



## Principal's Message

Dear Parents

Last Week I had the pleasure of attending the local chapter of St Vincent de Paul Society celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the Parish. I was extremely proud of our Mini Vinnie children who attended the evening Mass and represented the school with reverence and pride. The President, Mrs Joy Loas, also commented on how lovely it was to have young people at Mass and in particular, supporting the St Vincent de Paul works. These young people are a shining example of "making Jesus real" here at St Therese's. A special thankyou also for the great work that our teachers, Mrs Anne Sturt, Mrs Naomi Venables and Mrs Trish Aumuller do with the Mini Vinnies. Ms Helene O'Neill, from the Diocese was also an integral part of the evening.



## Year 6 Camp

It was great to hear that all the children had a fabulous time at camp and their behavior and enthusiasm was exemplary. Thank you to the teachers who gave their time to take care of the children at camp

## NAPLAN

The national testing NAPLAN continues this week. So far, it has progressed without too many hitches and any child who needs a catch up test done will be able to do it this week. My thanks to the teachers who have prepared the children extremely well for this test. A special thank you for Ms Deb Petersen for coordinating the roll out at school.

## Staff Professional Development

On Thursday evening this week, staff will be attending a twilight PD session addressing excellence in learning, with a particular focus on Aboriginal Education, Twice Exceptional children and assessment and use of data to enhance learning.

## Dates to Remember

**17-20 MAY NAPLAN TESTING**

**20 MAY POP UP BOOK STORE**

**21 MAY WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL**

**24 MAY PRIMARY ATHLETICS**

**26 MAY DIO RUGBY**

**28 MAY INFANTS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 9.30-11.15**

**9 JUN CONFIRMATION & EUCHARIST  
YR 4 & 5 - 6.30PM**

**10 JUN CONFIRMATION & EUCHARIST  
YR 4 & 5 - 6.30PM**

**14 JUN QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY -  
PUPIL FREE DAY**

**18 JUN MISSION DAY**

**25 JUN LAST DAY OF TERM 2**

**12 JUL STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY - DIDI EDEE**

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



### Kinder Enrolments

We are currently accepting enrolments for 2022 and would ask that if you, or anyone you know, are intending to join the St Therese's community could you please forward the paperwork to our Admin office as soon as possible.

**Duilio Rufo**

**Principal**

## Assistant Principal's Message

### Year 6 Camp

It was an absolute pleasure to take Year 6 to the Collaroy Centre for camp last week. Every child, participated in activities enthusiastically, with some activities being quite daunting – I have yet to tackle the Absailing Wall. While many of the children were nervous at first, they all overcame their fear, their faces showed their joy and pride in themselves. The children's support of their peers and ability to work as a team, was also so heart-warming to observe. The staff at the Collaroy Centre remarked on the children's beautiful manners and overall behaviour. They really were a credit to themselves and the teachers and I were extremely proud of all the children. I know I speak for Mr Smith, Mr Moore, Mrs Anthony and Mrs Griffiths when I say that the teachers had just as much fun as the children.

### Lost Property

Over the weekend I washed 2 baskets of jumpers and jackets that did not have any names on them. These will now be placed in the Second hand Clothing Pool. Please label all your children's belongings: lunch boxes, drink bottles, hats, clothes etc. it is very difficult to return lost items to children if they are unlabelled.

### Continuum of School Improvement External Review (COSI)

The COSI process, in a 6-year cycle involving yearly reviews of different areas of the school, an internal review in year 3 and an external review in year 6. This year, St Therese's will complete the external review. A COSI team of staff comprising of a teacher from each stage, learning support teacher, learning support assistant and clerical staff, have met to review our current focus areas then plan for future directions in Catholic Identity, teaching & learning, management & organisation. On the 7-8 June, a panel of four from the Catholic Schools Office will be at St Therese's to go through the review, observe life at St Therese's and talk to staff, students and parents about their experiences at St Therese's. We are looking for 8-12 parents/guardians to be a part of this process. It will involve a conversation with the CSO review team and will be held at St Therese's. If you would like to be a part of this process please email [kaylene.maretich@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kaylene.maretich@mn.catholic.edu.au), by **Wednesday 19 May 2021**. This conversation will take approximately 1 hour and I hope to organise it at 9:00am or 2:15pm to coincide with drop off and pick up.

