



## Acting Principals Message

Dear Students, Parents & Carers,  
**Happy Mother's Day**

Hope all our Mums and Grandmothers had a lovely Mothers' Day on Sunday. We were very spoilt with the beautiful weather yesterday. I am sure that most of us celebrated Mother's Day in a quieter way than most years, but I am sure your beautiful children made you feel very special and loved.



## Transition to School

It was lovely having our K-2 students back for the past 2-days and we look forward to seeing our Primary students back on Wednesday and Thursday. The days children are at school, will involve explicit teaching in Religion, English and Mathematics. The teachers will then set tasks for the home learning days that allow the children to practice the skills they have learned at school, as well as some project-based tasks in the other key learning areas: History/Geography, Creative Art, Personal Development/Health/Physical Education and Science. The school has implemented several stringent cleaning arrangements to ensure the health and safety of all staff and students, in line with CSO guidelines.

We ask parents to check their child's temperature each day before sending them to school. A normal temperature is between 36.5 – 37.8 C, if your child's temperature is higher than this, re-test in 30 minutes and if still above 37.8C please keep your child at home. We ask that you keep your child at home if they show any sign of being unwell such as:

- as: Persistent cough
- Sneezing
- Runny nose
- Vomiting
- Diarrhoea
- Conjunctivitis

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## Dates to Remember

13<sup>TH</sup>/14<sup>TH</sup> MAY COMPULSORY DAYS FOR PRIMARY

15<sup>TH</sup> MAY ONLY CHILDREN OF ESSENTIAL WORKERS AND THOSE UNABLE TO ACCESS HOME LEARNING

18<sup>TH</sup>/19<sup>TH</sup> MAY INFANTS

20<sup>TH</sup>/21<sup>ST</sup> MAY PRIMARY

22<sup>ND</sup> MAY ONLY CHILDREN OF ESSENTIAL WORKERS AND THOSE UNABLE TO ACCESS HOME LEARNING

25<sup>TH</sup>/26<sup>TH</sup> MAY INFANTS

27<sup>TH</sup>/28<sup>TH</sup> MAY PRIMARY

29<sup>TH</sup> MAY ONLY CHILDREN OF ESSENTIAL WORKERS AND THOSE UNABLE TO ACCESS HOME LEARNING

Children should be free of fevers, vomiting and diarrhoea for 24 hours before returning to school. Seasonal cold and influenza will also increase as the cooler weather sets in, so we ask all parents to work with the school to ensure we limit the spread of all illness.

Parents are also reminded not to enter the school grounds unless it is urgent. All queries should be sent via email or phone.

### **Winter Uniform**

As the weather cools down, parents are asked to use their discretion with the uniform. Children may wear a mix of summer and winter items to ensure they are dressed appropriately for the weather each day. The official start to the Winter Uniform is **Monday 1 June**. Whatever uniform is worn each day, students are expected to wear this with pride and respect. No non-uniform items are to be worn, such as colourful jumpers, socks or alternate hats etc. All hair accessories are to be the school colours of navy, sky blue and white.

A tie for boys and a tab tie for girls, is part of the winter uniform and all children will be expected to wear this from 1 June.

A reminder that the transition to the new school uniform is 2022. Until then, children can wear a mix of the old uniform and the new.

### **Building Works**

The roofing on the new technology hub, the Catherine McAuley Centre, is almost complete and looks fantastic. This building will be very modern with lots of glass walls and, I'm sure you'll agree, will be a stunning, central area for everyone to use and enjoy. Once the roofing has been completed, we should see rapid progress as the walls go up. There will also be a large concreted area at the front. When all the works have been completed, we will work with the students to look at decorating all the concreted spaces with games such as giant Chess, hop scotch, handball courts etc.

### **Morning Drop Off**

All children are to be dropped off at **Burke Street gates** in the morning. Staff will be available to assist with hand over of any children feeling anxious.

### **Afternoon Pickup**

**ALL EXITS** will be open every afternoon – Burke St, Royal St, William St, Victoria St walkers and bus lines.

**Kaylene Maretich**  
**Acting Principal**



**Smiling faces**

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## Acting Assistant Principal's Message

Welcome back students to school for week 3. I know the many staff and students are looking forward to transitioning back. Happy Mother's Day to all the Mum's and Grandmothers in our school community, I certainly hope you relaxed over the weekend and were spoilt by your families on Sunday.

