



Principals Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Yesterday we celebrated our Opening School Mass and Assembly in St Therese's Hall with Father Sabu, our new parish priest. It was a lively and meaningful celebration with all the classes processing in with their prayer mats. All the children are represented on these mats and they use them daily in class. I would like to thank everyone involved in the Mass, and Mr Luke Smith for his organisation. I look forward to a productive year with our new school leaders (pictured below).



Gift to the School

Last week I was delighted by a visit from Noah J, Year 2, and his grandfather Gary who had crafted a didgeridoo and marked it with culturally significant symbols as a gift for the school. We placed this didgeridoo on the altar at our Opening School Mass. We are looking forward to hearing Mr Luke Smith play this in the future.

Duilio Rufo
Principal



Dates to Remember

12TH FEB REGIONAL SWIMMING

14TH FEB REGIONAL CRICKET
PLAYGROUP 9.15-11.15
PARENT TEACHER
INTERVIEW BOOKINGS
OPEN

19/20TH FEB SCHOOL PHOTOS

21ST FEB REGIONAL WINTER
TRIALS

27TH FEB DIO SWIMMING

12TH MAR DIO CRICKET TRIALS

17TH MAR REGIONAL TOUCH
FOOTBALL TRIALS

20TH MAR ANTI BULLYING DAY &
HARMONY DAY

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Assistant Principal's Message

It was so lovely to see the rain over the past few days. I have friends in Tamworth who said that two dams on their property have filled up, enabling their cattle to have access to fresh water for the first time in months. Please continue to be water wise and encourage your children to do so also, we need many more months of rain before the drought crisis will reduce.

School Photos

Next week we will have school photos on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th February. Please see the attached photo roster to show you when your child's class will have their photo taken. The times on each day are approximate. Students are to be in their full formal uniform, **no sport uniform** even if your child would normally wear their sport uniform on that day.

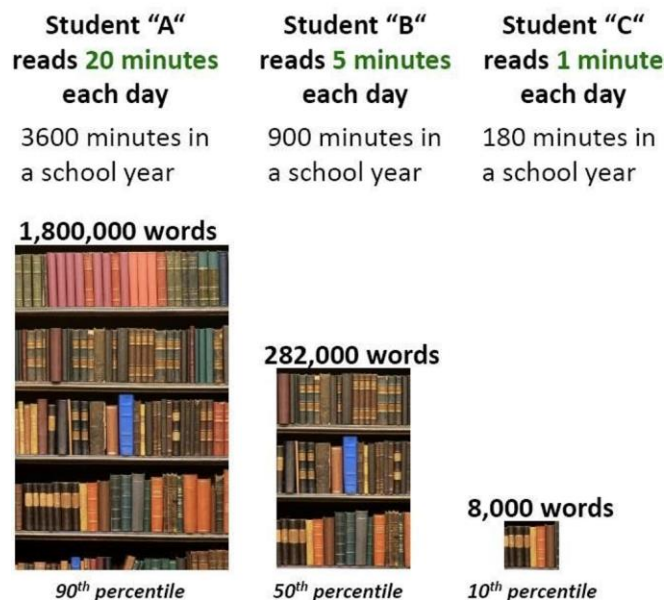
Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held before and after school in Week 6. Bookings are to be made by parents through Compass, these bookings will be opened on **Friday 14 February by 5:00pm**. Please ensure you have downloaded the Compass app before then. If your child is in a job-share classes, please organise a time with only **ONE** of their teachers. The Term 1 Parent/Teacher interviews give you the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss goals you would like your child to achieve this year. If you have already met with the teachers, you do not need to book a further meeting at this time.

MangaHigh

All students in Year 1-6 have been rolled over to the new school year for MangaHigh and should have been given their login details. Please contact your child's teacher if you do not have this information. Below is some information about the importance of reading. It is always clear which children engage in reading routinely as they always have wonderful general knowledge, creativity, imagination and an expanded vocabulary. We encourage all parents to ensure their child reads every night, right from Kindergarten. Reading can involve picture books, novels, comics, advertising catalogues and newspapers.

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?



By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

Office of Safeguarding

The Office of Safeguarding has been set up by the Bishop, with the Catholic Schools Office (CSO), to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our students, staff and parents. Prior to the Office of Safeguarding being set up, Zimmerman Services worked with schools to train staff and implement procedures around child protection. This continues through the Office of Safeguarding, which has a wider scope to ensure the emotional and physical wellbeing of our students. Each week in the newsletter we will include information about the safeguarding of our students.

