



## Acting Principal's Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we near the end of Term 1, we have seen an increase in the number of COVID positive cases in students and staff. I thank all of you for your vigilance in completing a RAHT if your child displays any COVID symptoms. We continue to focus on safety measures, we hope we can keep our case numbers down. I am pleased to say that in many cases, the symptoms have been relatively mild. I would like to thank the staff for their flexibility, as we try to cover classes when teachers are unwell. Staff have gone above and beyond to assist colleagues and ensure teaching and learning is consistent and of a continued high standard.

## Easter Fundraiser

As we get closer to the Easter Season, we would like our community to consider families that may be separated from loved ones, due to illness or those that may face uncertainty. Rather than holding an Easter Raffle, we will focus on community outreach to Ronald McDonald House and the Women's Refuge, as we did last year.

Ronald McDonald House provides a "home away from home" for families whilst their children are treated at John Hunter Hospital. Additionally, Ronald McDonald House provides support for families who do not meet the criteria to reside at the house, but still need to travel significant distances each day to be with their child in hospital. The House is currently fully occupied, with 18 families currently in residence, some have been there for over 8-weeks. The Women's Refuge provide emergency shelter for women and children that may need to leave their homes, due to unsafe environments. So, we would like to present hampers to Ronald McDonald House and the Women's Refuge, to bring some joy and hope, at a time that can be especially difficult.

We ask that the following items are donated, according to the year your child is in, by **Wednesday 6 April**. We will then prepare the hampers and deliver them in time for Easter, to the families and staff of Ronald McDonald House and the Women's Refuge.

- Kindergarten & Year 1 – packs of medium sized hollow eggs
- Years 2 & 3 – small hollow Easter bunnies
- Year 4 – packs of small solid Easter eggs
- Year 5 – tea or coffee e.g. 10 packs of Twinings Tea, Herbal Teas, coffee sachets etc.
- Year 6 – packets of sweet biscuits

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## Dates to Remember

**1 APR SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY  
POLDING TOUCH**

**3 APR PARISH/SCHOOL MASS**

**8 APR LAST DAY OF TERM 1**

**26 APR FIRST DAY OF TERM 2**

**SCHOOL ATHLETICS  
CARNIVAL**

**27 APR ANZAC ASSEMBLY**

**4 MAY DIO CROSS COUNTRY**

**5 MAY YR 4 – CONFIRMATION  
MEETING**

**6 MAY MOTHERS DAY B'FAST**

**23 MAY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS  
WEEK  
OPEN CLASSROOMS**

**1, 2 & 3 JUN YEAR 6 CAMP**

### **NAPLAN Practice Tests**

Last Friday, Years 3 and 5 completed NAPLAN Practice Tests. These practice tests help to familiarise students and staff with the online testing environment. Thank you to the Mr Smith for the organisation of the practice tests and the Year 3 & 5 teachers, as well as Ms Faehndrich, Mrs A Schneider and Mrs Barker for facilitating the testing. The official NAPLAN testing starts on Tuesday 10 March. If your child's teacher has sent home a consent form for disability adjustments for NAPLAN please sign these and return it to your child's teacher as soon as possible. There is no need to study for NAPLAN, parents/carers often stress about their child "doing well" in NAPLAN, remember, it is one of many assessments that children complete across the school year.

**Kaylene Maretich**  
**Acting Principal**

### **Acting Assistant Principals Message**

**Canteen** – A reminder that the Canteen is closed for all lunch orders this week. Apologies for any inconvenience.

**Volunteering** - As schools continue the gradual return of volunteers to their site, you are advised that volunteer registration now occurs via the Diocese's website at

<https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/people/volunteer/>.

The Volunteer registration form can be found under the People Tab on the Diocesan Website. The Volunteer Registration Form is part of the volunteer induction. Volunteers also need to read the Volunteer Policy and Code of Conduct on the website. Further training and information may be required for specific volunteer roles.

