



## Principal's Message

Dear Parents

As we come to the last two weeks of the year it is good that we are finally able to clarify that we can have the Year 6 Graduation. This will be held next Tuesday evening and it is always a highlight of our school year. I take this opportunity to sincerely wish all our graduating class and those families who are leaving us a happy and successful future.

I take this opportunity to congratulate those students who were successful in achieving leadership positions for 2022 and I look forward to working with them.

## Congratulations

Earlier this year during NAIDOC Week our students were invited to contribute work, either written or art work to celebrate Koori Kids. I am delighted to announce that Demetria H in Year 6 has been recognized as a State Winner, one of only 25, for her inspiring poem "Back in the Dreamtime" which appears later in this newsletter. This is an outstanding achievement for this young lady and her work will appear in the Prime Ministers NAIDOC Week Final Report. My thanks to the staff who nurture the ATSI program, Ms Angela Schneider and Mr Aldo Rufo for their continuing efforts to include our indigenous students.



**Duilio Rufo**  
Principal

## Dates to Remember

**2<sup>ND</sup> DEC DIO BASKBALL & TENNIS TRIALS**

**6<sup>TH</sup> DEC SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

**7<sup>TH</sup> DEC YEAR 6 GRADUATION LITURGY AWARDS**

**10<sup>TH</sup> DEC REPORTS AVAILABLE ON COMPASS 4PM**

**15<sup>TH</sup> DEC YEAR 6 CLAP OUT**

**LAST DAY OF TERM**

**2022**

**1<sup>ST</sup> FEB YEARS 1 – 6 RETURN TO SCHOOL**

**3<sup>RD</sup> FEB KINDER FIRST DAY**

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

## 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 28<sup>th</sup> and Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January Staff Development Days – Pupil Free
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February – students in Years 1-6 return to school
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### Money Matters

It has come to our attention that a couple of children have come to school with wallets/purses with a considerable amount of money in them, in one case a \$50.00 note. Please supervise the amount of money that your child brings to school, as any loss results in tears.

**Kaylene Maretich**  
*Assistant Principal*

## RE News

**Advent** – Sunday marked the beginning of the season of Advent and the start of a new Church Year (*we begin the Scripture Readings from Year C*). Prayer cloths change to the colour **PURPLE**.

Advent is a season of preparation and journeying as we wait with hope, peace and joy for the coming of Jesus Christ at Christmas. Amidst all of the busy-ness that often happens at the end of another year and the organisational factors around Christmas – presents, lunches, dinners, etc....may we each take time to remember what this season is truly all about. May our hearts and minds be open to allow the birth of Christ, and the love this brings, to take place within each one of us anew this festive season - making it a truly Merry Christmas for ourselves and for all.



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**Faith Matters** – If you are looking for more in the way of spiritual fulfillment or resources around engaging more fully with the Advent season, please check out the weekly Faith Matters bulletin sent out on Compass.

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!

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**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 showing integrity.

School Spirit Award for demonstrating COURAGE by showing integrity.					
KN	Zoe T	KW	Samuel B	KL	Emily R
	Roman H		Adriana H		Florence R
1N	Noah M	1W	Elana B	1L	Maya C
	Eloise H		Abbey C		Charlie F
2N	Phoebe B	2W	Bellamy W	2L	Lucy C
	Max C		Liam E		Milla C
3N	Harry G	3W	Indigo H	3L	Orson M
	Aria H		Mackenzie R		Kyanna M
4N	Eden H	4W	Eylah W	4L	Lola C
	Noah M		Bodhi M		Sofia D
5N	Wil S	5W	Robbie S	5L	Matilda K
	Justin P		Myles H		Griffin C
6N	Patrick B	6W	Peyton A	6L	Poppy C
	Jocelyn Y		Elijah M		Gabe W

### Principal Awards

The following students will receive a Principal's Award at this week's School Assembly:  
**KW** - Vann R; **KL** - Zaliyah W; **1W** - Abbey C; **1L** - Jackson F, Macey H, Santiago P; **2N** - Stella R, Tighe C; **2W** - Reid M; **2L** - Lilly C; **3N** - Ryder P; **3L** - Miller C, Noah J; **4W** - Felix M, Poppy W; **4L** - Lola C, Sebastian S; **5N** - Luka M; **6N** - Demetria H, Penny M, Christina S, Alex S, Taylah Y.

