



## Acting Principals Message

Dear Students, Parents & Carers,  
**Return to School**

From June 1, the expectation is that students are either:

1. at school;
2. at home because they are currently unwell or on leave;
3. at home because they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition;

If a student is absent for more than **three days without a medical certificate**, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and followed up by the school in line with normal practice.

In cases of long-term illness, where the student is prevented from returning to school, parents or carers should **provide a medical certificate**. Schools also remain responsible for providing work for these students as per current practice.

### Morning drop-off

Both Royal Street gates and Burke Street gates will be manned by staff for morning drop off.

### Afternoon pick up

Afternoon collection will be from all exit points – Burke St, Royal St, William St, Victoria St walkers and bus lines.

**Parents & carers are not able to escort their children to classrooms due to COVID restrictions.**

### Building Works

The roof on the new building is almost complete and it looks fantastic. This new learning space will be used by all students throughout the week. The executive have begun to look at the purpose of this space, it will house our library collection and will be used for teaching and learning by the teacher librarians, classroom teachers and students. All teachers, students and parents will also be involved in discussions on this space, as it will be for all to use. The architecture of this building will reflect the contemporary and innovative modern space this will be.



## Dates to Remember

25<sup>TH</sup>/26<sup>TH</sup> MAY INFANTS  
 & 27<sup>TH</sup>

27<sup>TH</sup>/28<sup>TH</sup> MAY PRIMARY  
 & 29<sup>TH</sup>



1<sup>ST</sup> JUN ALL STUDENTS RETURN TO  
 SCHOOL

FULL WINTER UNIFORM

*To bring Christ and His message, in all its richness, into the hearts and lives of all.*

### Solar Panels

The installation of the solar panels was completed last Friday. Ninety panels were installed at a cost of approximately \$40,000.00, this will cover almost all the electricity needs of the whole school, during school hours. Thank you to the P&F for all your hard work in fundraising for this project over the past few years. Though having solar panels will reduce the cost of our electricity bills, everyone still needs to be environmentally aware of how our actions impact our world. You can help your child to be more “electricity conscious” by:

- Turning lights off when a room is not in use
- Turning power points off when appliances are not in use – leaving a switch on can result in significant usage as the appliance is on “standby” mode
- Turning off the TV using ON/OFF button rather than the remote
- Putting warm clothes on in cooler weather, rather than turning on the heater – so many children have been coming to school in shorts and short sleeved shirts then wanting us to put the heater on because they are cold

If we all do our bit, we can look after our beautiful Earth.

### Winter Uniform

Our official change over to the winter uniform is Monday 1 June. We are currently experiencing very cool and windy days, so parents please ensure your child wears the uniform most suited to the weather. We ask that whatever uniform your child wears, they wear it with pride and only accessorise with our school colours of blue and white. Sport uniform days for Week 6 and the remainder of the term will be sent out later in the week via Compass.

### Sport Uniform Term 2

Please note the weekday each grade will wear their sport uniform.

**Grades 3 and 4 please note the change in your day.**

Grade	Week 6	Week 7 - 10
Kindergarten	KN Wed KW Thurs KL Tues	KN Wed KW Thurs KL Tues
Year 1	Thurs	Thurs
Year 2	Wed	Wed
Year 3	Thurs	Tues
Year 4	Tues	Thurs
Year 5	Tues	Tues
Year 6	Wed	Wed

### Good News Story

Following on from the Good News Story last week, researchers have found there is a link between cycling/walking/catching public transport to work or school and reduced cardiovascular disease and some cancers. Researchers from the Imperial College London and the University of Cambridge have found that cycling/walking/catching public transport reduces cardiovascular diseases such as heart disease and stroke as they encourage people to increase their exercise which then increases our heart rate so reducing unhealthy weight gain. Additionally, these activities get us into the fresh air, which also has positive health benefits. As restrictions begin to ease, it might be a good time to re-evaluate how often you need to drive or whether you can include more cycling/walking/catching public transport. My family and I walk most days with our dog George, then on Sundays we often do the Merewether to ANZAC bridge walk and back. Since restrictions started, it has been lovely to see more people walking and cycling, some of our staff have purchased bicycles and e-bikes. This increased physical activity could perhaps be a benefit to restrictions.

