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
The Catholic Church for some of you is nothing more than a name and a distant memory of pomp and ceremony. For others however, it is still the foundation of our faith, and our ongoing inspiration to hopefully transform a world that is hurting and is craving for God’s love.

The Bishops of Australia have come together and are in the process of organising a Plenary Council 2020 – Listen to what the Spirit is saying: Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops’ decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God’s people are invited to reflect on the question: “What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?” For more information, go to www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au.

Diocesan Website: https://www.mn.catholic.org.au

Both Vickie Pettett and I have been involved in discussion at the CSO around how we might engage staff and parents in this listening dialogue. We are hopeful of this term offering firstly staff and then parents small group opportunities to speak up and be listened to on the question “What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?”

Once our discussion has happened all comments will be forwarded to the Plenary Council. Please look out for dates and come and have your say in forming the church of the future.

Canteen News
Last term St Therese’s undertook a review of the Canteen, in particular, looking at food options. Last week I received a follow up report from Hunter New England Health and the University of Newcastle to inform me that we are now working well towards meeting all their benchmarks in healthy food options. 67% of food items are healthy items, 25% are occasional items and the remaining percentage are Red foods (this amounts to only 3 or 4 items). Thank you to Belinda in the Canteen for her diligence in addressing any concerns. You can read the full report by going to the link on our school website: www.newlambton.catholic.edu.au.

Father’s Day Breakfast
I would take this opportunity to invite all the fathers, grandfathers and carers of our community to join us on 31 August for a “bbq breakfast” to celebrate Father’s Day. Please complete and return the RSVP slip located further on in the Newsletter (for catering purposes).

Compass
This is to advise you that in Week 9 you will receive a letter in relation to compass. It is important that you read the letter as it will have a login and password for you. We are looking to go live for parents in Term 4

Great News Telstra Kids digital kit
We are delighted to announce our success in applying for a Telstra Kids digital kit. Telstra Kids helps kids across Australia connect to a digital future by building STEAM skills. Huge thanks to Michael Cashman from Telstra, who is the referrer, for applying for the funding for us. We are very excited to share in the million dollars the Telstra Foundation provides each year to help kids connect to a digital future.
Outstanding Achievement
My congratulations to Liam H who took part in the “Out of the Box – Talented Workshop” last week. Liam received the medal for “outstanding Achievement” in mathematics and problem solving. He has a bright future and we wish Liam every success in his future endeavours.

Duilio Rufo – Principal

Assistant Principals Message

Inquisitive Minds
Last Wednesday I had the pleasure of taking 11 students to St Paul’s Gateshead for the “Out of the Box - Talented Workshop”. The first session involved students working in pairs with a partner from our school, while the second session was a relay working with a partner from a different school. Students worked with their partner to solve a series of problems across all stands of Math, there were bonus extension tasks for students to try as well. I have to be honest, there were times where I had to work VERY hard to solve some of the tasks. I was very impressed with our student’s ability to communicate and reason mathematically and their use of variety of problem-solving strategies. All our students also demonstrated respect for their partners, the organisers and others teachers present on the day - I was very proud of our team! Liam H was the overall winner of the day - congratulations Liam.

On the 15th August, students from Year 6 and Year 5 participated in a math workshop called “Inquisitive Minds”. This day consisted of meeting children from other schools and racing each other in a “math relay”. We would solve problems and earn stamps on a sheet of paper, and the person with the most points won. The children from our school did exceptionally well. They were Liam H, Hugh B, Fox U, Christian P, Geordie O, William H, Aiden P, Phoebe C, Wilson T, Jacob L, and Subanu T. We had loads of fun. (by Fox U and Christian P).

Lost Property
Parents please ensure all clothing and personal items are clearly labelled. On Friday I took home two garbage bags full of unmarked clothing that have been washed and are now in the second-hand clothing pool. It must be costing some parents a great deal on money to replace uniforms, lunch containers etc. Encourage your child to take more responsibility for their belongings by ensuring they know how to put all their property into their bags - this includes kindergarten students. Many students know that Mum & Dad will organise their things at home, so then think the teachers will do the same at school. However, students from K-6 need to be organised and respectful of their belongings.

