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

This term has brought with it a number of illnesses. We have had large numbers of students and teachers off sick with Influenza A and Gastroenteritis. I ask that parents please ensure that if your child is ill, that they are kept home to reduce the risk of infection to others in the school.

Today we had Ms Kim Moroney, head of Early Learning, from the Catholic Schools Office, come and visit our kindergarten to look at the play based learning that is taking place. While talking about Kinder, I would like to thank the Kinder teachers, along with Jarret Clynick and Luke Brownlee for coming on the weekend and beginning the work of the new play area for our Kinder children.

I’d like to also congratulate our talented students in both the arts and sport, in particular those children who performed in the Aspire concert last week (Kate absent from the below picture).

Also to our talented sports people who have made their way to Polding in Athletics.

Assistant Principal’s Message

Mrs. Barker and I will attend a meeting on Wednesday outlining the changes to NAPLAN for 2018. All tests (except Writing for Yr. 3) will be ONLINE. Later in the bulletin you will note a parent information sheet from NESA.

Duilio Rufo
Principal
RE NEWS

JESUS – THE TRANSFORMATIVE ICON OF GOD

Continuing on from last week’s message concerning our image of God and the fact that Jesus was God’s initiative to overcome any misguided images on our part, once-and-for all, along with being the constant invitation to life in relationship with our God, we will now look closer at the person of Jesus.

Jesus’ entire life journey tells us two major things: life can have a positive storyline, and that God is not only different but far better than we ever think. Jesus personally walked through the process of being both rejected and forgiving. Then, he invited us to do the same when he said “Follow me” (many times throughout scripture: Matthew 4:19; 16:24; 19:21 and Luke 9:59 to just name a few). Sometimes however, it is easier to ‘worship’ Jesus at a distance than to walk the path he laid before us.

Jesus’ wounded body was his deliberate and conscious holding of the pain of the world and refusing to transmit it elsewhere. These wounds are not to convince God to love us, but are to convince us of the path and the price of transformation. They are what happen to us too – if we learn to look upon our own wrongdoings and the wrongs of others with compassion instead of projecting them through hatred.

- Jesus’ crucified body is the icon for what we do to one another, to ourselves and to the world.
- Jesus’ resurrected body is the icon of God’s response and thus the final word on all of life.

These two images essentially contain the whole message of the Gospel.

Year Two Mass
Mass will be held in the Father Walsh room of the old hall this Friday, 11th August. The Mass will be for all of the students of Year Two and any family or school community members who wish to attend. Mass will commence at 9:30am and there will be a cup of tea afterwards.

Luke Smith – (Acting) Religious Education Coordinator

Sacramental news - The Sacrament of Reconciliation
This week members of the Sacramental team will meet to come up with a definite plan, dates and proposal for any students in primary classes who have not received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will inform you of all the necessary information and how you can enrol your child/children in the Parish program. Please look for a note next week, and if your child is not in Year 3 and you wish to receive the information, please email or send a note in this week, so we can make sure you receive the information.

Vickie Pettett - Religious Education Coordinator

School Community Notices
Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent teacher interviews will be held in Week 6, 7, 8 & 9. To book your interview please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use the code jkw7v. Bookings close Friday 18 August at 3pm. If you do not have access to the internet please contact the office and we will make a booking for you.

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
**Playgroup – 11th August**

This week at playgroup we will be having some fun baking pizzas, the children will be making their own pizzas with some yummy toppings to choose from! Come along and join us in the school hall this Friday 11th 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.

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**Canteen News**

Canteen News - Breakfast continues at the canteen and on the menu this week we have home made fruit muffins (60c), toast (30c) & hot chocolate ($1.20). Toasted sandwiches are also available while the cooler weather is around. Cheese for $2 and Ham & Cheese for $3.50.

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**Book Week**

Week 6 this term is Book Week. If you would like to learn more about the Children’s Book Council of Australia, and the books that have been shortlisted for 2017, please visit [https://cbca.org.au/about-the-awards](https://cbca.org.au/about-the-awards)

Please note that our book fair will be held in Term 4 and we will be having a week celebrating literature and a Book Parade at that time.

Thanks

*Lynette Barker (Teacher Librarian)*

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**ICAS Maths reminder**

ICAS Maths is next Tuesday 15th August at 8.00am in the 5P classroom.