### Office of Safeguarding OoSG

Each week in the Newsletter, we will include information, to help parents with ideas to ensure the safety of their children. This information is to assist parents/guardians with issues around safeguarding children. In the media over the weekend, there were many stories about the objectifying of teenagers, through the posting of inappropriate photographs. These photographs may be of inappropriate poses or while wearing revealing clothing, and are often "selfies". In primary aged children, we see posts to TikTok, and similar social media sites, of very suggestive and inappropriate dancing. To protect your child, please ensure they use their device in a public area of your home and you are aware of their online behaviours. We also suggest the following:

- Children do not keep any device in their bedroom overnight where they can be disturbed by notifications
- Parents have the passwords for all social media sites their child has access to
- Children are only using sites that are appropriate for their age group.

For information about appropriate sites for your child to access, please refer to <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>.

**Kaylene Maretich,**  
**Assistant Principal**

## RE News

**Saint Vincent de Paul Mass** – Thank you to the staff, families and students that attended last Thursday evening's Mass in support of our local St Vincent de Paul chapter and its celebration of 50 years of service to our community.

**Confirmation & Holy Communion** – Confirmation & Holy Communion are on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> June. For those families who have not already done so, please contact me to nominate your preferred evening. Please remember to also send in payment for the sacramental books to the front office.



**Laudato Si Week** – 16<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> May is the 6 year anniversary and acknowledgment of Pope Francis' encyclical 'Laudato Si' (Praise be to You). The theme of this year's celebration is **"For we know that things can change."** Please see the link below for a reminder of Pope Francis message and call to action in caring for our common home:

<https://laudatosiweek.org/>

**Luke Smith,**  
Religious Education Coordinator

## PBS – School Spirit Awards

We congratulate the following students on receiving the PBS Spirit Award for demonstrating **Compassion** by *being gentle* to others:

School Spirit Award for demonstrating COMPASSION by being gentle					
<b>KN</b>	Alex M	<b>KW</b>	Evie G	<b>KL</b>	Emily R
	Maggie K		Adelaide K		Archie S
<b>1N</b>	Mason O	<b>1W</b>	Eliza B	<b>1L</b>	Thomas P
	Eden C		Benjamin C		Macey H
<b>2N</b>	Marcus A	<b>2W</b>	Francesca R	<b>2L</b>	Declan O
	Tom L		Grace S		Jerome G
<b>3N</b>	Aria H	<b>3W</b>	Oliver S	<b>3L</b>	Miller C
	Blake K		Mia S		Molly G
<b>4N</b>	Spencer B	<b>4W</b>	Bodhi M	<b>4L</b>	Rosemary C
	Jordy T		Ada N		Lola C
<b>5N</b>	Ayanna M	<b>5W</b>	Keana C	<b>5L</b>	Laura M
	Justin P		Shelby C		Anna G
<b>6N</b>	<b>SCHOOL CAMP</b>	<b>6W</b>	<b>SCHOOL CAMP</b>	<b>6L</b>	<b>SCHOOL CAMP</b>

This week we continue to focus on demonstrating **Compassion** by *being gentle to others*.

## Principal Awards

There will be **no assembly** next Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May due to the Primary Athletics Carnival being held on that day.

The names of students who will be receiving a Principal's Award in Week 7, on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May, will be published in next week's Newsletter.

**Janine Schneider**  
Primary Coordinator



## **School Community News**

### **School Fees Payment Frequency Form**

Thank you to those parents who have returned the school fees payment frequency form. For those families who have yet to send their form in, please complete and return this form.

