Principals Message
Dear Parents & Carers
As you would be aware the building project is due to commence in 2019. In preparation for this we have had to reorganise our classrooms for the first few months of next year until the new classrooms are built. Please note the following:
- Kinder will remain in their classrooms
- Year 1 will move to the library
- Year 2 will move to the Mother Cyril and Father Walsh halls and one class will remain in an existing classroom.
These movements will happen before the end of the school year so that the demolition of the old classrooms can commence.

Kinder Orientation
Last Thursday was the 2019 kinder orientation. It was a fabulous day with very few tears. Well done to the current kinder children for their lovely singing and the current kinder parents who provided morning tea.

Supercars 2018
Some Year 6 children had a great visit to Supercars and a meet and greet with Craig Lowndes. They even appeared on NBN news. Thanks again to Brett Lavaring for the opportunity.

Dates to Remember
30 NOVEMBER
KINDER 2019 PLAYGROUP DAY

4 DECEMBER
SCHOOL LEADERS ANNOUNCED
PARISH RECONCILIATION LITURGY 7PM

5 DECEMBER
YR 6 GRADUATION MASS (EVENING)

7 DECEMBER
KINDER TRANSITION
CHILDREN’S CATHOLIC MISSION DAY

9 DECEMBER
YR 6 FAREWELL FAMILY PARTY

10 DECEMBER
SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

11 DECEMBER
P&F MEETING

14 DECEMBER
SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CAROLS

17 DECEMBER
INFANTS PICNIC
STAGE 3 TALENT QUEST 12.30PM

18 DECEMBER
SCHOOL MASS 9.30-11.00
FORMAL SCHOOL LEADERS ANNOUNCED

19 DECEMBER
LAST DAY FOR CHILDREN
LITURGY 9.30AM
YEAR 6 CLAP OUT 2.45PM
Compass
A further reminder that school reports will be sent out directly via Compass later in this term. If you have not logged onto Compass yet please address this ASAP. A reminder that the Skoolbag app is no longer being used.

Duilio Rufo  Principal

Message from the Assistant Principal

End of Year "Activity Days"
In Week 9, we have organised two activity days on Tuesday 11 December and Wednesday 12 December. Students will stay in their class until lunchtime, then from 12:30 - 1:30pm students will participate in an activity of their choice. We will have a whole school recess from 1:30 - 2:00pm, then from 2:00 - 3:00pm students will participate in a second activity of their choice. So across the two days students get to do four activities of their choice. Years 5 & 6 will only participate in this on Tuesday 11 December, as they have dancing practice on Wednesday.

A detailed note has been sent home for your child to elect the activities they would like to do. This note is to be returned by Thursday 29 November in order for the activity groups to be organised. Any students that do not return their form or return their forms late will be allocated to an activity that still has spaces available. Please assist your child to choose activities that they are interested in, some activities may not be suitable for your child. Each activity has 31 spaces available, so whilst we will endeavour to place your child in their chosen activities, there may be times we need to give your child an alternate. All the activities are designed to be fun and engaging, so encourage your child to "have a go!"

St Therese’s Christmas Carols
We will have our annual Christmas Carols evening on Friday 14 December in the back playground, starting at 6:00pm. Please bring along a picnic dinner, rugs, chairs and Aeroguard! Please ensure you do not bring any glass, plastic only. The theme this year is "Motown" and all children will perform some songs for you. In between each performance we will have some favourite carols to sing-along to. This year there is a special performance from the St Therese's Staff Choir. We thank Mrs Alina Brymora for all the work she has done throughout the year with the children. The children love choir each week and you are in for a treat on carols evening.

End of Year Reports
Teachers are busy assessing students and preparing final reports. These will be available through Compass on Friday 14 December. If you have not created your Compass account or do not have access to the internet, please contact the Office as soon as possible so alternate arrangements can be made.

Kaylene Marettich  Assistant Principal

RE News
Pope Francis @ pontifex
“While the great ones of the Earth build themselves ‘thrones’ for their own power, God chooses an uncomfortable throne, the cross, from which to reign by giving his life”.

Sacramental News
Parents of children preparing for the Sacrament of Penance- Reconciliation- are reminded that a Parish Reconciliation Liturgy will be held next Tuesday, 4th December at 7:00pm in St Therese’s church. There will be several priests in attendance and parents and children are invited to speak with one of them during the service. It is important that the children have completed the lessons in the family book before this time so that they have a good understanding of what to say during this time. They will also have some practice in their class.

