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

With the holidays fast approaching I take the opportunity to wish all the children a well-earned rest. I know that the teachers are looking forward to the holidays as well. Please keep safe and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 9th October.

Burke St

Thank you to those parents who took heed of my comments about coming later in the afternoon - the traffic has eased somewhat. I do strongly recommend that you take note of this traffic problem and assist by coming a little bit later. If anyone has any suggestions of how we might improve the afternoon pickup please drop me a line.

Our Lady at Fatima

Week 1 of term 4 marks the 100th anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady at Fatima. Most children today wouldn’t have a clue what this is about, so in week 1 we will be working on remembering Fatima and of course our blessed Mother Mary. Monday 9th October we are having a school assembly at 10.45am (there will be no Tuesday assembly); Tuesday to Thursday there will be activities in the classroom around Fatima during religion time and then Friday the children will come together to celebrate a ‘human rosary’.

Mr Crichton and Ms Haworth

This week we also celebrate the retirement of Mr Gerry Crichton. We wish Gerry all the best in this new phase of his life. We also thank Jess Haworth, intern teacher in Year 5, for her work here in term 3. Jess has been a fabulous intern and we wish her all success in her future.

Cyber-bullying

Last week I wrote about cyber-bullying and again I want to emphasise to parents the importance of checking on what your children are doing online. You, as parents, are responsible for what your children do online. So, over the holidays take this opportunity to not only talk to your children about online etiquette, but make sure you have their password so that you can monitor what they are doing.

Parents need to also understand that young children under the age of 13 often are not allowed on certain apps. Personally, I think any child 12 and under should not have access to these apps – plenty of time when they are teenagers!

Duilio Rufo
Principal
RE News
The more Jesus occupies the centre of our lives, the more He allows us to come out of ourselves and brings us closer to others. Pope Francis @ponifex 18/9/17

Sunday Mass
Thank you to the families who came along to support the School/ Family Parish Mass at 5:45 on Sunday. Special thanks to the students who accepted roles in reading, presentation of the gifts and collecting. While we do not have a lot of families attending these Masses, we appreciate the support they show as we strive to build strong school/ Parish links. Father Velerian is always supporting and encouraging our efforts and we thank him for his leadership. Thanks also to the musicians who enliven the Mass each week.

Sacramental program
Parents we have very few forms in for enrolment in the program for students from Year 3 or above who wish to participate in preparation for the Sacraments of Penance- Reconciliation-, Confirmation and first Eucharist. Please hand these in to the office this week, so our planning and purchase of necessary material can be followed up.

Vickie Pettett - Religious Education Coordinator

School Community Notices
School Hats
School hats are NOW IN STOCK! They are available from the school office for $12 each.

Playgroup – 22nd September
Come along and join us at playgroup in the school hall this Friday 22nd September from 9.15am - 11am – our last one for this term. 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.

Survey for Parents of Year 1 (Kinder 2016) and Parents of Kinder 2017
I have created 2 surveys for the above parents regarding Storypark and it’s affect on communication. I will be using these results to assess the use of Storypark in Kinder. If you could please complete these surveys ASAP it would be greatly appreciated!

Has ‘Storypark’ improved communication between parents and the school in Kinder at St Therese’s?


Fill | Storypark 2017 parents and carers.  
Fill | Storypark 2016 parents and carers.

Thank you in advance!
Bernadette Duffy – Kindergarten Teacher.

Canteen News

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Library News
We are having our dress-up day and parade when we hold our Book Fair on Wednesday 18th October …but the literature fun continues this week!
Until Book Fair the school Library will be promoting literature by explaining and highlighting genres.
This week’s genre is:

Science Fiction

Science Fiction is a made up story that has a focus on futuristic science or technology. The setting might take place in space or on a made up planet.

Characteristics of Science Fiction

- Fictional or narrative story.
- Incorporates elements of technology or science.
- Tells about supernatural events.
- Events that happen in the story could not happen in real life.

Science Fiction titles in our Library include Space Pirates on Callisto and The Café on Callisto by Jackie French, Hover Car Racer by Matthew Reilly, Battle Files by Mac Park and a range of Star Wars titles. Come in to the library and have a look around.

Enjoy reading during the holidays. You might like to take time out to visit your local Library.

Lynette Barker (Teacher Librarian)

Sport

Swimming Carnival

Our annual swimming carnival is set down for Monday 4 December at The Forum, University of Newcastle. Children who turn 8 years of age in 2018 from Year 1 are eligible to compete, therefore students from Years 1 – 5 will participate. To clarify only students in Year 1 who turn 8 in 2018 can participate (if they are a competent swimmer). Costs for the swimming carnival have already been included for Years 2-5 on your school fees. Those students from Year 1 who are eligible will need to pay individually at the Office ($12.00).

