



Acting Principal's Message

Dear Students, Parents & Carers,

I would like to welcome back all our staff, students and families. Hopefully the spring break allowed everyone to rest and recharge ahead of a busy term. I loved seeing all the smiling faces of the children and parents yesterday at the Burke St gates, as well as when I visited classes to say "hello". While I do enjoy the holidays, I also love coming back to school each term and am always reminded of how lucky I am to be part of this wonderful community.

Return of Mr Duilio Rufo

Mr Rufo will return as Principal of St Therese's in Week 5 of this term, it will be wonderful to have him back in our school community. In the time he was at the Catholic Schools Office, he assisted so many schools to improve their organisation and curriculum. He was a tremendous asset to the Diocese, given his wealth of knowledge and experience. We are indeed fortunate to have such an outstanding leader as Principal of St Therese's. I would personally like to thank the community of St Therese's for all your support over the past year in particular. I would also like to thank the school leadership team and staff for their support through my time as Acting Principal, in particular Mrs Debra Petersen, who has done a wonderful job as Acting Assistant Principal and Mr Luke Smith, our Religious Education Coordinator. Thank you also to Mrs Leanne Kepreotes, for stepping up to the leadership team this year and being a valued member of the team.

Building Works

The school has been a hive of activity throughout the holidays. The two most urgent aspects being the replacement of the stormwater and sewer and the removal of asbestos. Both these have been completed without further incident. Children were greeted with a few changes on the playground. The infant equipment and shade cloth have been removed, as both were very old and worn, additionally these were in the path of where the stormwater and sewer pipes were laid. Asphalt and pine bark have been laid, as temporary measures to ensure safety for staff and students. Throughout the holidays, the school was full of construction workers, trucks and heavy machinery (see the photo attached). The entire build should be completed sometime this term, then we will begin remediation of the back field. I have been speaking to landscape architects and play equipment companies to plan a playground that affords our children the following play spaces;

Dates to Remember

21ST OCT BOOK WEEK

23 OCT FEAST OF ST THERESE

**28TH, 29TH & 30TH LOTUS
FUNDRAISER**

**29TH OCT LAST DAY FOR MANGO
ORDERS VIA
FLEXISCHOOLS**

**6TH NOV REGIONAL TRIALS –
TENNIS & BASKETBALL**

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



- Soccer field
- Open spaces for games and sports
- New play gym equipment
- Designated areas for creative play
- Areas for – handball, hopscotch, giant Chess and Checkers
- Quiet play areas

As part of this planning, I am looking at ground covers that are more robust than turf. Depending on how quickly the building work can be completed, some of this may begin over the Christmas holidays.



Staff News

I would like to congratulate Ms Brianna Polson and her husband Matt, on the happy news that they are expecting their first child next year. Brianna will work till the end of the year and begin her maternity leave at the commencement of Term 1 next year.

Congratulations also to Ms Teresa Sokulsky and John Lambert who were married over the weekend, surrounded by their immediate families. They are now on their honeymoon and Ms Sokulsky will return to school in Week 2. Ms Sokulsky will retain her maiden name at school.

COVID-19

There has been much mentioned in the media about changes to COVID guidelines for schools. St Therese's receives all our advice from the Catholic Schools Office (CSO), in consultation with Catholic Schools NSW (CSNSW) and NSW Health. We continue to follow ALL the guidelines that were in place in Term 3. Further advice will be given to schools later this week, following a meeting with the CSO and CSNSW. After this we will be able to clarify what events such as Year 6 graduation, Orientation, Transition, excursions, carnivals etc. can go ahead and what procedures will be put in place to ensure the safety of everyone.

Tell Them From Me

Last term we sent information regarding a Diocesan-wide survey "Tell Them From Me", that all parents, teachers and students in Years 4-12, have been asked to complete. All students in Years 4-6 completed their survey in Week 10 last term. The survey remains open until 22 October 2020, so I encourage ALL parents to complete this ASAP. Please complete a survey for EACH child you have at St Therese's, from K-6, so if you have 3 children here, then you will complete the survey three times, in relation to each child, the survey takes about 20 minutes to complete. The data will assist the school to ensure that we meet the needs of each child and provide timely assessment and feedback, so that all children continue to grow. If you have not yet completed the survey please go to <http://tellthemfromme.com/nwl2305>. So far only 23 parents have completed the survey, when we have 605 children enrolled at St Therese's.