We remind you that fee payments should have commenced by now and if paying by instalment we ask that accounts are finalised by 30 November 2021. If paying in full please finalise prior to 30 June 2021. Payments can be made via BPay, direct debit or credit card.

For families experiencing financial hardship, or wishing to discuss other payment arrangements please contact the Office.

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

### **Walk Safely to School Day**

This will be held on 21st May, Friday of week 5. Please encourage your children to join staff members in the annual 'Walk safely to School' event. The Active Lifestyle team will be with me to help all students join in and walk from the Adamstown Train Station from 8am to school. Teachers will wear their hi-vis vests and meet students there, ready to set off on our walk at 8:10am. Please do not leave your child at the train station unsupervised.

***Deb Petersen,***  
**Coordinator**

### **St Vincent de Paul 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass**

I was privileged to attend a celebration mass for 50 years of The Vincent de Paul Society in our parish. Many members of our Mini Vinnie's from Year 5 came to support the occasion. It was with thankfulness and admiration Father spoke of the work these volunteers have done, and are continuing to do, for the poor. The mass was followed by a delicious supper which gave many of the children time to meet the hard-working, generous and humble members of our parish. Congratulations!

***Anne Sturt***



### **Vinnies Winter Food Appeal**

It is that time of the year again when Mini Vinnies is asking for your assistance in helping others. Our Winter Appeal begins next 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 Winter Appeal donations will be collected on Wednesday and Friday each week by the members of Mini Vinnies up until Friday Week 9 Term 2 "Pyjama Day." More Information will be given to your child's grade regarding requested items.

Thank you for your support  
Year 5 Mini Vinnies

### Student Fundraising

Thank you to the following children who organised and carried our fundraising activities over the past few weeks.

1. Port Stephens Koala Hospital – Tighe C, Lachlan S, Malia W and Lukas W organised a lolly guessing competition and raised \$150 for the Koala Hospital. Congratulations to Francesca R who won the hand knitted koala and Andrea P who won the jelly bean guessing competition.
2. Cystic Fibrosis Association – Matilda K, Sophia L, Audrey B, Niah S, Isla R and Chloe B raised \$432 selling handmade items such as lolly bags, key chains, tie dyed pillow cases and bracelets.

Thank you to both groups of children, who demonstrated our Mercy Values of Service to Others and Care & Compassion. We are so proud of you!



### Sports News

#### Infants Athletics Carnival

The Infants Athletics Carnival will now be held on our back playground on Friday, 28th May, 9:30-11:15am.

Parents and carers are welcome to come and cheer our little ones along and may stay for a picnic lunch afterwards. You may like to bring a picnic rug or camp chair for comfort!

**Janine Schneider**  
Coordinator

**Primary Athletics Carnival – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May** will be our Primary Age Athletics Carnival. This will take place at the **Fearnley Dawes Athletics Track** in Newcastle West. All primary students will attend the day and compete in the events of shot-putt, long-jump, 100m and 200m. All of those **Year 2 students who were born in 2013** (*those students who have or will turn 8 in 2021*) **will also attend**. The events will **officially commence at 10am**.

**Important:** Please remember, if you wish for your child to compete in the **800m track event**, it will be essential for that section of the note to be returned to the front office **no later than tomorrow - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May**. A Compass Event for these students will need to be created for roll marking purposes and they will require private transport to the track prior to the 8:30am start of this event.

**Luke Smith,**  
Coordinator



## Playgroup

Last week at playgroup, we started learning about different animals, starting with pandas. The children loved making panda faces using paper plates. This week, we'll be doing some giraffe craft. Playgroup is held in the hall from 9:30 to 10:30am, and costs a gold coin donation. Please bring a snack and water bottle, and to reduce our environmental footprint, please try and bring reusable food and drink containers, and/or take any rubbish with you. If you have need any further information, feel free to contact Jo on [0439 435 287](tel:0439435287), or join our St Therese's Playgroup Facebook group.



