



Principal's Message

Dear Parents

Last week we acknowledged and supported the LOTUS Foundation, Socktober and our Patron Saint St Therese. I would like to thank all those involved in making these events such a success, not only from a fiscal point of view, but more importantly from a social and pastoral perspective. I believe in this day of technology and affluence that it is vital that our children are given the opportunity to learn about others and to be involved in giving rather than just "getting". Socktober has raised approximately \$1,000 which will go to Catholic Missions. The LOTUS fundraiser including the raffle and handmade gifts for sale at school has raised over \$5,000. This has been a very generous response by you, the parents, in what are difficult times for many families.

COVID Restrictions

With the easing of restrictions we will now look at what can and cannot be done in relation to Graduation and End of Year Assembly. Once we have been informed by the CSO I will forward that update to you as soon as practicable.

Staffing 2022

Due to a number of changes and the fact that we are still interviewing for positions for next year I am unable to confirm classes/teachers at this stage. When the process has been finalised I will pass this information along.

Today we welcomed Michelle Fields who will be filling the position of Library Assistant being vacated by Mrs Jen Boyko after 28 years. Michelle is looking forward to joining the St Therese's family.

Mini Vinnies Christmas Appeal

You will read further in the Newsletter details regarding the Mini Vinnies initiative of the Christmas Appeal for donated foodstuffs to go to those families less fortunate than us. I would ask you to support this very important appeal with your usual generosity.

Duilio Rufo
Principal

Dates to Remember

24TH NOV YEAR 6 VISIT TO ST PIUS

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2ND DEC DIO BASKBALL & TENNIS TRIALS

6TH DEC SWIMMING CARNIVAL

7TH DEC YEAR 6 GRADUATION LITURGY AWARDS

10TH DEC REPORTS AVAILABLE ON COMPASS 4PM

15TH DEC YEAR 6 CLAP OUT

LAST DAY OF TERM

1ST FEB YEARS 1 – 6 RETURN TO SCHOOL

3RD FEB KINDER FIRST DAY

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Assistant Principals Message

Reports

Reports will be sent out via Compass on **Friday 10 December after 4:00pm**. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the school so alternative arrangements can be made. Please remember, reports should be accessed on Compass via a PC or iPad. Mobile phone do not effectively support the downloading of the reports.

Classes for 2022

Class lists have been finalised for 2022. I thank all the teachers and learning support staff for the careful consideration that give to a child's class placement. Many factors are taken into account such as, friendships, learning styles, academic and social/emotional considerations. Children will visit with the 2022 class and teacher on Monday 13 December from 2:30 – 3:00pm. 2022 classes will be released with the reports.

End of Year Events

Due to COVID restrictions, regular end of year events will be modified.

- Year 6 Liturgy and Graduation – a note will be sent to all Year 6 parents and guardians by tomorrow, outlining the organisation of the Year 6 Graduation Liturgy and Awards on Tuesday 7 December. This can also be access via Compass
- Awards for Years K-5 on Wednesday 15 December. These will be livestreamed in accordance to COVID restrictions. A timeline for the day will be published in the Newsletter and via Compass in the coming weeks
- Year 6 Clap Out – Wednesday 15 December at 2:30pm. Dismissal for all students in K-5 will be at the regular dismissal time at 3:15pm
- Wednesday 15 December – final day for all students K-6

Start Dates for 2022

- Friday 28th and Monday 31st January Staff Development Days – Pupil Free
- Tuesday 1st February – students in Years 1-6 return to school
- Thursday 3rd February – first day for Kindergarten

St Nicholas OOSH will be open for students on the pupil free days. Please contact the OOSH if you require casual care for your child/ren on these days.

Kaylene Maretich
Assistant Principal

RE News

Mission Success – Thanks to the generosity of our St Therese's community, the Mission focus of last week was a great success. Both the awareness, and funds raised, for the Lotus Educational Fund and Catholic Mission's 'Socktober' Appeal were a true reflection of our Catholic Identity as a school community. I was particularly proud of my Year 6 colleagues (Ms Murray, Mrs Griffiths, Mr Moore & Mrs Anthony) for all of their guidance and preparation and, most especially, all of our Year 6 students who displayed outstanding leadership, enthusiasm and hard-work to run all of the activities. We must also extend a huge thank-you to the Year 5 teachers & students for making most of the craft items for sale on the Lotus stall. We even had two students (Kye & Ethan T.) who planned ahead to grow and donate plants for sale.