### Wellbeing Week

Each term, Week 6 is designated as Wellbeing Week, where we encourage families to spend more time together and less time on devices. The lines between home and school have become a bit blurred over the past 2 months, so this Wellbeing Week I challenge you and your family to complete different activities each day of the week as follows:



- Moongazing Monday – after dinner get outdoors to see what star constellations you can see in the night sky
- Teatime Tuesday – have afternoon tea with your child when they come home from school
- Walking Wednesday – how far can you walk in 30 minutes and what interesting things do you see on your walk?
- Thoughtful Thursday – while having dinner together have a talk about the best things that happened during the day/week
- Freestyle Friday – pick a favourite family activity that does not involve any form of technology

As Week 6 is the first week where all children return to school in a full-time capacity, there will be some very tired children who go home each day. No homework will be set, just enjoy quality time with your beautiful children.

**Kaylene Maretich**  
*Acting Principal*

## Acting Assistant Principal's Message

The Mark Hughes Foundation would like to thank the community for their continued support for the Beanie for Brain Cancer fundraiser. The MHF beanies are available from **1st June 2020** online at our [MHF Shop](#) and at selected IGA & Lowes Australia stores and this year includes our first kid's beanie!

### Office of Safeguarding

The following site may be of help to our school community. Throughout the colder months we often spend more time inside and online gaming can be a part of our activities. The following site gives some wonderful tips about when children play online with other people. Players sometimes can be mean, rude or say some hurtful things and how to deal with it can be confusing. Sadly, bullying can happen in games too. However, there is so much to do, see and explore when playing a well-developed, educational and creative online game. It can be fun to learn new things and to solve problems. The link below is a small clip that explains what children can do should this occur to them while gaming. <https://kidshelpline.com.au/kids/issues/online-gaming-bullyin>

Parents need to ensure children are playing age-appropriate games and are supervised at all times.

**Deb Petersen**  
*Acting Assistant Principal*

## RE News

**Laudato Si Week** – Thank you for your participation in Laudato Si Week and for supporting your children's understanding of this vital and increasingly important Catholic Social Teaching and related global issues. May we all continue to pray for the wisdom and insight to reflect upon our personal, daily choices and how these impact upon others and the environment. We pray also for continuous courage (in the words of Oscar Romero) to "Be more, rather than have more!"



**Solemnity of St. Mary, Help of Christians Patroness of Australia and Military Ordinariate 24th May** – Mary Help of Christians has been the official patroness of Australia since 1844. Her feast day is celebrated on May 24, which this year coincides with the Feast of the Ascension.  
<https://catholic.org.au/entrustment>

**Mary Help of Christians patroness of Australia and of the Military Ordinariate**

Almighty God, deepen in our hearts  
our love of Mary Help of Christians  
Through her prayers and under her protection,  
may the light of Christ shine over our land.  
May Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace.  
Grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens.  
Bless especially the men and women  
of the Australian Defence Force and their families.  
We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.  
Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.

**Feast of the Ascension** – Last Sunday was also the Feast of the Ascension and essentially the commissioning (by Jesus Christ, Himself) of all believers in The Way, who have followed after Him. In His own, final words on this earth, Jesus spoke: **'Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'** (Matt 28: 19-20)

Surely, this must give us confidence as we live our daily Christian mission of love.



**Reconciliation Week** – Tomorrow marks the beginning of Reconciliation Week (27<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June). The theme for National Reconciliation Week this year is “In This Together”.

To launch NRW 2020 we are asking everyone to take to social media to acknowledge Country. We can't be physically together to show respect but we can show respect to Country where we are.