## Year 6 Fundraising – BBQ and Cake Stall

On behalf of Year 6, I would like to thank all students for donating and buying something at the cake stall last Friday. The money will be going towards 2021's Year 6 yearbook, so that every Year 6 kid will leave St Therese's with a smile and some great memories. We will also be leaving a present for the school to remind you of us. I would also like to thank all the parents and Year 6 children that helped out. Philippa A.

It was a fabulous day to see the whole school come together for the Year 6 cake stall. I loved the different variety of foods donated and the wonderful experience of selling the foods. Chloe D.

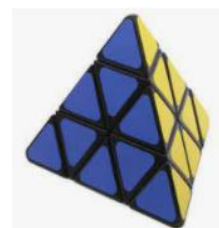
We all had so much fun looking after the cake stall as all the children were very excited when they saw all the beautiful cakes what our parents had donated. It felt nice being a part of the our fundraising activity. Lucinda P.

The Year 6 fundraiser was a great success. It was awesome to see people donating delicious treats and enjoying themselves on the day. I loved helping out at the sausage sizzle assisting the parents distribute lunch. Elizabeth W.



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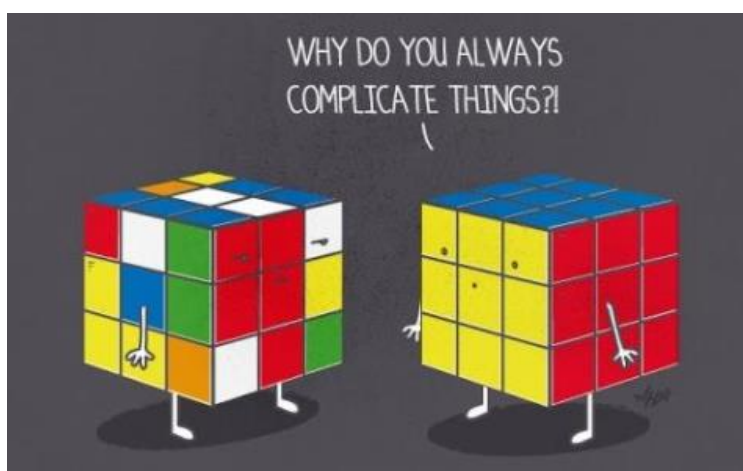


## Speed Cubing Competition!

**St Therese's Primary School, New Lambton** will be hosting a Speed Cubing Competition for the Hunter region on **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 9am-4pm**, in our school hall!

There will be 3x3, 2x2, 4x4 and Pyraminx rounds!  
Any keen speed cubers **of any age** who wish to take part in this exciting competition need to go to the **WCA (World Cubing Association) website and create an account.**

Register quickly so you don't miss out!





## Information Sheet for Parents / Carers

This document provides important information for parents and carers who are considering requesting that NDIS-funded services are delivered to their child while at school.

There are four key steps for parents and carers to follow when seeking to have NDIS-funded services delivered in the school:

- Step 1: ask the school in writing
- Step 2: meet with school staff to discuss details
- Step 3: your school Principal will consider your request
- Step 4: if agreed, the Contractor will need to meet the screening requirements

Catholic schools within the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle and the National Disability Insurance Agency recommend that therapy services funded through a child's NDIS support plan are best delivered outside of school time. This allows the school to focus on teaching your child and all other students and ensures your child does not miss out on important learning. In some cases, however, it may be more suitable for these services to be provided at school.

If this is the case, the school Principal will manage these services in a way that does not affect your child's opportunity to take part in class. It is important that your child does not miss out on important learning and school programs because they are receiving therapy services.

The Principal will also make sure that the school is able to run to benefit all students without undue disruption to learning.