SOCKTOBER – On Friday, our students got to participate in a 'sockball' penalty shootout to experience solidarity with our brothers and sisters from other nations who play the world game with a hand-made ball from recycled and re-used materials. Even the process of making these sockballs was an educative experience for our students. Hopefully, this has helped them develop a greater understanding of what life is like for many children in other parts of the world. With each child's gold coin donation, plus what has been donated on our school's Socktober website below, we raised a total of \$1,000 for Catholic Mission. If you would like to make a last minute donation to **our school 'Socktober' page**, please use the link below.

This page will be closed by the end of the week.

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



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

PBS Spirit Awards

For the remainder of the term we are focusing on the value of **COURAGE**. We congratulate the following students on receiving the PBS Spirit Award for demonstrating courage by being honest.

School Spirit Award for demonstrating COURAGE by being honest.					
KN	Alex M	KW	Rio S	KL	Ella C
	Leo G		Evie G		Michael M
1N	Tom C	1W	Oliver W	1L	Mabel C
	Chase P		Mia D		Joshua P
2N	Marcus A	2W	Knox R	2L	Lee S
	Oscar Y		Francesca R		Georgie A
3N	Griffin C	3W	Mackenzie H	3L	Zoe O
	Esmeralda H		Thomas T		Henry G
4N	Lucy B	4W	Vivienne B	4L	Archie C
	Isaiah S		Aggy M		Coco F
5N	Evie M	5W	Chloe M	5L	Eli A
	Finn N		Shelby C		Audrey B
6N	Nicholas B	6W	Riley W	6L	Nathan B
	Penny M		Elizabeth W		James M

Principal Awards

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

KN - Roman H; **KL** - Emily R; **1N** - Tom C; **1L** - Levi M; **2W** - Ashton S, Isobel I; **3N** - Malia W, Annabel J, Ly M; **3L** - Jasmyn M, Anna P; **4N** - Ava B, Eden H, Maggie B, Harvey L, Oliver S, Sunny A, Jordy T; **4W** - Sophie S, Oscar K, Hamish L; **4L** - Daniela P, Samuel P, Adriana S; **6L** - Patrick D, Nate B
Congratulations and thank you children, for upholding the values and principles of St Therese's.

Date: Friday 26th 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
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

School Fees

Please note that school fee statements have been emailed. If you did not receive yours, please contact the office on 49574922 or email admin@newlambton.catholic.edu.au. All fees should be paid by 30th November 2021 unless other arrangements have been made with the principal. If you need to discuss your fees, please contact office on 4957 4922 and ask for Vicki McSpadden.

Vicki McSpadden
Bursar

Library News



from the Library

This week is our last week for children to borrow from the library.
All borrowed books should be returned to the library by
Friday Week 9, 3rd Dec for our annual stocktake.

Sport

Swimming Carnival

Thank you to those students who will competing in the School Swimming carnival on the 6th December. No more entries will be taken as the program is being printed this week. All students will come to school first and be bussed to the Forum. Children attending will leave at 9:15 from St Therese's. Please ensure your child has all items of clothing marked and brings plenty of water and snacks for the day. Parent helpers, I will send home a note for you on Thursday that details your role.

Deb Petersen, Coordinator

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St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal 2021

It is that time of the year again when Mini Vinnies is asking for your assistance in helping others. Our Christmas 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 Christmas Appeal donations will be collected on Wednesday and Friday each week by the members of Mini Vinnies up until the Friday 3rd December. More information will be given to your child's grade regarding requested items. Thank you for your support,

Year 5 Mini Vinnies

Kinder – sweet biscuits, fruit cakes

Year 1 – lollies, cordial

Year 2 – breakfast cereals, long life milk

Year 3 – chips, nibbles

Year 4 – tinned fruit & vegetables

Year 5 – cake mixes, spreads

Year 6 – savoury biscuits, spreads

Thankyou,

Year 5 Teachers



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



STEM PROJECT-STAGE 2

Year 3 and Year 4 students are excited that their STEM project from Semester 1 has been created into a sport's trolley that is their own design.

This STEM project involved many steps of learning. Initially, Year 6 students spoke to all of Stage 2 about the problems and disadvantages of the trolley that was currently in use. This helped students to plan a design that was workable. All Stage 2 classes had an Inquiry Day in the library where they worked in groups of three. Each group used their design thinking to plan a model that would be suitable for a sport's trolley. They drew a model and then created a replica of their design using lego, recycled material and strawbees.

