



Principal's Message

Dear Parents

Well we have reached the half way mark of Term 4 in what has been a very challenging year. I'd like to thank each of you for your ongoing support of the school in its endeavours to keep all children and staff safe. The procedures that we have in place seem to be working and your diligence in having your children undertaking COVID testing has been a big step in the right direction. Coincidentally we were "spot audited" at St Therese's today and were found to be operating at above the guidelines and I thank everyone for their efforts.

This week is Wellbeing Week for the children and staff and I would encourage you to "take a breath" and enjoy each others' company. The trying times we have been through have taught us the value of family, friends and kindness.

Next week the children will begin undertaking a series of tests called ACER PAT and these are to help determine where the children are currently at in the areas of English and Maths. The results will help the teachers focus on what the children will need in 2022. These tests are usually undertaken in October/November of every year and the Maitland Diocese asks all schools to administer these tests.

2022 Classes

The teachers are currently finalising classes for 2022 school year. Teachers will make sure that each child has a friend in their class and that they are placed where their needs are best served.

Congratulations

Santiago P (1L) would like to extend his gratitude to the St Therese's Community for the donations and words of encouragement for his Starlight Foundations Tour de kids cycling challenge. Santiago achieved both of his goals, he rode 166km and raised an astounding \$712 for the Starlight Foundation.

We are very proud of his achievement and also his generosity in supporting such a good cause.

Duilio Rufo
Principal

Dates to Remember

10 NOV BOOKCLUB ORDERS DUE

**12 NOV KINDER ORIENTATION/
TRANSITION**

**19 NOV SOCKTOBER
LOTUS**

**2ND DEC DIO BASKBALL & TENNIS
TENNIS TRIALS**

6TH DEC SWIMMING CARNIVAL

15TH DEC YEAR 6 CLAP OUT

LAST DAY OF TERM



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Assistant Principals Message

Welcome to Week 6 – Wellbeing Week. There will be no homework set this week. Spend the evening together on activities that focus on mental health and wellbeing. We will send through some activities via Compass each day for you to try with your child/ren.

Best Wishes for Year 12 HSC

Today the HSC started so I ask that you all keep our Year 12 students in your thoughts and prayers over the next 4 weeks as they complete their HSC. A number of staff at St Therese's, including myself, have children doing Year 12 this year. It has been a turbulent two years for these students, through COVID restrictions and lengthy home learning. The students have learned so much academically to prepare for their final step in their school journey, but they have also learned so much about persistence, grit and resilience. I thank the Year 6 children and teachers for organising "Good Luck" cards for the Year 12 students, I know these cards meant a great deal to Year 12, especially they were the buddies for our Year 6 students when they started kindergarten.

Orientation/Transition

This Friday 12 November we will have a combined Orientation/Transition session for our kindergarten students for 2022. These sessions will begin after all our students are in class and will conclude before afternoon dismissal. Kindergarten 2022 parents will Zoom in with the school's leadership team for an online Orientation session. It certainly is a very different way to do Orientation/Transition, however there are some benefits, such as the ability for families currently living out of the area being able to join us online.

Each year as Orientation approaches, I am reminded how quickly time goes by. I still remember Orientation Day for our current Year 6, who are now getting ready to head off into high school.

Swimming Carnival

We have uploaded the Swimming Carnival onto Compass. For the first time, parents will be able to provide consent for the carnival and select the events your child/ren would like to enter via Compass. **Please note:** the carnival is only for children that will **turn 8 in 2022 and who can swim 50m competitively**. Due to COVID restrictions, no spectators will be permitted. Please follow the instructions below (these have also been uploaded to Compass)

To access the event, go through the following steps:

- Login to Compass on a PC, iPad etc. (you may not have easy access to the event on your mobile phone)
- Click on your child's "Profile" – this is a blue link under their photograph
- At the top of the screen click on the "App Launcher" icon ☰ then "Events"
- You will see a blue link "+1 opt-in event" – click on this
 - The swimming Carnival date will be displayed under your child's photograph

Invited	Due 26/11/2021	\$0.00
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- Click on the ">" to take you to the event
- If your child will NOT be competing, the click "x Decline

Event"

- If your child WILL BE competing, click "Accept Event"
- Once you have accepted the event, you will be taken to the information page
 - Scroll down for the payment slip, that needs to be returned to the school office or via email to admin@newlambton.catholic.edu.au. The cost of this event is \$15/child, the cost in Compass states "\$0.00", as the event cannot be made via Compass
 - Scroll down to Section 2 to enter any additional information regarding your child
 - You may add information already known by the school e.g. allergies, asthma etc.
 - Scroll to Section 3 to select all the events your child would like to enter on the day
- Scroll to Section 4 to provide consent for your child electronically, by entering your name and selecting the GREEN tab "Submit Consent"

The \$15.00 entry fee will need to be paid directly over the phone at the Admin Office.