### How to request the service for your child to be provided at school

1. Complete and submit the *Application for a Category 5 Contractor to Provide Services to a Student in a Diocesan School* form to the school.
2. The Principal, or his/her delegate will contact you to organise a meeting to discuss your request. Please note that this may form part of your usual planning meetings with the school in relation to your child's learning and support. You may wish to invite the contractor to the meeting or include them in the discussion.  
NB: Schools will not meet any costs for contractors to attend meetings at school.
3. Bring all relevant documents and information to the meeting. This may include reports from specialists, therapists or, your child's NDIS support plan. The meeting will help the Principal to consider whether providing the service at school will fit with your child's personalised learning and support provisions and the operational arrangements at the school. This might include discussion of the times when the service would be provided.

The Principal will then need time to consider your request. A Contractor will not be able to work in a school before approval has been given by the Principal. If the Principal agrees to the service being delivered at school, the school will advise you.







## Pop-Up Book Store 20 May 2021

Don't forget that our Pop-Up Book Store is **THIS THURSDAY!** We will have a fabulous range of both fiction and non-fiction titles available to purchase.

We warmly welcome parents and carers to join us in the Catherine McAuley centre. A timetable for the day is attached below, though if these times aren't suitable, please feel free to drop in at your convenience.

9.30	Kindergarten	11.00	2W	1.15	4W
9.45	and Year 6	12.00	2L	1.30	4L
10.00	1N	12.15	3N	1.45	5N
10.15	1W	12.30	3W	2.30	5W
10.30	1L	12.45	3L	2.45	5L
10.45	2N	1.00	4N		

We have received requests for extended hours to allow working parents to attend with their children. Thanks to our supplier's flexibility, we will now be opening the doors of the 'bookstore' at 8am. All families are welcome to join us at this time.

If you are unable to make it in person, your child can still purchase books by completing the signed credit card authorisation sent home last week – with a predetermined limit set by you. A copy of this letter will follow in the newsletter.

Unfortunately due to the huge range of titles on offer from The Children's Bookshop, we are unable to offer a complete price list, though the books will reflect independent bookstore pricing. As a guide, this is usually between **\$15-25**.

There will be a small selection of picture books around \$5, and some novels around \$10. We suggest that you select a limit you are happy with, then we will have staff available to help the children select a title within that price range.

We are all very excited to hold our very first bookstore in the Catherine McAuley Centre – and look forward to seeing many of you on Thursday.



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PRIMARY SCHOOL NEW LAMBTON

## POP UP BOOK STORE THURSDAY 20 May



Our beautiful new library is now fully operational and to celebrate our love of books, we are hosting a pop-up book-store in the Catherine McAuley Centre!



In previous years we have had Macleans booksellers run our bookfairs, though unfortunately they are no longer offering this service. To maintain our commitment to supporting small business, we have been lucky enough to secure Paul MacDonald from The Children's Bookstore. In addition to his 20 years of experience in teaching, Paul has won a host of awards for his role in promoting literature. With such a great knowledge base, Paul is certain to deliver a wonderful range of the popular classics along with many beautiful and unique titles.

**With restrictions easing, we are thrilled to invite parents and carers to come along and share in this exciting event for our library.**

The entire school will visit the book-store at the times shown overleaf and will have the opportunity to purchase a book (or bookS!) of their choice. Children wishing to purchase a book should return the following completed credit card authorisation (preferred option) or come to school with cash on Thursday.

In addition to purchasing books for your children, we ask you to consider purchasing a book to gift to the school library collection. We will have a donation table filled with books to benefit our students learning and love of reading. For those visiting the store, you can personally select an item you would like to gift to the school. For those unable to attend but still wishing to help, we can use the credit card details above and select a title at a price you determine.

Maximum to be charged for Donated Books: \$

Donating families will have their names printed onto a bookplate for inclusion in the first few pages of the selected book. Your children will also get first borrowing rights of the title you gift.

Please indicate your preference of how you would like the name to appear:

e.g. Donated by John and Jackie Jones / Donated by the Jones Family / Anonymous

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