



Principal's Message

Dear Parents

Wow the weather has certainly been horrendous, the rain has caused havoc and here at school the grounds have been greatly impacted. We are now in clean up mode and we are hoping to beautify the grounds. I am aware of the parent team that met recently with Mrs Maretich to discuss what we might do in relation to the grounds and I would like to meet again with that team of parents to further discuss where to and then begin the work.

Unfortunately the large tree in the 'rock garden' has been dropping its branches and after an inspection from the CSO Arborist we have been instructed that it needs to be removed. We are hoping to have it removed on 25th March weather permitting. We will replace this beautiful tree with a mature one ASAP.

Back Playground Mural

This Friday Odette Tonkin mum of Arley, Sage and Bastian will come and speak to staff about the mural that will be painted on the back playground fence. My thanks to Odette and her mother for the organising of this great initiative. Thank you also to the local 'Men's-shed' for assisting with the cutting of the material. A reminder that if you can help out especially with fine paint brushes and newspaper please send these items into school.

Thank you and congratulations to our children who raised over \$500 to support the Blind Society. The money raised will go to supporting the training of guide dogs.



Dates to Remember

24 MAR BOOK CLUB DUE

26 MAR MISSION DAY
TOUR DE CURE

30 MAR BRETT LEE CYBERSAFETY
ONLINE 6.30PM

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

19TH APR FIRST DAY OF TERM 2
EASTER LITURGY

21 APR DIO TOUCH TRIALS

27 APR DIO CROSS COUNTRY

4 MAY P & F MEETING

11 MAY NAPLAN TESTING



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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.

Duilio Rufo
Principal

Assistant Principal's Message

I hope all of you are staying dry and safe. This weekend saw unprecedented rain through large parts of the state. In Port Stephens, this has been the largest rain event since records were started in 1880. Please say a prayer for the thousands of people who have lost their homes, businesses, farm animals and crops. The rain is forecast to last a few more days, so please take care when out and on the roads.

Guide Dog Fundraiser

Thank you to Chloe M, Neelke B, Amelia B, Olivia M & Emily C who raised \$558.25 for the Guide Dogs Foundation, their initial target was \$50-\$70. The girls did an amazing job creating plants, potting kits, jewellery, stress balls and bookmarks to sell at the stall. They were joined by some friends at the stall each day to assist. Thank you also to their parents who supported them through this process and the students that bought from the stall. Our community came together beautifully for this very valuable service, that support those who are vision impaired.



Office of Safeguarding

All children are currently undertaking a unit on protective behaviours in their class. This is done in the last three weeks of each school term. As part of this unit, children will read "My Underpants Rule" which is designed to give children strategies to keep themselves safe. Children are also taught to use the correct terminology for their body parts. Research indicates that when children are empowered to speak up, they are less likely to experience abuse. Parents are encouraged to also refer to the Office of Safeguarding padlets, the link of these are below:

Children in Years K-2 (https://padlet.com/OfficeofSafeguarding/K_2)

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Children in Years 3-6 (https://padlet.com/officeofsafeguardingmn/years3_6)

Kaylene Maretich
Assistant Principal

RE News

Mission Day – Friday 26th March: This Friday will be an out-of-uniform day with a gold coin donation to Caritas' Project Compassion. Children will participate in a range of activities during class from the Caritas resources which will serve to deepen their awareness Catholic Social Teaching and Social Justice Issues.

Thank You! – Last week, many parents of our Year 4 students attended the information & registration evening for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, either in person or via Zoom (we had to set up a last minute option due to the wet weather). Thank you firstly for your flexibility! I also cannot express enough, just how much experiences like this strengthen me in my own faith journey and I hope it did the same for all of you present. As I walked away at the end of the evening, it gave me great comfort to see just how committed so many of you are to embracing the Catholic faith and the desire you have for your children to come to a deeper experience of, and relationship with, God through the sacraments. As a community, we will continue to pray for you and your children as they prepare. I would especially like to thank Mrs Helene O'Neill (Parish-family Liaison Officer) and Ms Therese Jackman (Yr 4 teacher) for their attendance and support at the meeting.



- *More information will continue to be sent out to other Year groups regarding specific dates and registration evenings in due time.*

Welcome! – In other sacramental news, we have something very exciting to share....**Samuel B. (KW) and Oliver B. (4N) will be receiving the Sacrament of Baptism on the 17th April.** Please keep these two boys and their family in your prayers also as they prepare to enter into the life of the Church.