Kaylene Maretich
Assistant Principal

RE News

Mission Focus – Whilst the past months have been challenging for us all with lockdowns and home learning, we should never forget how hard things have been for many other communities both here and abroad.

Some of the people most effected by COVID-19 are those who had previously depended upon the aide and assistance of donations and external support. As a Catholic community, we remember the heart of our mission is to continue the work of Jesus Christ – reaching out to the poor, the needy and the vulnerable of the world. With this in mind, we invite you all – *as much as possible in your own current circumstances* – to get in behind our upcoming social justice initiatives here at St Therese's.

We still have a great deal to do in support of both the girls in Laos via our LOTUS fundraising and the children of Thailand through this year's Catholic Mission Socktober challenge.

We will have a special school-wide focus on these worthy mission causes over **Thursday 18th & Friday 19th November.**

In the meantime, if you wish to know more or make a donation to **our school 'Socktober' page**, use the link or QR Code below.

We still have a long way to go towards our school goal of \$2,000.



<https://www.socktober.org.au/fundraisers/StTheresesPrimarySchoolNewLambton>



Faith Matters – Some of you may have been reading the weekly 'Faith Matters' bulletin that has been put out each Monday during our period of Home Learning. This will continue to be distributed each Monday via Compass and/or email, so please refer to this for any further Faith formation prayers or reflections.

Please also remember that we will continue to offer an online **Prayer Liturgy & Assembly each Friday afternoon on Zoom at 2:30pm.**

We would love to see as many of our parents possible, reunite with us in this way!

ID: 665 1680 0085

Password: 004617

Luke Smith,
Religious Education Coordinator

Sport News:

You may recall in last week's newsletter, I mentioned that St. Therese's had been fortunate enough to have been selected to participate in a four week Newcastle Jets football program.

From this news, we have learnt that this is not our only recent Newcastle Jets connection. One of St. Therese's very talented footballers, Angus Gray - who had been chosen in our Polding football team – has also been accepted in the Jet's Academy, to participate in the U13s Emerging Jets Team. Please join me in congratulating Angus and his footballing achievements.

Joel Hartcher
PE Teacher

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Year 6 Parents School Fees

In accordance with the Diocesan fee policy, all fees must be paid in full prior to the conclusion of the school year for students to transition into high school. Please ensure you have finalised your school fees by Tuesday 30 November 2021. School fee payments can be made via BPAY (details located on the upper right-hand side of statement) or cash, credit cards or eftpos. Statements were emailed on Monday 8th November. Your prompt attention to these would be appreciated. If you are unable to meet with this request, could you please make urgent contact with Vicki McSpadden in the office on 4957 4922.

Vicki McSpadden
Bursar

PBS Spirit Awards

For the remainder of the term we are focusing on the value of **COURAGE**. School Spirit Awards will be handed out this week to students who demonstrate courage by being honest.

Principal Awards

The following students will receive a Principal's Award at this week's School Assembly:

KL – Florence R, Arnold H, Madeleine H; **1N** – Hamish K; **1W** – Bastian T, Bella A, Benjamin C, Annika W, Elana B, Harry D; **1L** – Talulah A, Mia H, Gabriella S; **2N** – Oscar Y; **2W** – Grace O, Chase M; **3N** – Aria H, Sophie L; **4N** – Aleksander S, Lucy B, Hope B, Ruby T, Olivia M, Tabitha K; **4L** – Archie C, Rosemary C, Olivia L, Sophie M, Marly M, Isaac N, Blyth P, Jack R, Sienna W; **5L** – Amelia G, Lucy A, Matilda K, Ava R, Audrey B, Neelke B, Sophie G, Griffin S.

Congratulations and thank you children, for upholding the values and principles of St Therese's.

Date: Friday 12th November

Time: 2:30pm

If you would like to Zoom in, please use the following Zoom ID and Password:

ID: 665 1680 0085 **P/W:** 004617

Janine Schneider
Primary Coordinator

School Community News

Canteen News

I'm in the process of developing the 2022 roster. If you can help in the canteen once a month for a few hours in the morning, please let me know.

If you are currently on the roster, I will assume you are OK to remain on your current day, so you don't need to do anything. Please let me know if you are no longer able to be on the roster or wish to change days. Also, if you are a year 6 parent and will no longer have children at the school next year, can you please remind me. Thanks so much.

Belinda (0447 509 968)
Canteen Supervisor

A reminder that ICAS Assessments are being attended in week 5 and 6 of Term 4.

Where: Catherine McCauley Centre (@ St Therese's School)

Time: 8am

Test and When:

Digital Technologies: Week 4 Thursday 28th October 2021:

English: Week 5: Wednesday 3rd November 2021

Spelling: Week 5: Thursday 4th November 2021

Science: Week 6: Tuesday 9th November 2021

Mathematics: Week 6: Wednesday 10th November

A Compass Pushout will remind parents the night before each Assessment.

