St Therese’s Newsletter
25 July 2017 Term 3 Week 2

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 Ms Brígitta Gleeson (year 5 teacher) gave birth to her third child – a bouncing baby boy Eddie. We congratulate Brígitta and her family on this happy occasion.

On a sadder note I inform you of the passing of Lynette Barker’s (Teacher/Librarian) father. A number of staff and myself will be attending this funeral on Wednesday. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to Lynette and her family at this difficult time.

As I said last week Mrs Petersen and myself attended the World Gifted Conference in Sydney over the weekend. There were guest speakers from all around the world at the conference. Over the next few years the Catholic Schools Office has asked schools to refocus their efforts in addressing the needs of our gifted and more able students. Over the next two terms St Therese’s will begin reviewing and rewriting its’ policies in these areas as well as begin the process of identifying our students. One of the components of identification will be to bring parents into the partnership.

I look forward to working with staff, parents and students in developing our vision and directions for the future gifted programmes.

I take this opportunity to notify you of our In service Day set down for 4 September which will be a PUPIL FREE DAY. For any parents who would like to take advantage of the OOSH programme at St Therese’s you can contact Kylie on 0402 165 617.

Duilio Rufo
Principal

Assistant Principal’s Message
Last Thursday year 3 students once again participated in a ‘Creative Learning’ Video Conference from the Sydney Opera House. This time they watched a production of ‘The Wolf and Peter’ a modern version of the fairy-tale. Following the production they were able to ask questions of the actors and creators, along with other school students from throughout NSW.

On Wednesday 9 August the students who participate in the year six Mathematics Extension Program (MEP) will attend St Joseph’s Merewether for the Inquisitive Minds Workshop, called ‘Out of the Box.’ This day is held in conjunction with the NSW Mathematics Association where our students will join others from other Catholic schools to engage with mathematical puzzles, participate in strategic problem solving, compete in group problem solving activities and work on a series of original problems in a hands on Maths relay. Notes have been sent home to those students participating. They are reminded to send these back to school this week.

Sallyanne Stanbridge – Assistant Principal
RE NEWS
CONTEMPLATION AND ACTION
Following on from last week’s focus on contemplation and meditating in centring silence, we move to explore how our contemplation does and should move us to action.

Action and contemplation live through one another, and neither of them can exist healthily by themselves. Action is not the important word, nor is contemplation; and is the important word! How do you put the two together?

When your prayer goes deep, your whole view of the world will change from fear and reaction to deep and positive connection—because you don’t live inside a fragile and encapsulated self anymore. In meditation, you are moving from ego consciousness to soul awareness. From being driven to being drawn.

I think the practice of prayer and the practice of compassion are both necessary and complementary spiritual practices... We are called, to be both activists and mystics, missionaries of love and contemplatives. In all of that, the spiritual journey can happen; in all of that, we can be made whole; in all of that, the world can be made whole. . . . Personal transformation and social transformation are one piece.

Luke Smith – (Acting) Religious Education Coordinator

School Community Notices
Working With Children Check
If any parent/carer/grandparent would like to volunteer at the school or any school activities it is a requirement of the State Government and the Catholic Schools Office that you provide the school with a current WWCC number which is issued through Services NSW (previously known as RTA) which can be applied for online. When you have this number you must present at the school office with 100 points of ID to complete the paperwork. See links below for further information: www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check

Step 1; complete online application
Step 2; go to Services NSW (formerly known as RTA)
Step 3; bring WWCC email to school with 100 points ID

School Fees
Term 3 fees are now due and payable. Your statement was either emailed or sent home with your child. Our system defaults to the primary fee payers’ email. If you would like to alter this email, please contact the office.

Vicki McSpadden Bursar

ICAS Reminder
The ICAS English Assessment will be held Tuesday 1st August at 8.00am in the 5P classroom.

Mrs Briggs

Book Club Issue 5 catalogues from Scholastic are available now.
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 2nd August.
Please note: Late orders for ‘LOOP’ may incur a delivery fee if order is posted to your home. 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’.
REMEMBER: All orders earn valuable resources for our school.

Playgroup – 28th July
Come along and join us at playgroup in the school hall this Friday 28th July from 9.15am - 11am.
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.
Canteen News
Sushi is available every Tuesday made freshly to order by Sushi For You in New Lambton. Online orders only please. Also, just a reminder that Fridays are online orders only. Any paper bags orders will be offered a sandwich.

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Year 6 Fundraising
Don’t feel guilty about buying the kids Maccas for dinner because this time it is for a good cause!!! 10% of all purchases on Wednesday 1st August at Broadmeadow McDonalds between 6pm - 7pm will be donated back to St Therese’s to support the Year 6 end of year fundraising efforts. Drive - thru, walk in and make your own creations menu are all included in this. So have a night off and get into Broadmeadow McDonalds between 6-7pm on Wednesday 2nd August and support Year 6. Hope to see you there, Lisa Bechly

CURRICULUM
PBS
Our Term 3 focus is on the value “Care & Compassion”, this centres on us looking after and sympathising with each other. We can achieve care and compassion for others by thinking about how we can help and look after each other and "walk in the shoes" of others. For the next two weeks we will focus on learning about and demonstrating Cooperation as a way to begin to develop an understanding of "care and compassion". Cooperation involves us working with others to achieve a common goal and putting aside our personal wants in order to achieve a goal in a pair or wider team. Cooperation can be difficult, especially for young children, as they find it hard to look past their own preferences. At home you can help your child/ren to develop the skill of cooperation by not always allowing your child/ren to get their own way in games, choosing TV shows etc. Children often become upset even argumentative if they are not allowed to always do what they want, but cooperation is central to being a productive member of society so the earlier your child learns to do this the more effective they will be in any group activity they are placed in.

