



Principal's Message

Dear Parents

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all my staff to wish our families a safe, happy and Holy Easter.

I invite you all to join the wider community of Blackbutt North to celebrate the Triduum of Good Friday through to Easter Sunday. As you all know last Sunday we celebrated Palm Sunday.

My deep gratitude to our very generous parent body who have once again been extremely generous in donating to our Easter egg drive.

After what has been a very busy term, bad weather included, I would like to thank all my staff for their commitment to the children and wish them a restful Easter break.

Tour de Cure

Last Friday the students were very excited to welcome a contingent of riders from the Cure de Tour fundraising cycle event. Our own Coulthard family were especially proud to welcome the riders as their dad Todd led the peloton. We presented a cheque for \$800.00 that was raised last year. Photo attached on last page of Newsletter.

2022 Enrolments

If you or someone you know is looking to enrol their child into St Therese's for 2022 enrolments have now opened. Please ring 49574922 or email for an enrolment package.

Mini Vinnies Easter Giving

This week our Mini Vinnies children gifted to a local women's refuge items of personal care as well as Easter Chocolates and also sent handmade Easter cards to a local nursing home. These initiatives show the children how to "make Jesus real" in their lives and the lives of people they don't even know. I'm very proud of these young people.

Please see below a lovely note we received to thank everyone.

Duilio Rufo
Principal

Dates to Remember

**30 MAR BRETT LEE CYBERSAFETY
ONLINE 6.30PM**

**1 APR HOLY THURSDAY – LAST
DAY OF TERM 1
STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**19TH APR PUPIL FREE – STAFF
DEVELOPMENT DAY**

**20TH APR FIRST DAY FOR
STUDENTS**

21 APR DIO TOUCH TRIALS

27 APR DIO CROSS COUNTRY

**4 MAY P & F MEETING
BLUES 9'S RUGBY
LEAGUE**

11 MAY NAPLAN TESTING



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Dear Mini Vinnies,

Trisha House would like to thank you for your beautiful donations yesterday.

At present we have 7 women and 2 children who will be receiving your gifts, unless we have more clients arrive before Easter.

The gifts you all have given will make such a difference to their weekend, it will give them something to smile about and make them feel loved.

We appreciate you all so much for thinking of others. We hope you all have a wonderful Easter.

Thank you!



Regards,

Fallahn Campton



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Assistant Principal's Message

This is the final week of Term 1, and it has just flown by. I would like the opportunity to wish you all a happy and holy Easter weekend and I hope all our students and staff have a restful holiday.

Easter Hampers

Yesterday, our school captains, George H and Philippa A, and I delivered the Easter Hampers to the John Hunter Children's Hospital and Ronald McDonald House. I would like to thank all our wonderful families for the donations we received. We were able to deliver a box of Easter treats to each of the five paediatric wards as well as the paediatric Emergency Department as well as Easter gift bags for the 16 family rooms at Ronald McDonald House. We also delivered seven staff packs to each ward and Ronald McDonald House. The staff were overwhelmed at the generosity of the St Therese's community and wanted me to pass on their sincerest thanks and appreciation. I am so proud of this beautiful community that I always feel privileged to be a part of.



Easter Hats

All the children have had a great time making Easter hats in class. You will be able to view all the hats, using the link below. All hats will be uploaded by **Tuesday 30 March at 5:00pm**. We hope you enjoy the creativity of our students and teachers.

[Easter Celebrations \(weebly.com\)](https://www.stthereses.school.nz/easter-celebrations)



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WWCC

There were a number of changes made to the WWCC procedures at the start of the year and some volunteers may no longer be covered. Parents/Guardians who have not completed a new WWCC this year, are asked to contact the office, to check whether you are still covered to volunteer at the school.

Kosi Challenge - Oliver M

On Saturday 13th March, Oliver M (4W) took part in the Kosi Challenge. It is an event organised by Rare Cancers Australia to raise money for people whose lives have been impacted by a rare cancer diagnosis. As part of the challenge Ollie walked from the very base of Mount Kosciusko at Thredbo to the very top and back down to 'Eagles Nest' where he took the last part of the journey to the bottom via chair lift, a round trip of approximately 15km. Ollie completed the challenge despite the very difficult conditions - howling wind and freezing cold - and despite his fatigue. He really pushed through his limits - the experience was a great example of how we can find strength to keep going even when it seems impossibly hard. Ollie raised over \$1,700.00 for Rare Cancers Australia through his very generous family and friend connections including some lovely St Therese's parents. Well done Ollie, we are so proud of you.



