



Acting Principals Message

Dear Students, Parents & Carers,

Welcome to Week 7! I hope you all had a wonderful long weekend, resting and relaxing with those you love the most. We certainly had a mixed bag in the weather department, sunny and glorious one minute, then torrential rain and wind the next. As I drove into school this morning I saw the most beautiful rainbow over our school, a little reminder that we have been given a gift from God. Thank you Mrs Petersen for the photo that captured this lovely moment.



2021 Enrolments

A reminder to have your child's Kindergarten 2021 enrolment form in ASAP. Also, if you know of anyone seeking enrolment at St Therese's please remind them to send their forms in as soon as possible. We will be finalising our lists in the next few weeks.

Afternoon Dismissal

The dismissal from both Burke St and Royal St was much improved today. By 3:30pm, both roads were clear and all but a handful of children had been picked up by their parents. Thank you to the vast majority of parents who adhered to the split times on Burke St:

- **Surnames A-L 3:15pm**
- **Surnames M-Z 3:25pm**

This was put in place to reduce the congestion on Burke St and sent out to all parents as a Compass Push last Friday 5th June. All the children are supervised by staff while waiting for pick up. Please be assured that none of the children feel anxious waiting for parents when dismissal is calm and organised, even if they have to wait a few minutes longer. The children actually enjoy engaging with their teachers and peers while waiting to be picked up. Parents who came too early caused unnecessary confusion as children from A-L were waiting at the bottom of the stairs, while children from M-Z were seated outside the Year 6 classrooms.

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Dates to Remember

**26TH JUN MISSION DAY – PYJAMA
DAY FOR VINNIES WINTER
APPEAL**

3RD JUL LAST DAY OF TERM 2

20TH JUL FIRST DAY OF TERM 3

Requests from staff to these parents to drive around the block were followed by most parents, however, a few parents/carers were quite disrespectful and at times rude to staff. The police officer assisting at Burke St, also asked parents/carers to move on, and reported that while most adhered to his requests, he was also treated with disrespect by a small number of parents/carers. I also had a neighbour call to say that the alleyway on Burke St was blocked by a waiting car, and when she asked the male driver to move so she could get out of her driveway, he refused and said he'd stay until the police gave him a ticket.

Please understand that all procedures are put in place are to keep ALL our students, staff, visitors and the community safe. A few extra minutes spent at pick up, is well spent if it ensures everyone at St Therese's goes home safely. As we teach our children our core values of respect, integrity, inclusivity and care & compassion, we as adults need to think about what our actions say to the children. When parents/carers ignore guidelines then disrespect staff, even the police, this tells children that it is OK to treat others without respect, integrity, inclusivity or care & compassion. Thank you to all the parents/carers who work with us to achieve the best for the children, academically, socially and emotionally.

In Term 3 we will swap the time around.

Zoom Assembly

Well technology has certainly helped us to stay connected in this time of distancing and restrictions due to COVID-19. Last Friday we had our first Zoom assembly and it was quite successful. Thanks to Mr Smith for the lovely liturgy and Mrs Schneider and the PBS Team for the PBS Rule of the week. We also celebrated birthdays, gave messages and this week I will give out the Principal's Awards. It was so lovely to see so many parents also "Zooming In". If you'd like to join us for the Assembly from 2:40 – 3:00pm each Friday afternoon, the link is <https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/96592847849> Password: 133626. Please note: Zoom can host up to 100 attendees at any one time.

Online Safety

In this time when we are all spending more time at home, many of us are using technology as a way to stay connected. There are so many positive examples of this, but they are only effective if children are supervised at all times. The school has put out so many reminders about cybersafety, yet each week we have parents contacting the school, as their child is having trouble with cyber inactions. All the cases the school has investigated involve parents allowing children to be online unsupervised, sometimes for hours. Parents are asking the school to step in to solve issues that are occurring when children are in the care of their parents/carers. Regardless of the age of your child, please ensure you know what websites your child is accessing, the age limit of these sites as well as the behaviours your child engages in while online.

Good News Story

Suzanne Vaughn, a nurse who works for England's NHS, has worked double shifts for the past 9 weeks. As she is an ICU nurse she could not see her two daughter aged 9 and 7 years, so they had been staying with an Aunt. Suzanne did not want to jeopardise her patients and also did not want to put her daughters' lives at risk, so made the decision to isolate herself. Suzanne and her daughters were very happily reunited on 4 June. Suzanne's story, like so many around Australia and the world, is testament to all the sacrifices being made to keep each other safe in this extraordinary time.

Kaylene Maretich
Acting Principal

Acting Assistant Principal's Message

Mini-Vinnies Winter Appeal

Thank you to those families who have already donated food items to the Winter Appeal. The appeal will continue until the end of term so please do not feel any pressure to get the items into school in a hurry. The Year 5 Mini-Vinnie students have done a wonderful job at organising the appeal and were busy last Friday collecting the donations from all classrooms.

