



Principal's Message

Dear Parents

COSI Review

Yesterday and today we hosted six members of the Catholic Schools Office who undertook an external review of the school. This team visited classrooms, spoke to a range of people including students, parents and staff to gain an overview of the learning environment here at St Therese's.

The team was extremely pleased with their findings and commended the school on their commitment to learning and the direction of the school in general.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the CSO staff who visited us and also the school's own representatives on the COSI team for all their preparation in anticipation of this review.

In particular, I would like to thank Mrs Maretich and Mr Smith who headed up the school's COSI team

Now that the review has finalized the school will undertake to writing up a new three year strategic plan which I will share with you on its finalization.

Regional Athletics

We have a large number of students who will be attending the Regional Athletics Carnival this week and I wish them all the best with their efforts.

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

Dates to Remember

- 9 JUN CONFIRMATION & EUCHARIST**
YR 4 & 5 - 6.30PM
- BOOK CLUB ORDERS DUE**
- 10 JUN CONFIRMATION & EUCHARIST**
YR 4 & 5 - 6.30PM
- 11 JUN REGIONAL ATHLETICS**
- 14 JUN QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY - PUPIL FREE DAY**
- 18 JUN MISSION DAY – PJ DAY**
- 22 JUN BAND PERFORMANCE**
10.30AM MAIN HALL
- 25 JUN LAST DAY OF TERM 2**
- 12 JUL STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – PUPIL FREE**
- 13 JUL FIRST DAY OF TERM 3**
- 21 JUL ASPIRE**
- 28-29/ JUL SCHOOL PHOTOS**

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Assistant Principal's Message

COSI External Review

Yesterday and today, we have been joined by a team from the Catholic School Office (CSO), to look at life at St Therese's. All schools within our Diocese go through a cyclical review process that occurs over a 6 year period. The CSO uses two documents that help set the strategic planning and School Improvement Plan for schools: The Catholic Identity Improvement Tool (CIIT) and the National Schools Improvement Tool (NSIT). Over the past 6 years, St Therese's have focused on Faith Life, Systematic Curriculum Delivery and Effective Pedagogical Practices. We will continue to focus on these, as well as developing our staff understanding around analysis and discussion of data. I would like to thank the following staff that have been part of our review team over the past two terms: Miss Toscano, Mrs McNeill, Mrs Sturt, Mrs Brymora, Mrs McSpadden, Mrs Lunn & Mr Smith. I would also like to thank the parents, students and staff who participated in the interviews with the CSO Team, and the classes that welcomed the Team into their rooms to see the exciting learning experiences at St Therese's.

The school leadership team and staff will now look at the recommendations of the CSO Team, which will be communicated to parents in due course.

Musical Performances

We are very excited to showcase our musical students in Week 10 as follows:

- Tuesday 22 June at 10:30am – performance by our school band in the School Hall
- Friday 25 June at 2:30pm – performance of the guitar groups in the School Hall

Please join us for either or both of these events, I have heard our musician practising and they are excellent.

Safeguarding our Students

All classes K-6 have engaged in the "Protective Behaviours Unit" as part of their Personal Development and Health lessons. Each term children complete this unit, and the book **My Underpants Rule** by Rod Power is read in all classes. This unit focuses on giving our children the strategies that will ensure they keep themselves safe, in all situations. Part of this process is that teachers and children use the correct terminology for their body parts, which empowers children to feel comfortable talking about their bodies and telling parents and trusted adults if they feel unsafe or are being hurt by others.

Kaylene Maretich,
Assistant Principal

RE News

Confirmation & Holy Communion – Confirmation & Holy Communion take place this week, on the 9th & 10th June, at 6:30pm both evenings. Please continue to pray for these students and families as they undertake the final Sacraments of Initiation. For those families in attendance, ***don't forget that an official photographer will be available from 5:30pm both evenings in the Father Walsh Hall*** to capture this special occasion.

Reconciliation Week – Where to Now?...

Last week we celebrated Reconciliation Week 2021 with a beautiful liturgy during our Monday assembly. We were honoured to have two of our Education Officers from the CSO, Louise Campbell & Craig Duncan, in attendance. As an avid AFL supporter, I personally always love this time of the year too where all games during this round (known as the - Sir Doug Nicholls Round) are preceded by an Acknowledgment of Country, Indigenous culture and contributions, not just to the sport but to Australian culture at large. All of the clubs wear beautifully designed jumpers made especially for this round, the designs of each telling a specific story.

