



Acting Principals Message

Dear Students, Parents & Carers,
Building Works

The roof of the new centre has been completed, so we should see the walls start to go up, the next few weeks will be very exciting. The children's toilet block is also coming along nicely, with the external walls completed, the internal fit-outs will now start. Artel will also lay a temporary concrete path from the new infant classrooms to the playground on Saturday 20 June. There is currently a temporary gravel path, however the rain over the past few weeks has made this quite uneven and slippery when it gets wet. When all the works are complete, this area will be a part of the playground redevelopment.

Interactive Panels

Interactive panels will be installed in 3L and 4L in the coming weeks, as part of our ongoing commitment to provide contemporary and innovative learning for all students. The classrooms currently have interactive screens that were installed some 10 years ago. Over the remainder of the year, all classrooms will be re-fitted with either interactive panels or TV displays (Stage 3). Thank you to the P&F for your generous contribution of \$20 000 to fund this upgrade.

Caring Group

Just a reminder that St Therese's has a Caring Group to assist families in need. As we get back to "normal", if you would like to be on the caring group, please forward your contact details to admin@newlambton.catholic.edu.au, you may like to offer to cook, provide a lift to and from school, take children to sport etc. Our Caring Group Coordinator, Mrs Donna Douglass, will then compile a roster. Any family that needs the services provided by our Caring Group, can contact Mrs Kaylene Maretich directly, and all requests remain confidential. The Caring Group is then given information about what a family might need to assist e.g. cooked meals, with the school then informing the Caring Group what assistance is required and for the length of time. If you or members of your family are experiencing any difficulties, please contact me, so that we can help you.

Afternoon Dismissal

Thank you to all parents/carers for working with the staff to ensure afternoon dismissal runs smoothly, especially on Burke and Royal Streets. There are still a number of cars that do not have the surname displayed, which makes it difficult for us to ensure your child is waiting for you.

Dates to Remember

26TH JUN MISSION DAY – PYJAMA DAY – GOLD COIN FOR CATHOLIC MISSIONS

3RD JUL LAST DAY OF TERM 2
 WINTER FOOD APPEAL ENDS



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

20TH JUL FIRST DAY OF TERM 3

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Please also ensure you come at the designated time on Burke St:

- 3:15pm Surname A-L
- 3:25pm Surname M-Z

Children with surnames started with A-L sit at the bottom of the stairs on Burke St, while M-Z wait outside the Year 3 classrooms. This is to reduce crowding of the children while they wait to be picked up, as well as reducing congestion on Burke St. If you arrive too early, you will be asked to drive around the block, this will keep traffic flowing, also it causes too much confusion trying to locate children who are waiting inside the school. Thank you to the parents/carers who have respectfully followed staff requests to “drive around the block” when arriving too early.

Last week a written complaint from residents on Burke St, was sent to the school, the police, Newcastle City Council and the local member of Parliament. The major concerns were parking across driveways from as early as 2:40pm, blocking private laneways, dangerous U-Turns and queuing across Burke St as parents/carers attempted to avoid driving down Bridges Rd and disrespectful and rude comments when residents asked for vehicles to be moved on. While the residents do also mention this behaviour is seen in a minority of parents, their level of frustration has escalated to a level where they would like Newcastle Council to look at more permanent solutions, such as clearways and one-way streets. All the streets around the school are quiet again by 3:30pm, so I ask that everyone follows our procedures to avoid Council enforced procedures that may cause more inconvenience to our parent/carers.



Newcastle Police have provided us with some of the consequences for failing to obey traffic signs.

Offence	Fine	Demerit Points	Comments
Disobey no stopping sign (school zone)	\$344	2pts	Vehicles cannot stop here for any reason
Disobey no parking sign (school zone)	\$191	2pts	Vehicles may stop for 2 minutes ONLY and the driver must be no more than 3 metres away from the vehicle
Stop on/near pedestrian crossing/children's crossing (school zone)	\$457	2pts	Vehicles cannot stop here for any reason. Vehicle must be 20mtrs before the crossing and 10 metres after the crossing in a legal parking space
Double park (school zone)	\$344	2pts	Vehicles that park to the right of an already parked vehicle
Stop at/near bus stop	\$344	2pts	Vehicles must not park within 20 metres before the bus stop sign and within 10 metres after the bus stop sign
Stop within 10 metres of intersection without traffic lights (school zone)	\$457	2pts	Vehicles cannot stop within 10 metres of any intersection for any reason
Stop in restricted parking area	\$82		This parking zone exists in the laneway between Victoria Street and Burke Street