Kaylene Maretich
Acting Principal

Acting Assistant Principal's Message

Sport days for Term 4

Children need to wear their school sport uniform on the following days. Please ensure your child wears their school hat.

Kinder – Wednesday
Year 1 – Thursday
Year 2 – Wednesday
Year 3 – Tuesday (Wk 1 – 6) Thursday (Wk 7 – 10)
Year 4 – Thursday (Wk 1 – 6) Tuesday (Wk 7 – 10)
Year 5 – Tuesday
Year 6 – 6N Tuesday, 6L Wednesday, 6W Thursday

Deb Petersen,
Acting Assistant Principal

RE News

St Therese's Day - The feast day of St Therese was on the 1st October, however due to school holidays we will celebrate this as a school community next Friday, **23rd October (Week 2)**. Students to wear their regular school uniform.

Sunday Gospel Reflection – The reflection below, by Greg Sunter, is rather fitting as we begin Term 4 with our PBS focus upon **Inclusivity**:

Who you ate with in Jesus' time was very important – it reflected your own status. To share table with people who were regarded as 'lesser' by nature of their lifestyle or illness was seen to lessen the status of other participants. Sharing table was as much a political action as it was a social one. This week's gospel is an important one for understanding Jesus' message of an inclusive kingdom. The king invites all the 'right' people to attend his son's wedding banquet but they shame him by refusing his invitation and murdering his messengers. This would have been an extraordinary action in Jesus' time. An invitation to the table of your social superior would not be rejected lightly. To try to save face and regain some honour, the king sends his servants to bring in people off the street – the poorest and least socially acceptable people. The invitation to the people off the street, 'bad and good alike', is a reflection of Jesus' own attitude to sharing table. Jesus ate with those who were regarded as unworthy: tax collectors, prostitutes and sinners. It was one of the harshest criticisms of Jesus made by the Pharisees and Scribes: 'He eats with tax collectors and sinners!' One of Jesus' strongest messages was about the inclusive nature of the kingdom and he lived it day to day. His inclusive table fellowship was a powerful statement about the fact that the kingdom is an invitation to all – rich and poor alike, regardless of status in this world. This parable highlights the invitation to join in the kingdom of God that has been rejected by the Jewish leaders but taken up by the 'lesser' people of society. The wedding banquet is a metaphor for the kingdom of God.
<https://www.liturgyhelp.com/>

Luke Smith,
Religious Education Coordinator

School Community News

Canteen News

Ice Monys are back for the warmer weather. These ice blocks come in a range of flavours and are 80c.

PBS

Spirit Awards

In Term 4, we will conclude our Positive Behaviour focus through examining the virtue of **INCLUSIVITY**. In doing so, we will look at teaching our children at St Therese's about *Reaching Out to Others*, *Celebrating our Unique Gifts*, and *Accepting Differences*. As we move toward the season of Advent and preparations for Christmas, a time of sadness or loneliness for many, this is the perfect way that we can incorporate Inclusivity into our lives and teach our children how to be caring young Christians. To begin, we focus on teaching our children the importance of *Reaching Out to Others*. How can we teach them to do this? Only by opening their hearts and minds to the plight of others...particularly those less

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fortunate than themselves. With our major social justice initiative, **The Lotus Foundation**, coming up in Week 3, what better time to instil these values in our children!

Principal Awards

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

KN - Santiago P, Amelia S; **KW** – James P; **KL** – Slade M, Sadie S; **2N** – Charlie L; **5N** - Elizabeth W, Elijah M, Philippa A.

Date: Friday 16th October 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

LOTUS

The Year 6 Students have been working very hard to prepare artworks for Lotus. Lotus will be held on the 28th-30th October. The initiative will look a little bit different this year due to COVID-19. All grades from St Therese's will be invited to a gallery walk in the hall, a gold coin donation will be collected. The Year 6 Students will also be selling handmade items in the hall that students are able to purchase during the gallery walk. The school community will be able to view and buy the artworks through an online gallery.

Sport

Dear Parents/Carers

Our students have the opportunity to trial for regional and diocesan representative places in the following summer sports: basketball and tennis. Cricket & softball trials will be held separately next year. Due to Covid regulations, parents will not be allowed to attend trials & will be asked to drop children at the venue without entering. Each of these trials will be subject to following strict Covid safe plans.

