Newsletter

Think, Grow, Shine.

14th September 2020 | TERM 3• WEEK 9



Acting Principal's Message

Dear Students, Parents & Carers,

What a fantastic start to Week 9! I spent another lovely weekend in my garden, hope you all had a great weekend as well. The next two weeks at school, look to be very quiet. Many of the children are getting tired now, with some "niggling" and name calling starting. The staff here continually reiterate our expected behaviours, I ask that you also talk to your child about appropriate behaviours.

Mission Day

This Friday is Mission Day, with Mr Smith and the Social Justice Team planning activities that focus our school community on Catholic Children's Missions and the important work they do for less fortunate children around the world. Thank you Mr Smith and the Social Justice Team for organising this day.

Child Protection Week

Last week was a great success, as the school focused on "Putting Children First". Thank you again to Mrs Petersen, Mrs Kepreotes and the Active Lifestyle Team for organising the activities for last week. All staff and children were involved in painting a butterfly, this image was chosen because they are a symbol of life and hope. They also symbolise merging from a time of great struggle to be stronger

people. There are three butterflies; blue, green and red, that will be displayed in the Catherine McAuley Centre, when it is completed later in the year. The blue butterfly, that was created by children in K-2, has been completed. The finishing touches will be added to the green and red butterflies this week. Thank you to Mila, a former student, who drew the butterflies and has added the finishing touches of the background and accent lines.



Dates to Remember

18TH SEPT MISSION DAY – GOLD

COIN DONATION

25TH SEPT LAST DAY OF TERM 3

12TH OCT FIRST DAY OF TERM 4

PUPIL FREE DAY SET DOWN FOR FIRST DAY OF TERM 4 CANCELLED

"If nothing ever changed there would be no butterflies".



Mrs Maier

Last week, Mrs Maier was advised by her doctor to commence her Maternity Leave a bit earlier than planned. Mrs Maier and her baby are both well and are now resting. Mrs Maier will come in before the holidays to see her beautiful 1L class. Miss Elli-Ann Smith has been employed on 1L for the remainder of the school year. We welcome Miss Smith to 1L, she is already a familiar face at St Therese's, as she is currently an executive release teacher and Aboriginal Education teacher. Mr Aldo Rufo will now replace Miss Smith on 3W each Thursday as well as taking the Aboriginal Education classes each Friday. Mr Rufo is a very experienced teacher, who has also held Assistant Principal and Principal positions in the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese, Parramatta Diocese and Independent Schools. Mr Rufo also has a Graduate Certificate in Aboriginal Education. We welcome Mr Rufo to our St Therese's Staff.

Out of School Hours Supervision

Parents a reminder that supervision by staff begins at <u>8:45am</u> each morning. If you need to drop off your child before this time, they need to be enrolled in St Nicholas OOSH. Over the past few weeks, we have noticed an increase in the number of children arriving at school, as early as 7:45am! This is very dangerous as staff are not on duty, so if a child was to injure themselves no one would be on duty to assist. In the afternoon, the pick-up points are supervised until <u>3:45pm</u>. I know it can be very busy in the afternoon and sometimes parents/carers run late, so please contact the school office on 4957 4922 to let us know that you will be late. At 3:45pm children waiting to be collected will be brought to the school office to wait for their parents/carers.

Good News Week

ABC News last Thursday 10 September, reported that a group of Cairns volunteers, has offered to assist Cairns residents to do backyard makeovers to boost their mental health. The Backyard Makeover Program was launched by suicide prevention group the **Dr Edward Koch Foundation.** The group is hoping to complete 10 projects over the next 12 months, and is open to any residents "who are suffering with mental illness, it can be for people who are feeling isolated or alone, perhaps someone that's had a trauma in their family, experiencing hard times or has an injury", said Dulcie Bird the CEO of the program. With the uncertainty of COVID, as well as distancing measures, many residents have been feeling more isolate so could be at greater risk in terms of physical and mental health. This program is hoped to have a positive impact on the residents of Cairns.

Kaylene Maretich Acting Principal

Acting Assistant Principal's Message

Putting Children First

Last week we celebrated Child Protection Week with the theme "Putting Children First". Thank you to all the teachers and students who participated in a variety of ways. Some of these included;

Class Webinar's, White Balloon activities, reading My Underpants Rule and the Butterfly painting canvases for the Catherine McAuley Centre. The students and staff wore white shirts to keep in theme with White Balloon day. Congratulations to all staff and students for your contribution to the paintings and to Mila M for drawing and helping with the finishing touches. These will look fantastic in our new Centre.





Office of Safeguarding

Keeping parents and carers informed about the legislation and procedures around reporting a child protection concern is important. Please read the articles below for your information.

The Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012

Under this legislation people who undertake a role in child-related work in a paid or volunteer capacity in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle are required by law to have a Working with Children Check Clearance. This 'Clearance' can be obtained from applying online at check@kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au. As a parent, if we learn about a staff member or a volunteer working in the school without a Clearance, we should talk with the Principal or Assistant Principal as soon as possible. If we believe that nothing is being done about our concerns, we can contact the Office of Safeguarding directly (Ph. 4979 1390 Mon-Fri).

Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle Reporting Policy

As a parent we can report any concerns we have for a student, or group of students, to our principal, assistant principal or directly to the Office of Safeguarding (Ph. 4979 1390 Mon-Fri). Information about reporting concerns for a child can be found on the Office of Safeguarding website: https://officeofsafeguarding.org.au/reporting-abuse/. As parents we are entitled to contact the Office of Safeguarding directly about any concerns we have about the safety, welfare or wellbeing of a child or if we are concerned that the school isn't addressing allegations of reportable conduct or abuse.