Any queries contact:

Ms Therese Jackman, Primary Coordinator

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P&F Gingerbread Houses 2021

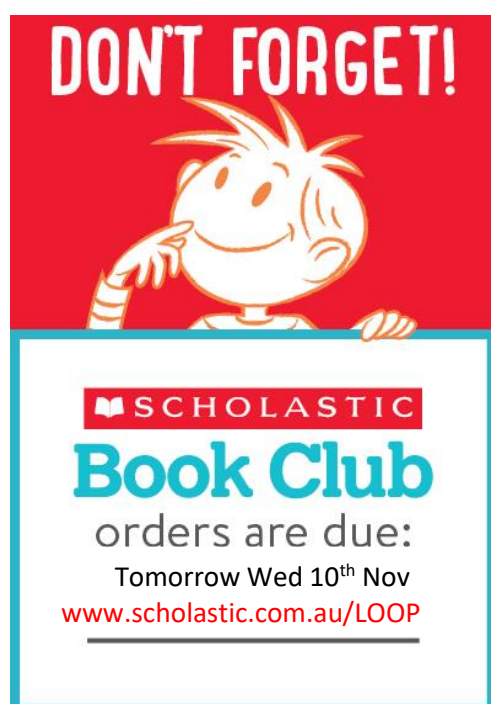
Gingerbread house kits are available to purchase. The kit includes icing, all house parts, baseboard, cellophane to wrap it up and ribbon. Flavours include traditional gingerbread, gluten free gingerbread and chocolate. They can be ordered via flexischools for \$35. Orders close 23 November. See the attached flyer in the newsletter for details.

Mango Fundraiser

Unfortunately the mango fundraiser could not go ahead this year as per the roadmap set out by Catholic Schools NSW as we all return from lockdown and negotiate the return to normal living with covid. All going well, this time next year we can return to this delicious summer fundraiser.

P & F Brick Fundraiser

Thank you to all the parents who purchased a family brick facing we sold 219 brick facings. The school logo and brick facings were supposed to be erected during the September school holidays but due to COVID restrictions this didn't happen but this has now been scheduled for January school holidays. The school logo tiles look fantastic and I can't wait to see it up on the lift shift with all your family names underneath.



NO CASH ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED

Please contact Scholastic Customer Service on 1800 021 233 if you need any help with online ordering.

Grade 5 Leadership Day

Last Thursday Grade 5 spent the day learning about 'Leadership' and what it means to be a student leader here at St Therese's. Mrs Helene O'Neill joined us for the day and the students participated in a number of activities. We spoke about the qualities of good leaders and the qualities that Jesus has shown through the Gospels. The students then heard from the teachers about the four Leadership teams: Environmental, Active Lifestyle, Positive Behaviour Support, Social Justice. Students will soon be electing to give speeches for the roles of Student Council, School Captain and House Colour captain. We wish them all the best during this leadership process.



**Deb Petersen
Coordinator**



2022 SCHOOL FEE INFORMATION FORM

This form is issued per school for ALL your children enrolled in the Maitland Newcastle Diocese. The information on this form is used to raise the annual billing and apply the correct discounts and concessions.

Parents/carers are asked to complete and return this form to school/s per enrolment by **30 November 2021**.

PARENT/CARER NAME/S		
NOMINATED PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR SCHOOL FEES		
ADDRESS		
ACCOUNT EMAIL ADDRESS		
FAMILY STRUCTURE - LIST ALL CHILDREN ENROLLED IN SCHOOLS IN DIOCESE		
STUDENT NAME/S	SCHOOL NAME – STUDENT IS ATTENDING IN 2022	YEAR GROUP
INTENDED PAYMENT METHOD (tick one) Payment frequency options are available to suit parents/carers with the aim of having all fees paid in full by 30 November 2022 . If you are wishing to establish a direct debit please click here for School Direct Debit Authority (CDF). If you are wishing to change an existing direct debit authority, please contact the school office.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Bpay	<input type="checkbox"/> Direct debit	<input type="checkbox"/> Direct over the counter at school
INTENDED PAYMENT FREQUENCY (tick one) School Fee Payments must commence by 31 March 2022 .		
<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> Fortnightly	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> In Full by 30/06/2022
FEE CONCESSION (tick one) Please contact the school office for applicable form.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Care Card Holder	<input type="checkbox"/> Pensioner Card Holder	
DIOCESAN PASTORAL CONTRIBUTION (tick one) This is a voluntary contribution to support initiatives of the Pastoral Ministries within the Diocese.		
<input type="checkbox"/> I elect to pay \$300.00	<input type="checkbox"/> I elect not to pay	<input type="checkbox"/> I wish to contribute \$
FEE PAYER'S SIGNATURE		DATE



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 23RD NOVEMBER 2021

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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