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

Last week I mentioned that we were introducing the new Administration Program – Compass. One week on and some little teething problems are starting to show. It is extremely important that parents understand that if your child is late to school i.e. after 9.15am YOU MUST escort them to the office and sign them in at the kiosk. This is important to do as the electronic kiosk is directly linked to the class attendance roll. If you fail to sign your child in and the roll has been completed in the classroom, you will receive an SMS message informing you that your child is NOT PRESENT and this will appear on their report. Therefore, you will have only 7 days to redress your child’s lateness or absence, otherwise it will go on their permanent record as an unexplained absence. All lateness accumulates and is reported. Please note children should be at school no later than 9.10am. I thank you for your patience as we adjust to the new system.

Year 5 and 6 will be attending the ASPIRE Concert tomorrow. Congratulations to the following children for their outstanding achievement in being selected for the ASPIRE Concert: Layne B, Phoebe C, Matilda L, Neeve P, Olivia H, Benjamin R, Geordie O’B and Thomas A.

A quick reminder that tonight commencing at 6pm we will be holding Interrelate talk for our students and their parents. First session starts at 6pm and the second session starts at 7.15pm in the Main Hall.

Gifted Children

To get to this resort, an over snow vehicle is boarded in Perisher Valley Ski Resort, pictured in the background. Lainey participated in the 8 year general slalom that even the adult’s attempt. Lainey achieved a Silver and a Bronze medal for subsequent week’s events for her times in relation to the ski instructor’s run times. A fantastic effort.

If there are other children interested in an Interschool ski/snowboard competition in 2019, we are seeking interest from other’s in St. Therese’s to join a team.

Thanks, Paul Burgess 0417968440

Duilio Rufo – Principal
RE News
Pope Francis @pontifex
“God wants us to call Him Father with the trust of children, who abandon themselves in the arms of the One who gave them life.”

Primary Mass
Our Primary classes celebrated Mass today and we thank Father Stephen for offering us this opportunity to come together to pray, sing and worship in the setting of the Mass.

Parents are warmly invited to join our Infants students next Tuesday as they celebrate Mass. please remember the time is 9:45.

Sacramental News
Thank you to those families who have responded to the green note about the celebration of First communion in August/September. Please send your response in this week so definite decisions can be made regarding celebrations after each Mass.

Also please note that the wearing of a white dress is certainly not compulsory. We suggest if you are purchasing something new, please consider something your child will wear again. It is completely up to you as parents to outfit your child and they will all look beautiful on the day.

Father Stephen is visiting our Year 5 and Year 6 students during the next two weeks and we thank him for offering his time to get to know our senior students.

Vickie Pettett - Religious Education Coordinator

Library
BOOK CLUB: The Issue 5 catalogue from Scholastic is now available.
There are now two ways to order from Scholastic Book Club.
If you wish to make a purchase through the school, simply fill out the order form – place it in an envelope with the CORRECT money, or cheque made out to Scholastic Australia. Please write your child’s name and class on the front of the envelope as well as the order form.

ALTERNATIVELY, you may order through ‘LOOP’ which is on-line order and payment, with your purchases delivered to the school.

Closing date for orders is next week Wednesday 8th August.

Please note: Late orders for ‘LOOP’ may incur a delivery fee if order is posted to your home.

Do not miss out!
Library pick-up is always available for discreet orders such as Christmas, birthdays, rewards etc. Clearly mark the order ‘Library pick-up’ and add a contact number. ‘LOOP’ also has an option to tick a box for ‘gift orders’ which can be picked up from the library.

REMEMBER: All orders earn valuable resources for our school.

School Community Notices
Canteen News
Just a reminder that every Friday at the canteen is online orders only. No paper bag orders please.

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Belinda Palmer – Canteen Supervisor

Playgroup 3rd August
Playgroup will be in the school hall this week, so come along and join us for some fun this Friday 3rd August 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.
Chess boards WANTED
If you have any unwanted chess boards and chess pieces at home please consider donating them to grade 5 (Mrs Petersen). You can leave this at the front office.

