of 18 finalists.

Our boys were great ambassadors for the school and played in a manner that was fair and showed great respect to their competitors.

A special thank you to Margaret Hadley and Megan Hughes who made the day possible by transporting the team to this event. Well done Team!!

*Deb Petersen – Coordinator*

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**General notices**

**OOSH**

Hello to everyone from the Y,

Well as predicted the holidays have come around quickly so the excitement is building for our fabulous Vacation Care program. All of our excursion days are booked out apart from one vacancy on Thursday 11th October. We will be going to Speers Point Park for the morning then on to Lake Cinemas at Boolaroo to see the movie Smallfoot. Get in quick to secure this last spot and have a great day with YMCA. There are limited vacancies on other days as well so get in quick if you are needing care for your child/children. Please go to [www.ymcansw.org.au/newlambton](http://www.ymcansw.org.au/newlambton) to secure a booking.

This week we have organised some ‘rainy day play’ to keep everyone busy while inside. Board games, card games, extended device time and movies are all planned as well as our usual indoor activities. We are also enjoying handball competitions in the cage in between the rain, craft galore, group games and paper airplane building and flying. As usual we have some great treats planned for afternoon tea. Along with our colourful fruit and vegie platters we will be having crackers, vegie sticks and dips, the always popular chocolate brownies, yummy spring rolls, sorbet and some party food to celebrate the end of Term 3.

**IMPORTANT NEWS:** If you are needing care for your children through the holidays please go online and book now. Once again we have a great program with four excursions, five incursions and lots of fun in between. Please go to [www.ymcansw.org.au/newlambton](http://www.ymcansw.org.au/newlambton) to book online. All days are filling up fast with one excursion day to Ninja Parc already booked out! If you need some assistance with bookings please call the Child Care Team on 1300 009 679.

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

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**St Therese’s OBSTACLE FUN RUN**

****Thursday 27th September 2018****

**Uniform FREE day**

- Spare Sponsorship booklets can be collected from the front office. The booklet will have a unique code for your child.
- Create an online Student profile - [www.myprofilepage.com.au](http://www.myprofilepage.com.au) and share your page and start fundraising.
- Enjoy a Picnic lunch with your children

- **We NEED your help please!** Email: admin@newlambton.catholic.edu.au with the header “Fun Run Volunteer” with your WCCC number if you are able to help. 20 volunteers needed.

***The colour run has changed to a fun run due to the large number of children that may have an allergic or other reaction***
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*Please note that while every effort will be made to deliver your order to your School/Club/Organisation on the preferred delivery date, the occasional delivery may be delayed due to logistical difficulties beyond our control. Your coordinator will notify you of any changes. Thank you for your understanding.*
Spring Holiday School
8 - 11 October 2018

Junior Writing Workshop
Year 5 - 8 students, taught by Jason Newell
8 - 11 Oct, 10am - 12pm

Selective School and Scholarship Exam Workshop
Year 5 students, taught by Kirk Hirsch
9 - 11 Oct, 1pm - 3pm

For older siblings, we are running a number
of writing workshops and HSC prep sessions.
For more information about our Spring
Holiday School or tutoring during terms
please contact our office.

HOLIDAY BOOT CAMP
8th - 12th Oct  9am - 3pm each day

- Fitness  - Fun  - Friendship
* Beginners welcome! *

1st child $50 - additional children $25
Includes morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea

44 Park Ave, Adamstown - 4952 2444 - www.pollets.com.au

Fun and Educational Before School
Creative Writing Workshops at St Therese’s
Thursday 8am-9am from 25 October

Learn to write stories with fantastic characters and wild plots.
Explore different writing styles and genres.
Improve your powers of written persuasion.
Expand your creative thinking.

Cost: $120 per term (8 lessons)
Earlybird before 1 October: $110
For information and enrolments
www.creativewordshop.com.au
info@creativewordshop.com.au
or phone Ed 0408788765
**Information bulletin for principals of primary schools**

This bulletin contains detailed guidance for provision of school assessment scores. Please read carefully the information on pages 6 to 10 of this document so you can ensure that the scores you give are most effective.

**Important dates**

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* In this document 'parent' is defined under the Education Act 1990 as a guardian or other person having custody or care of a child.

The selective high school placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Unit.

**Contact details**

High Performing Students Unit
NSW Department of Education
Email: hpsu@det.nsw.edu.au  Telephone: 1300 880 367  Fax: 8292668 435
Postal address: Locked Bag 53, DARLINGHURST NSW 1300
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/771250195019635/

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**Information about applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2020**

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Please read this booklet carefully before applying.


Parents should check this website for updates all the way through the application and placement process. Please check the website for information before you contact the Unit.