



## Acting Principal's Message

Dear Students, Parents & Carers,

Week 5 – half way through Term 4, how time is flying. There has been much discussion about easing of COVID restrictions, I ask all parents/guardians to follow our school recommendations, rather than comparing us to neighbouring schools. We make all our decisions based on advice from the Catholic Schools Office, who in turn is advised by Catholic Schools NSW and NSW Health.

## Kindergarten Orientation

This Thursday, 12 November, we welcome our Kindergarten 2021 children for their Orientation. This will be done very differently to past years. Children will visit in two sessions and will have time in the kindergarten classrooms, as well as being able to meet their buddies. Parents will only be able to stay for 10 minutes to settle their child into school, then we will have a Zoom Orientation for parents, the **ID code is 943 9640 3500** and the password is **414696**. Orientation will commence at 9:30am to allow our current K-6 students to move into their classes and parents time to leave the school surrounds.

## St Pius X Orientation

Last Friday we received notification that St Pius X will hold a modified Orientation morning for all students who are going there for Year 7. The date will be confirmed and Year 6 parents will receive a note via Compass. Students who are attending another high school in 2021 are required to attend school, even though they will not attend the Orientation morning.

## Building Works

It looks like it will be "full steam ahead" this week. Artel are hoping to have much of the new paving in front of the Catherine McAuley Centre laid early this week. This will allow us to open a large section of this area to students for play. The final construction area will be around the elevator and final section of paving to join the current covered pathway to the new paved courtyard. Over the next two weeks, Artel will complete the final touches to all the buildings. Once we receive the Occupation Certificate, we will be able to "move in" to the new buildings.

**Kaylene Maretich**  
**Acting Principal**

## Dates to Remember

10<sup>TH</sup> NOV P & F MEETING

13<sup>TH</sup> NOV YR 6 MILO CRICKET

KINDNESS DAY

20<sup>TH</sup> NOV YR 4 MILO CRICKET

2<sup>ND</sup> DEC AGM FEDERATION OF  
P & F 6.30PM

7<sup>TH</sup> DEC YR 6 GRADUATION  
LITURGY & AWARDS

9<sup>TH</sup>-11<sup>TH</sup> DEC YR 6 CAMP

10<sup>TH</sup> DEC SWIMMING CARNIVAL

16<sup>TH</sup> DEC LAST DAY OF SCHOOL  
& AWARD CEREMONY

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## **Acting Assistant Principal's Message**

### **Sport**

Sporting activities are starting to come back and it is really exciting for our students to be offered some opportunities during this term. Last week students attended the first sporting trials offered since Term 1. Basketball and tennis trials went ahead in Newcastle and I congratulate all the children who attended and those who will now attend the Diocesan Trials later this month. Year 4 and Year 6 students will attend the Central cluster cricket gala days over the next couple of weeks. This gala day has been a huge success in the past and I am sure all students are looking forward to getting active and healthy, whilst having some fun.

With summer sports returning and year-round sport and physical activity still taking place now is a good time to remind the parents/carers of your students the Active Kids program provides two x \$100 vouchers during the year with the second voucher available from July 1 and both vouchers available for use until December 31 2020.

Claim your \$100 Active Kids vouchers for 2020 and redeem with one of our +11,000 providers.

<https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/sectordevelopment/activekids/parents>

Find a provider

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/find-active-kids-provider>

### **Leadership**

As part of the Leadership process I congratulate the students who were elected last week to be the 2021 student Council. I also wanted to personally congratulate all the students in Grade 5 who took themselves out of their comfort zone and presented their 1 minute speech to their peers. This takes courage and from all accounts I heard that the speeches given were of the highest quality. Leadership speeches for School Captains will happen this week. House Colour Captains for sport will be in week 7.

### **Lost Property**

I have cleaned out the lost property boxes again and washed all jumpers and jackets as the rain had caused the clothes to smell. Most jumpers have been returned to their owners and I thank you for having labelled the clothing as it was much easier to find the correct owner. The other item that seems to be collected in the lost property baskets are umbrellas, if your child has misplaced theirs please ask them to go to the end of the Year 6 classrooms and have a look.

### **Kindness Day**

World Kindness Day is an internationally-observed day of kindness that was started in 1998 by the World Kindness Movement. It is held on 13th November every year and has been a part of Australia's Federal School Calendar since 2012. World Kindness Day is all about acceptance, diversity and love. This is done by taking opportunities to perform acts of kindness towards others. These acts may include:

- Complimenting someone on their outfit or hairstyle
- Buying somebody a snack or a hot drink
- Giving somebody a card with a lovely message written inside
- Calling or sending a message to a friend or family member you have not spoken to in a while
- Taking care of a chore or tidying a room for your housemate

Earlier in the year we celebrated Blue day during 'Covid' and home learning and many families sent in photos of some wonderful kind actions that our school community was involved in, I know we are a kind and caring community, so let's spread some happiness and joy to others by participating in Random Acts of Kindness.

