



Acting Principals Message

Dear Students, Parents & Carers,
Happy Week 3! Hope you are all rested and rejuvenated after such a glorious weekend, it was hard to imagine we are still in Winter.

School Fees

School Fee statements were sent out last week. Any parent/carer who is finding it difficult to pay their fees are asked to contact the school and make an appointment to discuss this matter. COVID fee relief was granted for families that had a reduced income due to COVID-19 in Term 2. **If COVID continues to impact on your financial situation you need to complete a fee reduction application by accessing the CSO website.**

We are here to work with families who are finding financial circumstances difficult. All meetings of this nature are discussed with the Principal and strict confidentiality is maintained.

Interrelate

This Wednesday 5 August is the Interrelate Family Evening as follows;

- Session 1: 6:00pm "Where Did I Come From?" for Years 4-6
- Session 2: 7:15pm "Preparing for Puberty" for Years 5-6

We will send out the Zoom code as soon as it is sent to the school. Please send in your payment ASAP if you would like to attend these valuable online sessions.

COVID

You may have heard of the closures of venues in the Newcastle area for deep cleaning to reduce the spread of COVID. The best way to keep ourselves and each other safe is to continue to practice social distancing and strict hygiene, including hand washing and coughing and sneezing into elbows. Any child that is unwell at all needs to remain at home, until they have recovered fully. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and follow advice from the CSO and NSW Health.

Molluscum Contagiosum

We have had a small outbreak of molluscum contagiosum, which is a contagious virus, that causes raised spots, which are painless and not usually itchy. They may start as white pimples which develop into blister-like marks that can have a white centre or indentations. If you notice these on your child, please take them to the pharmacist or doctor, as treatment is simple. The spots must be fully covered to return to school.

Kaylene Maretich
Acting Principal

Dates to Remember

WEEK 3 INFANTS PERSONAL PLANNING MEETINGS

WEEK 4 PRIMARY PERSONAL PLANNING MEETINGS

WEEK 5 PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS FOR TERM 3

4TH AUG REPORTS LIVE 4PM

4TH AUG INTERRELATE PARENT NIGHT ZOOM 6PM & 7.15PM

7TH AUG JEANS FOR GENES DAY

17TH AUG ICAS SCIENCE

24TH AUG ICAS DIGITAL

25TH AUG ICAS ENGLISH

**28TH AUG PUPIL FREE DAY
STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

31ST AUG ICAS MATHS

1ST SEPT ICAS SPELLING

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Acting Assistant Principal's Message

Jeans for Genes Day

This Friday we will support Jeans for Genes day. Jeans for Genes is an opportunity to teach students about science and compassion for others. It is especially important for our community as our very own Molly Jane (MJ) R in Grade 4 is one of the child ambassadors for this fabulous fundraiser. Your donation will help scientists cure genetic diseases and other serious conditions affecting 1 in 20 children – that's nearly one child in every classroom. Please support research at CMRI for the thousands of kids like MJ with genetic diseases, by donating to her fundraising page: www.myjeansforgenes.org.au/miracle-mollyjanes-fight-for-a-cure

ASPIRE Auditions

The audition process is now open for ASPIRE 2021. To audition for ASPIRE you need to complete the online audition form which is on the ASPIRE website: <https://aspire.mn.catholic.edu.au/join-us/2021-auditions/>

Click the following newsletter/Compass items to use to advertise the audition process. If these could be advertised to your parents via school newsletter, Compass etc. it would be much appreciated. The audition process closes the last day of Term 3, **Friday 25 September 2020**. If you require further information please contact Anne Atkins on 4979-1331 or email: anne.atkins@mn.catholic.edu.au

ASPIRE Art Competition extended

Calling all inspired art students! Earlier this year ASPIRE launched this Art Competition as part of this year's ASPIRE production *The Pecking Order*. Due to the current climate the production will now take place in January 2021 so we have extended the closing date for this competition. 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. These birds will also be displayed around the Catholic Schools Office during Term 4, 2020. 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 and Class/group sculpture.

The winner in the class category will receive free transport and tickets to the Friday evening performance 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 **Friday 16 October 2020**. For further information contact Anne Atkins on 4979-1331 or email: anne.atkins@mn.catholic.edu.au

Deb Petersen

Acting Assistant Principal

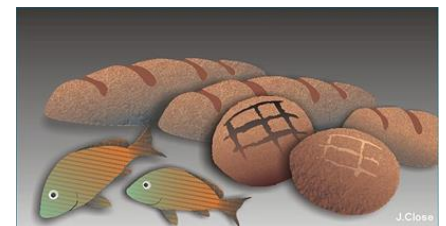
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Feeding The People: 'Our Highest Calling' – Traditionally, the miracle of the transformation of loaves and fishes, enough to feed the hungry multitude, takes centre-stage in this Sunday's Gospel from Matthew. If we look a little deeper however, we can see there are other messages here for us though, beyond even the undeniable miraculous power of God. If we observe Jesus in the beginning of the passage, we see he was seeking solitude and retreat.

Time to pray, contemplate and grieve the death of His cousin. There is no question that we are all called to spend time alone in silence and prayer with God, it is essential to our spiritual life. However, we see Jesus' compassion and love for people very quickly draw Him out of this place as He began to minister and serve. This is the first message: our actions and our very life, when lived outwards from a place of love and compassion, become a living prayer. The second message is linked to the first and comes in the way in which Jesus commands for the disciples to "give them something to eat yourselves" (the disciples had actually wanted to send the people away to fend for themselves!). The culmination of the messages within this Gospel passage for us then becomes: give and give generously, even out of what little you have and then watch in amazement at what transformational miracles God can perform with your simple, loving, heartfelt, "Yes!"

