Principal’s Message

Dear Parents, Staff and Students

It is with a great deal of mixed emotion that I announce the appointment of Ms Sallyanne Stanbridge as the new Principal of Rosary Park School at Branxton. Sallyanne will take up her appointment at the beginning of 2018.

As I mentioned last week the school is moving towards refocusing our attention on our gifted students. What does this mean? Basically all the current programmes for all our students will remain as they are with budgets set into the foreseeable future. The one change will be around identification of our more gifted students and the implementation of programmes for these children. Yesterday I spoke to Deb Petersen (Year 5 teacher) about a Conference we attended last week and she indicated that she has emailed one of the presenters in New Zealand to begin the process of looking at how do we, as a school, better identify our gifted students.

Just as an aside, giftedness is seen as the potential that the child displays whereas talent is the actualisation of the gift. In other words, a child may display an ability to do maths well (the gift) and then becomes a mathematician (the talent).

This week we welcome back Mrs Sarah Barnes. As you would know from previous Bulletins Sarah has spent the last ten weeks in North Carolina working on developing her skills in working with children with dyslexia. Her knowledge and experience gained will form part of our ongoing support for students here at St Therese’s. Look out for more information in the near future.

Duilio Rufo
Principal

Assistant Principal’s Message

To prepare for the move to online NAPLAN testing, we will participate in an online practice run. The readiness test is an assessment of a school’s technical readiness to administer NAPLAN Online. It is an opportunity for schools to become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test platform and to identify any technical issues they may have. The test will be for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 and will comprise two one-hour tests. Our school has been allocated the week from Tuesday 5 September to conduct this practice test. The readiness test will be completed by all of year 5 and one year 3 class. It is an opportunity to experience the online environment and the different question types that can be used in online testing. It is not a test of skills and knowledge.

Jess Black is a local author who has been running workshops during school time with a group of year 4 creative writers from St Therese’s in terms 2-3. Jess is joining with Ed Wright (director of Creative Word shops) to offer creative writing workshops before school in term 4. This is open to students in years 2-6 from 8 till 9am on Thursdays. Refer to the flyer in the bulletin for further details.

Sallyanne Stanbridge – Assistant Principal
RE NEWS

OUR IMAGE OF GOD
It is interesting to note that many of the encounters people had with the Divine that are recorded in Scripture, begin with the words: “Do not be afraid!” Why? Because people have often been afraid of God. This is because as humans we often connect the idea that, when one party has all the power - which in itself is many people’s very definition of God – all we can do, is to either fear or attempt to control or manipulate this person’s power.

Images have the power to transform us and direct our course in life. God can only come to any of us in the ways and images that we have of God. If we still have a fear of, or believe God is controlling or distant, this tells us something about our own internal image of God.

Jesus, is God’s initiative to overcome this misguided image. Through Jesus, God revealed the very nature of God. That God is a relational being (Jesus, The Christ, the second person of the Trinity, is “One with The Father” John 10:30) and that we too (through Jesus’ incarnation on this earth) are invited into that relationship.

Kindergarten & Year One Mass
On Friday, 28th July, Kinder and Yr 1 celebrated Mass together in the Fr. Walsh Room of the old hall. The theme was “God Loves Us”. We thank Fr. Velerian for celebrating the Mass and for all the family members who also attended.

The next Mass (for all Year Two classes) will be held in the old hall on Friday, 11th August. There will be a cup of tea afterwards for any family members who wish to attend.

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. You will notice that you may have been billed for the Infants Excursion, Dance classes and next years’ Swimming Carnival. The decision to bill parents in this way benefits both parents not needing to find these amounts close to the end of the school year and to also streamline office accounting and reconciliation at a very busy time. As this system proves efficient you will find more items will be billed in this way. If your child will not be attending an excursion please notify the office in advance to allow your account to be credited.

Vicki McSpadden Bursar
**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 – 4th August**

Come along and join us at playgroup in the school hall this Friday 4th August 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**

Breakfast this week will include French Toast (30c), Raisin Toast (40c) and of course hot chocolates at $1.20.

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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 2nd 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**

This week we continue our focus on showing CARE & COMPASSION by displaying "Cooperation". This 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.

Congratulation to the students that received the School Spirit Award for displaying Cooperation in their grade/stage assemblies last week.