Good News Story

A recent study in the United States of America, has found that people make around 18 spontaneous decisions a day, such as; getting a coffee, taking a nap and trying somewhere new for lunch. Additionally, people feel happier and more content with life, when they make spontaneous decisions. This is important, as many people still working from home, report feeling “cooped up”. While it is very important to be organised and plan so that we reach our goals, this should be balanced with spur of the moment decisions. On Sunday, my family and I decided (on the spur of the moment) to take our dog to the beach, then get an unexpected ice-cream. This break from routine, did make us all feel happier. So I encourage you all to do something small each day that is unexpected – I’d love to hear some positive experiences.

Kaylene Maretich
Acting Principal

Acting Assistant Principal’s Message
Winter Appeal

Last Friday some of our Year 5 Mini- Vinnie students helped load up the cars of the St de Paul volunteers with the food donations that St Therese’s has collected so far this term. A huge thankyou to all of our families in our school community who took the time to buy extra food items to donate. The winter appeal will continue until the end of term so please if you can help those who are less fortunate at this time of year, we would be very grateful for your continued support of a food donation.



Protective Behaviours

At the end of each term students are engaged in child protection lessons in PDHPE. Teachers spend weeks 8, 9 and 10 discussing the concept of personal safety to students and how to protect themselves from any potential harm. During the lessons each class will read the “My Underpants Rule Book”. As a family you may like to discuss this book with your child or children and see if they can recall the rule that can help to protect them.

Virtual Art Gallery

Thank you Mr Hartcher who has been leading the way for students to enter their portraits in the Virtual Art Gallery. I have seen some wonderful artworks and have placed a few in this week’s newsletter to show you.



Marni B



Gabe W



Elijah M

Deb Petersen
Acting Assistant Principal

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RE News

Mass Update – Please see the link below to the local Parish Bulletins. If you read the latest bulletin you will see a link to the updated information regarding Mass attendance (50 people maximum). You can also read a beautiful Homily written by Richard Leonard for Trinity Sunday around the theology of our Trinitarian God. This coming Sunday, we celebrate Corpus Christi (The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ).

<https://holyltrinityparishblackbutt.com.au/parish-bulletins/>

Corpus Christi – The following is a reflection by Dianne Bergant (a former Professor of Biblical Studies at Catholic Theological Union, Chicago – taken from the website: liturgyhelp.com) on The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ:

This feast harkens back to the celebration of Holy Thursday. By way of the metaphors of food and drink, its readings provide us with a look at the mystery of divine presence. They first provide a picture of a God who feeds us. In the past God set a table in freedom, and then provided food that enabled our ancestors to survive. God fed those who were needy, not those who were worthy. Jesus offered sustenance to the crowds that gathered around him. It was not manna from heaven that he offered but his own flesh and blood as food and drink. This food and drink are the pledge of eternal life.



Those who eat this bread and drink this cup are caught up in a profound unity with God, a unity not envisioned in the wilderness experience. There is a new overlay of significance. Jesus' claim to give his flesh and blood was a bold one, Paul's seems even bolder. He states that partaking of the bread and the cup not only joins us with Christ, but actually makes us participants in the body and blood of Christ. Humanity and divinity are joined as one. The Eucharist is a sign of unity in another way. Joined to the body and blood of Christ, we are joined to each other. We are one body and that body is Christ. The Eucharist is truly a celebration of thanksgiving: thanksgiving for our transformation and thanksgiving for our unity.

Luke Smith,
Religious Education Coordinator

School Community News

Canteen News

Garlic Bread & Cheesy Garlic Bread is now available from the canteen. Home-made garlic butter spread on a hot dog roll, \$2 for plain & \$2.50 for cheesy.

Entertainment Memberships

Thank you to everyone who has purchase an Entertainment Membership so far. Old memberships ran 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!!!

School Fees

School fees were sent out yesterday. During the COVID crisis, we have been mindful of the financial impact experienced by our families, the Diocese established an online form to either defer your school fee payments or to apply for a COVID Concession to reduce your school fees. This process is still available to our families, please contact the school office directly for assistance on 4957 4922. For those families who requested a deferral, this statement is for your information only.

We are appreciative of those families who have continued and will shortly resume their commitment to school fees.