**Primary Athletics Carnival & Parent Volunteers:** Thank you for all of the recent emails and generous offers for assisting on the day. We now have a substantial group of approved volunteers to help run our carnival.

**Office of Safeguarding** - All children are currently undertaking a unit on protective behaviours in their class. This is done in the last three weeks of each school term. As part of this unit, children will read "My Underpants Rule" which is designed to give children strategies to keep themselves safe. Children are also taught to use the correct terminology for their body parts. Research indicates that when children are empowered to speak up, they are less likely to experience abuse. Parents are encouraged to also refer to the Office of Safeguarding padlets, the link of these are below:

Children in Years K-2 ([https://padlet.com/OfficeofSafeguarding/K\\_2](https://padlet.com/OfficeofSafeguarding/K_2))

Children in Years 3-6 ([https://padlet.com/officeofsafeguardingmn/years3\\_6](https://padlet.com/officeofsafeguardingmn/years3_6))

**Previous Information** – Please remember that you can access any previously sent information from past Newsletters by visiting our school website, or clicking directly on the link below:

<https://www.newlambton.catholic.edu.au/news-events/newsletters/>

**Luke Smith,**  
**Acting Assistant Principal**

### **RE News**

Thank you for all generous donations over the past weeks. As we are well into Lent I hope those project compassion boxes are filling.

We had a beautiful Reconciliation liturgy on Wednesday night. The teachers and the parents present were impressed the prayfulness and reverence our wonderful children.

If your child is in Yr3-6 you may join us in the church on Friday 8th April at 11.30am for the Stations of the Cross in our church. The school's ANZAC liturgy will be on Wednesday 27th April at 2.30 pm in the hall and Easter Liturgy at assembly on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April. Parents & carers are most welcome to attend.

Yours in Christ  
**Anne Sturt**





## The Catholic Community of HOLY TRINITY PARISH BLACKBUTT NORTH



### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TIME TABLE 2022

DAY	DATE	MASS	CHURCH	TIME
Wednesday	6 April	Second Rite Reconciliation	St John's Lambton	7:00PM
Sunday	10 April	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	As per normal weekend Mass	Normal weekend Mass
Tuesday	12 April	Chism Mass – Mass of the Oils	SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL	See Dio website
Thursday	14 April	Holy Thursday	St Therese's Church New Lambton	7:00PM
Friday	15 April	Good Friday Stations of the Cross	St John's Lambton	10:00AM
Friday	15 April	Good Friday Stations of the Cross	Corpus Christi Waratah	10:00AM
Friday	15 April	Good Friday Stations of the Cross	St Therese's Church New Lambton	10:00AM
Friday	15 April	Good Friday Passion	Corpus Christi Waratah	3:00PM
Saturday	16 April	Holy Saturday	Corpus Christi Waratah	6:00PM
Sunday	17 April	Easter Sunday	St John the Evangelist Lambton	8:00AM
Sunday	17 April	Easter Sunday	St Therese's Church New Lambton	9:15AM
Sunday	17 April	Easter Sunday	PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY EVENING MASS	

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY MASSES AT WARATAH

## School Community News

### School Fees

School Fee statements will be sent out on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April. For those parents who have nominated to pay via instalments (weekly, fortnightly, or monthly), your first payment is due by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. If you require assistance setting up a Bpay or Direct Debit, please contact Vicki at the office on 4957 4922 or [admin@newlambton.catholic.edu.au](mailto:admin@newlambton.catholic.edu.au). These regular payments should finalise the 2022 fees by 31<sup>st</sup> November 2022.

For those families who have nominated to pay in one instalment, this must be received by 30 June 2022 and fully extinguish their school fee balance.

Please note that payments can be via cash, cheque or credit card. (Visa, mastercard or debit card payments can be taken over the phone.)

We would prefer parents did not use CompassPay for event and fee payments.

