



Acting Principal's Message

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Week 6 already! Hope you have all had a lovely weekend, I spent the day in my garden harvesting eggplants, chillies and mangoes, much to my delight. We are now half way through Term 1, so you might find that your child/ren may be getting a bit tired and irritable, especially the younger children. Sleep is vital for mental and physical health, as is good nutrition and exercise.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

This week teachers in Years 1-6 will hold parent/teacher meetings. These meetings will be held via Zoom, if you prefer your child's teacher to phone you at your allotted time, please email them with your best contact number. If you have forgotten your interview time, please go into your child's profile on Compass. Parent/Teacher Meetings for kindergarten, will be held in Week 8, the bookings for these are now open on Compass. I thank the teachers for all their organisation and effort in preparing for the Parent/Teacher Meetings.

Cyber Safety

We have seen an increase in the number of children, reporting to teachers, that they are experience negative online behaviours at home. These include being excluded from online chats and games and nasty messages. Please be aware that online behaviours outside school hours, are the responsibility of parents/guardians. These are some recommendations to ensure your child is engaging in positive online behaviours:

- Be aware of what your children are doing when online and who they are engaging with
- Ensure your children are on age appropriate sites
- Children should only use devices in "public" areas of your home e.g. the kitchen, dining room, lounge. Children should not be on devices in their bedroom
- Devices should be turned off at night
- Devices should not be kept in children's bedrooms overnight

For more information about how to protect your child online, please go to <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

Thank you from Mr Rufo

Thank you to the students that made cards for Mr Rufo. He was very glad to receive these and read them all. He said they cheered him up a great deal.

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Dates to Remember

**2ND MAR ASH WEDNESDAY
ASSEMBLY 9.30AM**

10/11 MAR INQUISITIVE MINDS

**15 MAR P & F SPECIAL
GENERAL MEETING 7PM**

16 MAR DIO AFL TRIALS

**18 MAR DIO WINTER SPORTS
TRIALS**

16 & 23 MAR RECONCILIATION

**28 MAR PARENT/TEACHER
INTERVIEWS**

**1 APR SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY
POLDING TOUCH**

8 APR LAST DAY OF TERM 1

26 APR FIRST DAY OF TERM 2

**SCHOOL ATHLETICS
CARNIVAL**

Burke St Dismissal

From this week, we will swap the order of dismissal at Burke St. Students with a surname starting with M-Z will now be dismissed first from 3:15pm, children with surnames starting with A-L will be dismissed from 3:25pm. Please ensure your surname is displayed on your visor.

Pets at School

We all love bringing our furry friends to school at drop off and pick up times, it is also a great opportunity to take them on a daily walk. As an animal lover myself, I love saying hello to all the cats and dogs that visit and give them a pat. If you bring your pet to school when you drop off your child or pick them up, they must be on a leash at all times and under the control of an adult. Pets cannot enter the schools buildings, as we have children and adults with allergies to pet fur, while others have a fear of animals. If you have a pet when you pick up your child on Royal St, please remain under the covered awning and we will bring your child to meet you, rather than taking your pet into the hall. The noise in the hall can be overwhelming for both children and pets.

Kaylene Maretich

Acting Principal

Acting Assistant Principals Message

Catholic Community Week – Next week, and every subsequent Week 7 each term, we will engage in Catholic Community Week at St Therese's. This is a renaming and reshaping of what used to be our 'Wellbeing Week'. This is an essential reminder that it is our faith in and following of, Jesus Christ, that is at the heart of our Catholic community. It is this unity in faith, purpose and vision that allows us all to feel a sense of belonging and connection. In short, as people of faith, we cannot separate our wellbeing from our Catholicity. In fact, it is our Catholic faith and community that should be at the heart of what keeps us well. Every Catholic school and every Catholic school teacher will, and should, tell you that it is this holistic development: the spiritual, the physical, the social & emotional, and the intellectual development of each and every child that inspires our mission.

Next week, we will aim to slow down and take a closer look at each of these 4 dimensions and how we are attending to their growth and development, not just in our children, but also within ourselves.

Office of Safeguarding - Keeping our children safe can be achieved by ensuring our children are informed about their rights and participate in decision-making. Adults need to ensure they listen actively to children and engage them in discussions. This will help children feel valued and respected, which will help them to speak up if they feel they are unsafe or have been abused. At St Therese's, the voice of each child is respected and valued, we have many opportunities for children to be involved in teams and activities to build our community. Encourage your child to participate in these activities such as:

- Lunch/Recess clubs
- School band for Years 3-6
- Leadership Teams
- Aerobics Teams

We have many wonderful children who come to see me or Mrs Maretich, with ideas about school lunch activities such as colouring-in, puzzles etc. These children help to build our school community, so that we continue to keep all our children safe.