### **Family Discount Form**

The family discount form was sent home last week with the eldest child in the family. Please complete and return to ensure you receive the correct discount on next year's fees. If you have a Health Care card, please enquire at the office as there is a new form to be completed for this. I have attached a copy of the family discount form for your convenience.

**Vicki McSpadden**

**Bursar**

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Deb Petersen  
Acting Assistant Principal

## RE News

**Papal Encyclical – ‘Fratelli Tutti’ (Brothers & Sisters All):** This week we continue to explore the teachings of the recent papal encyclical, Fratelli Tutti, concerning Pope Francis’ call to a more universal fraternity and social friendship amongst humanity. The following excerpt, taken from; <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-10/fratelli-tutti-pope-fraternity-social-friendship-short-summary.html> , gives a concise summary of the encyclical's third chapter titled, “Vision of an Open World”:

*The principle of the capacity to love according to “a universal dimension” (see Par 83) is also resumed in the third chapter. In this chapter Francis exhorts us to go “outside’ the self” in order to find “a fuller existence in another” (Par 88), opening ourselves up to the other according to the dynamism of charity which makes us tend toward “universal fulfilment” (Par 95). In the background – the Encyclical recalls – the spiritual stature of a person’s life is measured by love, which always “takes first place” and leads us to seek better for the life of the other, far from all selfishness (Par 92-93). The sense of solidarity and of fraternity begin within the family, which are to be safeguarded and respected in their “primary and vital mission of education” (Par 114).*

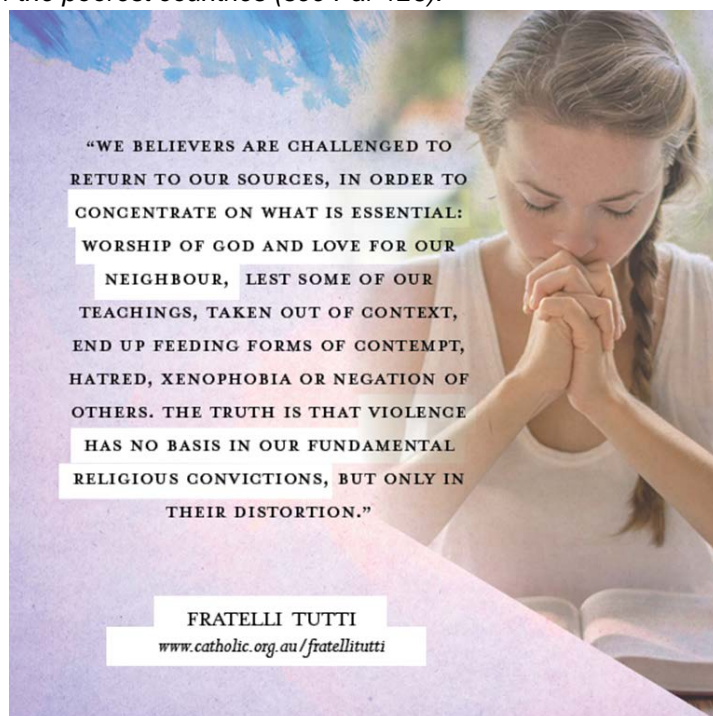
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*The right to live with dignity cannot be denied to anyone, and since rights have no borders, no one can remain excluded, regardless of where they are born (see Par 121). In this perspective, the Pontiff also calls us to consider “an ethics of international relations” (see Par 126), because every country also belongs to foreigners and the goods of the territory cannot be denied to those who are in need and come from another place. Thus, the natural right to private property will be secondary to the principal of the universal destination of created goods (see Par 120). The Encyclical also places specific emphasis on the issue of foreign debt: subject to the principal that it must be paid, it is hoped nonetheless that this does not compromise the growth and subsistence of the poorest countries (see Par 126).*

How timely these words are in the current climate of world politics! Please see the Term 4, Week 1 Newsletter containing links to the full encyclical and other sites which give insight and understanding into its teachings.