Attendance: All children should be at school on time each day and remain until the conclusion of lessons in the afternoon. This ensures a consistent routine for students which helps children feel secure, as well as allowing children to learn and grow. We ask that you try to limit appointments through the school day, we understand that doctors, dentists and specialist appointments can be difficult to organise out of school hours. These appointments are important for your child to attend. However, parents sometimes sign their children out early to go to the hairdresser or because it is their child's birthday, these need to be avoided. Frequent lateness should also be avoided, as children need to get into a good routine each morning. If you are having difficulty getting your child to school on time, please talk to their class teacher.

Dropping off Children Safely at the School

Parents please be mindful of which side of the car you remove your children from when dropping children to school. Children should exit out the footpath side of the car, not the road side. Also please make sure you are parking correctly in relation to the road rules and showing courtesy to other road users and our neighbours.

Kaylene Maretich
Assistant Principal

RE News

Thank you to all who joined us in the school hall yesterday for our Opening School Mass of 2020 which was then followed by the official presentation of our Student Leadership Team.

In particular, I would like to thank Father Sabu for celebrating the Eucharist with our school community along with the time and care he took to speak to our students about the core tenants of our faith and spiritual journey....that we are children of a God who loves us and that we, in turn, are called to love one another!

It was appropriate that the Gospel reading, taken from the Sunday Mass, was the message of Salt & Light. As followers in the way of Jesus, Christians are called to be salt for the earth and light for the world. Others should be able to look to us and see a life worth living. A life full and overflowing in the Gospel values of Love, Peace, Joy and Hope. My prayer for us all this year, is that we can grow and share these values not only within St Therese's school but in our families and the wider community.

Important RE dates:

- Whole school prayer & liturgy (weekly – at Monday assemblies, 2:30pm)
- Shrove Tuesday – 25th February
- Ash Wednesday – 26th February (Lenten Season begins)
- Catholic Schools Week – 1st – 7th March (Week 6)

Parish News

Bus Trip: If you are interested in joining a group of parishioners on a bus trip to St Patricks Church East Gosford on Sunday 8 March from 1:00PM till 3:30PM to visit the RELICS OF ST THERESE OF LISIEUX and her parents, Saints Louis and Zélie, please contact Alison on 4952 7302.

Luke Smith
Religious Coordinator



School Community News

Canteen News

Every Tuesday the canteen offers sushi. Made to order locally at Sushi for you in New Lambton. Order should be placed through Flexischools.

Belinda Palmer
Canteen Supervisor

Playgroup

Hi all, and welcome to playgroup in 2020! My name's Jo and this year, I'm taking on the reins as playgroup co-ordinator at St Therese's. I have a one year old daughter who can't wait to start playing with some new friends at playgroup, so if you have any little people, bring them along on Fridays, from 9:15-11:15am at the school hall.

Playgroup costs just \$3 per family, and we take turns bringing morning tea to share with our friends. Our sessions include lots of play and craft, and some time for Mums, Dads, Grandparents and other carers to have a chat while the little ones play. There is no need to book, just turn up on the day.

Our first session will be next Friday 14th February, and we'll start the year with some Valentine's Day craft and activities.

Keep in mind that with the school building project, we will sometimes need to move playgroup to a different location, so we will keep everyone posted on the location via our playgroup Facebook page as early as possible.

If you have questions, feel free to call or message me on **0439 435 287** or jo.kim@outlook.com. We look forward to a wonderful, fun-filled year!

NDA Bullying & Violence/Harmony Day

This year we will combine these two great initiatives to celebrate a love of all cultures and a respect for all. We say NO to Bullying and violence against all people including the children in our care. The day will occur on March 20th and students and staff are encouraged to wear the colour orange. This could be orange socks, a shirt or a hair ribbon. No orange hairspray please or face paint. A number of activities will be organised for the day that the students and staff will be engaged in.

Deb Petersen
Acting Principal/Coordinator

Family Discount Forms and School Fees

Thank you to all families who have completed your family discount form. I will be generating school fees later this week and if you haven't completed your family discount form, please complete one at the office asap. Also if you have a health care/ concession card please bring it into the office this week for it to be allocated to Term 1 fees. The first bill will be printed and sent home with your child. Every term thereafter it will be emailed out. If you require financial assistance, please contact the office on 4957 4922 to make with appointment to discuss with Mrs Maretich.

