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 week our Year 6 students met with St Pius High School students and teachers to begin the process of transition into high school (where have the years gone). Parents will have the opportunity to meet with teachers from St Pius on Wednesday evening in our Library at 7pm to begin their transition into big school. These are the first steps in what will be a thorough and seamless transition.

On Friday we will welcome grandparents and elder carers to our school to celebrate all they bring to the children’s lives. Children and teachers look forward to this special day as a way to include you in their schooling. Come along and enjoy the morning – and the delicious fare.

Due to a very busy calendar of events our Book Week celebrations will be held in to Term 4 Week 2. There will be further information coming to you.

I’d like to also take this opportunity to thank the P & F for their very generous support of the school in providing the children with PE equipment to the value of $2,500 and new readers for Years 1 and 2. This support is greatly appreciated. Please make sure that you continue to support our P & F in their endeavours.

A reminder that this Saturday 19th August parents are invited to come and help with the development of the new playground area. Parents are asked to be here by 9am for whatever time you can help. This is a great initiative of the Kinder teachers and they really appreciate the parents assistance.

Our Parent/Teacher interviews are set down for the weeks 28th Aug to 15th Sept. Please make sure that you book for an interview online (instructions set out later in this newsletter). Any difficulty please contact the office.

Duilio Rufo
Principal

Assistant Principal’s Message

Teaching and Learning in Writing at St Therese’s

As you are aware, teaching and learning in writing is a major focus in St Therese’s 2017 Strategic Plan. In our staff meeting last week, Shazmey Murray led staff in Professional Learning on the teaching of Mentor Sentences which will continue next week. I thank Shazmey for sharing her wonderful skill as a literacy teacher with her colleagues.

Over the last term, a group of talented Year 4 writers have been working with Jess Black a local children’s author. These conclude on August 16. A group of Year 4 students will also participate in ‘Lunch with the Stars’ an initiative of the Children Book Council of Australia Newcastle Sub-Branch on Thursday 14th September. This annual event, which will this year be held at Beresfield Bowling Club, teams a table of students with an author while author Oliver Phommavanh will be this year’s guest speaker.

A reminder that in term 4, we are offering before school Creative Workshops Term 4 for students in Years 2-6 with Jess Black and Ed Wright. See further information in this bulletin.
ASPIRE 2018 Audition dates
Our stage 3 students and teachers loved the 2017 Aspire Production of “The Hoarders Next Door” showcasing the talents of our Diocese especially Chiara, Emelia, Sophie, Laila, Kate, Isaac and Bella from St Therese’s.

The production is open to students from Year 6. See below 2018 Audition details:

All auditions at Newcastle Community Arts Centre (behind CSO)
* INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE - Monday 30th October 2017
* DANCE ENSEMBLE - Monday 30th October 2017
* DRAMA ENSEMBLE - Tuesday 31st October + Wednesday 1st November 2017
* VOCAL ENSEMBLE - Thursday 2nd November 2017

Please complete Audition form, attach photo and send into CSO.

Sick Children:
St Therese’s has had a large number of children absent due to illness in the past two weeks, please find the link below in regards to Influenza which may be helpful.

Sallyanne Stanbridge – Assistant Principal

RE News
Words of wisdom from Pope Francis
Catholic education is one of the most important challenges for the church....Effectively catholic schools and universities are attended by many students who are not Christian or do not believe. Catholic educational institutions offer to all an approach to education that has as its aim the full development of the person, which responds to the right of every person to access knowledge. However, they are called on to offer...the Christian belief, that is, to present Jesus Christ as the meaning of life, the cosmos and history. (An excerpt from Pope Francis addressing the Congregation for Catholic Education.)

Here at St Therese’s everything we do is centered on Jesus Christ and we feel sure that our parents support our Vision and our Mission which is founded on bringing Christ into the hearts and minds of all.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS
Following our meeting last Thursday we are happy to tell you that a commitment is made to support our families who wish to enroll their children in the sacramental program. This involves preparation for the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) later this year, then the final two Sacraments of Initiation- Eucharist and Confirmation- in Year 4/2018. You will be asked to sign a commitment form that will cover these three Sacraments. If your child/children have not yet been baptized please let us know if you need help with that. The relevant information note with dates will come home with your child later this week.

YEAR 2 MASS
What a pleasure it was to attend and participate with our beautiful, angelic Year 2 students and their teachers at Mass on Friday. Having the setting in the father Walsh room means that the children can see clearly what is happening during the Mass. The children were beautifully reverent, answering and singing with enthusiasm. Thank you to the parents/ grandparents who were able to come and join us.