News from the Classroom
On the final day of Term 2 students in Years 3 & 4 put on a performance for their parents and peers. For 10 weeks Year 3 had been learning to play the recorder and Year 4 the boom whackers. The final performance was held (in pyjamas!) where the students could showcase their talents, playing songs such as Yellow Submarine, Eye of the Tiger & Rock Around the Clock. The students looked forward to Music time each Thursday and we thank Mrs Alina Brymora for her hard work. We can't wait for next year!

Environment News
Did you know there are an estimated five trillion pieces of plastic littering the world’s oceans? The largest accumulation is known as the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, between Hawaii and California. Next time you are out in the environment, keep a lookout for rubbish and collect it and dispose of in a suitable manner. Take 3 for the sea!

Julia Briggs - Coordinator

Wellbeing
Kids Matter - Curiouser and Curiouser

The scientific method isn’t just for scientists. Being curious about something, trying to figure it out, forming an idea about what’s going on and then testing it by trial and error are as natural to young children as breathing and learning to crawl.

Simply saying, ‘I wonder,’ when a child asks a question, changes everything.”
— Alison Gopnik

This curiosity and this capacity for trial and error learning help children figure out how their world works and can be leveraged to set them up for success in life. A new study, “Early Childhood Curiosity and Kindergarten Reading and Math Academic Achievement,” released in early May, investigates what that “drive to explore” — how being curious — affects children as they grow. It is a unique study because it includes such a large and representative group of children and families – 6200 to be exact.

The findings are unique as well. Researchers Prachi Shah and colleagues from the University of Michigan find that children who are more curious are more likely to be higher achievers in math and reading in kindergarten. The item most strongly
associated with academic achievement in their analyses was “shows eagerness to learn new things.” Babies are born primed to pay attention to new things (those bright shiny new objects).

Curiosity, according to the research of Laura Schulz of MIT, includes being drawn to what's new, but there's a second reason she finds that children become curious: we become curious when something contradicts what we think and believe. Schulz says: *You go into an experience with a certain expectation that 'this is the way the world is,' and when you see some evidence that's inconsistent with that expectation, you have to do something.* A third reason we become curious is when we have two competing beliefs and we have to figure out which is true, which is valid.

In this sense, curiosity is the fuel for learning. In discussing the study, researcher Prachi Shaw says that the takeaway for parents, caretakers and educators is “to be curious about an individual child’s curiosity and what motivates a child.” We need to retain our own curiosity about curiosity, to make it into an ONGOING quest. Alison Gopnik recently told me that simply saying, “I wonder,” in response to a child asking a question, changes everything—the adult and the child become engaged in learning together!

By Ellen Galinsky, Chief Science Officer, Bezos Family Foundation and author of *Mind in the Making.*

**Julia Briggs - Coordinator**

**PBS Cooperation** - When we are cooperative, we help others and offer genuine acts of service to show those around us that we care.

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**School Spirit Award for demonstrating CARE & COMPASSION through displaying Cooperation.**

**Principal Award recipients for this week:**


**Luke Smith – Coordinator**
Workshop
Following the positive feedback from last terms parent information evenings, I am offering another 4 sessions for parents this term.

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 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.

The intention of these sessions is to give you, the parent, awareness and understanding of what drives the behaviour and how you can lead your children in a peer orientated and technological world.

The sessions will help you to understand the challenges the child faces in his/her world. How you as a parent can relate to them with respect and understanding and still be the Captain. Challenges parents face with children and anxiety. Behaviours, meltdowns, opposition, lack of resilience and esteem. ADHD and related conditions and how to build esteem through relationship.

How can you be the change in the chaos? You can’t know until you know!!!

I am attending a two day seminar/workshop this week with Renown Author, Physician and speaker, Dr Gabor Mate (How to create an environment that promotes health and healing with children/families where chaos prevails)

August
Week 3, Monday 6th August 9.30 to 11.30 Father Walsh
Week 4, Friday 17th August 9.30 to 11.30 Father Walsh
Week 6, Tuesday 28th August 9.30 to 11.30 Father Walsh

September
Week 8, Thursday 13th September 6.00-8.00pm Library

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

Yours sincerely

Duilio Rufo
Principal

Cheryl Roberts
Pastoral Care Worker

We/I ____________________________________ am interesting in attending the following sessions:

☐ August, Mon 6th 9.30-11.30- Father Walsh
☐ August, Fri 17th 9.30-11.30- Father Walsh
☐ August Tues 28th 9.30-11.30-Father Walsh
☐ September Thurs 13th 6-8pm Library
Sport

Soccer Gala Days

There has been a change to the note regarding COST for this event. Please pay your child’s $10 to the SCHOOL OFFICE before the day, not to the convenor.