Luke Smith

Religious Education Coordinator



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School Community News

Canteen News

There are new ice blocks at the canteen called Licks. They come in 3 flavours: Mango, Berry & Pink Lemonade. Licks are 99% fruit juice, have no added sugar and are gluten free and dairy free and cost \$1.50.

Coming soon - cheese burgers & nacho boxes!

Belinda Palmer, Canteen Supervisor

PBS

School Spirit Awards

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

School Spirit Award for demonstrating CARE AND COMPASSION by being Cooperative. (Please record 2 names per class)					
KN	Ashton P	KW	Zac H	KL	Joshua P
	Hamish K		Roman A		Eloise H
1N	Jack M	1W	Cedella B	1L	Leo G
	Eloise C		Kurt P		Audrey J
2N	Hudson G	2W	Lucas O	2L	Darcy L
	Miller C		Orson M		Ly M
3N	Eliza A	3W	Kye T	3L	Maiya A
	Vincent C		Adriana S		Oliver R
4N	Grace H	4W	Ella Kelly	4L	Emily C
	Hugo D		Ben L		Grace S
5N	Xavier S	5W	William H	5L	Olivia R
	Harry R		Tavian Q		Jack L
6N	Alexander K	6W	Matthew A	6L	Noah G
	Ruby L		Austin H		Kayna T

Principal Awards

The following students will receive a Principal's Award at this week's Zoom school assembly:

KN - Gabriella S, KW - Ruby M, Vincent N, KL - Riley L, 1N- Grace O, Annabella A, Brodie L, 1L - Chase M, Phoebe B, 2N - Lucia R, 2W - Blake K, Harry N, 3N - Mackenzie S, 3W - Mia S, Ava B, Lucy B, Jordy T, Josie W, 3L - Marly M, 4N - Olivia H, Charlie K, 5N - Angus L, 6N - Amelia B, Siena S, Alexander K

Date: Friday 7th August

Time: 2:40pm ID: 965 9284 7849

P/W: 133626

Congratulations and thank you children, for upholding the values and principles of St Therese's.

Janine Schneider

Primary Coordinator

ICAS Assessments Dates:

Science: Monday 17th August (week 5)

Digital Technology, Monday 24th August (week 6)

English Tuesday 25th August (week 6)

Maths, Monday 31st August (week 7)

Spelling Tuesday 1st September (week 7)

On the morning of their assessment students go to:

Where: 4N Classroom (Ms Jackman's room)

Time: 8.10am.

Year 5 & 6 students are to bring their own devices. Year 3 & 4 students will have a device provided for them.

All students doing the Spelling Assessment, need to bring their own head phones.

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If for some reason a student is unable to attend their assessment please see Ms Jackman ASAP as make up times are limited.

Therese Jackman
Primary Coordinator

BOOK CLUB: Issue 5 orders are due tomorrow WEDNESDAY 5TH AUGUST



Cash orders can be placed at school or you can order through LOOP @ <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

Environmental News



3 KEY STEPS TOWARDS A FUTURE FREE FROM PLASTIC POLLUTION

- 1 REDUCE**
Reduce our plastic footprint by voluntarily cutting the use of single-use plastic items, overpackaging and top-line materials, where alternative materials exist.
- 2 REDESIGN**
Make plastic products for design, long-lasting, reusable, recyclable, food-free, or if unavoidable, recycled content.
- 3 BETTER MANAGEMENT**
Ensure responsible product engagement to rethinking products, materials and packaging to reduce material footprint and recycling while avoiding leakage into the environment.

Headspace Newcastle is hosting a Social Media webinar aimed at Parents and Carers.

It's free and its hosted via ZOOM

Safe on Social

a free social media webinar for Parents and Carers

Social media expert Kirra Pendergast looks at all the popular apps and social media platforms that everyone seems to be using! With over 10 years experience, Kirra looks at the online world from a perspective of social media security, privacy and risk management

This presentation will explore

Instagram, Tik Tok, YouTube, Musical.ly, Snapchat, Facebook, Yellow/Yubo, YouTube, Sarahah, Tumblr, WhatsApp, Online gaming, Fortnite and others

Tuesday August 11th 7pm - 830pm via Zoom



Tix through eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/safe-on-social-tickets-114839399736>

Facebook event

<https://www.facebook.com/events/211415180263714/>

Safe on Social website

<https://www.safeonsocial.com/>

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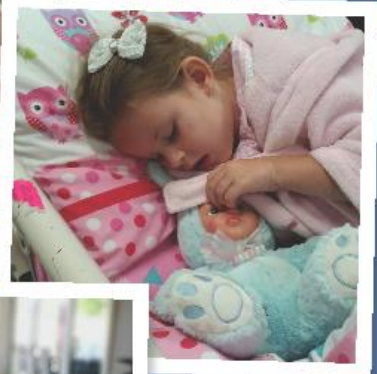


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for Genes

RAISE MONEY. FIND CURES. JEAN-IUS.

You can help find treatments and cures for the 12 kids born every minute with a birth defect or genetic disease.

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