NAPLAN Readiness Test
In Week 6 students in Years 3 & 5 will complete the online NAPLAN Readiness Test. This has been designed to “test” the online platform and ensure our school has the correct structures in place for the online NAPLAN in 2019. Students in Years 3 & 5 will have received a note about this test, please contact me if you have any concerns about your child completing this test. The Readiness Test has NO IMPACT on the students results in the actual NAPLAN they complete in Term 2.

Kaylene Marettich - Assistant Principal
RE News
From Pope Francis @pontifex
“Faith is nourished by memory”. How many wonderful things God has done for us! How generous is our Heavenly Father!

On Sunday many parents and parishioners would have revisited their memories of their First Communion as 22 Parish children celebrated their First Communion, thus making a beautiful memory to treasure. Thank you to all who were there for the beautiful Mass, particularly Dominic, who was the solitary representative of our senior leaders. Also thanks to our wonderful musicians and thank you to Father Stephen for his ministry. Ice blocks and a welcome cuppa were shared and we will continue this as it was very popular. Next Sunday another 25 children will take this final step of Initiation and we look forward to them being welcomed.

It would be wonderful if we could have some Altar servers in the next few weeks and also any senior Year 6 leaders to help serve the ice blocks and cuppa.


YEAR FOUR BLUE DAY
Each year students of Year 4 raise money for Mercyworks, an arm of the Mercy congregation. This year any money raised will assist young children who live outside Alice Springs, travel into town to attend preschool, where they will learn about looking after themselves. They will be taught hygiene, healthy eating and will learn and play in a happy environment. All students at St Therese’s are invited to wear “blue” and donate a gold coin. The Canteen will sell blue moosies for $1.00 and there will be blue bracelets for sale at lunch time: $4.00 each. There will also be a raffle of some “blue” paintings: 20c or 6 for a $1.00.

Vickie Pettett - Religious Education Coordinator

School Community Notices
Canteen News
It’s never too late to offer to volunteer in the canteen. If you are able to help out once a month for 3-4 hours that would be great.
You will get to meet some other parents and your kids will love seeing you at school. Please contact Belinda on 0447 509 968.

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Belinda Palmer – Canteen Supervisor

Playgroup 24th August
Playgroup will be in the school hall this week, so come along and join us for some fun this Friday 17th 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.
**LOTUS Raffles**
Our school community is looking for donations including vouchers and various items to be raffled on the night of the Lotus Art show here at the school's main hall.

The date of this event is Thursday, 20th September. If you are a business owner or know of people and/or businesses that would like to be part of this fundraiser we would like to hear from you. Donations can be left at the School Office or to any of the Grade 5 and 6 teachers. We will happily advertise any business that offers their generosity in the school bulletin and on the night of the Art show. Thank you in advance for your help and donations.

*Deb Petersen Coordinator*

**News from the Classroom**

**Word Mania!!**
CONGRATULATIONS to all the students from Grade 1 to 6 who participated in the Word Mania Literacy Challenge. Together we made over 45,000 words and scored just over 26,000 points, narrowly missing out in a place in the finals by only a few spots. In our school cluster which included the Central Coast and Hunter Region we scored all grades within the top 11 schools. A super effort!!!

**Write4Fun Competition**
I have received many entries for this writing competition and I have been enjoying reading the quality of our student's work. This week I have placed a poem written by Makayla Lawrence in Grade 5 as a sample of what has been coming in. Could all students please try and have your entry into me by next Friday the 24th August. That will give me time to send them off before the 31st August deadline.

**The Useless Poem**
This poem is like no other,
it is not made with thought.
I'm typing letters on the page,
all different kinds and sorts.

Some poems are about fairies,
Space and butterflies.
But this one has no meaning,
Truly dead it lies.

You may be wondering what it's for,
To be famous like Goldilocks,
But to win $500
and an X Box.

But I will try my hardest,
And give it my best shot,
I'll help the thirsty farmers,
And we'll donate the lot.