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

**Date:** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December                      **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**

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### **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](mailto:admin@newlambton.catholic.edu.au). All fees should be paid by 30<sup>th</sup> 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

### **Sport**

#### **Swimming Carnival**

Thank you to those students who will be 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

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

**Virtual Academy 2021**

Seven students across Stage 3 have participated in the Virtual Academy for 2021.

This specialised program for Stage 3 gifted students is focussed on students exploring a real-world problem of their choice and providing solutions based on data collection and comprehensive research. The students have worked successfully on the following projects:

Niah S Waste and rubbish in New Lambton village and how this problem can be solved through initiatives in the community.

Madailein C- Disability access in New Lambton and how as a suburb we can provide a more inclusive space for those with a disability.

Will S- Creating an electric 'Fun Bus' that transports students to school that promotes sustainability. The bus is fun and social with special features on board to encourage a positive atmosphere for children.

Oisin M- Creating a solar car as a vehicle which utilises renewable energy and includes engineering features that include a backup power source.

Philippa A- Designing a school that features environmentally, sustainable improvements focussing on meeting the challenges of a modern world.

Elizabeth W- Addressing the increasing problem of homelessness and creating houses that can be built on a low budget to provide housing for those in need. Devising a fundraiser to raise money for charities that deal with homelessness.

Peter v- Robotics and farming and how this can be used to maximise productivity, whilst maintaining the joy of farming for those in this industry.

The students worked with the teachers from the Virtual Academy as well as their class teachers, Mr Moore, Mrs Petersen and the Gifted Education Mentor, Mrs McNeil. They presented their research to an expert panel last Thursday and were outstanding in the way they conducted themselves. All the students should be extremely proud of their persistence and effort this year to accomplish their projects in the Virtual Academy Program.



***Mrs McNeil***  
**Gifted Education Mentor**



## 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**.

<b>PARENT/CARER NAME/S</b>		
<b>NOMINATED PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR SCHOOL FEES</b>		
<b>ADDRESS</b>		
<b>ACCOUNT EMAIL ADDRESS</b>		
<b>FAMILY STRUCTURE - LIST ALL CHILDREN ENROLLED IN SCHOOLS IN DIOCESE</b>		
<b>STUDENT NAME/S</b>	<b>SCHOOL NAME – STUDENT IS ATTENDING IN 2022</b>	<b>YEAR GROUP</b>
<b>INTENDED PAYMENT METHOD</b> (tick one) Payment frequency options are available to suit parents/carers with the aim of having all fees paid in full <b>by 30 November 2022</b> . If you are wishing to establish a direct debit please click <a href="#">here</a> 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
<b>INTENDED PAYMENT FREQUENCY</b> (tick one) School Fee Payments must commence by <b>31 March 2022</b> .		
<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> Fortnightly	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> In Full by 30/06/2022
<b>FEE CONCESSION</b> (tick one) Please contact the school office for applicable form.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Care Card Holder	<input type="checkbox"/> Pensioner Card Holder	
<b>DIOCESAN PASTORAL CONTRIBUTION</b> (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 \$
<b>FEE PAYER'S SIGNATURE</b>		<b>DATE</b>



Back in the dreamtime

Back in the dreamtime when everything was fair  
You came to our country not thinking we were there  
Everyone in desperation, curiosity, and fear  
We had our different ways like fishing with a spear.  
One by one we became your slaves  
Why did you disrespect our cultural ways  
We did not have the same rites provided  
Which made our country all divided  
Someone spoke up from out of the crowd  
Which caused a lot of protests that were strong and loud  
Our motivation behind this, was to simply be heard  
Then finally in Australia changes began to occur  
Accepting each other was a new way of life  
Not judging each other made forgiveness feel right.

# P & F Cake Stall Election Day

Please donate your goodies for the Cake Stall by your child dropping to the Canteen on Friday morning or early Saturday morning near the school hall.

All money raised will go towards new shade cloths near the library.

If you send in a container clearly label with your child's surname and class so it can be returned on Monday.

The cake stall will run on Saturday morning only from 7:30am until sold out.

Please send in a photocopy of the recipe – no nuts

Yummy goodies like cupcakes, slices, muffins, cookies, lollies bags and Christmas treats.

Any questions please sms Donna on 0425342924

Please come along on Saturday and support our

fundraiser !