Kaylene Maretich
Assistant Principal

RE News

Mission Day & Project Compassion Thanks – I was completely overwhelmed by the generosity of our community's response to Mission Day & the collection of Project Compassion boxes last Friday. **To date we have counted over \$1200!** We have many more boxes to open and count, however, it is still not too late for you to deliver your Project Compassion box to the office before the end of term. Caritas Australia and the many people they support locally and internationally will benefit greatly from your generous contributions! Thank you also for instilling in your children and teaching them the importance of faith coming to life through Social Justice Initiatives.



Young Voices Awards 2021 – Formerly known as the Young Journalist Awards, this is an initiative led by Australian Catholics in conjunction with Australian Catholic University (ANU). The link below provides more information, however, it is open to any of our Year 5 & 6 students who want to report on an issue that inspires them. The entry can be in the form of a written piece, photography, a podcast, or a film. There are prizes for winners, along with having their work published. Please see the link for more details:

<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/article.aspx?aeid=38218>



Parish News – Please see the attached Parish Bulletin for all of the latest parish news including Mass times and information on the events of Holy Week.

Holy Week & Easter – I love this time of year! From a seasonal perspective, I love the autumn weather, the cooler nights and the improved swell for surfing. It is also a nice time of year to stop and rest after an often hectic start and to spend time with family. However, most importantly all of these things seem to combine and converge, helping me reflect upon the Easter message. I feel blessed to have walked the journey of my life so far with amazing people; family, friends and mentors. Many of these people have helped guide and influence me (knowingly or otherwise) in my spiritual journey & faith life. One big lesson is: Life is not always easy. It can be messy, complex, painful, disappointing and filled with uncertainty.

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Yet the Paschal Mystery: the life, death & resurrection of our saviour Jesus Christ shows us both the pattern and pathway through. When we can carry and bear our crosses, even unto death (metaphorically & in an ego sense), we give permission to be reborn, to be resurrected. In this way, the Christian life and path really means that, **the way down is the only way to go up!** Yet how often we resist and struggle against this reality. When we refuse to die, we are really refusing God's greatest gift and grace...to transform us into someone new, someone stronger, someone more loving and beyond what we could ever imagine.

May you go gently this Easter and whatever situation you currently find yourself in, may you lay your sufferings and sorrows trustingly at the foot of the cross for our tender and loving God to transform them. Happy Easter everyone!



Luke Smith
Religious Education Coordinator

PBS – School Spirit Awards

This term we have focused on the value of **Respect**. We congratulate the following children for receiving the PBS School Spirit Award for demonstrating **RESPECT** through *using self-discipline*:

School Spirit Award demonstrating RESPECT through using self-discipline.					
KN	Roman H	KW	Henry W	KL	Madeleine H
	Xavier S		Amelia E		Audrey L
1N	Ellie J	1W	Slade M	1L	Archie S
	Louis W		Annika W		Joshua P
2N	Brianna H	2W	Liam E	2L	William F
	Sam E		Francesca R		Mason S
3N	Annabel R	3W	Charlie L	3L	Anna P
	Malia W		Phoebe M		Rosie S
4N	Oliver S	4W	Oliver M	4L	Mackenzie S
	Anna V		Eva F		Sebastian S
5N	Luka M	5W	Isla Grace B	5L	Luke M
	Wil S		Maya F		Charlie K
6N	Nicholas B	6W	Jack C	6L	Tayla G
	Harrison R		Dylan S		Chloe D

Principal Awards

Due to Friday being a public holiday, there will be no Zoom School Assembly this week. Any students who are due to receive a Principal's Award will receive their award at the first school assembly next term.

Janine Schneider
Primary Coordinator

School Community News

School Fees

Thank you to those parents who have completed and returned the School fees payment frequency form. Parents are asked to have this to the office by 31.3.21 (see attachment to this newsletter) Payment frequency options are available to suit parents/carers with the aim of having all fees paid by 30 November. Options for payment include BPAY, direct debit and credit card.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties please contact the office to organise a meeting with the Principal on 4957 4922.

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For those families who have a Health Care Card, please ensure you contact the office to receive the correct paperwork for the tuition fee reduction by 31.3.21.

Late Students

Dear Parents

It is important if your child is late that parents come into the office to sign them in through the kiosk. This time stamps the roll and maintains accurate records. If your child is away, you need to log onto Compass to add a note to explain the absence.

Private Service Providers – New Conditions

Parents who engage contractors to provide services (eg OT, Speech, Rickys guitar, Lillians Piano, Howard Ward Band, Chess, Drama Club) to their children onsite at St Therese's need to complete the attached Contractors application form for 3rd Party Contractors and submit it to the admin office. If you have any questions please call the administration office on 4957 4922.

Vicki McSpadden

Bursar

Entertainment Membership:

Entertainment memberships are expiring soon with school holidays fast approaching what a better way to entertain the children than using the vouchers. Spread the word memberships can be purchased by anyone – family, friends, neighbours just give them the link to the online payment process to start saving now. For orders, please follow the link: <https://www.entbook.com.au/340x66> Any questions please call Donna on 0425 342 924.