I can't help but get the feeling though, like many similar initiatives – *Laudato Si Week*, *Walk-to-Work* (both are about being better environmental stewards), that occasions like these come and then often drift off into the background until the same time next year. For the sake of peace, healing and so many other benefits to this nation, on this occasion I hope not. In fact, I believe if we were to continue giving greater honour and privilege to the First Nations people and culture of this land, we could solve many other issues that plague contemporary society at the same time, including our current environmental predicament. I want to use this forum over the next few weeks to draw continued attention to Reconciliation and what each one of us can do to take ongoing action.

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I want to begin by exploring further the concept of 'Dadirri'. The excerpt below is taken from the following link:

<http://www.dadirri.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/Dadirri-Inner-Deep-Listening-M-R-Ungunmerr-Bauman-Ref1.pdf>

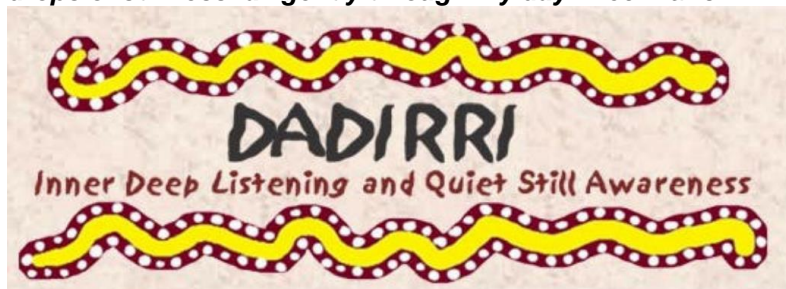
Experiencing Dadirri

Clear a little space as often as you can, to simply sit and look at and listen to the earth and environment that surrounds you.

- Focus on something specific, such as a bird, a blade of grass, a clump of soil, cracked earth, a flower, bush or leaf, a cloud in the sky or a body of water (sea, river, lake...) whatever you can see. Or just **let something find you** be it a leaf, the sound of a bird, the feel of the breeze, the light on a tree trunk. No need to try. Just **wait a while** and let something find you, let it spend time with you. Lie on the earth, the grass, some place. Get to know that little place and let it get to know you- your warmth, feel your pulse, hear your heart beat, know your breathing, your spirit. Just relax and be there, enjoying the time together. Simply be aware of your focus, allowing yourself to be still and silent..., to listen...

Following this quiet time there may be, on occasion, value in giving expression in some way to the experience of this quiet, still listening. You may wish to talk about the experience or journal, write poetry, draw, paint or sing... This needs to be held in balance - **the key to Dadirri is in simply being, rather than in outcomes and activity.**

In greeting each morning, remind yourself of dadirri by blessing yourself with the following... **"Let tiny drops of stillness fall gently through my day"** Noel Davis



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 kind* to others:

School Spirit Award for demonstrating COMPASSION by being kind to others.					
KN	Isabella F	KW	Wren D	KL	Madeleine H
	Mary W		Vann R		Ella C
1N	Macy G	1W	Olivia M	1L	Mabel C
	Jake H		Benjamin C		Santiago P
2N	Brianna H	2W	Ashton S	2L	Leo G
	Chananon T		Harriet O		Mason S
3N	Louie B	3W	Harry N	3L	Jackson R
	Scarlett H		Anna O		Eden H
4N	Anna V	4W	Kye T	4L	Casper H
	Ivy B		Lachlan M		Mackenzie P
5N	Athena W	5W	Isla O	5L	Nicolas C
	Dante S		Rhys B		Santonio P
6N	Ayla D	6W	Lucas A	6L	Patrick D
	Angus G		Zoe L		Phoenix J

For the next 2 weeks we will focus on demonstrating **Compassion** by *being tolerant of others.*

Principal Awards

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There will be **no assembly** next Monday 14th June due to the Public Holiday.

The names of students who will be receiving a Principal's Award in Week 10, on Monday 21st June, will be published in next week's Newsletter.

Janine Schneider
Primary Coordinator

School Community News

Fee Statements

As you are aware we have moved to an annual billing cycle.

School fee statements will be sent out at the end of May. We ask that parents that have not yet returned their Payment Frequency Form please complete and return to the Finance Office as soon as possible (copy available on Compass).

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.

Vicki McSpadden,
Bursar

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 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 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."