On the first day of NRW, take the time to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the Land that you are on, wherever you are. (#NRW2020 #InThisTogether)

<https://www.reconciliation.org.au/national-reconciliation-week/>

Blessings,

**Luke Smith, Religious Education Coordinator**

## **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.

### **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/>

**National Reconciliation Week**

Next Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the beginning of National Reconciliation Week. 'This year's theme, *In this together*, reinforces that we *all* have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories and cultures.' During this week students and teachers will be undertaking activities in the classroom reflecting on the week's importance. We look forward to sharing some photographs of this in the coming weeks.



Angela Schneider

Learning Support Teacher

**Library**

**BOOK CLUB: Issue 4 Book Club is now available. Closing date for orders is next week WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> June.**

**45 titles @ \$5 or under**

**There are 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. 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. Office pick-up is always available for discreet orders such as birthdays, Christmas, rewards etc. Clearly mark the order 'Office 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 office.

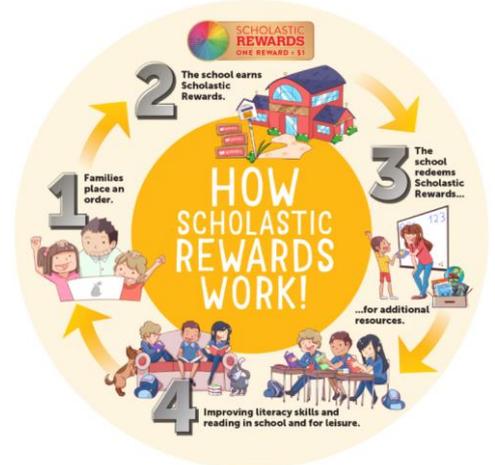
**REMEMBER: All orders earn valuable resources for our school.**

**Book Club LOOP**  
The EASIEST way for parents to order and pay for Book Club!

**Parents: Are you registered for LOOP?**  
LOOP is the easiest way for you to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order, if you wish to pay by credit card.

Parents who are registered for LOOP receive exclusive sneak peeks, downloads and offers throughout the school year—don't miss out!

**BONUS!**



**Environmental News**

**Grey Water Plants**

- Plants that don't like greywater: drought dependent (oak tree), acid loving (blueberry, ferns)
- Best for fruit trees, bushes, large annuals or perennials
- Food Crops: Do not put greywater on edible portion, no roots, salad, good for berries and fruit



Principals Awards



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## Solar Panel Installation

### Solar Panels

There is great excitement as St Therese sees the completion of Stage 1 of the building project and installation of Solar Panels in the infant's area of the school. A huge "Thank you" to our P&F fund raising Committee who have contributed over \$60 000 to fund these Solar Panels and some interactive televisions for the St Therese classrooms.

These Solar panels will ultimately pay for themselves. Provision of renewable energy allows our St Therese's Classrooms to be provided with electricity in an environmentally appropriate way and continue in our mission as Stewards of the environment.

**Therese Jackman**  
*Environmental Officer*





# Calling all inspired



## ART STUDENTS!

This year's ASPIRE production is called *The Pecking Order* and some of the main characters are birds.

In honour of our feathered friends, we would like to invite students, of any age, from our diocesan schools to create a model bird that will be displayed in the foyer during production week. Our aim is to create a wonderful art exhibition at the Civic Theatre for the duration of the production to showcase the work of our talented Visual Arts students.

The bird sculpture can be as realistic or as imaginary as you desire. Our only stipulation is that it be made from found objects e.g. recyclable and/or natural materials. Create your own special bird or work together as a class to create one large bird! Teachers might like to make it a class project.

A team from the ASPIRE committee will select the winners. There will be two categories:

- **Individual student sculpture**
- **Class/group sculpture**

The winner in the class category will receive free transport and tickets to the Friday matinee of *The Pecking Order* and the individual student will receive a double pass to the Friday night performance plus an exclusive look behind the scenes at the Civic Theatre.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE  
BY MONDAY 13TH JULY 2020

