



Acting Principal's Message

Dear Students, Parents & Carers,

Welcome to Week 4! It's been a cold and wet start to the week. I would like to ask you all to keep those that live in the Illawarra Region who are facing some worrying days ahead as the region floods following very wild weather over the weekend. We also keep those in Lebanon in our prayers following a devastating explosion last week. There has been widespread anger and sadness in the country as they come to terms with the damage and fatalities of this accident.

Personalised Planning Meetings

Last week Personalised Planning Meetings were held for students in K-3. Thank you to the teachers, Ms Faehndrich and parents that planned for and attended these meetings. This week Personalised Planning Meetings in Years 4-6 will be held for students with additional needs.

COVID Plans

Last Friday, (via Compass) I sent home Evacuation Plans, should a staff member or student test positive to COVID. I also sent home a summary of guidelines around how isolation occurs and what is considered close contact and casual contact (not a close contact). These documents will remain on the Compass News Feed for the remainder of the year. Please familiarise yourself with these documents. Should Evacuation be needed, the focus of staff will be on ensuring everyone is safe, rather than answering phone calls regarding information contained in the documents. Please be aware, evacuation may take all day, children and staff will be safely isolated in their own classroom until they are picked up by parents/carers.

I have had some queries about whether children need to wear masks to school. NSW Health have not yet recommended that children need to wear masks to school. The school supports parents choosing that their child to wear a mask to and from school – especially if their child catches public transport, as well as during the school day. Please ensure your child is aware of how to wear their mask correctly, as teachers cannot monitor this during the school day. If children use their masks inappropriately e.g. as bandanas, around their neck, loaning it to friends etc. they will be asked to place their mask in their bag.

Dates to Remember

WEEK 4 PRIMARY PERSONAL PLANNING MEETINGS

WEEK 5 PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS FOR TERM 3

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| 17 TH AUG | ICAS SCIENCE |
| 19 TH AUG | NEWCASTLE PERM MATHS COMPETITION |
| 24 TH AUG | ICAS DIGITAL |
| 25 TH AUG | ICAS ENGLISH |
| 28 TH AUG | PUPIL FREE DAY STAFF DEVELOPMENT |
| 31 ST AUG | ICAS MATHS |
| 1 ST SEPT | ICAS SPELLING |
| 11 TH SEPT | WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY |

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Royal St Gates

From Wednesday 12th August the Royal Street gates will be locked at 9.10am to allow teachers to get to class on time. If you arrive and these gates are locked you will need to drop your child/children to the Burke Street entrance.

The Burke Street gate will continue to remain open till 9.15am when the bell rings. Children arriving after 9.15am must be signed in by parents/carers in the office.

Good News Item – Wedding Bells

There is nothing like a Wedding to remind us of the joy and love that surround us each day. Last Saturday Miss Brianna Polson (6L) married her fiancé Matt Newton. Brianna and Matt were surrounded by twelve members of their immediate families and Charlie their golden retriever. It was a beautiful and intimate ceremony with the bride and groom beaming. We wish Brianna and Matt much happiness and joy. Brianna will remain Ms Polson for the remainder of the school year.

Kaylene Maretich
Acting Principal

Acting Assistant Principal's Message

Jeans for Genes Day

Congratulations and thank you to the St Therese's school community for being a part of this great fundraiser and supporting the Jeans for Genes campaign. Every dollar donated last week goes directly to the Children's Medical Research Institute and helps find treatments and cures for children's genetic diseases. It was a big week for MJ in Year 4(L) who is an ambassador of Jeans for Genes. We raised over \$800.00 and this was doubled by another generous party who matched all donations on the 7th August.



Rep. Cricket Spot for St Therese's

Congratulations to Patrick D in 5N who has been selected to play in the Newcastle and Lake Macquarie Under 12 representative cricket teams for this season. With all the cancellations in sport, it is wonderful to hear of this success story. Well done Pat, the St Therese's school community is proud of you. We wish you a very healthy and successful season of cricket.

Office of Safeguarding

The following site <https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/esafety-guide> offers tips for parents about how to keep their children safe online. The site gives a summary for the most recent downloaded apps, such as Tik Tok, House Party and some of the older sites too such as Instagram. For anyone who needs advice or just more information about these of social media sites, I encourage you to visit this site above as it has some useful information.