*By Makayla L*

**Environmental News**
Your ecological footprint is how much land is required to support your lifestyle. Australia has one of the largest ecological footprints per person, with each of us requiring approximately 6.25 hectares. To put this in perspective, if the entire world’s population lived at the same standard as Australians, we’d need **3.6 Earths** to support ourselves. The message is clear; we need to rein in our impact on the environment. The easiest way for an individual to make a difference is at home and school. Start by putting the following easy ideas into action for immediate results that will benefit both the planet and your hip pocket! We will be sharing one or two with you each week for the rest of term.

- **Install energy saving light bulbs.** Making the switch could significantly reduce your household lighting costs.
- **Switch off lights when not in use.** Practicing this good habit on a daily basis will pay dividends for the rest of your life.
- **Do not leave appliances on standby.** Switch them off at the power point when not in use.

*The Environmental Team*
Creative Construction with Daniel
Yesterday we worked with Daniel Rufo in his shed. We already had a plan of what we were going to build. It was a cubby house! We have started to build a wall and a window with wood, metal and nails. We will put the cubby house in the bushes when it is finished.
We really like building with Daniel. We wish we could work with him every day!

By Aleks Shaw and Jacob Leung

Gifted Education
If you are talented in Creative and Performing Arts and in Stage 3, audition applications are now open for the 2019 performance. The closing date for applications is the 28th September, 2018 (last day of Term 3, 2018). Please go to https://aspire.mn.catholic.edu.au/

Deb Petersen – Coordinator

ICAS SPELLING Assessment
Well done to all the students who participated in the ICAS Spelling Assessment. The following students achieved outstanding results:
High Distinction: Timothy M
Distinction: Edward J, Thomas P

Julia Briggs - Coordinator

Blue Day
Year 4 students will be having a “Blue Day” on Friday 24th August to support Mercy Works. Students are invited to “wear blue” and bring a gold coin donation for this privilege. The canteen will sell blue Moosies and there will be blue bracelets for sale for $4.00ea.

Wellbeing
Kids Matter ~ Why Empathy is Important
Empathy is the ability to put yourself in the shoes of someone else and understand what they are feeling or experiencing. In the early years of life, young children are naturally ego-centric and are very much inclined to think mostly about themselves and their immediate needs. They’re not yet ready to consider the needs and feelings of others. But developing a sense of empathy is an important developmental process for young children, and one that can benefit them not only in childhood but well into adult life as well. Helping young children to develop a strong sense of empathy is beneficial because:

- It helps them to build a sense of security and stronger relationships with other children and educators, positioning them well for learning
- It encourages tolerance and acceptance of others
It promotes good mental health

These are just a few of many reasons to develop empathy in your child. Empathy is not a fixed trait; it can be fostered. It can be encouraged and cultivated. But empathy does take time to develop. Parents, teachers and caregivers often ask how they can encourage young children to be more empathic. Here are some tips:

1. **Model how to value feelings** - Whenever possible, show warmth and empathy towards children. Children are watching others to learn appropriate ways of behaving and interacting, and are known to be influenced by the behaviours they see around them. You can be a good role model by acknowledging and valuing others’ feelings, and showing understanding and sympathy when someone is sad, upset, distressed, frustrated or in need of help.

2. **Connect feelings, thoughts and behaviours** - When talking about feelings, connect behaviours with the feelings for children so that they understand cause and effect. For example: “Max is feeling sad because Oliver took his toy. What might help Max feel better?” Teaching kids about cause and effect can also be done through stories, play-acting or reading books. Talk to children about the thoughts, feelings and behaviours of the characters. Ask them to step into the mind, or take the perspective, of another child or adult: “How do you think they are feeling? Why might they be upset? What could we do to help?”

3. **Build a ‘climate’ of empathy** - As a family, or as a classroom, put a focus on working together to build a “climate” that encourages children to be empathic and understanding with their family and friends. If your child, or a child in your classroom, is struggling with empathy, try to set them up for success by creating opportunities to be empathic and highlight for them how being kind can benefit everyone involved: “That was very kind of you to help your sister when she lost her favourite toy. I bet she’ll remember that and want to help you when you need it!” This will foster more of the same types of behaviour in the future.