School Spirit Awards will recommence next Tuesday and will be awarded to the students who best display our focus rule each week.

Kaylene Maretich Primary Coordinator

WELLBEING
Kids Matter ~ Highway Heroes

Across the school in personal development (some grades completed this unit in Term 2 and others will do this Term) we have been working on building our resilience in the playground! We have and will talk about how things can be unfair and that sometimes people can be nasty - these are known as "FOPL"s - Facts Of Playground Life!!! They are unavoidable, but if we have the right ‘tools’ we can deal with them. The main ‘tool’ that has and will be discussed is “Think, Say, Do”. If someone does something unfair or says something nasty

First: Think!!! Don’t be an angry ant and say something nasty back!
Second: Say something calm and factual, e.g., "I don't like it when you say that" or "You're being nasty, I have other friends to play with" and
Do: say what you need to say standing tall, shoulders back and looking them straight in the eyes, then walk away. Students will be practising using this tool in class; encourage your child to do so at home too!

Julia Briggs Primary Coordinator

News from the Classroom
Stage 1 students and teachers are looking forward to an excursion to the Wetlands Centre at Shortland on:

Year 2 - Friday 4 August  
Year 1 - Friday 11 August

Children are to wear their sports uniform, including their hat. They must bring a packed recess and lunch and a bottle of water. They need a non-aerosol insect repellent and sunscreen.

Year 1 & 2 Teachers
ASPIRE
Have you got your ticket to ASPIRE’s upcoming show, The Hoarders Next Door?
The evening shows are selling fast so don’t miss out!
Friday, August 4 & 5 – 7pm Get your tickets through Ticketek today.

GENERAL NOTICES

Save the date - Saturday 18th November 2017

Dress as a gangster or a silent film star. Come as a flapper or come as you are. Roaring 20s cocktail theme night at Souths Leagues Club for the P & F Major Fundraising Event of the Year.

If you have a business or are in a position to donate any prizes or provide sponsorship for the night, please let me know.

Looking for volunteers to assist with various tasks in organising the theme night by handing out flyer to business in the local area who provide prizes, to parents at home who can call businesses and obtain quotes, to helping on the theme night. All volunteer roles are easy and won’t take up much time if we all band together, as they say many hands makes light work, let’s all pitch in and make the night a huge success.

Belinda Mortimore - Fundraising Coordinator (0400931650)

St Columbans Mayfield - Reunion
To ex students and teachers of St Columbans Catholic primary School Mayfield (also known as St Joseph's and St Columbans) the school is celebrating 100 years. Please come along and help us celebrate Saturday 12th August 2017 at 11am. Mass with Bishop first. Open classrooms and byo picnic. Play old fashioned games admin@mayfieldsc.catholic.edu.au for further information.

Jenny Crichton

OOSH
Dear Parents/Carers,

For the first week of third term, we hit the ground running with a variety of indoor and outdoor activities. Children and staff took advantage of the sunny weather this week as the majority of children found their way outside to engage in active play. Michelle took advantage of our new sporting equipment, organising many games of Oz Tag involving children of all ages. This was a great exercise in team work, cooperation and emotional regulation.

Ninja Warrior has been a talking point amongst the children this week, so much so that the junior equipment was turned into a mini Ninja Warrior course. The children took turns to defeat each obstacle, ending at the slippery dip which represented the ‘Warped Wall’. Chants of ‘beat the wall’ filled the playground as each child attempted to run up the slippery dip, ending with cheers and claps for everyone that participated. This was a great demonstration of fair play, encouragement and empathy.

CAR PARK SAFETY – There have been a few concerns raised about car park safety and the speed at which some cars are entering and exiting. I ask that parents/carers be mindful that there are children on site and that their safety is paramount. Please enter and exit at a minimal speed. I also ask that families are considerate of St Therese’s staff members and refrain from using the carpark after 8am in the mornings and prior to 4.15pm of an afternoon.

Many thanks for your consideration and assistance. Have a fantastic week!

Have a fantastic week!

Kylie Nadalin - Coordinator
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Music Lessons with Ben

Individual Guitar, Keyboard or Piano lessons for your child at just $20 for 30 minutes!

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.

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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 & F 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 9 August at 7pm | St Joseph’s Catholic Church
Cnr Kenrick and Farquhar Streets, Merewether

“Let us love and praise God in all”
This year we will be participating again in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 26 July we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it’s complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or into the Collection Box at Woolworths Kotara or Marketown.

At the end of the promotion we will redeem our points for some awesome educational resources for our school and get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to another successful program.

Thank you for co-operation
Jennifer Curtain