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

Holy Week – Students will participate in the Stations of the Cross on the final day of term, Holy Thursday. This will take place in our Main Hall by rotating through Year groups. On the first day of Term 2, Monday 19th April, we will have the Easter Liturgy. This will be led by students from Year 6 and we would love for you as parents to join in this celebration via Zoom. The details, including times and codes will be sent out prior to this and we will also endeavour to make a recording so that any parents who cannot join in the Zoom can watch at a later date.

Project Compassion – As we move through Lent please remember, wherever possible, to contribute towards Project Compassion as we aspire to "Be More". ***We will be calling for all money from the home Project Compassion boxes to be returned in the final week of school at the end of Lent.***

Luke Smith
Religious Education Coordinator

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PBS – School Spirit Awards

This term we are focusing on the value of **Respect**. We congratulate the following children for receiving the PBS School Spirit Award for demonstrating **RESPECT** through *being considerate of others*:

For the last 2 weeks of the term, we will focus on demonstrating **Respect** through **using self-discipline**. When our children use self-discipline, they can control themselves and make themselves work hard and behave appropriately. Helping our children develop these skills will lead them to live emotionally healthy lives.

Principal Awards

School Spirit Award demonstrating RESPECT by being considerate of others.					
KN	Leo G	KW	Chelsea S	KL	Kurt B
	Logan D		Miller M		Rinoa I
1N	Macy G	1W	Archer R	1L	Mia H
	Tom C		Bella A		Levi M
2N	Mia C	2W	Noah B	2L	Violet H
	Noah F		Lachlan S		Marcus S
3N	Ly M	3W	Mackenzie H	3L	Miller C
	John D		Patrick E		Eloise D
4N	Oliver B	4W	Eliza A	4L	Sofia D
	Mikayla F		Tilly C		Samuel P
5N	Evie M	5W	Dylan F	5L	Ava R
	Nicholas B		Zavier G		Amelia G
6N	Ella T	6W	Joshua A	6L	Poppy C
	Ethan T		Sonny D		James D

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

KN – Bonnie B; **KL** - Madeleine H; **1W** - Olivia M; **3N** - Sophie L; **4W** - Chandler D; **5N** - Amelia B; **5W** - Chloe M, Olivia M; Emily C; **5L** - Neelke B

Date: Friday 26th March **Time:** 2:40pm **ID:** 966 2726 0769 **P/W:** 520331
 Congratulations and thank you children, for upholding the values and principles of St Therese's.

Janine Schneider
 Primary Coordinator

School Community News

School Fees

Thank you to those parents who have competed 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.

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 you 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.

Vicki McSpadden
 Bursar

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BOOK CLUB: Issue 2 orders are due tomorrow WEDNESDAY 24th MARCH

As this is the last order for Term 1, late orders cannot be accepted.

Cash orders can be placed at school or you can order through LOOP @ <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

Harmony and Anti-Bullying Day 19th of March

It was wonderful to so many students wearing orange on Friday to celebrate and recognise Harmony and Anti-Bullying Day. St Therese's students enjoyed learning about different cultures and what Harmony Day is all about, as well as learning about the importance of being kind to each other and strategies to prevent bullying. Below are some images of the classroom doors which were decorated, reflecting the cultures of our classrooms.



Year 4 Writing Group

Mrs Schneider's Year 4 writing group have been working on ideation and visualisation techniques using a visual stimulus. It has been so pleasing to see the efforts and application that have been made by the students. We were very excited about the amazing piece of writing that was jointly constructed, and we would now like to share this with our school community. Thanks to Eloise, Spencer, Poppy, Sienna, Tilly, Mackenzie S, Mackenzie P, Liam, Chandler and Hugh.

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A Day At The Beach

Inside the car felt like a melting pot, the air conditioning was broken and not a car park to be seen. To make matters worse the beach was littered with thousands of people and the water was barely visible. As Jordan stood confused on the hot burning sand as worried strangers approached him and gathered around him. They tried to help him, but he was too emotional to understand. All the strangers were worried but could not help him.

Jordan sat quietly as his thick dark hair blew in the wind. His scrunched, gloomy, miserable face paced up and down the soft wet sand. He was scrambling up and down trying to find his parents.