## PBS

### School Spirit Awards

This term we are focusing on the value of **Inclusivity**. We congratulate the following students who received the School Spirit Award last week for demonstrating this value by **Accepting Differences Within Others**:

School Spirit Award for demonstrating <b>INCLUSIVITY</b> through <i>Accepting Differences</i> .					
KN	Hamish K	KW	Blake F	KL	Maya C
	Levi M		Larz G		Eloise H
1N	Brodie L	1W	Jack R	1L	Oliver H
	Grace O		Amelia W		Chase M
2N	Trevina M	2W	Anna O	2L	Henry G
	Miller C		Lucas O		Jack T
3N	Jayden C	3W	Olivia L	3L	Oliver R
	Mackenzie P		Josie W		Sienna A
4N	Matisse M	4W	Isla Grace B	4L	Audrey B
	Lucy A		Liliana D		Sophie G
5N	Joshua A	5W	Tavian Q	5L	James D
	Angus L		Jocelyn Y		Willow B
6N	Eva C	6W	Tommy O	6L	Riley M
	Siena S		Lachlan S		Abigail A

This week we continue to instil the value of **Inclusivity** in our children by encouraging them to accept differences within others.

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### Principal Awards

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

**KN** - Hamish K, Alexander P, Bastian T; **KW** - Eliza B, Gabriella S; **KL** - Eden C, Maya C, Olivia M, Louis W, Oliver W; **1W** - Alexi A; Tayla A; **1L** - Grace S, Julien C, Dominic S; **2N** - Noah K, Michael B; **3N** - Emily F, Vivienne B; **3W** - Harvey L; **3L** - Hope B, Sophie G; **4N** - Ella C, Laura M; **4W** - Rhys B; **4L** - Baxter L; **5N** - Harry R, Rhys W; **5L** - Penny M.

**Date: Friday 13th November 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

**Save the bees- don't use chemical pesticides**



### World's Greatest Shave

Samuel P from Year 3 is taking part in the World's Greatest Shave! He has been growing his hair all year and has decided to shave it and raise money to help beat blood cancer. Samuel's goal is to reach \$350. Below is the link you can use if you would like to donate!

<http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/samuelpascoe>

### OOSH St Nicholas

Hello to everyone from St Nicholas OOSH New Lambton,  
Please take note of the following dates that we are operating or closed over the Christmas and New Year period.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – vacation care

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – vacation care

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020 – vacation care

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 – vacation care

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 – closed

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2020 - closed

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January to Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – vacation care

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – closed

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – Before and After School care resumes.

Kind regards

**CHRISTINE MORGAN**

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**Good for Kids** good for life

MOVE AND PLAY EVERY DAY



For their best health, kids aged 5-13 years should aim for:



At least 60 minutes of physical activity each day – the more you huff and puff the better!



Non-educational screen-based activities limited to less than 2 hours each day. In your spare time, move more and sit less.



9-11 hours of uninterrupted sleep each night.

Source: Australian Movement Guidelines; [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au)



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3 November 2020

Dear Principals,

The Federation of P & F Associations will be holding its **2020 Annual General Meeting on 2 December 2020 via Zoom.**

We look forward to this meeting as an opportunity to affirm our commitment to Catholic education and the important role of parents and carers in the partnership that exists between schools, parishes and the broader community.

This meeting will provide all P & F Associations, through their Delegates, an opportunity to vote to recommend the adoption of a new Constitution and an alternate Parent Engagement Group model. Copies of these documents will follow.

The details for this meeting are as follows:

### FEDERATION OF P & F ASSOCIATIONS

#### 2020 Annual General Meeting

Date: 2 December 2020

Time: 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Venue: via Zoom

Zoom link will be sent on 2 December to all those who RSVP to this invitation.

We hope you can join us and seek your **RSVP by 20 November** to the email address below to receive your Zoom link.

Cath Garrett-Jones  
Family Engagement Officer  
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Yours faithfully,

CHERYL MURPHY  
PRESIDENT - FEDERATION OF P & F ASSOCIATIONS

CATH GARRETT-JONES  
FAMILY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER



*Think, Grow, Shine.*



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## Kinder Zoo Trip 2020

Last Friday, Kindergarten went to Hunter Valley Zoo. We had a wonderful time. Highlights included the: lion and white tiger, the meerkats, alligators, kangaroos, koalas, cheetahs and monkeys. We were so proud of how the children conducted themselves - they represented St Therese's proudly. It was such a fun and relaxing day. The children were excited and delighted by every aspect of the day!



*St Therese's P&F*

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For additional product information, including nutritional details, you can visit our supplier; Gingerbread Folk at [www.gingerbreadfolk.com.au](http://www.gingerbreadfolk.com.au)



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