**School Spirit Award for demonstrating CARE & COMPASSION by being cooperative**

| Hope Bailey & Noah Manak (KB) | Molly Bambach & Sophie Searl (KHD) | Rosemary Clarence & Archie Dein (KM) |
| Ayanna Fenech & Sophie Grogan (1C) | Shelby Casolari & Xavier Rae (1CH) | Mollyjane Boyson & Benjamin Lanzenendoerfer (1WP) |
| Jerome Binu & Lachlan Rudd (2A) | Isaac Biefari & Claire O’Hearn (2M) | Zoe Loizou & Lucinda Prince (2WM) |
| Benedict Sajee & Macey Wood (3K) | Noah Giles, Mitchell Green, Max Nesbitt, Max Price & Sophie Sacco (3R) | Samirah Auld & Cooper Hilton (3SJ) |
| Hailey Cassidy & Emily Gregory (4PV) | Jett Bell & Annalise Boyle (4N) | Lilah Anderson, Thomas Aslett, Nash Clynick & Monique Ramplin (4PV) |
| Charlotte O’Dell & Kayden Pallas (5GS) | Hugh Browne, Tilly Lavaring & Jack Price (5GS) | Keira Campbell & Calum Sheppard (5P) |
| Jarvis Fedjo-Davey, Stephen Geering, Grace Golledge & Ella Van Duuren (6J) | Bella Crouch & Joshua Porter-Kay (6M) | Sophie Dein & Francis Deppe (6S) |
Afternoon Dismissal
All students need to line up at their designated afternoon dismissal area and wait for a teacher to walk them out of the school gates. We have a number of students who are walking out of the school gates with their friends then returning to school to either wait for their parents/grandparents to pick them up at Burke St or Royal St or to wait for the buses. On a number of occasions we have had very worried teachers and relatives looking for students who have left the school grounds without permission. Additionally it has come to the attention of staff that a number of students who catch the bus have left the school on the “Walkers” line to walk to the IGA then catch the bus near New Lambton Public School. Students MUST remain at school and wait for the bus for their own safety, additionally the bus driver can refuse to allow our students to alight the bus unless they are picked up at St Therese's designated stop on Royal Street. Please speak to your child/ren about these issues as we strive to get all our students home safely.

We also ask again that parents wait at the gates to collect children in the afternoon. A number of parents are entering the school to save a few minutes in the afternoon which is causing confusion as well as congestion as teachers try to get over 600 students out of the gates each afternoon.

Kaylene Maretich - Primary Coordinator

WELLBEING

Kids Matter ~ Highway Heroes

In any given year 20% of the population is experiencing mental health issues, 45% in their lifetime. In Week 6 of this Term, on Friday 25th August, we will be holding our annual “Community Day”. On this day we aim to promote activities and thinking that support good mental health and well-being. On this day we will be practicing ways in which we can improve our well-being and we also invite families to connect with us and join us for a shared lunch. Look out for a flyer coming home later this week with more details.

Julia Briggs - Primary Coordinator

Sport

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY (PA) for CHILDREN

The Australian Government and Department of Health have released some resources along with NESA about the importance of physical activity for children. I would like to share this with our school community in the coming weeks.

Make your move – Sit less Be active for life!

The positive association between physical activity and the cognitive, social, emotional, physical and spiritual components of health are well researched. Regular participation in physical activity in childhood and adolescence is important for promoting lifelong health.

A growing body of evidence shows physical activity improves academic achievement, as it enhances concentration and memory. It also provides students with opportunities to develop important social competencies such as problem solving, teamwork and communication skills.

What is....

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY? – any activity that gets children moving, makes their breathing become quicker, and their hearts beat faster. Children can be physically active in many different ways, at any time of day.

SEDENTARY BEHAVIOUR? – is characterised by sitting or lying down (except for when sleeping). The use of electronic media can be a big contributor to children’s sedentary time.

Children are individuals – they grow and develop physical skills and abilities at different rates. Providing opportunities for active play will allow your child to continue to grow and develop at their own pace. It is important to promote healthy bodies and minds, and to limit children’s sedentary behaviour, regardless of how much physical activity

Move more, sit less, every day!

AFL Skills Sessions and Auskick

St Therese’s will host the AFL Skills and Auskick sessions again this year. Craig from AFL NSW spoke at our assembly today and students were told about this fun way to increase their knowledge of AFL and to develop their skills in physical activity. The sessions go for 6 weeks and start at 3:25pm - 4:25pm. Children receive a bag and other goodies when they pay the registration fee. Further information will be given to students tomorrow. AFL Skills and Auskick begin week 4, Term 3, Thursday 10th August and run through until the 14th September. It is most important that parents realise that this is an out of school activity and teachers will not be supervising any children. Therefore parents will need to pick up their children from the back playground at 4:25pm to ensure they are not left alone. Boys and Girls are most welcome to this awesome and fun activity.
**Touch Football**

Last week Miss Haworth and myself began some touch football skills and are taking a number of children from grades 3 - 6 gala day on 18 August. Your child should have received a permission note last week if they indicated to us that they wish to participate. Please return any permission notes ASAP.

**Netball**

Maitland-Newcastle Catholic Schools netball Gala Day is booked for Tuesday August 29th 2017. St. Therese's will be taking 3 junior girls and 2 open girls teams. This year there will be no overall score keeping or presentation in any division other than the Senior Girls A group. The day is planned as a gala day for all other teams. The girls participating in the gala day should have taken a note home last week. If you have not already returned this note please do as soon as possible so the teams can be entered.

Thank you

*Leanne Kepreotes*

**Diocesan Athletics Carnival**

**Date:** Friday 4th August  
**Venue:** Hunter Sports Centre, Glendale

Congratulations to all of our students who represented St Therese’s at the Regional Athletics Carnival at the end of last term. All students participated enthusiastically, behaved respectfully and showed terrific sportsmanship and encouragement towards their peers.