Kind Regards

Vicki McSpadden
Bursar

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PBS

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**:

School Spirit Award for demonstrating INTEGRITY by Being Responsible. (Please record 2 names per class)					
KN	Ellie J Jacob E	KW	Maya J Zac H	KL	Maya C Jacob J
1N	Knox R Grace O	1W	Lee S Lachlan S	1L	Georgie A Julien C
2N	Miriam G Charlie T	2W	Molly G Orson M	2L	Miah F Henry G
3N	Eliza A Francesca J	3W	Coco F Amelia O	3L	Sienna W Oliver S
4N	Ella F Zavier G	4W	Erin T Xavier R	4L	Mollyjane R Neelke B
5N	Tayla G George H	5W	Jett C Charlotte L	5L	Jack L Arley T
6N	Lucy D Jacob K	6W	Tim M Ava R	6L	Tom S Sienna B

This week, in learning how to build **Integrity** within our children, we move our focus to the virtue of **Perseverance**. Perseverance is important towards building our integrity because it allows us to persist and display grit in order to become the people we say we are and want to be. Life, as we adults know, is full of trials, tribulations, challenges and ups and downs. Without Perseverance it can be easy to lose heart and give up. When we do this, when we give up and quit, we not only let others down but more to the point we let ourselves down. We know that we have not done everything in our power to become the best version of ourselves. This is where Perseverance comes in. No matter how many times we may fail or make mistakes, if we truly believe in something, then it is worth persevering for it!

Principal Awards

The following students will receive a Principal's Award at this week's Zoom school assembly: Isabella G (KN), Mabel C (KN), Ellie J (KN), Thomas P (KN), Sidney M (KL), Jennifer J (KL), Chase P (KL), Tabitha M (KL), Ava H (KL), Eva F (3L), Ruby M (3L), Anika B (6N), Jack P (6N), Jake R (6N) & Taj R (6N)

Date: Friday 19th 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



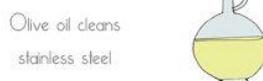
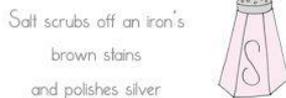
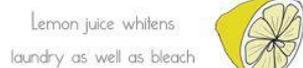
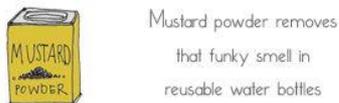
Environmental News

HOMEMADE CLEANING PRODUCTS

that you'll actually use and love (and that DON'T smell like vinegar!)



AND A FEW MORE NATURAL CLEANING TIPS:



SEE MORE ON LITTLE GREEN NOTEBOOK

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Can you believe we are almost HALFWAY through the Premiers Reading Challenge?!

Students in Year 3-6:

Hopefully you have been logging all of the books you have been reading, but if not – don't worry – there's still plenty of time!

Plus, as a result of COVID-19, there have been important updates to the 2020 PRC to help you reach your target.

With public libraries closed, and ours out of action at the moment, you may be finding it difficult to get your hands on PRC titles to read. For the 2020 year, all students will be able to include 10 choice books, giving you more flexibility over what you read this year. Video instructions for how to enter these choice books can be found here: [2020 Bonus Books](#).

To make sure you can access a range of titles, check your bookshelves, borrow books from your friends, even add titles that you have read in class with your teacher. Don't forget about Sora – our digital library app. Details on how to use this can be found on [Mrs Barkers Learning Lounge](#).

Any questions, please email me at

brigitta.gleeson@mn.catholic.edu.au. Please remember that I am currently only working on Thursdays. I will try and respond to your emails as promptly as possible though at times there may be a little delay!

Enjoy these chilly nights by snuggling up in a warm bed with a great book 😊

Mrs Gleeson



Physical Activity

The importance of regular physical activity in reducing the risk of disease and in promoting a healthy lifestyle is well recognised.

Schools have a unique opportunity to promote and encourage physical activity among students through Physical Education, lunchtime physical activity, organised sport and other learning areas.

Did you know?

Children do not automatically know how to catch, throw, kick, run and jump. These are known as fundamental movement skills (FMS). In the same way kids need to learn the alphabet in order to read, they need to learn basic movement skills in order to lead a physically active, healthy life.

View the pages below to learn more:

- [Physical Activity Guidelines](#)
- [Fundamental Movement Skills \(FMS\)](#)
- [Teaching Resources & Links](#)

IN PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

- [GUIDELINES](#)
- [FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT SKILLS](#)
- [TEACHING RESOURCES & LINKS](#)



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