



Acting Principal's Message

Dear Students, Parents & Carers,

Hello to all families! I hope you all had a lovely weekend. I spent the weekend in my garden picking spinach, lettuce, cucumbers, basil and blueberries. It is so satisfying eating produce you grow yourself. In the next few weeks, I will also have tomatoes, beans, eggplant and corn. When I am in my garden, I am reminded of a quote by Audrey Hepburn "To plant a garden, is to believe in tomorrow".

Building Update

The children have enjoyed more playing space, as some of the new paved area outside the Catherine McAuley Centre opened last week. The concrete to remaining areas will be finished this week.

In the next few weeks, Hunter Water will commence works in Burke St, to upgrade the water mains. Currently, the new pipes from the school are larger than the mains under Burke St, as Hunter Water incorrectly advised the engineers of the diameter of the water mains. This upgrade should not affect the school, but may alter traffic slightly on Burke St. All parents will be given notice of any changes to Burke St well in advance, please keep an eye on Compass for further details.

End of Year Celebrations

We are planning our end of year celebrations, and due to COVID guidelines, these will involve only students and staff. All the award ceremonies will be broadcast via live streaming, so parents, grandparents etc. can access these from home. All award ceremonies for Years K-5 will occur on Wednesday 16 December, with each grade having a separate ceremony. The timings of these ceremonies will be published closer to the date.

Kindergarten will be pre-recording the Nativity Play and this will be played at each award ceremony.

While we know this is very different to previous years, we assure you that each ceremony will reflect our St Therese's values, recognise our students and finish an extraordinary year by focusing on the true message of Jesus' birth, as a sign of hope and peace.

Reports

Semester 2 Reports are being finalised by teachers. These will be published in Compass, on **Friday 11 December**. Please ensure you have Compass correctly setup on your mobile phone, PC or iPad. It is

Dates to Remember

**24TH NOV GINGERBREAD HOUSES
ORDERS CLOSE**

25TH NOV BOOK CLUB ORDERS DUE

1ST DEC P & F MEETING 6.30PM

**2ND DEC AGM FEDERATION OF
P & F 6.30PM**

**7TH DEC YR 6 GRADUATION
LITURGY & AWARDS**

9TH-11TH DEC YR 6 CAMP

10TH DEC SWIMMING CARNIVAL

**16TH DEC LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
& AWARD CEREMONY**

28TH JAN FIRST DAY FOR 2021

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recommended that you open the reports on your PC or iPad NOT your mobile phone. All students in Year 6, and those who are leaving St Therese's at the end of the year, will also receive a hardcopy of their report, as Compass currently does not transfer to other schools. Parents of all other years can print a copy of the report from Compass or forward reports via email to family members.

Calling all Rock n' Rollers!! Learn guitar at St Therese's in 2021

Open to years K to 6, students will learn everything from Ed Sheeran, to Post Malone, to Imagine Dragons, to Tones and I, to AC/DC to Morgan Evans, all whilst learning acoustic and electric guitar skills, learning to perform as part of a group and enjoying the excitement and experience of being a real musician with skills that will last a lifetime. All lessons are conducted in groups, based on age and skill level, but also with a big focus on jamming with their mates. If you are interested in your child being involved please email: ricky@rickysmusic tuition.com.au or text **0407 534 944** for more information.

Apologies

Last week, I incorrectly listed Lara D as being on the Student Council for 2021, instead of her sister Chloe D. My apologies Chloe. You and the other members of the Student Council will do a wonderful job of leading the school in 2021 and we are proud of you all.

Kaylene Maretich
Acting Principal

Acting Assistant Principal's Message

Discovering Potential Across all Key Learning Areas

Next year I will be working on a project called "Discovering Potential" which aims to ensure that the potential of a child is realised across all subject areas. That the gifted learner discovers their strengths and *follows their passions*, and that barriers to success are minimised by the availability of opportunities. Next Year the CSO has announced an Art Competition and I am currently looking for students who show talent and passion in the area of Visual Arts. The competition is for Stage 3 students only. Artists are invited to create a work based on the themes found in the Social Justice Statement. Works can be 2 or 3 dimensional no larger than 1 x 1 metres. This information plus a 150 word (maximum) artist statement must accompany the work and be completed before June 19, 2021. Therefore I have plenty of time to get together with some students who this interests and work together to "Discover their Potential". If your child is interested in this project or may like more information please email me debra.petersen@mn.catholic.edu.au.

House Captain Speeches

Today we held the House colour captain speeches for Grade 5. We congratulate all the Year 5 students who said a speech and as the voting was done in the afternoon we will share the names of the 2021 House Colour Captains next week with the school community. This will also end the speeches for the 2021 formal leadership roles. Well done Year 5 students on being mature, resilient and encouraging of each other, you are wonderful children.