We wish the following students well when they represent St Therese’s at the upcoming Diocesan Athletics Carnival: Milly Hilton, Tom Lawrence, Lillianne Samson, Jacob Cook, Heuyan Leong, Isaac Manning, Maire Deppe, Cael Mowbray, Ethan Zander, Karlia Bramble, Xavier Bertoncello, River Steele, Cooper McKenzie, Tom Aslett, Tom Merrill, Lucinda McNabb, Jack Murdoch, Tyler Buckingham and Matilda Golledge.

A reminder to parents that arrival time is 9am and children are to meet Mrs Schneider at the front entrance of the venue to have their name marked off. The carnival should finish at approximately 1pm and parents are to sign their child out with Mrs Schneider before leaving.

**NB:** 7mm spikes may be worn in races where children run in individual lanes. Spikes are not permitted in packed starts.

**News from the Classroom**

**Wetlands Excursion**

This Friday 4 August, Year 2 are going on an excursion to the Shortland Wetlands. All students in Year 2 should have received their permission note. If your child has not yet returned their note and money please send them in ASAP. Students are to wear their full SPORT UNIFORM and bring a packed lunch, recess and drink bottle. Parents are invited to meet us at the Wetlands. We will leave school at around 9:30am and aim to be back for normal afternoon dismissal. We hope the weather remains fine for us as it is an enjoyable day with lots of hand-on experiences for the students.

*Year 2 Teachers*

**Kindergarten News**

Last Friday we celebrated 100 days of Kindergarten. We are now 100 days smarter!!! We had a lovely party afternoon tea with number themed treats to eat! We then spent the afternoon playing maths games with the help of many eager parent helpers. Thank you for all the yummy food donations and to all the parents who could help out on the day!! We are looking forward to many more exciting days in Kindergarten to come!

Thank you, The Kindergarten Teachers

**Grandparents Day**

Friday 18 August is our Grandparent’s Day for students in Year K-2. We invite all the grandparents and special elder friends of our infant students to a liturgy in the Main Hall from 9:30am. After the liturgy, morning tea will be provided for our grandparents/elder friends, following this the infants' will have "open classrooms" to proudly show off all their very clever and creative work. A note will be sent home this week, please return the slip at the bottom to indicate the number of people that will be attending this event.

*Infant Teachers*
GENERAL NOTICES

Learn Auslan Language
Is it time to try something different? Broaden your horizons?
Do you want to learn a new language?
St Dominic's Centre is offering a course in AUSLAN. We have a qualified AUSLAN teacher who will deliver the ten week course in a safe and supportive environment.
By the end of the course you will be familiar with AUSLAN and have built skills in conversing in sign.
The course is ideal for families with children who are deaf or hard of hearing, non-verbal, have anxiety or for anyone who is just interested in trying something new.
The ten week course will commence at 5:30pm on Thursday 24th August 2017. It will run for an hour a week for five weeks then have a two week break. It will reconvene on Thursday 12th October for the last five weeks.
The cost will be $150 payable to St Dominic's.
Places are limited so please register now by phoning 4968 1295 or emailing admin@mayfieldsd.catholic.edu.au

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 100years. 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,
Last week the sunny weather had many of our children eager to play outside. Large numbers made their way outside for the YMCA Ninja Warrior competition. With the grand final airing on Tuesday, children were particularly enthusiastic. The children banded together, deciding what elements of the senior and junior equipment would be part of the Ninja Warrior course. This was a fantastic demonstration of cooperation and teamwork.

Oz Tag continued in popularity this week. The children have progressed to self-run games of Oz Tag, which was great practice in teamwork, cooperation, fairness, leadership and self-regulation. It was great to see children seeking guidance from staff when they felt that there was any unfairness present during play. Other outdoor activities that continue in their popularity include soccer, rock pit mud creations, handball and shark tips on the fixed equipment.

Children who chose to remain indoors engaged in a number of activities including a group gyprock mural, sand bottle art, chalk making, slime and much more.

REMINdERS
*Please be mindful that children regularly make their way through the car park, thus caution must be exercised when entering and exiting. The car park may only be used by OSHC families from 6:30am until 8:00am and from 4:15pm until 6:00pm.
*Please notify staff when children will not be attending OSHC.

Should you require quality OSHC care that promotes active play and nurtures creativity, imagination and positive relationships, please feel to drop by, have a look around and speak to a staff member about securing your place. Many thanks for your consideration and assistance. Have a fantastic week!

Kylie Nadalin - Coordinator
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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

Fun and Educational Before School Creative Writing Workshops at St Therese’s, New Lambton
Term 4, from Thurs 17 October, 8am-9am, Years 2-6

Learn to write stories with fantastic characters and wild plots.
Pretend to be other people, animals, maybe even trees or machines.
Explore different writing forms and genres.
Improve your powers of written persuasion.

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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