*Julia Briggs – Primary Coordinator*

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**Grandparents Day**

An invitation was sent home last week for Grandparents/Special Elder Friends to attend our Grandparents’ Day liturgy and morning tea on Friday 18 August, starting at 9:30am in our school Hall. Please return the RSVP slip before Tuesday 15 August to assist with the catering.

*Kaylene Maretich - Primary Coordinator*

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**CURRICULUM**

**PBS**

Congratulations to the students who received the School Spirit Award in their grade or stage assembly for displaying CARE AND COMPASSION by being "cooperative".

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For the next fortnight we continue with our focus on CARE AND COMPASSION, and look at how we can be "welcoming". We can demonstrate this in so many ways:

- a wave or a friendly smile
- inviting others to join our games or conversations
- being polite to visitors

Being welcoming makes others feel more valued and creates a happy environment. I am always uplifted by the smiles and "hellos" I get as I walk through the school.

Kaylene Maretich - Primary Coordinator

**Sport**

**Be Active for Life!**

Moving more and sitting less, what are the benefits??

**Social Benefits:**
- Creates opportunities for fun with friends.
- Reduces anti-social behaviour, including aggressive and disruptive actions.
- Develops skills such as cooperation and teamwork.

**Emotional and Intellectual Benefits:**
- Improves self-esteem and confidence.
- Improves concentration and management of anxiety and stress.

**Health Benefits:**
- Reduces the risk of developing type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease.
- Improves physical fitness, including coordination and movement skills.
- Reduces the risk of unhealthy weight gain.
- Builds strong muscles and bones.
- Promotes healthy growth and development.

**Backyard League Program**

During weeks 2 and 3 most grades attended the Backyard League Skills program. The children learnt the basic skills of Rugby League and improved their ball handling skills over the sessions. Both boys and girls enjoyed the experience and were rewarded for their efforts with a football.

**Touch Football**

87 students have put their name down to participate in the Touch Gala Day on the 18th August. As this is a larger number than expected we need team managers. The students have been training at school and have been placed in teams but each team will need a manager on the day to ensure they are following the draw correctly, behaving (as I know they will) and just in case of an injury. We only have 1 parent at the moment who has offered to help. It really is a simple job and if you are coming to watch, please consider helping out. Simply call the school or ask your child to let me know if you are willing.

**State Trials for Touch Football**

Congratulations to Lawson Dooley and Jack Duffield who have just competed at the State Touch Football Trails in Wagga Wagga last week. Both boys played extremely well and were unlucky to have missed out on a position in the State side. The St. Therese's school community are very proud of you both.

**Diocesan Athletics Carnival**

Congratulations to all the students who attended the Diocesan Athletics carnival last Friday. All children participated well and we have a number of students progressing to the Polding Carnival in the near future. Well done to Matilda Golledge, Lillianne Samson, Jack Murdoch, Tyler Buckingham, Jacob Cook, Senior Girls Relay Team Maire Deppe, Lillianne Samson, Milly...
News from the Classroom

Wetlands Excursion

Last Friday, Year 2 went to the Shortland Wetlands to learn about the unique environment of the Wetlands and the diverse animals that the Wetlands are home to. We participated in many activities including viewing organisms under microscopes, a nature walk, the Wetlands classroom with jigsaw and clap sticks, the animal display and dip netting where thankfully no-one got wet! Thank you to all our parents and grandparents who joined us on the day, you made our day very enjoyable. While we had a sunny day, it was VERY windy and cold. Our students were extremely well behaved and enjoyed all the activities - we were very proud of you Year 2!

Year 1 will go to the Wetlands this Friday 11 August. Any students in Year 1 who have not paid and sent in their permission note need to do so as soon as possible. Students are to wear their full SPORTS uniform for the excursion.

Kaylene Maretich – Primary Co-ordinator

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

Aspire Performance

Aspire vocal ensemble – Emelia and Laila
In the vocal ensemble we have learned so much. We have had the opportunity to dance and act as well as sing. Aspire has been such a great journey and we have learned so much from not only our ensemble director but all the other ensemble directors.

Aspire drama – Isaac and Kate
This year we got the opportunity to join the drama ensemble in Aspire. It was an awesome experience. We made new friends and we boosted our knowledge in drama. We are so happy that we were chosen for Aspire 2017 – something we will remember forever!