Sports News

What an amazingly pleasing way to wrap a very busy Term in sport. We have had so much success in the majority of sports and events!

On 22nd March Tyler B competed at Polding Swimming. Tyler swam amazingly and came second in his heat! Narrowly missing a spot for State Championships.

Our Diocesan Cricket trials, Patrick D and Emily C both made it through to Polding.

From our Diocesan trialling students for Football, Hanna A and Angus G have made it through to Polding. Further from those who trialled for Diocesan Rugby League, Patrick D has made it through for Polding also.

Cross Country

The cross country was held yesterday under sunny skies. The results and information will be communicated later this week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parent volunteers on the day: Dylan's S (Year 6), Gracie and Noah B's dad and Isla and Archer's mum for their amazing support in helping to run a successful event. Mr Breen was outstanding in organising this event.



At this stage the Diocesan Cross Country will be held on 27th April.
The Blues 9s Rugby League carnival has been rescheduled for Tuesday 4th May.

Joel Hartcher, Sports Coordinator

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Year 5 Sustainable Houses

The year 5's have been working on a house project with sustainable features. The students had to decide on an environment to design their houses in, the environments were Desert alpine and tropical and the students had to use their knowledge to decide on sustainable feature to include in the house such as: solar panels, sky lights, water tank, bamboo floor boards, stilts for tropical, vegetable farms and more! We were really excited to display our work in the hall for other grades to see our work.



-Ella.Faehndrich 5N



Chess Tournament

Last Friday a group of keen chess players attended a day long tournament at Bishop Tyrell College. We were successful as a team coming third on the day. The top five participants will be going on to the semi finals. We wish them well.



CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at St Therese's Primary School (New Lambton) held on Mondays from **8:10 AM - 9:10 AM**.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can now enrol online:

<https://sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment> and enter the code: **C5EW2G9AFX**

We also welcome new students for one free trial lesson in next two weeks, please e-mail enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au to register. For all enquiries call us on 97451170



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OOSH

Hello to everyone from St Nicholas OOSH New Lambton,
Please see the attached April Vacation Care Program. Please return your booking forms no later than 5pm on Wednesday 31st March 2021.

*Please note that we will be open for care on Monday 19th April for the Pupil Free Day. Opening hours are 7am to 6pm and this can be booked via the Xplor app by choosing the vacation care option. Breakfast and afternoon tea will be provided, please bring morning tea, lunch and a drink bottle. Our no hat no play rule will apply on this day.

CHRISTINE MORGAN

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Mon 5 th April	Tues 6 th April	Wed 7 th April	Thu 8 th April	Fri 9 th April
Breakfast served until 8.30am	Breakfast served until 8.30am	Breakfast served until 8.30am	Breakfast served until 8.30am	Breakfast served until 8.30am
SERVICE CLOSED – PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Travel – Nil	Travel – Digger Bus Depart centre: 9.00am Return to centre: 2.30pm	Travel – Digger Bus Depart centre: 9.00am Return to centre: 1pm	Travel – Nil
SERVICE IS CLOSED FOR THE PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Wheels Day  Bring along your bike, scooter, skateboard or roller skates and ride the circuit with your friends. Don't forget to bring your helmet!	Speers Point Park Excursion There's plenty of fun to be had at Speers Point Park with your friends. Bring along a picnic lunch to enjoy. 	Springloaded Excursion Jump, spring, run and tumble your way through all the trampolines, slides and physical challenges at Springloaded. 	Nerf Battles Incursion Take aim and fire! So much fun to be had battling it out with our friends. 
	Day Camp: \$54.00	Excursion: \$75.00	Excursion: \$75.00	Incursion: \$70.00
	Bring: Drink bottle, morning tea, lunch, closed in shoes & hat.	Bring: Drink bottle, morning tea, lunch, closed in shoes & hat.	Bring: Drink bottle, morning tea, lunch, closed in shoes & hat.	Bring: Drink bottle, morning tea, lunch, closed in shoes & hat.