Royal Street and Burke Street

Last week there was a reminder in the newsletter regarding the rules of a 'kiss and drop' zone at school. The main points to remember are that your car should not be in that zone for more than 2 minutes and that if you do get out of your car to help a child exit, or enter the car than you cannot walk more than 3 metres away from the car. Can I ask that all families share these details with Grandparents and carers so that everyone is aware?

Lost Property

I have been cleaning out the lost property baskets regularly and those items with names on them have been returned to children where possible. I have noticed however, that there are several brand new jumpers and jackets with our school crest on them that have NO NAME. I would love to be able to return these to their owners, but without a name it is very difficult. Please label all clothing items including hats and talk to your child about their responsibilities to look after their belongings in their bags.

Thank you

With last week being our first full week back at school, we wanted to say a big thank you to all the students, families and staff for making it wonderful. It went super fast and we had a lot of fun. The children are settling in well and getting back into routine. The staff have been treated by so many families with homemade cookies, slices, cakes and other amazing treats that we have all thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you for your generosity and care, it has certainly been appreciated.

Deb Petersen
Acting Assistant Principal

RE News

Trinity Sunday – This past Sunday was Trinity Sunday, where we celebrated our Trinitarian God: Three Persons in One (Father, Son & Spirit). Pictured alongside this article is a religious artwork, Rublev's Icon. As we contemplate this icon, we are reminded of the relational nature of our God. *God IS relationship!* Therefore we, along with all of creation, are by our very nature embedded with this relational model of the Creator. How much clearer this is now becoming for us as we discover the deep interconnection between all things; races, cultures, genders, religions, communities and ecosystems. Even humanity's relationship to the environment has been proven to be more interconnected than was often ever believed in the past. It seems all living systems, indeed life itself, hold the mystery of our relational God within. When we accept this eternal invitation to enter into ever deeper relationship with our loving God, our hearts and minds open up to see the relational pattern everywhere, with everyone and everything around us. Of course 'the world' (power systems & structures), along with many in it, would have us believe that separateness and division are the way forward to 'success'. Simply turn on the TV and see where some of these so called 'world leaders' are wanting to take us! It is increasingly important, therefore, that as people of faith we are true followers of Jesus Christ in word and deed as we seek to hold together, through love and unity, a hurt and broken world.



Luke Smith,
Religious Education Coordinator

School Community News

Canteen News

With school now back to normal the canteen is aiming to operate with minimal volunteers so as to allow some social distancing. I will be in touch with each group individually to discuss with them. Thank you for your understanding and patience. Belinda (Ph. 0447 059 968)

Entertainment Memberships

Thank you to everyone who has purchase an Entertainment Membership so far. Old memberships run out on 1st June to purchase a new membership please click on the following link:

[Support St Therese's Primary School Entertainment Book now!](#)

There are no Hardcopy books this year only electronic!!!

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School Spirit Awards

This term we are focusing on the value of **Integrity**. We congratulate the following students who received the School Spirit Award last week for demonstrating this value by **being responsible**:

Being responsible means that we fulfil our duties, our roles and do the things we have said we will do. It is the ability to respond, in a positive and mature way, to the challenges or events of everyday life. This week we continue with the same focus of demonstrating Integrity by being responsible.

School Spirit Award for demonstrating INTEGRITY by <i>Being Responsible</i> .					
KN	Gabriella S	KW	Gabriella S	KL	Ayla P
	Jake H		Abbey L		Henry B
1N	Isobel I	1W	Marcus A	1L	Emilio S
	Zachery W		Alexi A		Frankie H
2N	Zoey D	2W	Annabel R	2L	Patrick E
	Miller C		Alexander J		Mackenzie H
3N	Molly B	3W	Harvey L	3L	Eva F
	Samuel M		Lucy B		Samuel P
4N	Ava R	4W	Darin R	4L	Chloe B
	Wil S		Madelyn O		Remy W
5N	Lucinda P	5W	Aidyn M	5L	Oscar M
	Peter V		Poppy C		Christina S
6N	Sil B	6W	Milla E	6L	Kiara
	Keeley B		Matthew A		Noah C

Principal Awards

The following students will receive a Principal's Award at this week's Zoom School Assembly: Indigo H (2L), Dylan F (4N), Harry S (6L) and Riley M (6L).

Date: Friday 12th June Time: 2:40pm ID: 965 9284 7849 P/W: 133626
 Congratulations and thank you for upholding the values and principles of St Therese's.

Janine Schneider
 Primary Coordinator

Environmental News



Has your child missed playing soccer? Is your child's club not playing this season?



SoccaJoeys Newcastle is running afternoon classes in your area.

Classes are 1 hour long in age groups from 5-8 year olds and 9-1 year olds.

The program runs for 8 weeks a school term.

Classes are fun and engaging, and cover all aspect of soccer from ball work, passing, dribbling, shooting and a game to end the session.

Term 3 classes will start July 20th and enrolments commence from June 22nd. **New weekend venues and after school venue will be announced shortly**

Coaches are all highly qualified.

Please go to www.soccajoeys.com.au and fill out an expression of interest form with a preferred afternoon.

SoccaJoeys will also be running a school holiday programs, 3 days each week of the holidays.

For all information head to the website and we will be in touch.

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