Vicki McSpadden Bursar

News from the Classroom

Hello and welcome to a new school year.

As a member of the Learning Support Team I am always amazed how students learn, play and relax differently. I know schools are busy places, so I wanted to offer a quiet reading opportunity to those students who like me, enjoy sitting quietly with a great book.

Every Wednesday at 11.30 (after eating) there will be a Reading Club in the old library space. (Now the new Learning Centre Space.)

Students are encouraged to bring their own books or reading material, however there will be a small range available to borrow if they forget.

So, if reading is your child's "thing," encourage them to join me during lunch play every Wednesday.

Happy Reading,
Maree Adams

PBS

School Spirit Awards

Each week **School Spirit Awards** are handed out to 2 students from each class who demonstrate living out our St Therese's core values of **Respect, Integrity, Care & Compassion, and Inclusivity**. This term we will be focusing on demonstrating the value of **Respect** by displaying manners and obedience, encouraging others and forgiving others. To start the year off, this week students are receiving the award for beginning the year with *Great School Spirit*. From next week onward names of award recipients will be included in the newsletter.

Janine Schneider
Coordinator

Environmental Message

Shower with a bucket and use the water saved on your garden



Sport

Cricket Trials

This Friday 14th February, the Central region will hold cricket trials. Good luck to Patrick D, Daniel J and Spencer M who will trial on the day. All other winter sport trials are currently being organised by the following staff:

Rugby League - Mr Moore
Netball - Mrs Kepreotes
Soccer - Mr Hartcher and Mr Daniel Rufo
More information to follow.

Deb Petersen
Coordinator/Acting Assistant Principal

ST NICHOLAS OOSH

Please be advised of some operational changes to take place starting from Monday 17th February 2020.

Before school care - ALL children will go to the Hall at 8.15am for group games and other activities. Children will take their bags etc with them and transition to school from the Hall.

Between 8.15am and 9am please bring your children to the Hall to be signed in.

After school care - children can choose to go to the Hall to participate in group games from 4pm – 5pm. If you will be collecting your child between those times you will be required to collect the from the Hall and then sign them out at the service room.

These changes have been made due to an increase in numbers.

CHRISTINE MORGAN

NOMINATED SUPERVISOR - OOSH | ST NICHOLAS OOSH

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Go to www.soccajoeys.com to register now, Active kids vouchers can also be used



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CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at St Therese's Primary School (New Lambton) is held on Mondays from 8:10am to 9:10am, starting on 10 February 2020.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.



Gardening at St
Thereses (with
Daniel's green
thumbs)



St Therese's Primary 2020 School Photos

All 2020 School Photos are to be ordered online.

To view packages and to place your order please visit

www.newcastleschoolportraits.com

and enter your code.

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Orders to be done before photo day to avoid late fee.

Payments can be made with any Mastercard/Visa cards.

School Packages

Qty Ordered	A Pack		Cover, Traditional Class Photo, Composite Year Photo.
	\$65		Portraits included: Colour 1-(5x7) 2-(2.5x3.5) 4-Wallets with an extra set in B/W & a 8x12" Enlargement & Free low res Digital Image of individual.
Qty Ordered	B Pack		Softcover Album 8x10" 30 page to store many years of photos.
	\$47		Cover, Traditional Class Photo, Composite Year Photo. Free low res Digital Image of individual.
Qty Ordered	C Pack		Cover, Traditional Class Photo, Composite Year Photo.
	\$42		Free low res Digital Image of individual.
Qty Ordered	D Pack		Traditional Class Photo, Composite Year Photo.
	\$30		There are no individual photos in this package.
Qty Ordered	E Pack		Traditional Class Photo, Composite Year Photo.
	\$22		Free low res Digital Image of individual.
Qty Ordered	F Pack		Traditional Class Photo, Composite Year Photo.
	\$70		Portraits included: Colour 1-(5x7) 2-(2.5x3.5) 4-Wallets with an extra set in B/W & a 8x12" Enlargement & Free low res Digital Image of individual.
Qty Ordered	Photo Album		8x10" 30 Page Photo Album
	\$25		A great way to store your child's photos over the years. Photo Album is available for purchase without purchasing a photo pack. These albums contain no photos.