Students must be talented and experienced in the chosen sport as this is only for representative trials. Tennis players **MUST** be able to score their own games.

The regional trials will be held early in Term 4 (6th November 2020) to progress to diocesan trials in late November and further in 2021 and are only open to children in years 4 & 5. Parents must also commit to travelling with their child to further trials, if they qualify, in 2021. The Polding trials for 2021 are in Tamworth. Students will be competing against others from both classes and, where selection is close, preference tends to be given to older children.

More specific information will be sent home, dependent on the chosen sport. Regional trials will all be held at a variety of venues in Newcastle early in Term 4 and are subject to change according to Covid restrictions.

If your child would be interested in participating please let me know in which sport ASAP so that we can organise a school trial if required. Students who are successful at the school level will be given paperwork and further information as soon as it is available in Term 4.

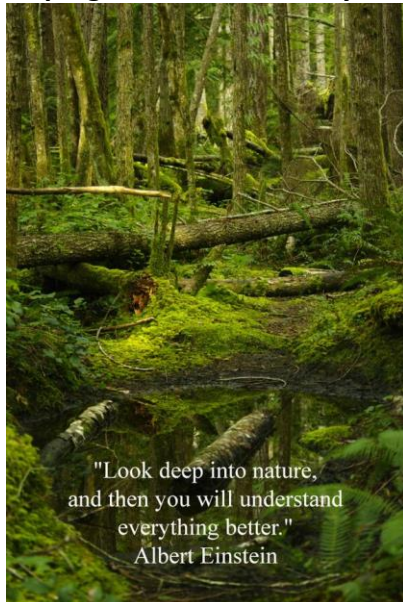
Please email

admin@newlambton.catholic.edu.au attention Leanne Kepreotes with your child's name and preferred sport ie tennis, basketball

Leanne Kepreotes
Coordinator

Environmental News

Unplug at least once a day so that you can enjoy nature and the environment



Library

Book Week – Term 4 Week 2

Theme: *Curious Creatures, Wild Minds*

It will be a different Book Week this year due to COVID restrictions. Although we will not have a parade or book fair, we are asking students to wear a mask, related to the theme, to school on

Wednesday 21 October.

The mask may be as simple or elaborate as you wish. On that day students will enjoy a variety of literature rich activities.



Children can also come "out of uniform", please ensure they are wearing closed-in shoes and t-shirts that cover their shoulders, NO singlet tops. The mask is the focus of the day, however if the mask is part of the outfit children can wear the whole ensemble.

We look forward to capturing images of our curious creatures on the day and sharing them with our school community.

School holidays are a great time to explore books and go 'wild'!

Lynette Barker

Teacher Librarian/Learning Technology Coordinator

For Sale- size 12 Girls summer dress. Brand new. Never worn to school, it has been washed and hem taken up by hand. \$20. Call Renae 0435524848.

OOOH St Nicholas

Good morning everyone and welcome back to school for term 4 2020.

Once again we enjoyed a fun filled vacation care and it was great to be able to take the children on excursions again. We are now in the process of planning our next vacation care program and would welcome any ideas or input you may have.

It's time to start thinking about your before and after school needs for 2021.

1. If you have children currently enrolled at the service and you would like to make any changes to your bookings for 2021 please let us know as soon as you are able.
2. If you have children currently enrolled at the service and have another child starting kindergarten in 2021 please enrol your child **before 31st October 2020 to secure a place.** After this date available spaces will be offered to all children new to the school in 2021. Below is the guide to enrol your kindergarten child for 2021.

How to Enrol:

1. Click [HERE](#)
https://prodadmin.myxplor.com/enrollment_v2/centre/3aZTPBynuEdwNdl3xTgrUQ to go to our online Enrolment form and ensure that the Primary Carer will be claiming CCS and will also be the Carer completing bank details. Complete as many details as possible and remember the more information we have the better we can support your family.
2. Wait for one of our friendly OOSH staff to confirm your enrolment and follow up in regards to bank details and CCS Enrolment.
3. You are ready to make a booking and your family to join us here at OOSH!
4. One enrolment per child

****Please note that to be eligible for the Child Care Subsidy you must provide accurate details on your enrolment form including, valid Parent and Child CRN'S (child care reference numbers) and date of birth. Until this information is provided you will be unable to receive the subsidy and full fees will apply. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.**

Kind regards,

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