Strong empathy skills can set children up for success in life. Parents, teachers, caregivers and even siblings can play a powerful role in helping one another achieve this success.

Julia Briggs - Coordinator

**PBS**

**Friendship:** This week we introduce the virtue of Friendship. It is closely linked to our recent virtue of Being Welcoming and is also a part of our Term Focus on Care & Compassion. What is ‘friendship’? Friendship is a relationship based on mutual care and concern for each other. Human beings are social creatures and so friendships, particularly those that are positive and healthy, are one of our most basic and important needs. To be a ‘good friend’ to others is our personal challenge, however. Being a good friend means that we accept our friends as they are. We don’t try to control them, change them or manipulate them into being or doing only what we want. We recognise the ways our friends are similar to us and this is often what attracts us to be friends in the beginning. We also need to recognise our differences and the ways in which these can challenge both of us to become better people. We acknowledge our friends’ unique talents and gifts. We encourage our friends to do what is right by leading through example. Choosing friends who are also good for us is an important skill in life.

**School Spirit Award for demonstrating **CARE & COMPASSION** through Being Welcoming.**

| KN  | Indigo H. & Zoe O. |
| KW  | Blake K. & Charlie T. |
| KL  | Miah F. & Darcy L. |
| 1N  | Ada N. & Sage T. |
| 1W  | Bodhi M. & Mia S. |
| 1L  | Olivia M. & Kye T. |
| 2N  | Isla O. & Niah S. |
| 2W  | Emily C. & Santino P. |
| 2L  | Cody C. & Ella F. |
| 3N  | Hanna A. & Demetria H. |
| 3W  | Isabella H. & Daniel J. |
| 3L  | Ayden C. & Knox M. |
| 4N  |  |
| 4W  | Matilda G. & Noah C. |
| 4L  | Ruby L. & Timothy M. |
| 5N  | Isaac P. |
| 5W  | Darragh K. & Jacob L. |
| 5L  | Lara D. & Aiga L. |
| 6N  | Ethan L. & Fox U. |
| 6W  |  |
| 6L  | Lexi M. & Imogen R. |

**Principal Award recipients for this week:**


Luke Smith – Coordinator
Workshops with Cheryl Roberts

Dear parents

Just a reminder that the parent information evenings are continuing and will also run next term.

Recently I attended the childhood trauma Conference/workshop in Melbourne 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) and look forward to sharing the information.

Now more than ever I feel positively validated in the knowing that for childhood mental and emotional health, growth and wellbeing there must be more support and information given to the parent and carers. Nothing will change without changing something and you must be informed to do that. The statistics are very clear in the rise of childhood conditions, anxieties and depression and the thing is, the cycle can be broken and turned around with very simple tools. First comes the knowing and understanding. What drives the behaviours???? When there is an understanding of that, change can happen.

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. How to build a relationship that makes them want to look to you for leadership, instead of peers/society. How can you be the change in the chaos? You can’t know until you know!!!

August       Week 6, Tuesday 28th  9.30 to 11.30  Father Walsh
September    Week 8, Thursday 13th  6pm to 8pm  Library

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

Yours sincerely

Duilio Rufo

Cheryl Roberts

Principal

Pastoral Care Worker

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

☐ 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

Touch Gala Day
This week 87 students will attend the Touch Football Gala Day on Friday 24th August. All students are to meet Mr Smith, Mrs Griffiths and Ms Jackman at the Newcastle Harness Club to be marked off the role. The following is a brief timeline for the day:

9:30am = Teachers Meeting
9:45am = Referees Meeting
10:00am = Games Commence
12:00pm = Lunch
12:40pm= Games Recommence
2:00pm= Games finish.

Diocesan Athletics carnival
Well done to all the athletes who competed in the Dio. Athletics Carnival last week. A great day was had by all. Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent the Diocese of Maitland – Newcastle at the POLDING Athletics Championships. Holly M, Madison B, Ethan Z, Taj J, Toby G, Hugh B, Noah G.
VENUE: Hunter Sport Centre Glendale
DATE: Friday 14th September 2018
TIME: 8.10 am Gates open for students and parents
8.40 am Marshall First Event
9.00 am First event and 3.30 pm Carnival Concludes (approximately)

All information regarding these Polding trials is available on the website once you have registered. Please login to your account to find this information.