Deb Petersen,
Acting Assistant Principal

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RE News



Another Miracle, Another Message – In last week's Newsletter, we looked at the Gospel story of the 'Feeding of the Five Thousand' and how the miraculous aspect of this event in Jesus' life can often overshadow the deeper meaning and message for us in our lives here and now. This week's Gospel story is no different. In Matthew's account, we have Jesus miraculously walking on water but again, we must ask what is the significance of this recount for our own lives? Like Peter, we can profess our faith in words but when the winds, storms and high seas of life come to trouble us we often doubt and lose our faith. However, as in the Gospel account, God is right there with us on the water amidst the storm calling us to trust, calling us back to faith, accompanying us to safety and bringing peace to the troubled seas of our life. A rather appropriate message, I think, for many of the current concerns we are all collectively facing.

Saint Mary of the Cross (Feast Day: 8th Aug.) - Mary MacKillop is not only the first Australian to be recognised by the Church as a Saint, she is truly a very Australian saint. She characterises the spirit of the Australian mythology. She was a prodigious hard worker who put the needs of others before herself. She exhibited something of the larrikin spirit: constantly in dispute with authority but pressing on, regardless. She used the strengths of others but also didn't tolerate those who were not genuine. Her commitment to the schooling of children from poor and rural communities established a model of Catholic education that continues to today. A Saint for and of Australia! (Greg Sunter: liturgyhelp.com)



Luke Smith,
Religious Education Coordinator

School Community News

NEWCASTLE PERMANENT PRIMARY SCHOOL MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

Year 5 and 6 students will participate in the Newcastle Permanent Primary Mathematics Competition on **Wednesday 19th August**. This will occur during their regular Mathematics lesson.

NRMA

The NRMA usually visit St Therese's annually to present their Science & Road Safety Program, however, due to Covid-19 restrictions this was cancelled. St Therese's has been fortunate to be selected to take part in the NRMA Science & Road Safety Online program. This program began this week and will continue for 3 weeks. Each week different posters/information about road safety will be included in the newsletter that relates to what the children are discussing and learning at school.

Leanne Kepreotes
Coordinator

PBS

School Spirit Awards

This term we are focusing on the value of **Care and Compassion**. We congratulate the 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. | | | | | |
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| KN | Joshua M | KW | Macy G | KL | Olivia M |
| | Bastian T | | Abbey C | | Mason O |
| 1N | Noah M | 1W | Alexi A | 1L | Andrea P |
| | Callen K | | Egan V | | Samuel S |
| 2N | Anna P | 2W | Kyanna M | 2L | Mackenzie R |
| | Erin S | | Ella M | | Alexander O |
| 3N | Aggy M | 3W | Jacob L | 3L | Oliver B |
| | Aleks S | | Sage T | | Sienna S |
| 4N | Wil S | 4W | Ryder R | 4L | Baxter L |
| | Zavier G | | Nicholas C | | Lainey H |
| 5N | Angus L | 5W | Daniel J | 5L | Isabella N |
| | Valentino F | | To M | | Sophie K |
| 6N | Eva C | 6W | Benedict S | 6L | Hamish G |
| | Isaac W | | Jorja M | | Sienna B |

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This week and next, our focus moves to showing **Care and Compassion** by **being Welcoming**. One of the important ways we can show care and compassion for others is to be welcoming. When we take the time to stop, acknowledge and greet others with warmth, we are showing them that we care. We are showing them that they are important to us and that they matter in our lives. They are some of life's simplest and easiest tasks to do but we also may never fully know just how much impact a warm smile, a wave, or a "hello" can have.

Principal Awards

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

KW – Archie S, Vanessa C; **KL** - Luke P, Olivia M; **1N** - Jack M; **1W** - Marcus A; **1L** - Alexander D; **2N** - Spencer P, Trevina M; **2L** – Ly M, Darcy L, Patrick E; **3N** - Tilly C, Archie C; **3W** – Anna V, Hamish L
3L – Sophie M, Hope B, Isaac N; **5N** – Patrick D; **6N** - Keeley B; **6L** - Noah G

Date: Friday 14th 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 Test Dates:

Science: Monday 17th August (Week 5)
Digital Technology: Monday 24th August (Week 6)
English: Tuesday 25th August (Week 6)
Mathematics: Monday 31st August (Week 7)
Spelling: Tuesday 1st September (Week 7)

On the morning of their test students are to go to:

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

Time: 8.10am.

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

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

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

Therese Jackman
Primary Coordinator

Environmental News

LAMINATING TAKES 1000 YEARS TO BREAK DOWN
AND STILL POLLUTES THE EARTH VIA
MICRO PLASTICS.





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A parents' guide to child road safety

You as a parent are very influential in the life of your child. Children learn by imitating their parents so practising road safe behaviours together is the best way to keep your child safe. Take an active role in teaching road safety to your child.

Demonstrate the road safe behaviours found in this brochure and explain why these are safe. Remember to praise and encourage your child while they are learning these new skills.





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**TIME: 7.00 - 8.00PM
VIA ZOOM**

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