Deb Petersen – Stage 3 Coordinator

Curriculum

PBS

Congratulations to the students who received the School Spirit Award for demonstrating CARE & COMPASSION by being "thankful and giving”.

| School Spirit Award for demonstrating CARE & COMPASSION by being thankful and giving |
|---------------------------------|--|--|
| Daniela P & Isaiah S (KB)      | Emma B & Spencer B (KHD) | Eliza A & Josie W (KM) |
| Chloe M & Taiyo P (1C)         | Keana C & Charlie K (1CH) | Remy W & Sophie L (1WP) |
| Oskar M & Jocelyn Y (2A)       | Elijah M & Olivia R (2M)  | Tayla G & Lucinda P (2WM) |
| Matilda G, Hayden M & Hayley S (3K) | Angelina M & Cooper S (3SJ) | Tommy O & Sophie S (3R) |
| Emily G & Paxton R (4C)        | Mostyn B & Cooper B (4N)  | Phoebe C & Angus H (4PV) |
| Zalia C & Kaiser D (5B)        | Liam H & Christian P (5GS) | Zahra B & Cohen S (5P) |
| Laila F & Elijah I (6J)        | Isabella G & Joshua P (6M) | Karlia B & Joel S (6S) |

Thank you to the PBS team who have demonstrated their CARE & COMPASSION for our school by being organised each week with their PowerPoint Presentations. They have also demonstrated our core values by the outstanding behaviours they have demonstrated throughout the term. You are wonderful leaders!

Kaylene Maretich - Primary Coordinator
Wellbeing

Kids Matter ~ Holidays
We all look forward to holidays, but for children they can also be challenging. Unstructured time, departure from routine, and the demands of travel are unsettling for many kids. And difficulty meeting expectations for good behaviour on special occasions can be upsetting for kids and frustrating for parents. Why are holidays so fraught? Because expectations are heightened, and holidays can feel like a test of how happy and successful your family is. And if you have children with behaviour or learning disorders, even favourite traditions can turn into a test of stamina and patience. Here are some tips to help minimize stress and make the holidays more fun and fulfilling.

1. Be realistic - Factoring in kids’ limitations when you make plans will reduce stress on everyone. Kids who are anxious about meeting new people — or even encountering the extended family — will need support and realistic expectations. Children who tend to be impulsive need structure to minimize disruptive behaviour. Not overestimating your kids’ patience and ability to focus will help you enjoy yourself more, too.

2. Prep kids for changes in routine - Holidays represent a change in a family’s normal schedule, and for some kids that’s unsettling. Preparing them for changes in their routines — what to expect and what you expect of them—will help head off meltdowns. If you’re traveling, bring familiar toys and books, and make sure you have quiet one-on-one time like reading before bed.

3. Give yourself a break - Don’t stretch yourself too thin trying to create the “perfect” holiday. Decide what is important, prioritize, and say “no” to what you can’t handle.

4. Be sure to laugh - Kids pick up their parents’ stress and tension, so they’re more likely to be irritable if you are. Have a sense of humour, enjoy your kids for who they are, and keep in mind that what you’ll all remember when it’s over is likely to be the unexpected moment when everybody was relaxed, not the brilliantly choreographed party, dinner, or outing.

Julia Briggs - Primary Coordinator

News from the Classroom

Stage 3 Dance Concert
This Thursday at 12:30, Year 5 sand 6 Students will meet in the hall to showcase a series of dances learnt throughout the term. A reminder that students are to arrive at school wearing their sport uniform but bring in a mostly black outfit to change into for the performance. Parents and friends are welcome to attend. We hope to see you there.

Stage 3 Teachers

Year 3 excursion
Year 3 excursion to Newcastle Museum and Fort Scratchley is planned for Wednesday 11 October. Cost is $20 each.

Year 3 teachers

Interschool Chess Challenge 2017 Semi Final
Here’s a picture of the boys who represented St Therese’s at Mondays Chess Semi Final.

The day was hosted by Green Point Christian College and was well attended with over 100 children participating from schools all around the region.

The team performed really well narrowly missing out on a place in the finals.

A special mention to Liam H who finished overall 6th in a hotly contested competition.

Lunch with the Stars
Last Thursday 8 year 4 students were privileged to attend “Lunch with Stars” at Beresfield bowling Club. We got to meet all the authors and the author Paul Russell sat at our table. We were able to ask him questions. The guest speaker was Oliver Phomovahn, an author, comedian and teacher. Her entertained us with memories of his childhood and told us how to become a successful author. We had a delicious lunch followed by collecting autographs from all the authors. We enjoyed the illustrator session where we had to try to draw a weird picture from a crazy 3 phrases. Two funny ones were an astronaut riding a pogo stick on a whale, and a librarian knitting underwater.