**Vicki McSpadden,**  
Bursar



### Sharing Skills and Expertise-Collaboration

We value the skills and expertise that parents and carers have in our school community.

Are you a parent or carer who has skills in one or more of the following areas?

- Visual Arts
- Writing
- Engineering
- Science

Would you be willing to share your skills with students in the Extension Writing Group?

Please note, this involves only working with students in the Extension Writing groups (your child may not be in these classes.)

Students gain so much from parent/carer input. For example, we had a parent who worked within the Transport Section of the Newcastle Council share their knowledge of the Light Rail Project for the writers in 2020. This local insight and deep knowledge was invaluable and highly engaging for the students.

Please fill out the following brief questionnaire if you can share your skills with students via Zoom or in the classroom. Thankyou in advance.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=x2JU50ZySU-2Dkekmo6p1tcYxKFR2epEj7LExlwPJ9URUVVMFIETU1KWk5GNkVFQ1XUTg5NzFOV14u>

Patricia McNeil  
Gifted Education Mentor

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## PBS – School Spirit Awards

This term we are focusing on the value of **Respect**. We congratulate the following children for receiving the PBS School Spirit Award for demonstrating **RESPECT** by using **self-discipline**:

School Spirit Award demonstrating RESPECT through using self-discipline. (Please record 2 names per class)					
KN	Freddy W	KW	Evelyn V	KL	Maia L
	Annabelle W		Scout M		Logan O
1N	Adriana H			1L	Archie S
	Eamon K				Chelsea S
2N	Talulah A	2W	Annika W	2L	Macey H
	Blake F		Ellie J		Jacob E
3N		3W	Maria B	3L	Alexi A
			Harriet O		Jasper W
4N	Jasmyn M	4W	Miah F	4L	Sophie L
	Vienne T		Evie C		Ella M
5N	Oliver B	5W		5L	Samuel M
	Daniela P				Ava B
6N	Alex J	6W		6L	Celeste A
	Knox M				Ava R

Janine Schneider,  
Primary Coordinator




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## Back to school Term 1, 2022

Individual & small group lessons.  
Online & face to face sessions available.

Our experienced, qualified, specialist teachers have helped thousands of Hunter students to develop confidence and enthusiasm in their learning and to achieve their goals.

We can provide the personal advice and support that helps with important decisions.



- HSC - English, History, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Biology
- Junior High and Upper Primary School - all levels of English, Maths and Science
- Stage 2 Primary - literacy and numeracy support or extension
- Selective Schools and Scholarships - exam preparation
- Easter Holidays - Senior Writing Workshop (taught by HSC markers)

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## HARMONY DAY

Kindergarten were very excited to take part in their first St Therese's Harmony Day celebrations. Harmony Day is celebrated every year in Australia on March 21st.

Harmony Day began in 1999 with the main goal of Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Kindergarten looked at what the word Harmony meant, we looked at different cultures, we discussed different religions and beliefs and we examined why the colour orange is the main colour to represent this special day (Orange represents freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect).

KW then created a beautiful display which says, "Be the 'i' in kind".

It was so lovely seeing other classes come and take a photo in front of the display also.

We are lucky here at St Therese's to have such kind, respectful and accepting members of our community.

Let's celebrate harmony every day!

Always remember- "be the I in KIND"!

Miss Toscano and KW



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*Think, Grow, Shine.*



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## Joint Accounts on Compass to Manage Permissions and Access

24 March 2022

The Catholic Schools Office recently transferred its finance systems to align with the Compass Student Information System used across our schools.

To ensure we have accurate information and accessibility for parents and carers to provide permissions for their child's schools activities, such as off-site school events and school excursions, it's important for families to have the correct access and where relevant, joint access.

For security reasons, Compass is established similar to other institutions where only one person has certain permissions. This form is for families that have a single debtor currently established with only one access to the portal for financial matters and we want to make this easier for you. We ask that you complete and return the information below and provide your consent for us to transition you to one jointly accessible account.