Mon 12 th April	Tues 13 th April	Wed 14 th April	Thurs 15 th April	Fri 16 th April
Breakfast served until 8.30am	Breakfast served until 8.30am	Breakfast served until 8.30am	Breakfast served until 8.30am	Breakfast served until 8.30am
Travel – Digger Bus Depart centre: 9.00am Return to centre: 2.30pm	Travel – Digger Bus Depart Centre: 8.30am Return to Centre: 12pm	Travel – Nil	Travel – Digger Bus Depart Centre: 11.00am Return to Centre: 2.00pm	Travel – Nil
Speers Point Park Excursion We have had so many requests for this awesome park once just wasn't enough! Come and have some fun at the park with your friends, sliding, swinging, climbing and running. 	Lake Cinema Excursion Join us at the cinema to munch on some yummy popcorn while we watch Tom and Jerry (Rated G) 	Kaleidoscope Science Show Incursion Rockets, fire balls, chemical reactions and more! Be amazed at how much fun science can be. 	Ten Pin Bowling Excursion Have a disco dance while bowling with your friends. Who will get a strike?? 	Remote control vehicle day & pizza Incursion It's a remote control car race! OOSH will provide the vehicles, you just have to race them! Race the tracks and see who comes out the winners!  Sit with friends and enjoy some yummy, yummy pizza for lunch.
Excursion: \$75.00	Excursion: \$75.00	Incursion: \$70.00	Excursion: \$75.00	Incursion: \$70.00
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SCHOOL FEES PAYMENT FREQUENCY FORM

Parents/carers are asked to complete the School Fee Payment Frequency Form by 31 March, nominating how frequently they will pay school fees during the year.

Payment frequency options are available to suit parents/carers with the aim of having all fees paid by 30 November. Options for payment include BPAY, direct debit and credit card.

If paying via a direct debit arrangement please use the CDF Direct Debit Form – this is available for parents/carers to complete here: http://www.cdfmn.com.au/media/5203/32481-cdf_direct-debit-form_20210108.pdf

STUDENT NAME/S	YEAR GROUP
FEE PAYER NAME	
INTENDED PAYMENT METHOD (please tick one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Direct debit	
<input type="checkbox"/> BPAY	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)	
INTENDED PAYMENT FREQUENCY (please tick one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fortnightly	
<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)	



High Performing Students Team

Applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in **2022**

Once you complete and submit your application you must change details receive messages and record decisions through your application portal.

Thinking of applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2022?

You must apply online at:
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>



Key dates

Application site opens:
Tuesday 20 April 2021

Application site closes:
5pm, Friday 7 May 2021
You must apply before this deadline

Test centre advice sent:
Wednesday 7 July 2021

Opportunity Class Placement Test:
Wednesday 21 July 2021

Placement outcome information
released overnight on:
Friday 1 October 2021

**Please read this booklet carefully
before applying.**

Parents* should check the
Department's website at:
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5> regularly
throughout the application and
placement process.

Please check the Department's website
for information before you contact the
Team.

The opportunity class placement process for Year 5 entry
is administered by the High Performing Students Team*.

Contact Details:

High Performing Students Team, NSW Department of Education
Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au
Telephone: 1300 880 367 Telephone Interpreter Service: 131450
Postal Address: GPO Box 33, SYDNEY, NSW 2001
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/159342048077050/>

Please Note:

*In this document, the High Performing
Students Team is referred to as the Team.

Parent is defined under the Education
Act, 1990, as a 'guardian or other person
having custody or care of a child'.





High Performing Students Team

Information bulletin for primary schools

Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in **2022**

Changes to the bulletin

This bulletin contains detailed guidance for provision of school assessment scores. Please read carefully the information on page 7 of this document so you can ensure that the scores you give are most effective.

Note: Even if you have never had applicants before, you need to follow these guidelines as Aurora College now takes rural and remote students (see page 4).

Important dates

Date	Process
Friday 26 March 2021	Application information sent to schools and updated on the Department's website
Tuesday 20 April 2021	Application site opens and parents* apply online
Wednesday 21 April 2021	Advertisements announcing availability of application information in metropolitan, rural and regional newspapers. Advertisements also on Facebook and Twitter
From Wednesday 28 April 2021	Principals access SCOUT for updates on who has applied
Friday 7 May 2021	Application site closes. The closing date for applications will be strictly observed except in areas where there is a shortage of suitable candidates or where the extenuating circumstances affect both parents (if applicable) and are serious and well documented
Tuesday 11 May 2021	Principals' application processing site opens (public schools only)
Friday 28 May 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principals' application processing site closes (public schools only) Non-government principals complete 'Principal's page for provision of school assessment scores' and return it to the High Performing Student Team^A
Wednesday 7 July 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents are sent 'Test authority' letters Test centre advice is sent to public schools
Wednesday 21 July 2021	Opportunity Class Placement Test
Wednesday 28 July 2021	Illness/misadventure requests submitted - within 5 working days of the test date
September 2021	Selection committees meet
Friday 1 October 2021	Parents and schools advised of placement outcome information
Friday 8 October 2021	Appeals submitted to principals
Friday 15 October 2021	Appeals forwarded to the Team with principals' comments
Mid November 2021	Appeals panel meets
Late November 2021	Appeals outcome advised
Late January 2022	Parents of students with accepted offers are sent 'Authority to attend an opportunity class' letters

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