It was a really great day and we would like to thank Mrs Pettet and Mrs Boyko for taking us.

Esther and Mykala – Year 4

School Debating Team
Congratulations to our debating team who participated in a great competition last week at Merewether Beach last week – fantastic effort!

Mercy Day
Year 4 have been busy with Mercy works. Helene O’Neill and Maureen Rak visited all the Mercy schools in the central region, including St Therese’s, to talk about the Mercy nuns
and the work they do. Last Friday, we contributed to this work by holding “Blue Day” which raised money to help people in need.

Yesterday, all Year 4 students from the Mercy schools in the central region gathered together to celebrate being a Mercy School and the work that the nuns do. We had a special liturgy to remind us to love one another. Then, we spoke to Mercy nuns and workers and they answered lots of our insightful questions. Afterwards, we played games, run by St Pius X Year 10 students, with the Year 4 students from other schools. It was a tremendous day to enjoy meeting new friends and learning about Mercy works.

Subanu Thiyakesan – Year 4

GENERAL NOTICES

Earn & Learn Stickers
Just a reminder that the stickers for Woolworths Earn & Learn are due back. Please send your sheets and stickers in by the end of this week so we can redeem them.

Thank you
Jennifer Curtain – Teacher

Saturday 18th November 2017 P&F Social Night
Gangsters and Dolls, the P&F would like to invite you to the roaring 20s themed cocktail night to be held on the 18th November at the Newcastle Harness Club in Broadmeadow. Tickets are $50 per person and this will include entry, cocktail food and dancing the night away to live music by the band ‘Phonic’. Keeping the night in order as MC will be our very own Melodie Johnston of Melodie’s Awesome Memories.

This year the P&F have kindly agreed that proceeds from the sale of the tickets will be donated to The Broad Family to support Martin on his return home from hospital.

All donations for the night from our very generous New Lambton and greater Newcastle business community will be used as prizes for the many fun activities and major raffle we have planned. Monies raised from these will all go directly back into the school.

To really make the night a success we still need parents to help volunteer and run activities. If you are coming along on the night then please if some of you can help out for half an hour at a set time, it would really allow for everyone there to have a great time. We really need some volunteers to come forward as it is too much work for the few that have already been busy in getting the night up and going. If people can volunteer now, we won’t have to keep asking and it will ensure the night is fun for everyone.

Lastly we still need prizes for the night. Three of our mums and two of our own school students have been to see local businesses in person to appeal to their generous nature for donations. If you own a business or can contribute in some way, please call Belinda Mortimore on 0400 931 650 as soon as you can.

The P&F are keen to make this night a success for the school and for the Broad family. All the help and support that our school community can contribute will make all the difference.

Tickets for this event will be on sale via flexischools from Friday the 22nd September.

Belinda Mortimore - Fundraising Coordinator (0400 931 650)
Lost Property

If any of this lost property looks familiar, please see the staff at the front office.

Uniforms for sale
3 x size 5 Summer uniform
1 x size 5 Winter tunic
1 x size 4 Royal Blue Skort
1 x size 4 Royal Blue tracksuit pant

$10 each item or $50 the lot.
Phone Kris on 0423 868 402.
Dear Parents/Carers,

It was another great week here at the Y. With a lovely stream of warm weather, our children hit the ground running with a variety of outdoor activities. The field was again home to a number of team sports, namely soccer, football and penalty shootouts. The children particularly enjoyed utilising our new baseball mitts, throwing and catching with one another all over the back playground. It was great to see the evidence of baseball ‘slides’ tracked through the dirt! Handball garnered many participants, the courts expanding from a basic four-square game to a massive six-square arena. Staff involvement encouraged more and more children to get in and have a go, all of which were determined to defeat their adult competitors and reign champion as Ace for as long as possible!

Indoors, Jenny organised an array of craft activities that kept our children engaged and creative. We saw basic grey rocks turned into beautiful lady beetles, paper cups turned into scary (but adorable) spiders, and pine cones transformed into echidnas! Children also delighted in engaging in a number of other pursuits indoors. It was great to see the children working together to build our new marble run track, which stretched a great distance once it was completed! This was a great demonstration of team work and cooperation. Other activities provided indoors included table tennis, Wii games, dress ups, Lego, Skylanders and much, much more!

REMINDERS: Please ensure all after school absences are being notified prior to 3pm. This assists greatly with our transition from school to OSHC.

Vacation Care: Places are filling quickly for the upcoming school holidays. Bookings can be made online at https://www.ymcansw.org.au/centres/ymca-new-lambton-oshc/vacation-care/
Follow the link and enrol now so that you don’t miss out!

Thank you.

Kind regards, Stephanie

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Music Lessons with Ben

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Now taking enrolments for Term 3 with lessons available on Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday. Lessons are available before or after school if required.

Please enquire with Ben on 0408504882