



Acting Principal's Message

Dear Students, Parents & Carers,

Happy Week 8 everyone. I hope all our fathers and grandfathers had a wonderful Father's Day on Sunday, we were certainly blessed with an amazing sunny day.

Child Protection Week

This week we recognise Child Protection Week across Australia. I thank Mrs Petersen, Mrs Kepreotes and the Active Lifestyle Team, who have organised activities for the children around this important issue. Child Protection Week began in 1990, to bring childhood abuse and neglect to the attention of all. The theme for the week is "*Putting Children First*" when talking about parenting and caring for children. The essentials for children to grow are, being loved, feeling safe, being given the opportunity to play and explore, have a say in decisions that affect them, and have access to shelter, food, hygiene and healthcare. Children also need to know that they are being heard and they are being taken seriously. Please access NAPCAM for resources that are available to assist parents and carers <https://www.napcan.org.au/napcan-brochures/>.

Each term in Weeks 8-10, we focus on Child Protection, by reading *My Underpants Rule* and discussing ways to keep our bodies safe from harm. We use the correct terminology for our body parts, and encourage parents/carers to do this also, to avoid confusion a child is to tell a teacher or staff member about any inappropriate behaviours. We also discuss being proactive with our own safety and to listen to what our bodies are telling us when we feel unsafe e.g. butterflies in the tummy, feeling nervous, being afraid etc. Talking with your child about stranger danger and who to go to for help when in an unfamiliar place, are vital lessons for your child, from a very young age. In today's world, we also need to focus on eSafety. An excellent site for parents to go to for resources is <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>.

While we do not want to unnecessarily frighten are children, we want to ensure they have the skills and knowledge to keep themselves safe. Please take the time this week to ask your child what they have been doing at school and open the conversation with them around child protection. All school staff are mandatory reporters, which means that if a child discloses any abuse or neglect, we are required by law, to report this to the Office of Safeguarding at the Catholic Schools Office. School staff also receive annual professional learning, to identify signs of abuse and neglect in children and are then supported

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

Dates to Remember

7 TH – 11 TH SEPT	CHILD PROTECTION WEEK
9 TH SEPT	BOOK CLUB ORDERS DUE
11 TH SEPT	NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK WHITE SHIRT DAY
18 TH SEPT	MISSION DAY – GOLD COIN DONATION
25 TH SEPT	LAST DAY OF TERM 3
12 TH OCT	FIRST DAY OF TERM 4
	PUPIL FREE DAY SET DOWN FOR FIRST DAY OF TERM 4 CANCELLED



and advised by the Office of Safeguarding on how to manage this. This is done to keep our children safe.

Good News Story

As we near the completion of the Catherine McAuley Centre, we are now looking at personalising this space. In the spirit of drawing together as a community for Child Protection Week, each child and staff member will participate in the painting of three butterflies that will be displayed in the Catherine McAuley Centre. The butterfly theme was chosen as they are a symbol of life and hope. They also symbolise merging from a time of great struggle to be stronger people.

Kaylene Maretich
Acting Principal

Acting Assistant Principal's Message

R U OK Day

This day will be celebrated Nationally on September 10th. A conversation can change a life and asking the simple question of R U OK is so important? This day aims to inspire and empower everyone to meaningfully connect with the people around them and start a conversation with anyone who may be struggling with life. You do not need to be an expert to reach out - just a good friend and a great listener. Use these four steps and have a conversation that could change a life:

1. Ask R U OK?
2. Listen
3. Encourage action.
4. Check in

Child Protection Week

The theme for this week is "Putting Children First". Should any families wish for more support or information about Child Protection, the Office of Safeguarding has sent new brochures to the school that you can request. As part of this week's activities, Friday 11th September is also White Balloon Day, and all students are encouraged to wear a white shirt to school with their school sport shorts/skorts. Students will be engaged in a number of activities across this week in their classroom and the Active Lifestyle team have organised some fun activities for all students to participate in during recess on Friday. All classes will collaboratively work on three artworks this week as part of Child Protection week. The canvases will be of butterflies that represent the freedom and rights of children. We thank Mila Maretich for her drawing of the butterflies and I look forward to seeing the finished masterpieces that the students will produce.