After the Inquiry Day, students discussed their creations and thought about what would work and what wouldn't be appropriate for the trolley. Each class collated a list of the best features for a trolley. A representative from each class was selected to attend a meeting with Daniel Rufo to discuss the optimal design features. Two important themes emerged regarding the construction of the trolley. Students wanted it to be durable and there to be a focus on sustainability by using recycled materials. Daniel was able to take the suggestions and build the trolley.

Stage 2 would like to thank Daniel Rufo for all his hard work and effort with building the trolley and saving materials from going to landfill. Our trolley is a successful STEM project that we are very proud of.



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Let's Bee Plant Friendly

In March this year St Therese's applied and was successful in obtaining a Junior Landcare grant to build a flowering native garden and install a native bee hive so that our students could learn about local native plant species and native stingless bees and pollination.

The children in Kindergarten were exploring our local environment and it's characteristics in an integrated Science and Geography unit in Semester 1. Through designing and building a native habitat for local stingless bees we took the information that we had learnt and integrated our skills in developing solutions to an identified need of supporting a native threatened species. Educating our students and increasing our own understanding of the native honey bee (*Tetragonula carbonaria*) and their numbers is of utmost importance for ecological reasons. By planting native trees we help preserve native species of plants and ecologies, increase the pollination of our own and local flowering plants, improve the productivity of our school vegetable patch and attract native birds and wildlife to our school environment.

The garden on Royal street is nearing completion and we are very grateful to our parent and school community who have helped to make this project possible. A special mention to Christie Malyon who has been involved in all stages of the project and whose knowledge of the local environment is a huge asset to our school. Thankyou to Luke Brownlee for kindly clearing the area prior to planting. To Brad, Christie and Malyon boys for assisting with the garden plan, plant choices and purchasing. To Carla Ladmore for her knowledge, enthusiasm and assistance with planting. To the year 6 students who kindly helped to shovel soil in preparation for planting. And to Odette and the Tonkin family who are working on a beautiful sculpture to be included in the space. An extra big thankyou to Daniel Rufo for his hard work in this area especially constructing a shelter for the beehive. It has been such an enjoyable project to be a part of and we look forward to our students enjoying the space and our bees for many years to come.

Kristy Healey



Think, Grow, Shine.



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Lotus Art Exhibition

Last week we held our Lotus Art Exhibition for 2021. The day was a huge success due to the enthusiasm and dedication of our Stage 3 Students. Year 5 showcased their talents by making craft which was sold at the stalls. They made Lotus flowers out of origami and sold them as pencil toppers, they created and framed many digital artworks using Adobe Creative Cloud and made many necklaces and pendants. The Year 6 students invested themselves in artworks which represented themes of education, freedom, equality, choice, opportunity and protection. The students also provided live music on the day and educated the younger students in the school through a presentation.

We are extremely grateful for the generous support of our parents who donated money to support Lotus through gold coin donations, purchasing raffle tickets and craft. Money raised will go towards supporting girls' education in rural areas in Laos. Through participation in our Lotus Art Exhibition, our students have learnt the importance of acknowledging differences in our world, helping others and social justice.

Stage 3 Teachers





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NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Good for Kids Term 4 2021 e-Newsletter

Please share this newsletter with all school staff including teachers, school admin and school canteen managers. You could also print a PDF copy to put up on your staff noticeboard.

In this issue:

- ✦ **Energiser of the Term**
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- ✦ **Latest Research**



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Good for Kids acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land that we live and work on as the first people of this country, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

ENERGISER OF THE TERM

Hit the Decks!

Stage: Stage 1 – Stage 3

Formation: Standing at desks

Equipment: 1 deck of cards

Getting energised:

1. The teacher places the deck of cards in front of the class.
2. Each suit will correspond to a different activity.
 - ♥ Heart: Touch elbow to knee for 10–15 seconds.
 - ♦ Diamond: Jog or march in place for 10–15 seconds.
 - ♣ Club: Modified push ups (on knees) for 10–15 seconds.
 - ♠ Spade: Star jumps or scissors for 10–15 seconds.
3. It may be helpful to write the corresponding activity for each suit on the board.
4. The teacher (or a student) picks a card from the deck and the class performs the associated movement.
5. The class will perform the corresponding activity for each suit for a set period of time.

Variations:

1. Write suits and corresponding activities on butcher's paper so that activities can be done outside.
2. Choose 3 or 4 cards of each suit instead of using entire deck to save time.
3. Ask students to make up activities themselves



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