Kinder	Baked beans, spaghetti, tinned snacks	Year 4	Cereal, Porridge, biscuits
Year 1	Pasta, Pasta sauce, noodles, tinned soup	Year 5	Spreads – vegemite, jam, honey etc Sauces – bbq, tomato etc
Year 2	Tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, instant pudding	Year 6	Coffee, tea, milo, drinking chocolate
Year 3	Toothpaste, soap, shampoo		

Year 5 Mini Vinnies

Band Performance

Tuesday 22nd June in the Main Hall, 10.30am – 11.15am. All parents, grandparents and carers are invited to enjoy a showcase of tunes from our school band. And highlight our new members and their talents. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Howard Ward, Band Leader

National Reconciliation Week

We learnt about the theme 'More Than A Word, Take Action' via a video and had a rich discussion what our actions would be. We also discussed 'Terra Nullius,' the 1967 referendum and the map of Aboriginal languages. The children were amazing with their interest and knowledge. We also listened to Dreamtime

stories and completed an Aboriginal artwork.

I would like to introduce more Awabakal language into our class routines as the students expressed they would like to learn more of the language.



Sports News

Primary Athletics – At last week's assembly we presented ribbons to the top three places for each event, medals for our age-champions in each category, along with announcing the Champion House colour for 2021. Regrettably, there was a human error and **there should have been a medal for Junior Girls Champion presented to Mia S. of 4N**. This situation was rectified and Mia was acknowledged and presented with her medal at Monday's assembly.

We now wish all of those students competing at the **Central Region Athletics Carnival this Friday 11th June** the very best. Parents, remember private transport arrangements are required for this event where you will meet with **Mr Hartcher** at the gates of the **Fearnley Dawes Athletics Track** to commence the day.

Luke Smith
Coordinator



World Environment Day

Representatives from St Therese's Primary School joined with Rotary and community volunteers for the Throsby Creek Clean Up on World Environment Day last Sunday. Chris May and Therese Jackman worked hard to remove 2 crab nets from the mangroves and several kilograms of soft plastic rubbish and other debris from the site. Hoping next year to have students participate in this wonderful and very relevant community event. The Rotary Club are also generously providing a Magic show for our students with an environmental theme in the coming weeks.

Therese Jackman



OOSH

Dear families,

Please be advised that our June/July 2021 vacation care program and booking request form is now available. Please pick up a copy from the service or email a request to receive one. All booking requests are completed in the order in which they are provided by families and all bookings will be confirmed via email. **Booking confirmations will not start to be sent out until the week beginning 14th June 2021 so please do not be concerned if you do not receive confirmation this week.**

Monday 12th July 2021 is a pupil free day. St Nicholas OOSH New Lambton will be providing care on this day from 7am to 6pm, booking requests for this day can be done via the Xplor app on your phone.

Kind regards,

CHRISTINE MORGAN

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Year 6 Fundraiser

Please see attached Tamburlaine Wine Order Form to raise funds for the Year 6 farewell.

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P & F Brick Facing Fundraiser

Thank you those parents who have purchased a brick, please order now and don't leave it to the last minute as only 3 weeks to go. Remember bricks may be purchased for any current and ex-student of St Therese's so if you attended St Therese's why not purchase a brick for yourself or your family or let other family or friends or neighbours know.

Brick facing is tiles for bricks, they are placed on front of bricks and will keep their place at school forever. This fundraiser is for all Present and Past Students and Teachers who attended St Therese's Primary and by way of remembering their glorious school days by having a plaque with either their family name or child's name on the front with the years they attended the school or the year they left. A memorable way to support your school and forever have your family connected to school. If you wish to purchase a brick or two please purchase them through flexischools. There are three lines per brick and 17 letters only per line. The closing date is: Friday 25th June. On your mobile this fundraiser located under Events.

Frequent asked questions:

Where will it be located at school: On the lift shaft with the school logo above it.

I have a child starting in 2022 may I purchase a tile for them: Yes anyone can purchase a brick for the future sibling coming into the school just write what year they will be finishing.

How many bricks can I purchase: As many as you require for your family

How can past families purchase tiles: They register with Flexischools and for the class choose "Guest". If anyone requires more instructions I can forward to them.

We purchased a brick many years ago where is that located: Yes they are located near the learning centre behind the white gates. Having these bricks on the lift shaft you will be able to see them while walking down from either the infants or canteen direction. They are in full view for everyone to see.

Brick wording: It is totally up to you what you would like added there is no right or wrong way – family surname and years of service on a separate line or individually listing each child, surname of second line and years of service on bottom line. Main thing to remember is three lines per plaque and 17 letters only per line. Yes - they can do apostrophes. These count as a character. Spaces are also a character in that they take the space of a letter.

If you have any more questions please feel free to sms or call Donna on 0425342924.

ST THERESE'S P&F FUNDRAISER 2021

celebrates your school life at St Therese's by purchasing a brick

Buy A Brick

FOR CURRENT / PAST STUDENTS & TEACHERS

The 'commemorative brick' is a facing tile for bricks that will be shown on the bricks of the lift shaft as a permanent display. The facing will include the Student's or Teacher's name or Family name and the year/years of attendance. The brick facing will have a:
maximum 3 lines per paver
maximum 17 characters per line
See examples below.