Jersey Day

Last week our school took part in the 2020 Jersey Day. This day was about starting a conversation about organ and tissue donors and we had a lot of fun at school wearing our favourite sporting jerseys, skirts and colours. There were many students who either knew of someone who had donated an organ or who were the recipient of such a life giving gift. The care and compassion for others was obvious in the conversations that I had with students and staff. I must say a few more Manly supporters would not go astray.

Deb Petersen,
Acting Assistant Principal



RE News

Season of Creation – Last Tuesday (1st September) marked the beginning of 'Season of Creation'. Below is a beautiful prayer for creation taken from Pope Francis' encyclical, 'Laudato Si':

A Prayer for Our Earth **Encyclical: Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home** **Pope Francis**

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O

God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. *Learn more about Pope Francis's Encyclical on Climate Change at:*

<http://igsol.net/pope-ecology>

A Blessing Prayer for Father's Day

by Greg Sunter

God of Kindness and Compassion,
we are your children and you are Father to us all.
We give honour and thanks to those who reflect your fatherly example:
those who are dads and granddads;
step-dads, foster dads, godfathers and fathers-in-law;
those who are coaches, leaders and mentors;
and those who are elders and wisdom-men of our communities.

We look to these men for strength of body and strength of character.
We look to them to pass on skills and pass on stories.
We look to them to protect and provide.
We look to them for care and compassion.
We look to them to be co-creators and stewards of the world.

For all those who embrace their role as father, we give thanks.
For those who struggle with being fathers, give them strength.
For those who are distanced from their children, give them comfort.
For those who have passed from this world, give them peace.

Bless these men that we call father.
Bless them in their strength and in their weakness.
Bless them in their joy and in their sorrow.
Bless them in their work and in their play.
And bless them, Father, for being fathers.

Luke Smith,
Religious Education Coordinator



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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 **displaying Friendship**:

School Spirit Award for demonstrating CARE AND COMPASSION through displaying <i>Friendship</i> . (Please record 2 names per class)					
KN	Edmund H	KW	Eliza B	KL	Ava H
	Mia H		Charlie F		Sidney M
1N	Knox R	1W	Samuel E	1L	Oliver H
	Grace O		Flynn P		Caleb A
2N	Hema R	2W	Louie B	2L	Griffin C
	Beau R		Annabel J		Queenie C
3N	Vivienne B	3W	Ava B	3L	Oscar K
	Mackenzie P		Patrick I		Eloise H
4N	Lucy A	4W	Madelyn O	4L	Emily C
	Maya F		Xavier R		Neelke B
5N	Sonny D	5W	Alex S	5L	Isabella N
	Ayla D		Nate B		Logan B
6N	Samuel M	6W	Lachlan S	6L	Abigail A
	Ethan O		Delaney T		Noah C

This week and next our focus moves to showing **Care and Compassion** by **being Thankful and Giving**. One way we can teach our children to become more caring citizens is through encouraging them to be thankful for the things that they have. We know, that compared to many other people across the globe, we live in a country that affords us a lifestyle that is relatively safe and secure. We have opportunities in Australia that many cannot access. Even within our country, we can look around and see we have much to be thankful for in comparison to others. Building a sense of gratitude within our children then leads them to naturally develop the desire to create a more just world by giving to those less fortunate. This is when Care & Compassion come to their fullness, when we action change for a better and more just society.

Principal Awards

As there will be a Child Protection Zoom Assembly this Friday, rather than a normal School Assembly, the following students will receive a Principal’s Award at next week’s Zoom school assembly: (Friday 18th September).

KN - Joshua M; Isabella G; **KL** – Chase P; **1N** - Bellamy W; **1W** - William F, Liam E, Lee S, Thomas L; **2N** - Miriam G, Erin S, Brock H, Miller C; **2L** - Archie L; **3N** - Liam R, Jayden C; **3W** - Sage T, Blythe P, Toby B, Sunny A; **4N** - Matisse M, Ethan P; **4L** - Shelby C

Date: Friday 18th September 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

Environmental News

Fix any leaky taps



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



Library

BOOK CLUB: Issue 6 Book Club is now available.

Closing date for orders is next week WEDNESDAY 9th September.



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.

Please Note: Issue 5 orders are now closed.

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Please keep an eye out for the upcoming Vacation Care program. The program will run between Monday 28th September to Friday 9th October with the exception of Monday 5th October when we are close due to the public holiday.

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