Gymnastics
A gymnastics program will commence in week 6 for grade 2 and Kindergarten. Parents with children in these grades will receive further information regarding the program and cost.

Cricket Gala Day
Grade 4 will participate in T20 Blast Cricket gala day on the 7th September at Harker oval. Grade 6 will also take part in this event but on the 23rd November, at the same venue. Notes will be sent home to those students involved.

GIRLS Soccer Gala Day
On Thursday 9th August the Senior and Junior girls participated in a soccer gala day at Speers Point. The weather was amazing and the girls entered into the spirit of the day showing great enthusiasm, some powerful kicking skills and excellent sportsmanship.

A huge thank you to the parents for their support on the day and particularly to the team managers who ensured all girls were well organised and looked after.

Carly Mortimer & Cath Crawford

Vote for St Therese's to receive School Equipment
This promo with Genesis aims to give sporting equipment by voting for your school. Our school could benefit from this program. It finishes on 23/8/18. Thank you Angela Leung for offering this suggestion. Is your Primary School in need of some new sporting equipment? Genesis Fitness Club Warners Bay are looking for 3 Primary Schools in our Local area to Inspire a World of Movement!

The winning School will be rewarded with $1000 of sporting equipment!!! Nominate your school below. The 3 schools with the most votes (we will give smaller schools a handicap) by COB 23/8/18 will be given the opportunity to join the challenge. Get voting now!!!

Motiv8sports After School Program
Today we had Aaron speak to the school at assembly regarding an after school Physical activity program. Please see the attached article or contact Deb Petersen for more information.

Deb Petersen – Coordinator

Year 4 Sport day is Wednesday this term. Please consult the newsletter for information rather than social media sites.

General notices

OOSH
Hi from all at the Y……
This week we have had so much fun with our ‘Who’s – Dat – Baby?’ competition. Our permanent Educators all brought in a baby photo of themselves and the children had to try and guess who was who. Some of the strategies children used were very interesting including the height of Educators compared to the length of the babies, colour of the babies eyes and the era of the actual photo. The children and their parents and caregivers spent all of the week submitting their guesses to be part of the competition. Our winners were announced this morning so congratulations to Patrick I and Ella M who matched the most photos to the Educators.

Thank you to the parents/caregivers who have left us some feedback about our new Service Philosophy. The Philosophy will remain in the sign in area so please take this opportunity to read it and leave your feedback.

Vacation Care news – Vacation Care flyers will be arriving very soon and the bookings are now open online and on the app. Excursion days will fill up quickly so make sure to get in quickly and make your bookings so that your children don’t miss out on any of the fun.
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
New Lambton FC - Eagles Boys Premier Group Trials

102 years young, the largest and most evolutionary club in NNSW.

With unrivalled Development programs for Boys/Girls and growing Premier Groups for Men and Womens teams,

The Eagles is the club to be a part of!!!!!!!!

Competitions

- SAP
- Net
- Inter district A grade (12s)
- NEWFM 2019 Northern League 1 (13s – 17s)

AGES BASED ON 2019

- 9’s SAP/Net – 27th August 2018
- 10’s SAP/Net – 28th August 2018
- 11’s Net – 29th August 2018
- 12’s Net A Grade – 3rd September 2018

Venue: Alder Park – New Lambton

Time: 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm

Bring: Ball and water bottle

Wear: White or predominantly white shirt

Convenor: Jim Foley Head Coach and Technical Director NLFC / New Lambton FC Coaching Staff

Enquiries: President Premier Group – Chris Brain 0414 97 4649

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St Therese’s OBSTACLE FUN RUN
****Thursday 27th September 2018*****
**@ St Therese’s school ground**

Uniform FREE day

- Spare Sponsorship booklets can be collected from the front office. The booklet will have a unique code for your child.
- Create an online Student profile - www.myprofilepage.com.au and share your page and start fundraising
- Enjoy a Picnic lunch with your children

- We NEED your help please! Email: admin@newlambton.catholic.edu.au with the header “Fun Run Volunteer” with your WCCC number if you are able to help. 20 volunteers needed.