Family Package are also available online but must be ordered by 9pm the night before Family photo day.

Family Packages

Qty Ordered	Family A Pack	
	\$25	
		1-(5x7) 2-(2.5x3.5) 4- Wallets & Digital low res image of family
Qty Ordered	Family B Pack	
	\$35	
		1-(5x7) 2-(2.5x3.5) 4- Wallets & 8x12" Enlargement & Digital low res image of Family.

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School Photo Roster 2020

Wednesday 19 February	
9:30	KN
9:40	KW
9:50	KL
10:00	1N
10:10	1W
10:20	1L
10:30	6N
10:40	6W
10:50	6L
11:00 – 12:00	Family Photos
12:30	Student Council Photo
12:40	Sport Captains Photo
12:50	Year 6 – whole groups photo?
1:00	5N
1:10	5W
1:20	5L
Thursday 20 February	
8:30	Staff Photo
9:30	2N
9:40	2W
9:50	2L
10:00	4N
10:10	4W
10:20	4L
10:30	3N
10:40	3W
10:50	3L
11:00 – 12:00	Family Photos



Mondays 6pm-8pm
Feb 24th - Mar 30th 2020



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- Be better at understanding your child?
- Help your child manage their emotions?
- Help to prevent behaviour problems?
- Teach your child how to deal with conflict?



BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

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2020 RUGBY REGO NOW OPEN

JOIN THE GREENS!



HOW TO REGISTER

ONLINE: To register login into Rugby Xplorer > select Register > choose the player you are registering click Next > Enter 'Merewether Carlton Junior Rugby Club' click Next > Select Role: Player
Registration Type: XVs Juniors (this is our 2020 Juniors season) or for Girls Summer 7s select 7s Junior Girls
Duration: Season (Note you don't need to specify an age group)
Click Next > Confirm all details > When you get to Registration Summary add Active Kids Voucher if you plan to use it.

IN PERSON: Come along to one of our Registration Sessions

SUNDAY FEB 2ND AT 4PM-5.30PM

WEDNESDAY FEB 5TH AT 6PM-7.30PM

2020 RUGBY SEASON U7S - U18S

COMP STARTS MARCH 28
REGO OPEN NOW

GIRLS ONLY

SUMMER 7S
COMP STARTS FEB 7
REGO OPEN NOW

WINTER 10-A-SIDE
COMP STARTS APRIL/MAY
REGO OPENS SOON

2020 REGISTRATION COSTS

U7S \$30.25 U8S \$185 U9S \$200 U10S \$200 U11S \$210 U12S \$210
U13S \$230 U14S \$230 U15S \$230 U16S \$235 U17/18S \$245
GIRLS SUMMER 7S \$85

Greens offer a \$20 discount for every additional child from the immediate family playing in the Juniors XV comp. Please Note: To receive the family discount you must register all children in the same session, you will get a prompt after each registration.

INCLUDED IN XVS REGO: 2020 TRAINING SHIRT, 2020 PLAYING SOCKS AND SHORTS
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2020 Harmony Day Poster and Song Writing Competitions

Theme: 'Picture a World in Harmony'

Poster and Song Writing Competitions

Prizes will be awarded in two categories:

- Senior (Year 7 – Year 12); and
- Junior (K – Year 6)

Poster Competition Prizes

In each category the following prizes are awarded:

- State Winner \$500
- Regional Winner \$150
- State Winner's School \$500

Song Writing Competition Prizes

In each category the following prizes are awarded:

- First Prize \$300
- Second Prize \$150

Closing Date:

10 April 2020

Entry Forms and Competition Rules

Are available at:

www.movingforwardtogether.org.au

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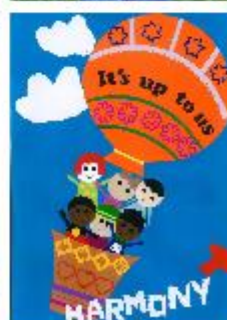
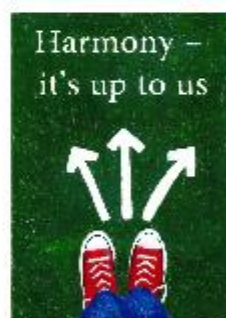
Will be held at the NSW Parliament House
in June 2020

Certificate of Participation

Every entrant will receive a Certificate of
Participation

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- Song@movingforwardtogether.org.au



Winning posters from 2019