Deb Petersen,
Acting Assistant Principal

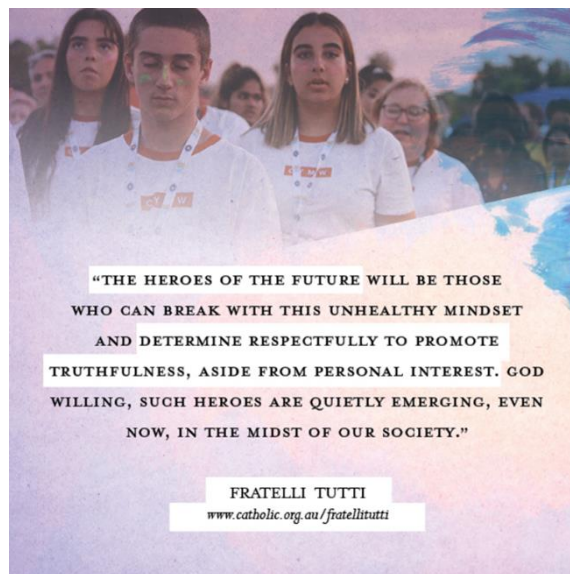
RE News

Assembly Liturgies & Advent – Although Advent does not officially begin until Sunday 29th November and, as a general rule, we usually follow the previous Sunday's Gospel in our assembly liturgies, in order to ensure we cover most of the Advent Gospel themes, we will start our school Advent liturgies during this Friday's Zoom assembly (27th Nov). All grades are currently covering the Advent & Christmas seasons within the curriculum content of Religious Education.

Papal Encyclical – ***'Fratelli Tutti' (Brothers & Sisters All)***: This week we continue to explore the teachings of the 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 fifth chapter titled, ***"A Better Kind of Politics"***.

The theme of the fifth chapter is "A better kind of politics", which represents one of the most valuable forms of charity because it is placed at the service of the common good (see Par 180) and recognizes the importance of people. Better politics is also one that protects work, an "essential dimension of social life". The task of politics, moreover, is to find a solution to all that attacks fundamental human rights, such as social exclusion; the marketing of organs, tissues, weapons and drugs; sexual exploitation; slave labour; terrorism and organized crime. The Pope makes an emphatic appeal to definitively eliminate human trafficking, a "source of shame for humanity", and hunger, which is "criminal" because food is "an inalienable right" (Par 188-189). The politics we need, Francis also underscores, is a politics centred on human dignity and not subjected to finance because "the marketplace, by itself, cannot resolve every problem".

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.



Luke Smith
Religious Coordinator

Family Discount Form

Please complete and return the Family Discount Form to ensure you receive the correct discount on next year's fee. If you have a Health Care Card please enquire at the office as there is a new form to be completed. School fees are due to be finalized for the year. If this is your final year at St Therese's please ensure your fees have been finalized. If you are experiencing financial hardship please contact the school on 49 574 922 to speak to the Principal.

Vicki McSpadden
Bursar

Canteen News - The 2021 canteen roster is now in development. If you:

- are currently on the roster but will not be available to volunteer in 2021, can you please let me know by the end of November.
- will be leaving the school next year, please let me know by the end of November.
- are on the current roster and are happy to volunteer again in 2021, you don't need to do anything. I will keep you on the same day with the same people.

I can be contacted on 0447 509 968.

Also, a reminder that the canteen will be closed for lunch orders on the last day of school, Wednesday 16th December. We will still be selling ice blocks at lunch time - just no lunch orders.

Thanks.

Belinda Palmer
Canteen Supervisor

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St Therese's P&F Gingerbread House fundraiser 2020

Orders for gingerbread houses close tonight. They come in three flavours gingerbread, chocolate and gluten free gingerbread. They are delicious and lots of fun to decorate with kids. Thanks in advance for supporting our school.

Vinnies Christmas Food Appeal

It is that time of the year again when Mini Vinnies is asking for your assistance in helping others. Our Christmas Appeal begins this week. Each grade is asked to bring food items allocated to their year group. Students will bring 1-2 food items each that can be donated to the St Vincent de Paul Society, who will make up parcels for the needy in our community. Please help us to help those who are not as fortunate as we are. The Christmas Appeal donations will be collected on Wednesday and Friday each week by the members of Mini Vinnies up until the Thursday of Week 8, 3rd December. More information will be given to your child's grade regarding requested items.