Mission Day
Our annual day to raise funds for CHILDREN’S CATHOLIC MISSION will be held on Friday 7th December, when our Year 6 students organise fun activities for the whole school. Each grade is asked to provide some goods for sale on the day as follows.
- Kinder and year 1 – cupcakes and jellies
- Year 2 – juice poppers (can be bought in ahead of time)
- Year 3 – chips
- Year 4 – lollies (to be sent in by Wednesday 5/12)
- Year 5 – ice blocks (sent in frozen)

Donations of books, toys and jewellery are also welcome as the Year 6 children will run a ‘white elephant’ stall. Goods can be taken to the Year 6 classrooms. Other games and stalls will be run by the Year 6 children with the cost ranging from 50cents - $2.

All funds will be sent to support a project in Myanmar, where the priest has already built several classrooms to educate children, but desperately needs more funds so he can accept more children to have an education.

**Visit from Father Stephen** - we thank Father Stephen for giving his time to meet with our senior students this week to discuss issues relevant to their faith development.

_Vicki Pettett Religious Coordinator_

**School Community News**

_Canteen_

Garlic bread & cheesy garlic bread are also on offer for a limited time. This is a hot dog roll spread with home-made garlic butter and then warmed until the butter is all melty. Yum.

Please note expiry dates on pies and sausage rolls are not applicable as we freeze them fresh on delivery and use them as required.

**2019 Roster** - I’m starting to work on the canteen roster for 2019. The canteen heavily relies on volunteers and your kids love seeing you help out in the school. If you would like to help out in the canteen 2019 that would be super - it’s only one morning every 4 weeks from 9:15 to 12:30. Just email admin@newlambton.catholic.edu.au with your name, mobile number, preferred day of the week and if there is anyone you would like to be rostered on with or fill in the slip at the back of the newsletter and return to school before **Friday 30 November**.

If you are on the 2018 roster I assume you are OK to also be on the 2019 roster. If you this not the case can you please let me know before **Friday 30 November**. No need to let me know if you are happy to stay on the roster (same day & crew).

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_Belinda Palmer Supervisor_

**School Fees**

Statements have been sent home with your child in regard to school fees. Thank you to all who are up to date. For those with fees outstanding your prompt attention to these would be appreciated. If you are having difficulties please contact the office to speak or make an appointment with Mr Rufo on 4957 4922.

Kind Regards

_Vicki McSpadden Bursar_

**Mango Fundraiser**

Mangoes are arriving this week!

Mango orders will be available for collection this Friday 30th November from the Main Hall.

Times for collection are as follows -
- 8:30-9:30am or
- 2:30-5:30pm

With thanks from the Year 5 parents
P & F Meeting December
The P & F are having the final meeting of the year at Asian Delight, Merewether on Tuesday 11 December. If you would like to attend please RSVP to helenlmshah@gmail.com by 27/11/18 Families welcome.

Playgroup Friday 30th November
This week’s Playgroup will be held in the school hall and is a special playgroup for the 2018 kindergarten children.
The kindergarten children will have some time to play before leaving to spend time in the Library. The parents and siblings can stay in the hall to have some morning tea and a chat with other parents. Come and join us at Playgroup this week for the children to play and to meet our new kinders! From 9.15-11.15am.

If you have any questions about playgroup please phone Kate on 0414952491

Book Club
Only 28 days until Christmas!!!
Closing date for orders is tomorrow WEDNESDAY 28th NOVEMBER
Books make wonderful stocking fillers and gifts for nieces, nephews and friends. Issue 8 is the last Book Club for the year; no late orders can be accepted through the school. Please note: Parents who order online from Friday 30th November will be offered a home delivery option for a fee. Do not miss out!
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.
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’ which can be picked up from the library.

REMEMBER: All orders earn valuable resources for our school.
### News from the Classroom

#### Cricket gala day

On the 23rd of November, Year Six participated in the Cricket gala day at Harker Oval. Despite all the windiness on the field, every single team still had loads of fun! A massive thank you to all the parents involved in the day that gave up their time to help the teams. These parents were Mr Saunderson, Mrs Fitzgibbon, Mrs Burns, Mr James, Mr Manning, Mrs Rowney, Mr McDonald, Mr Dalton, Mr Sorley, Mr Jackson. Thank you to our teachers for organising such a great experience for us!

By Madison L and William H

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### Wellbeing

#### Kids Matter – Well Being

"Every day in a hundred small ways our children ask, 'Do you see me? Do you hear me? Do I matter?' Their behavior often reflects our response."

- L. K. Miller

"The Gentle Parent"

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### Environmental News

Remember that EVERY Wednesday is Waste Free Wednesday!!