### Be a Mate on May 8

Thank you to all the students, families and staff who made an effort last Friday to wear Blue and be kind to others. We received so many great pictures of children capturing kindness and we have included some of these photos in the Newsletter for you. The many acts of kindness that were demonstrated will certainly brighten our world and bring happiness to others and our community. Some of the lovely things that I heard and saw happening were; prayers for the needy and sad, blowing bubbles to neighbours for them to pop, writing jokes on paper and putting them in people's letterboxes to make them smile, plant giving, coffee, flowers and chocolate giving, favourite songs being played, beautiful images sent over emails and many, many more. Well done everyone on your involvement in "Dolly's Dream" be a Mate on May 8 Day!!!



### Year 6 St Pius Applications

A reminder to all parents who wish to enrol their child at St Pius in 2021 that you must submit your applications electronically directly to St Pius. The cut off date is the end of May.

**Deb Petersen**

**Acting Assistant Principal**

## RE News

**Gospel Message** – Jesus: the Way, the Truth & the Life. When Thomas asks, 'we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus answers by saying, 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.' The reader of John's gospel has known this truth all along from the opening line, 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.' Our aim, as Christian people, is to be one with God, not only by sharing in the resurrection but also in the way we live. Jesus makes it clear that the way to be with God is by following his example. When we do so, we are granted access to that other great promise Jesus offered in the Gospel of John (10:10) – that we may have life, and have it more abundantly. May we all seek with earnest this Way, Truth & Life that offers us such fullness!

**Mother's Day** – Hopefully all of our mothers in the St Therese's community enjoyed their special day on Sunday and were spoiled by their children and families. In case you missed the Compass alert last Friday, the link below is to a beautiful prayerscape created by the Catholic Schools Office:

(to view the clip you may need to enter your child's Maitland-Newcastle email address & system login details)

<https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/00b18d93-af87-443e-a8af-1422fb624bd2>

Blessings,  
**Luke Smith**



## **School Community News**

### **Kindergarten Enrolments - 2021**

Enrolments for Kindergarten are able to be sent via email to St Therese's. Please find attached the enrolment form and complete same along with a copy of birth certificate, baptismal certificate and immunisation record to [admin@newlambton.catholic.edu.au](mailto:admin@newlambton.catholic.edu.au).

Applications for siblings will be accepted up until Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Canteen**

Welcome back to Term 2. The Canteen is operating as normal with a full menu selection available, however our lovely volunteers are still enjoying a rest from duty. Sushi Tuesday is still available.

### **School Fees**

At this difficult time we understand that people's finances are impacted. If you require a financial concession or support with school fees, there is an online form to complete at the CSO website to apply for these – see attached letter for links. <https://www.mn.catholic.edu.au/news-events/covid-19/>

**Vicki McSpadden**

**Bursar**

## **Environmental News**



## **Library News**

Book Club orders are due by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Reading is a great way to enjoy your free time so order up!



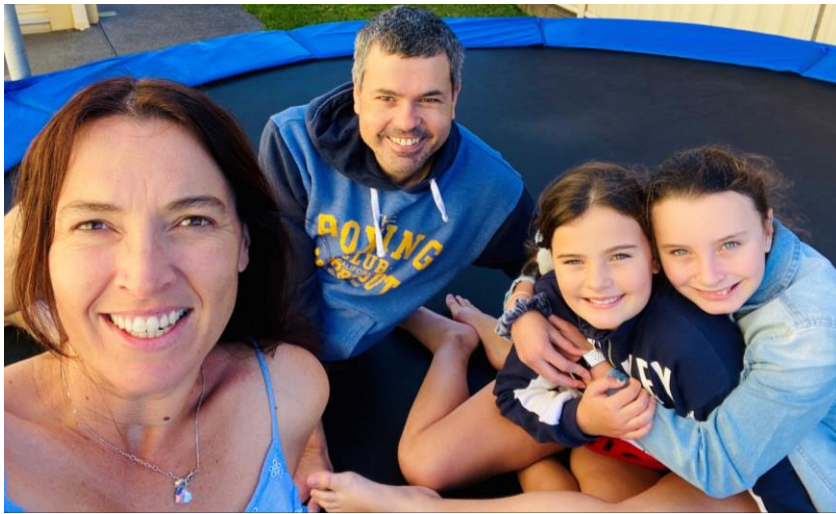
**Be a Mate on May 8 - Blue Day**



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Today Keana (pictured) and Arlia put in some of their "Give" money (an allocated part of their weekly chore money they have to put aside each week to donate as an act of kindness or to those less fortunate).

Together we paid for the next 5 coffees for customers at one of our local cafes and bought some flowers for our local doctors and pharmacists who have been doing an amazing job putting their own health at risk to help keep people safe ♥♥♥





## Welcome Back Infants



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*Think, Grow, Shine.*



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