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 – 18th August
This Friday playgroup will be held at Lambton Park due to Grandparents day in the school hall. Come and join us at the park for the children to play in the sunshine on Friday 18th August from 9.15am - 11am. 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
Canteen News - Breakfast continues at the canteen and on the menu this week we have homemade 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

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)

School Uniforms
As it is warming up early this year the children are welcome to wear their summer uniforms for comfort.

Curriculum
PBS
Congratulations to the students that received the School Spirit Award at their Grade/Stage assembly last week for displaying CARE & COMPASSION by being “welcoming”

| School Spirit Award for demonstrating CARE & COMPASSION by being welcoming |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sandy (KB)                  | Ava & Jordy (KHD)           | Ivy (KM)                    |
| Keana & Charlie (1CH)       | Amelia & Knox (1WP)         |
| James & Myles (2A)          | Liam & Oliver (2M)          | Oscar & Felicity (2WM)      |
| Hamish & Jason (3K)         | Jack & Kayna (3R)           | Abigail & Lachlan (3SJ)     |
| Patrick & Annie (4C)        | Oliver & Marcus (4N)        | Zara & Jacob (4PV)          |
| Candice & Edward (5B)       | Isaac & Neeve (5GS)         | Claire & Sullivan (5P)      |
| Lawson & Kate (6J)          | Ashton & Panos “Peter” (6M) | Dominic & Lillianne (6S)    |

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.

Grandparents Day
This Friday 18 August the infant classes welcome our grandparents/special elder friends for a special assembly and open classes in Years K-2. Our liturgy will belong at 9:30am in the Main Hall followed by morning tea for our grandparents then open classes. Grandparents are welcome to bring along lunch to share with your grandchildren in Year K-2. Thank you to the families who have returned the RSVP for catering purposes, please send any final replies in by TOMORROW 16 AUGUST. The cutoff date for kindergarten children to send in photos for grandparents day closed last Friday, please do not send any further photos in as the presentation has been finalised.

Kaylene Maretich Primary Coordinator

Technology Update
The Year 3 students have been learning about early exploration. Yesterday they retraced the path of Captain Cook using a giant map and a Sphero Ball. They had to code the speed, direction and time the ball needed to travel so that it retraced the path of Cook. They used block coding to create the program. Other students used block coding and the program ‘Scratch’ on tablet devices to draw a map and then move a character around their countries. It was exciting to see the thinking, creativity and collaboration in the room. Teachers have spent time becoming familiar with the new ‘Digital Technologies’ curriculum and it is great to see coding coming to life in the classroom and enriching learning in such a meaningful way.

Today 200 students will participate in a global challenge called ‘Moonhack’. Read more about that next week.

Lynette Barker Teacher/Librarian

Wellbeing
Kids Matter ~ Community Day
Just a reminder that next Friday, 25th August, is our annual school 'Community Day'. This is a day to highlight the importance of good mental health and wellbeing for everyone in our community. We invite families to join us for a shared BBQ lunch at 11.30 am (please return your slip if you'd like a sausage on a bread roll). Year 6 will be running some fun games during lunch time, come along and join in!

Also, we are still after a couple more BBQs to cook all those sausages - if you live nearby and can wheel your BBQ around to the school, please let us know asap.

Many thanks, The Kids Matter Team
**Sport**

**Physical Activity - At least 60 minutes a day**

Children’s daily physical activity does not have to be done all in one go. The 60 minutes can be accumulated throughout the day. Remember, even if your child doesn’t play sport, there are lots of activities they can do. Being active in a variety of ways will help children get all the benefits. How about walking, riding, skateboarding or scooting safely to school or other places. If your child is not doing 60 minutes of physical activity every day, they will benefit from gradually increasing their activity to reach this amount. While all physical activity is helpful, the Guidelines recommend moderate to vigorous intensity physical activities.

MODERATE INTENSITY ACTIVITIES require some effort, but children can still speak easily while doing them. E.g. fast walking, riding a bike or scooter and active play.

VIGOROUS INTENSITY ACTIVITIES require more effort and make children breathe harder and faster (‘huff and puff’). E.g. running, chasing and playing tag, and many organised sports like soccer or netball.

**Variety scholarships**

Variety provides scholarships to children (aged between 6 to 18 years) with an existing talent living with disabilities, chronic illness, geographic isolation and/or financial hardship, to achieve their full potential and to follow their dreams. Scholarships are awarded in areas of Education, Sports and the Arts. Scholarship can be used for fees, training, competition entry, equipment, uniforms, travel (air fares, bus fares, train fares) and accommodation to attend competitions.