The shark alarm screamed across the crowds of people as they sprint, splash and scurry to their umbrella's and towels. All of a sudden Jordan's parents realise that he was missing. Their hearts skipped a beat as they frantically searched for their child. They ran to the lifeguard tower screaming with fear. "Please help me I've lost my son!" yelled Mum to the shocked lifeguard.

The black flags crazily flapped in the gusty breeze that indicated to people that the beach had been closed. Jordan sat completely oblivious to what was happening in his surroundings. "Ladies and gentlemen there's a small child wearing a red and white shirt with shorts that is lost on the beach. His name is Jordan. Please keep an eye out for him."

Jordan suddenly started to panic and realised that his Mum and Dad were not around him. Fear began to take over his body and tears rolled down his red sandy cheeks. "There he is!" Mum excitedly screamed as both parents sprinted towards him. Mum's loving cuddle made Jordan feel relieved and safe again. The family day at the beach had proven to be a quite an odd one.

Mrs Schneider's Year 4 writing group

Angela Schneider
Learning Support Teacher

Sports News

Donate Soccer boots



Joel Hartcher
Sports Coordinator

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

NAPLAN Online

Information for students in Years 3 and 5



How can I get ready for NAPLAN Online?

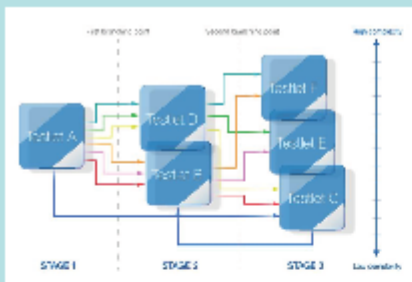
Use the demonstration tests to practise the types of questions and tools available in the NAPLAN Online tests.

Access the demonstration tests here:

www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site

Do I need to touch type?

No. You do not need to be able to touch type to complete the tests.



What is tailored testing?

The test changes depending on your performance in the test. Questions will either get easier or harder based on your answers.

Changes for 2021

Conventions of Language test - a message will appear on your device to let you know you have finished the grammar and punctuation section.

Check your answers before selecting **Next**.

When you select **Next** the spelling section will start and you will not be able to go back to the grammar and punctuation section of the test.



You have finished this section of the test.

After you click **Next**, you will **NOT** be able to view or change your answers.

To check your answers now, click **Back**.

To start the next section, click **Next**.

Questions? Speak with your teacher or visit www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment



NSW Education Standards Authority



Following a recent survey, our parents and carers listed concerns about **Cybersafety** as one of the top three topics they would like more information about.

The **Federation of P & F Associations** has listened and is proud to offer a **FREE** online presentation specifically for parents and carers of students enrolled in Catholic School in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.



We are delighted to announce **BRETT LEE** will present specifically for us on **30th March at 6.30pm**.

Former detective Brett Lee worked as a Queensland Police Officer for 22 years, 16 of which were as a detective in the field of Child Exploitation.

This unprecedented view of the online world enables Brett to view the cyber world through the eyes of a child yet stand back and process the experience with the mind of an adult.

Please join us for an evening with Brett from the comfort of your home.

WHEN: TUESDAY 30th March

TIME: 6.30pm

COST: FREE

PLEASE NOTE - THIS PRESENTATION IS SUITABLE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS ONLY

To register, please click the link below.



<https://event.webinariam.com/register/177/4v4l8fz1>

This presentation will also be available **to those who register** for 5 days following the event.

Please note: To register for this event, your details will be collected by "Internet Safe Education". Further details about Internet Safe Education can be found at:

<https://internetsafeeducation.com/>

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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 – Digpen Bus Depart centre: 9.00am Return to centre: 2.30pm	Travel – Digpen 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: \$75.00
	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 – Digpen Bus Depart centre: 9.00am Return to centre: 2.30pm	Travel – Digpen Bus Depart Centre: 8.30am Return to Centre: 12pm	Travel – Nil	Travel – Digpen 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.  Bring along a picnic lunch.	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
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.	Bring: Drink bottle, morning tea, afternoon tea, closed in shoes & hat.

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SCHOOL FEES PAYMENT FREQUENCY FORM

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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)	

YOUR BUBBLE EDUCATION PRESENTS

BOLD GIRL WORKSHOPS

- 4 hour interactive workshop for girls aged 7 - 11 years old.
Developing confidence with the social and
- emotional capabilities to communicate their needs and personal boundaries.

In this workshop, we give girls the tools
— to feel empowered and confident to take on the world!

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PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**\$69 FOR HALF DAY
WORKSHOP**

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