A jointly accessible account means that either of the named parties can provide their consent/ permission for school-related activities, view transactions or make payments. Updating your account to joint accessibility will not change your statement transactions.

If you choose not to provide your consent, your school can continue "as is" with only the one nominated parent or carer responsible for providing all consents and payments in the portal.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this change, please contact your school.

**Please complete the below to enable us to update you to a joint account across All Schools your child/children are enrolled at. This form must be completed, signed and returned to [csso.sassupport@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:csso.sassupport@mn.catholic.edu.au).**

***Insert name of parents/carers for joint accessible account***

***Insert Student Name/s***

***Insert School Name and Suburb***

We provide our permission to change the debtor title to be shown as a joint account i.e. with both names.

We understand the current transactions on this school fee account will not change, it is the title that is being altered to show both names.

We consent to transfer any outstanding fees to consolidate to a joint account.

We understand there is no change to the fee proportion of 100% per child.

We understand this change will allow all nominated persons the same access to the Compass portal.

We understand that with a joint account, we are jointly responsible and severally liable for the payment of all fees and expenses incurred while our child is enrolled within the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle irrespective of Court Orders or personal agreements made between parents and carers.

We acknowledge that we will advise the school of any change in our circumstances and ensure contact details are up to date as soon as practicable.







**O'GRADY**  
**DRAMA ACADEMY**  
**ST THERESE'S 2022**

*"Increase your child's communication skills, self-confidence and creative talents.  
(Improvisation, Movement and Performance)"*

**FREE TRIAL**  
**DRAMA CLASSES – 2022**

**BEFORE SCHOOL**  
**THURSDAY MORNINGS**  
**March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 7th**  
**7.30am – 8.30am**

**PRIMARY : Years 2 – 6**  
**SCHOOL HALL**

**To book in please contact: Principal: Shane Skerly**  
**Ph: 02 49 692338 – [dramacorp@bigpond.com](mailto:dramacorp@bigpond.com)**  
**0408425659**

<p>SYDNEY ACADEMY OF CHESS presents</p> <p><b>2022 MAITLAND CHESS CHALLENGES</b></p> <p>TENAMBIT COMMUNITY HALL</p>		
<p>ONE DAY CHESS TOURNAMENTS FOR KIDS UNDER 18 WHO WANT TO HAVE FUN AND CHALLENGE THEMSELVES!</p>		
<p><b>DATES</b> Tuesday 12 April (Autumn), 5 July (Winter) and 27 September (Spring)</p> <p><b>VENUE</b> Tenambit Community Hall Tyrell St nr Kenneth St, Tenambit NSW</p> <p><b>COST</b> \$35 per player \$45 if paid after 5:00pm the day before tournament</p> <p><b>TIME</b> 9:15 am Registration 9:45 am Round 1 begins 12:00pm Lunch break 1:30 pm Prize giving There are short breaks between the rounds.</p> <p><b>FORMAT</b> These tournaments are individual and not team events. The tournaments are restricted to players under 18 years of age. The tournaments are 7-round 'Swiss' competitions. This means that all players play 7 games and no-one is 'knocked out' of the tournaments.  The time limit is 15 minutes per player per game. These tournaments will be JCL rated.</p>	 <p><b>PRIZES</b></p> <p>Trophies will be given for: 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place</p> <p>Medals will be awarded for age prizes to be decided by the arbiter on the day.</p> <p>✓ All participants receive a certificate of participation</p> <p>Players are eligible for only one prize.</p>	
<p>To enrol please pay online with your credit card or debit card at <a href="http://www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment">www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment</a> enter the code <b>SP9UU35EAY</b> and fill in the electronic form, with your child's details.</p>		

#### MAITLAND CHESS CHALLENGE 1

We are running a chess tournament in Maitland on Tuesday 12th April, 2022,  
Please see the entry form above.