**Touch Football Gala Day**

Thank you to the parents who have already volunteered as team managers for the Touch Football Gala day. If any more parents would be available we would really appreciate it. Please let Miss Haworth in 5P or Mrs Petersen know. All children attending the touch day need to meet Mrs Petersen and Miss Haworth at the front of the school at 8:30. Draws will be handed out today. If you are heading straight to the venue please let the teachers know before the day.

**Diocesan Athletics Carnival**

Congratulations to Tom Lawrence who also was successful in making it through to the Polding Athletics carnival. The carnival will be held on the 8th September at Hunter Sport centre Glendale.

**News from the Classroom**

**Wetlands Excursion**

Last Friday Year 1 went to the Hunter Wetlands for an excursion. It was a lovely sunny day. We had great fun being scientists in the laboratory looking through the microscopes at the different species that call the Wetlands their home. We caught many interesting things when we went dip netting and then followed the map all the way to the special lookout to find all the interesting birds that live in the Wetlands. Thank you to the parents who were able to join us.
GENERAL NOTICES
The school was informed on Tuesday that due to double booking of the netball courts the netball gala has had to be changed. The new date is Tuesday 5th September. All previous permissions will stand. If however you had put your name down to transport children or coach a team and are unable to do so, please notify the school by Monday 14th August.

FOUND The camcorder pictured at right was found on the playground recently. It is available for collection from the Administration Office.

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 great week at the Y. With unseasonably warm weather, the back playground was filled to the brim with children playing a variety of group games and self-directed activities. Playground tips, handball, soccer and imaginative play were popular choices, which was a great demonstration of cooperation, teamwork and fairness.

Children demonstrated their creative side indoors, turning old dry wall into fantastic group murals, most of which had lovely YMCA themes and an array of beautiful designs and colours. This activity provided children an opportunity to engage with their peers and express their individual creative flair.

The New Lambton YMCA team would like to congratulate Kylie Nadalin on her promotion to Children’s Services Manager. Kylie will be based at the service for the next few weeks to support the team during this transition period. Please feel free to contact either Michelle or Stephanie on 0402 165 617 for any enquiries.

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

Auskick: Please ensure children are reminded to attend roll call prior to Auskick. Children will be marked off and then escorted to the back playground.

Thank you and have a fabulous week!

Kind regards, Stephanie

YMCA NSW – Newcastle Region | St Therese’s Primary School, New Lambton NSW 2305
m 0402165617
e oshc.newlambton@ymcansw.org.au w ymcansw.org.au
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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We invite you to join the San Clemente High School Community Centenary Celebrations

As a friend of our community we want to make sure that you are aware of the school centenary celebrations planned during August, particularly the Centennial Ball on Saturday 19 August at Newcastle City Hall.

A nostalgic evening is guaranteed. Rally your friends and join us in celebrating the past, acknowledging the present and looking towards the future. We hope to see you there.

An Open Day is scheduled for 27 August commencing with Mass at 9.00am at St Columban’s Hall. There will be exhibits, performances, stalls and much more to view at San Clemente with activities concluding at 12.00 noon.

Visit our website www.mayfieldcatholic.nsw.edu.au, email mfc.centenary@mn.catholic.edu.au, or telephone 4014 7300 for further details.

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Fun and Educational Before School Creative Writing Workshops at St Therese’s, New Lambton Term 4, from Thurs 19 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.

$140 per term (7 lessons)
$210 for two siblings
with Ed Wright and Jess Black
For information and enrolments
www.creativewords.com.au
info@creativewords.com.au or phone Ed 0408788765

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in2cricket (suitable for girls and boys 5-7 yrs and runs through term 4) Friday at Townson Oval Merewether starting 13th October. Registration is $95 http://playcricket.com.au/learn/in2cricket

T20 Blast (suitable for girls and boys 7-9 yrs of age and runs through term 4) Mondays in Newcastle starting 16th October, Wednesday at Ford Oval New Lambton (includes all-girls comp) starting 18th October and Thursday at Charlestown Oval starting 19th October. Registration is $125 http://www.playcricket.com.au/learn/t20-blast


Saturday Morning Competition (boys and girls aged 9 to 17). October ‘17 to March ‘18 with break over Christmas School Holidays. Games run for 120 to 180 minutes on a Saturday morning.


Further details registrar@tigersjuniorcricket.com.au
Jason (mob 0408 024838) http://tigersjuniorcc.nsw.cricket.com.au
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 persist 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:

* Research by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) into online assessment has shown that students have engaged well with electronic tests.
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"  
THIS CODE CHANGES – DO NOT USE YOUR LAST EVENT’S CODE

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.