Internship Success

Congratulations to Mr Isaac Fox who has been fantastic on his internship this Friday which he completes this Friday. Isaac has been working in Year 1 with Mrs Teresa Sokulsky and has enjoyed his time here at St Therese's. I asked a Year 1 student from Mr Fox's Literacy group what they thought about him as a teacher and Grace O had this to say...

"Mr Fox was always funny and he makes us work hard and he is really tall". Isaac is a past student of St Therese's and it was lovely to have him back, we wish him well for the future.

Sport

Mrs Kepreotes and myself will join a central cluster Zoom this Thursday regarding sporting events for 2021. Thank you for your patience and understanding regarding school sport.

Tell Them From Me Survey Newsletter/Compass article

All parents/carers at St Therese's New Lambton are invited to contribute to a community consultation survey. The survey is open from **21 September 2020 to 22 October 2020**.

The survey is anonymous, voluntary and easy to use. It takes about 20 minutes to complete and covers parents' perceptions of the school's support for learning, positive behaviours, and the promotion of safety and inclusion.

Students in Years 4–6 will also participate in the survey during class time. Parents/carers will receive a non-consent note to sign and return to the school by 20 September 2020 if they do NOT want their child participating in the survey.

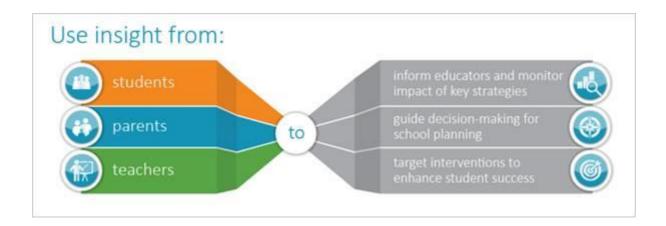
The insights we gain into parent and staff communication, activities and practices at home, and parent voice on the school's support of learning, faith formation and behaviour will build an accurate and timely picture that schools can use for practical improvements.

This is your chance to provide valuable feedback about your school and support school planning and future direction and we welcome your participation, suggestions and comments. The school community will receive findings and proposed actions for improvement following completion of the survey process.

How to access the survey

Parents/carers can access the survey by a link that will soon be supplied by the school. If you have any problems or queries about the survey please contact Mrs Deb Petersen.





Deb Petersen,
Acting Assistant Principal

RE News

<u>Mission Day</u> – This Friday, 18th September, we will host another Mission Day here at St Therese's. These days serve as part of our Social Justice Framework where, as a school community, we aim to educate our children about **Catholic Social Teaching** and the need to look into the world around us and support those most in need. The focus of this year's program will be Cambodia. Between lunch & recess on Friday, all the children of St Therese's will participate in watching an online video and complete activities to help deepen their awareness of the plight of many children and life in Cambodia. In addition, they will participate in walking a guided prayer labyrinth in the Main Hall where they will place their **gold coin donation** for the day.

The link below provides further information should you wish to explore and discuss the work of Catholic Mission with your children at home:

https://wmm2020.cm.org.au/index.html





2020 Mission Month

Luke Smith, Religious Education Coordinator



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 Thankful and Giving**:

School Spirit Award for demonstrating CARE AND COMPASSION by being Thankful & Giving.							
K	Isabella G	K	Larz G	K	Benjamin C		
N	Ellie J	W	Amelia M	L	Ayla P		
1N	Noah B	1W	Dolcie D	1	Chase M		
	Maeve H		Hugo H	L	Olivia H		
2N	Spencer P	2W	Oliver K	2	Bruno R		
	Tomas V		Zoe O	L	Aria H		
3N	Isaiah S	3W	Harvey L	3	Hope B		
	Maggie B		Jack R	L	Ava G		
4N	Athena W	4W	Robbie S	4	Sophie G		
411	Dylan F		Oliver H	L	Luke M		
5N	Buster F	5W	Hannah A	5	James M		
DIN	Gabe W		Knox M	L	Olivia R		
6N	Anika B	6W	Elliot S	6	Saige T		
	Kieran S		Angelina M	L	Lucas M		

Principal Awards

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

KL - Jacob J, Henry B, Louis W, Annika W; **1N** - Georgia P; **1W** - Lachlan S, Tighe C, Max W, Alexi A, Evie T, Josif P, Sam E; **1L** - Mia C, Andrea P; **2W** - Jake M; **2L** - Lachlan C; Eamon D, Isaac M, Alex O, Bruno R; **3N** - Nicholas B, Tully H; **3W** - Spencer B, Poppy W; **3L** - Eloise H, Oscar K, Ivy M, Ruby M, Sophie S, Sienna S; **4N** - Maya F, Ruby D; **4L** - Knox M, Nicholas B; Mollyjane R, Isla R; **5N** - Joshua A; **5L** - Patrick B.

Students who were listed in last week's Newsletter will also receive their award this week.

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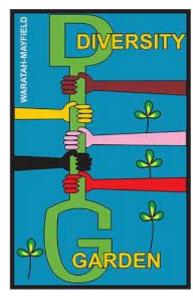
Congratulations and thank you children, for upholding the values and principles of St Therese's.

Janine Schneider Primary Coordinator

Environmental News

1. Join a community garden -

They are operating in Warners Bay, Lambton, Newcastle and Mayfield





OOOH St Nicholas

Our vacation care program is out and we are ready to take your bookings. Booking forms are available on request by emailing newlambton@stnicholasoosh.org.au and are available directly from the service. Remember to book in quickly for our popular excursions. Please note that due to Tree Tops policy regarding ratios we are limited to taking only 8 children 10 years and over on this excursion.

CHRISTINE MORGAN

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2020 Vacation Care

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All the info on the website- see Juniors

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