Dance ensemble – Chiara, Sophie and Bella
Being in the dance ensemble gave us lots of new opportunities to meet new people and learn new skills. We have enjoyed every moment leading up to the Production and the performance itself. It was filled with memorable experiences we will remember for years.
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)

OOSH
Dear Parents/Carers, 
Children had another fantastic week at the Y with a good mix of indoor and outdoor activities enjoyed by all. OzTag and Ninja Warrior continue in their popularity with children demonstrating fairness, sportsmanship and skill. Children who chose to remain indoors were able to engage in a number of activities provided on the program. Jenny completed some crafty research at home, and brought in some great ideas for recycling our old jam/pasta jars. Children demonstrated their imaginative side, turning the jars into lava lamps and galaxy jars utilising glitter, baby oil and food colouring. This was a popular activity, with the end results receiving great feedback from the parents.

Overall, the great behaviour and enthusiasm indicates that our children’s interests are being met through the flexible and interest-based program that we provide here at the YMCA.

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

Have a fabulous 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
Fact sheet for parents and carers

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Planning has begun to move NAPLAN from a pen and paper assessment to an online assessment.

What are the benefits of NAPLAN Online?

Results will be faster and more precise
- Your child’s individual results will be returned to you within just a few weeks of the NAPLAN testing.
- Online assessment will reduce the time it takes to mark and provide feedback to schools, teachers and parents.
- Improved precision and timing of results will help teachers to tailor their teaching more specifically to address students’ learning needs.

Tailored tests will provide better assessment
- The online format allows for ‘tailored testing’, where the test adapts to a student’s performance and asks questions that match their achievement level.
- Students in each year level start with the same set of questions which can then branch into a different set of questions based on their responses to the first set of questions.
- This means that students will be directed to questions that may be easier or more challenging depending on their responses.
- This test design will allow students to better demonstrate their literacy and numeracy skills.
- Students find online assessment is more engaging*, which means they are encouraged to parent longer and try harder.

NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test

NSW schools will participate in a school readiness test between 14 August and 22 September 2017. The school readiness test is a ‘practice run’ for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability. The readiness test allows schools to:
- become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format and processes
- check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online
- provide students in NAPLAN years 3, 5, 7 and 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

For more information

Parents, students and schools interested in familiarising themselves with the NAPLAN Online format can access the NAPLAN Online demonstration site that includes sample tests for each NAPLAN year. Use the following link:
http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/
naplan-online/naplan-online-public-
demonstration-site

Further information about NAPLAN Online is available on the national ACARA website:
http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/
naplan-online

Contact your school principal or visit the ACARA NAP website for more detailed information:
http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/online-
assessment.html
#GETKIDSCODING – Stage 3 Trial.

We are excited to announce that St Therese’s has joined the Code Club Australia network and will be hosting a coding club for Stage 3 students in the Library every Thursday morning 8.30am – 9.10am. I will host the meetings, initially working through a series of ‘Scratch’ coding projects supplied by Code Club Australia, then moving onto Python and HTML at a later date. Students wishing to participate MUST be able to arrive at school by 8.30am on Thursdays as the workshops run for the full 40 mins.

Code Club Australia recommends 15 students per adult, therefore numbers will be limited. If this trial is successful I will call for parents that might be interested in volunteering their time, to join the club, enabling more students to be involved.

Code Club is FREE.
If your child is in Stage 3 and would like to join the club please complete the form below and return it to me in the Library by this Friday 11th August. Thank you for understanding that we may not be able to accept all applications this term – it will depend on numbers. Students will be advised by Monday 14th August if they are part of Code Club this term, with the first club workshop being Thursday 17th August.
#getkiddscoding
Lynette Barker

My child ___________________________ (student’s name) would like to join Code Club Australia.
My child can be at school by 8.20am Thursday mornings ready to start Code Club at 8.30am.
I understand that spaces are limited and returning this form does not guarantee a place in the club this term.
Signed: ___________________________________ (Parent)
Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held shortly. Bookings must be finalised before the Friday 18th August at 3pm, when bookings for this event will close.

For parents that do not have internet access, please contact the office on 4957 4922 to make a booking

BOOKINGS CLOSE Friday 18th August at 3pm

Simply enter the code and press “Go”
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Enter your details

Select the teachers you wish to see

Select the appointment times that suit your family best

When you click FINISH, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately – Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until the bookings close on Friday 18th August at 3pm

You may change your bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 4957 4922

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the “contact us” button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school’s name and suburb.