All teams are finalised for the soccer Gala day. We are still looking for a number of parents to be a manager for the teams. One parent per team would be wonderful. Please let me know if you can help out the students on the day. All students playing received a note about the day last week. Draws will go out this week. Please return the permission notes asap. Students are to arrange their own transport to and from the event.

BOYS - 9th August Thursday. Juniors mark off with Mr Rouse at Speers Point Park at 9am. Seniors mark off with Mrs Griffiths at Speers Point Park.

GIRLS - 16th August, Thursday. Teachers to be advised.

Deb Petersen – Coordinator

Basketball News - Pivotal Cup

This Saturday night, 4th August, we have a team competing in the Final of the Pivotal Cup at Newcastle Basketball Stadium. Our team will be competing against 3 other schools in the skills based competition between the Women's and Men's Hunters games at approximately 6.30-6.45pm. Come along to cheer us along!

Julia Briggs - Coordinator

General notices

OOSH

Hi from the YMCA team,

Well we had a wonderful time during Vacation Care. We had some fabulous incursions including ‘Earth Beats’ where the children got to play many different instruments and also some singing and dancing, ‘Face Painting’ with some of the children choosing favourite animals, zombies and many unicorns, ‘Freaky Friday’ disco dressed up in our spooky gear, and to finish off ‘Street and Hip Hop dancing’ learning some new moves. Excursions were a hit as well with all excursion days booked out well in advance. We went to Megamania, The Kavon Theme restaurant, Laser Tag and Niagara Sports Park. On Day Camp days we made slime, bouncy balls, clay creations, rain makers, boomerangs and so much more. There was a movie and pj day, icing biscuits, bikes and scooters, dress ups, creating a board game, party games and a talent show too. Thank you to all families for your patience regarding us operating out of the Father Walsh Hall, over all it worked out really well and I think the children enjoyed the change.

LOST PROPERTY – We have so much lost property from just two weeks of Vacation Care so if you are missing any items (including a pair of reading glasses) please come and take a look in our lost property tubs on the veranda.

We are back in to the swing of things with Before and After school care. Lots of construction, dramatic play, board games, reading and outdoor play. We’ve also been doing some very creative and colourful craft to help brighten up our room so please take some time to have a look around the room. Just a reminder to parents/caregivers that we serve breakfast in the mornings between 6.30am and 8am only so please keep that in mind with your morning routine.

Kind regards,

Christine Morgan,
YMCA NSW – Newcastle Region | St Therese’s Primary School, New Lambton NSW 2305
m 0402 165 617
e oshc.newlambton@ymcansw.org.au w ymcansw.org.au

School Band

The school band is playing very well and it is not too late for any new players to join. You can call Allan Ward Music on 40237674 for all the information on the “Try Before You Buy” rental system available at school. Saxophones, Clarinets and Flutes are required. Ask about our special deals. Allan Ward, Allan Ward Music, Ph: 02 4023 7674, Fax: 02 4023 7673

For Sale

Communion dress, size 12 available for $50.00. Please call or text Julie 0411 242 176.
Jumping Jacks Community Preschool Inc
Is now taking enrolments for 2019
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Please Contact us 4952 4228
Dear Parents & Guardians,

St Therese’s Primary School is holding a Tea Towel fundraiser which is to raise money towards the Year 6 Farewell at the end of this year.

Students from Kindy to Year 6 have drawn a "self-portrait" onto a tea towel – one tea-towel for each Year. (see sample below)

The tea towels are made from 100% white cotton (50cm x 70cm) and are fully washable. These would make great gifts for Father’s Day, Christmas, Birthdays, Grandparents etc. or just a keep-sake for home.

Tea-towels cost $10.00 each and will be available to order via Flexischools from week 1 in term 3.