Thank you for your support,
Year 5 Mini Vinnies

Kinder – sweet biscuits, fruit cakes
Year 1 – lollies, cordial
Year 2 – breakfast cereals, long life milk
Year 3 – chips, crackers

Year 4 - tinned fruit & vegetables
Year 5 - cake mixes, spreads
Year 6 - savoury biscuits, spreads

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 **Celebrating the Unique Gifts of Others**:

School Spirit Award for demonstrating INCLUSIVITY through <i>Celebrating the Unique Gifts of Others</i> .					
KN	Mia D Talulah A	KW	Harry D Noah M	KL	Jacob J Joshua P
1N	Ben W Harper S	1W	Tighe C Brooklyn L	1L	Phoebe B Milla C
2N	Zoey D Brock H	2W	Jake M Annabel R	2L	Nash Q Mia S
3N	Oliver M Tilly C	3W	Rose H Blythe P	3L	Olivia M Sebastian S
4N	Hugo D Myles H	4W	Toby E Eli A	4L	Keana C Matilda K
5N	Sarah R Max T	5W	Tyler B Ella T	5L	Kingston G Penny M
6N	Jake R Taj R	6W	Gus F Jasper A	6L	Lucinda M Liam W

This week we continue to instil the value of **Inclusivity** in our children by encouraging them to **celebrate the unique gifts of others**.

Principal Awards

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

KN – Jake H, Amelia G, Mia D; **1W** – Maria B, Amelia H, Amelia W, Stella R, Dolcie D; **1L** – Olivia H; Dominic S; **2N** – Charlie T; **3N** – Liam B, Oliver M, Ada N, Archie C; Mackenzie S; **3W** – Casper H; **4L** – Isla R, Fletcher C; **5N** – George H, Felicity R, Max T, Cooper C; **5W** – Poppy C, Charlotte L, Daniel J; **6N** – Sil B, Noah C, Wil G, Arielle R

Date: Friday 27th 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

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Sport

We would like to wish the following students success in their Diocesan Trials next Friday 27th November 2020

Basketball Diocesan:

Harrison R

Sean D

Oscar M

James D

Tyler B

Tennis Diocesan:

Dylan F

Marni B

Taylah Y

Hanna A

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER FROM BOOK CLUB 2020



BOOK CLUB: Only 30 days until Christmas!!!

Closing date for orders is TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY 25th NOVEMBER

Books make wonderful stocking fillers and gifts for nieces, nephews and friends.

As Issue 8 is the last Book Club for the year, no late orders can be accepted through the school.

Please note: Parents who order through LOOP online from Friday 27th November will be offered a home delivery option for a fee.

Do not miss out!

Library pick-up is always available for discreet orders such as Christmas, birthdays, 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.

Environmental News

Join an environmental group and volunteer



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>

Dress for Success

Our charity is holding a pop-up clothing sale in December at the 1st New Lambton Scout Hall and I wondered if this might be something you could share amongst your STPS families. The event will be COVIDsafe and all proceeds will go to helping local women in need.

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 17th December 2020 – vacation care

Friday 18th December 2020 – vacation care

Monday 21st December 2020 – vacation care

Tuesday 22nd December 2020 – vacation care

Wednesday 23rd December 2020 – closed

Thursday 24th December 2020 - closed

Monday 4th January to Monday 25th January 2021 – vacation care

Tuesday 26th January 2021 – closed

Wednesday 27th January 2021 – Before and After School care resumes.

Kind regards

CHRISTINE MORGAN

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St Therese's P&F

GINGERBREAD HOUSE

Take-home decorating kit

\$35 PER KIT

Includes: Gingerbread house kit, baseboard, piping bag with icing in it, cellophane and ribbon.

Flavours: Gingerbread, Gluten Free Gingerbread, Chocolate

ORDERS CLOSE TUES 24TH NOVEMBER 2020
www.flexischools.com.au

Delivery is expected no later than 10th December. The kits will then be distributed to the students to take home.

For additional product information, including nutritional details, you can visit our supplier;
Gingerbread Folk at
www.gingerbreadfolk.com.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

Good for Kids good for life

TRADITIONAL INDIGENOUS GAMES



'kal-ka-doon kee-an'

All school-age groups (K-12)

Background

In areas of north Queensland, a game of throwing skill was played. A large bone, such as an emu shinbone, with twine attached to it was thrown in to a pit or hole.

Short description

The game involves throwing a ball into a small bin target as many times as possible.

Equipment

- Use 'foxtail' or a tennis ball in a stocking (or long football sock) as the bone.
- Use a large plastic bin or hoop as the pit or hole.

Game play and basic rules

- Play singly or in groups of two to four players.
- Players line up behind one another in their groups.
- Players hold the foxtail a short distance away from the ball and take it in turns to attempt to throw the foxtail ball in to the bin or hoop from 3-5 metres away.
- To avoid interference, the player throwing the foxtail is 2 metres in front of the rest of the line of players (mark a line for this)
- As an extra challenge, the balls are held further down the tail.

Scoring

- Players can keep score of successful throw for a set time (2-3 minutes) or set number of turns (four to six).
- If using a hoop, score one point if the foxtail touches or bounces in and out of the hoop, and two points if it stays in the hoop.

Source: Yulunga Traditional Indigenous Games, Sport Australia



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Local Health District

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<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>