Dulio Ruto Principal Year 2000-	Sarah and Jack Smith 2013-2021	Jones Family 2010-2019
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Purchase through Flexischools
https://www.flexischools.com.au/FM_Services/api/orders/create/159087
If you don't have a Flexischools account you need to register an account.
Choose "Guests" as the class.

1 brick \$50 | 2 bricks \$95 | 3 bricks \$130

Any questions contact Donna
donnadouglass@gmail.com

CLOSING DATE FRIDAY 25TH JUNE

Rubik's Cube Competition

On Sunday 30th May, St Therese's hosted a Rubik's cube Speed Cubing Competition for the Hunter region, ran by delegates from the World Cubing Association (WCA). Over 60 competitors of all ages from near and far joined our St Therese's community to take part in the competition. It was wonderful to see so many smiling and excited children join in the fun of the day. New personal record times were achieved and new friends with common interests were made. We also raised over \$900 for our school! In November, we will welcome the WCA delegates back to St Therese's for another speed cubing competition!





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)	

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St Therese's Primary Year 6

Fundraiser

Special Offer for this event!
Choose straight cases or mixed dozens.

\$50 donated

from every 12 bottles sold

	RETAIL PRICE	TODAY ONLY	NO. BOTTLES
Au Naturel Preservative Free Sparkling White. Made without sulphur from the vineyard to the bottle. This sparkling Chardonnay displays floral aromas and a crisp, citrus driven palate. V	\$24	\$16	
Scarlett Bubbles (Slightly Sweet) Aromatic sparkling rose with a dash of real raspberry juice. A bit like grand-daughter Scarlett: one of a kind, a little wild and great fun. A festive classic – bring on the party!	\$24	\$16	
2020 Sauvignon Blanc Delicate passionfruit and herbal aromas. Jasmine and ripe citrus on the palate with a refreshing finish. Enjoy at a picnic with an ocean view.	\$24	\$16	
2020 Pinot Gris Fresh and bright granny smith apple with crisp green pear. Some honeysuckle and spice provide lifted aromatics to this delicate drink. Enjoy with seafood, spicy dishes and friends! V	\$24	\$16	
2020 Chardonnay Apple blossom and lemon zest on the nose. Crisp green apple and white nectarine fruits on the palate with vibrant acidity that gives the wine a lively clean finish. V	\$24	\$16	
NV Sweet Phoebe (Sweet) Orange blossom and rose with notes of citrus and honey Named after granddaughter Phoebe. Generous and lots of fun. A true sweetheart by nature.	\$24	\$16	
2021 Petite Fleur Rose Lifted pink grapefruit and rose petal aromatics. Juicy red apple and refreshing citrus, with a clean finish. V	\$24	\$16	
2019 Shiraz Pinot Noir – SOLD OUT Rich strawberry jam and hibiscus aromas and light berries on the palate and herbal, dry finish. The meeting of Shiraz & Pinot Noir: a surprising gentle classic. A summer red just in time for 2020. V	\$24	\$16	SOLD OUT
2019 Grenache Shiraz Malbec (GSM Blend) Deep purple colour with aromas of blackberry, dark plum & red cherry followed by soft spice & gentle tannins. Embark on a delicious journey with Grenache, Shiraz & Malbec. V. <i>Equal Top In Category Winesstate New Release Show</i>	\$24	\$16	
2019 Shiraz Rich cherry characters with a touch of black pepper spice. A new age Shiraz using French oak puncheons. With smooth acidity and gentle tannins, this wine is made to enjoy now. V	\$24	\$16	
2018 Full House A 'Full House' blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Merlot, & Petit Verdot. Cassis, blueberries & flavours of black olive are accompanied by truffle & tobacco from French oak maturation. V.	\$24	\$16	
2017 Noble Riesling 375ml While not the usual variety for dessert styles, this Riesling is an unexpected pleasure which will age beautifully. Fresh and bright tropical fruit aromas and flavours of lime with a sherbet-like acidity. V	\$30	\$30	
Framboise (Raspberry Liqueur) 375ml Rich raspberry jam and orange peel aromas and flavours. Mix with sparkling wine, vodka, chocolate cake, or ice cream.	\$30	\$30	
Aged Liqueur Muscat 375ml Toffee, nuts, orange peel, caramel & raisin flavours that linger. Try on its own, with blue cheese or over dessert.	\$30	\$30	
Freight \$12 per order, Australia-wide		Freight	\$12
		Total	



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