*** The colour run has changed to a fun run due to the large number of children that may have an allergic or other reaction ***
RE: School Community Code of Conduct and Conditions of Enrolment

During 2018, the Catholic Schools Office has updated and revised the Enrolment Policy, Enrolment Procedure and Conditions of Enrolment for all students attending schools within the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.

A School Community Code of Conduct has been developed to reinforce rights and responsibilities for students, parents and volunteers within our school communities. (Staff are bound by the CSO Code of Conduct available at www.mn.catholic.edu.au/about/policies.) A copy will be on display in the school's reception area.

In Term 1, 2019, all existing families enrolled in diocesan schools will be asked to sign the declaration that they have read the documents and agree to abide by the Code of Conduct and the Conditions of Enrolment; parents/carers will be asked to discuss student responsibilities with their children.

If you would like to view the updated documents, please go to https://www.mn.catholic.edu.au/parents-community/how-to-enrol-in-a-catholic-school/ and follow the links to the following documents:

- School Community Code of Conduct
- Conditions of Enrolment
- (Privacy) Standard Collection Notice
- Enrolment Policy and Procedure
- School Fees Policy and Procedure

If you have any questions regarding the above documents, please email them to brid.corrigan@mn.catholic.edu.au.
Father’s Day Stall

**Thursday 30th August 2018**

Gifts ranging from 50c to $5
Cooler bags, pens, mugs and more, a gift for every man
Maximum 1 to 2 gifts per child

Don’t forget to send money with your children on the day. No IOUs will be allowed this year

So please ensure if your child wants to participate they must have money on the day.

Any questions contact Belinda Mortimore - Fundraising Coordinator on
0400 931 650

RSVP
Fathers Day Breakfast

Family name .................................................................

Number of Adults ...........................................................

Number of children ........................................................
WHAT IS TINKERING?
*It’s playing around directly with phenomena, with tools and materials. It’s thinking with your hands and learning through doing.
It’s slowing down and getting curious about the mechanics and mysteries of everyday stuff around you.
It’s whimsical, enjoyable, fraught with dead ends, frustrating, and ultimately, about inquiry.*
(Wimmer & Petrich, The Art of Tinkering, 2014)

Basically - Tinkering means trying things out.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF TINKERING?
- Critical thinking
- Creativity
- Collaboration
- Problem Solving
- Communication
- Responsibility
- Self Confidence
- Perseverance
- Fine-Motor Development
- Entrepreneurship

“Tinkering Time”

Mrs Barker and Mrs Gleeson are thrilled to introduce an exciting and engaging new program for the students of St Therese’s.

We are creating a learning community which allows teachers and students alike to build their knowledge and skills in the area of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

Our program has been designed in a way to encourage enquiry, problem solving, creativity and collaboration.

We love a challenge here at St Therese’s – and are working towards applying the STEM way of thinking across all of our subject areas.

It may seem an odd mix to teach the Hebrew Scriptures through robotics and coding – but our Year 1 students are loving the activities – and have already learned so much in only two weeks!

Year 1 - Religion
Year 1 have been using the Bee-Bots to learn more about The Great Flood and the Creation Story.

Year 3 - English
Year 3 are using the Edison robots to discover the links between procedural writing and writing algorithm code.
New Lambton FC
Summer Sevens
Twilight Competition
Commences October 2018

Competitions include:
All Age Women (Tuesday Nights)
U15 Boys and Girls (Wednesday Nights)
U12 Boys and Girls (Thursday Nights)
Mens O35's (Friday Nights)

Game times will be 6pm and 6.45pm
Games will be 20 mins per half for Seniors and 15 mins
per half for Juniors.

Team Reservation Fee $100 to secure team place.

Player registration fee are:
Registered Seniors - $140.00
Unregistered Seniors - $180.00
Registered Juniors - $100.00
Unregistered Juniors - $120.00

All games played at
Novocastrian Park
Family fun with onsite
canteen facilities

For further information or to secure your teams
place email football@newlambtonfc.com or call
Steve Manning on 0410 541 160