Julia Briggs - Coordinator

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Gifted Education

Gifted Education Showcase

Last week I attended a showcase day organised by the Central Primary schools. We shared some amazing ideas, initiatives and future directions for Gifted Education in our schools. If you haven't already done so please check out my blog “Discovery Potential” and feel free to comment on the posts I upload. Go to http://debrapetersen.edublogs.org/. Over the past few weeks I have included some articles on Gifted Education Myths in out bulletin. Here is another for you.

Myth 4: Gifted students learn at the same pace as other students

Fact: In a mixed ability class, the student who is fastest at memorising information can do so as much as 12 times faster than the slowest student can. With more complex information processing, as in higher order thinking, the fastest student can be four times faster than the slowest student. Their capacity to learn at a faster rate than other students is one of the most common characteristics of gifted students. This means that they have the capacity to learn the curriculum more quickly than others. For example, gifted students are more likely to retain science, mathematics and foreign language content accurately when taught 2-3 times faster than ‘normal’ class pace. They are significantly more likely to forget or unlearn science, mathematics and foreign language content when they must drill and review it more than 2-3 times after mastery.

Deb Petersen

PBS

Yearly Review: St Therese’s has four main virtue areas upon which we focus throughout the year: Respect, Integrity, Care & Compassion and Inclusivity. These have formed the basis for all of our School Spirit Awards this year. As such, over the remaining few weeks of the year, our School Spirit Awards will acknowledge those students who have embraced and embodied all of these virtues consistently throughout the school year. As parents, it is important to acknowledge your child’s achievements in these areas, as well as academic achievements, because these virtues are at the heart of what makes our St Therese’s community so special.

Principal Award recipients for this week:

Due to the Primary Pool Party today there will be no assembly and, therefore, no Principal Awards presented. We will present the final Principal Awards for the year at next week’s Tuesday assembly.

| School Spirit Award for demonstrating INCLUSIVITY by Reaching Out To Others. |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| **KN** | Ashton D. & Aria H. | **KW** | Cedella B. & Bluey M. | **KL** | Michael B. & Harrison M. |
| **1N** | Jayden C. & Oliver M. | **1W** | Spencer B. & Sophie G. | **1L** | Eliza A. & Oliver R. |
| **2N** | Robbie S. & Olivia S. | **2W** | Callum O. & Xavier R. | **2L** | Olivia H. & Sasa W. |
| **3N** | Patrick B. & Oskar M. | **3W** | Logan B. & Christina S. | **3L** | Poppy C. & Olivia R. |
| **4N** | Sil B. & Tommy O. | **4W** | Matilda G. & Austin H. | **4L** | Jorja M. & Josh T. |
| **5N** | Mattia D. & Jonah Q. | **5W** | Madison B. & Annie E. Tilly L. & Byron S. | **5L** | Chase H. & Lucy W. |
| **6N** | | **6W** | | **6L** | |

Luke Smith Coordinator
SPORT
Diocesan Summer Trials
Best of luck to Cooper B and Jonah Q who will represent our Diocese in Basketball on Friday. On Thursday William O and Anika B, will also represent our Diocese in the trials for Tennis. Congratulations on being selected for this level and best of luck.

OOSH
Hi from the Y,
This week started off with some great, fun games in the hall yesterday afternoon plus some epic ‘wall ball’ competitions with children and staff both getting involved. Throughout this week we will also be playing tee ball, soccer, frisbee throwing, silent ball and French cricket. Indoors we have some new board games to play including Monopoly, Beetle, Emoji memory game and Harry Potter Pictopia. We will also be playing card games and musical chairs. We are holding a Backgammon competition with many of the children learning this for the first time.
Our scrumptious and healthy (mostly) afternoon teas will be: Mixed sandwiches, chocolate cake (you need a treat sometimes), garlic bread, sorbet cones and salads and rice cakes with spreads.

Vacation Care bookings are open and the rolls are filling up fast so if you need care for your children over the holidays get online and book as soon as you can. We have the program flyers at the service and it is also on our website where you can do you bookings.
Go to www.ymcansw.org.au/newlambton to make your booking.

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CANTEEN VOLUNTEERING 2019
Please return to the office before Friday 30 November

I am able to volunteer in the canteen once every 4 weeks.

Name: ____________________________

Mobile No: _________________________

Preferred Day: Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
(Please circle)

I would like to be rostered on with: ____________________________

I am no longer able to volunteer in the canteen and would like to be taken off the roster.

Name: ____________________________

Mobile No: _________________________