Parent Teacher Meetings – This week, Parent-teacher meetings are underway for students in Grades 1-6. These are a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher, build positive and collaborative working relationships for the benefit of your child, and to establish achievable goals, relevant to your child's needs. Whilst we conduct formal meetings twice per year, please contact us via phone or email, to make an appointment with your child's teacher, if you have any concerns at any point through the year. If you missed the booking period through Compass and wish to have an interview with your child's teacher, please contact the school to arrange a time.

Kindergarten Parent-Teacher Meetings – these are now available for booking, please see your child's profile on Compass to book a time. The booking period will be closed at midday, Friday 11th March, with interviews taking place onsite at school the following week (Week 8 – Mon 14th to Fri 18th March).

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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

Ash Wednesday – Wednesday 2nd March

The following information concerning Ash Wednesday comes from the CSO: “Given the recent communication from the Vatican regarding the distribution of Ashes on Ash Wednesday due to the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions, the Diocesan Liturgy Office and CSO RE & S Team request that schools refrain from distributing Ashes this Ash Wednesday in school or class liturgies.”

Therefore, as a school community, we will look at preparing something meaningful for our students that compliments the distribution of ashes within the Parish. The children will attend a liturgy in the hall at 9.30. The theme of the liturgy will be **FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS** as we launch **Project Compassion** for 2022. Caritas vows to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

A project compassion money box will be given to each family. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. The boxes need to be returned by 1st May 2022.

To attend one of the Ash Wednesday Masses within the Holy Trinity Parish, the times at the various churches are listed below:

7:00am – Lambton
12:00pm – Waratah

7:00pm – New Lambton

Lent – For anyone wishing to subscribe to an online Lenten program, the following link and subsequent daily videos may interest you:

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The sacrament of reconciliation will be held on 16th March and 23rd March. Participants and their families can choose the night they will attend. Numbers are not limited.

Yours in Christ,

Anne Sturt
Acting RE Coordinator

Mini-Vinnies news

Our Year 5 children have volunteered to join the Mini-vinnies team this year. After consultation with Helen O'Neill the first activity to help those who need assistance is to have a pet food drive. In the past few years, the number of pets who became homeless via relinquishment and abandonment has increased because of the economic downturn, foreclosures and joblessness. Providing temporary assistance with pet food removes one potential reason for families considering relinquishing or abandoning their pets, and will help people keep the pets they love. Every day that these families can feed their pets is one more day those pets stay at home.

We plan to have a pet and owner display in the hall. Please send in a photo of you and your pet to your class teacher. The photo must be accompanied by some pet food (dog, cat, bird,) I cannot wait to see the beautiful photos.

Yours in Christ
Anne Sturt

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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	Chrism 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

Canteen News

The canteen still needs volunteers for this year. We really rely on your help and the kids love seeing you at school. Helping in the canteen is only 3 hours once a month. Meet some new friends or get a group of friends to work a shift together. If you can volunteer, please contact Belinda on 0447 509 968.

Belinda (0447 509 968)

Canteen Supervisor

School Fees

The 2022 school fees will be emailed out to parents on **Friday 4th March**. Payments can be made via cash, cheque, Eftpos, Bpay or Direct Debit. Your Bpay reference code has changed from last year, so please review any existing Bpays. If you require assistance in setting up a direct debit, please contact the office. For those parents who have a Health Care Card or Pension card, please contact the office to complete the correct paperwork. If you require assistance with school fees, please contact the office on 49574922 to discuss with the Principal.

External Providers

If your child will be seeing a provider (eg; speech, OT, band, guitar, drama or chess) this year at school, please complete the attached application form and return to school. If you require further information, please call the office on 4957 4922.

Vicki McSpadden,
Bursar

Clean Up Australia Day

Calling Local New Lambton Families To Lend a Hand for our environment!

If you can spare any time between 9am and 12midday this Sunday 6th of March, bring some gloves and come and join the Clean Up Australia Day effort at Richley Reserve, New Lambton.

Register at Mahogany Drive - stay 10minutes or an hour!

Contact: Odette Tonkin 0407253150

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PBS – School Spirit Awards

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** through *obedience*:

School Spirit Award for demonstrating RESPECT through obedience.					
KN	Evelyn A Heston G	KW	Georgie L Laila N	KL	Eve S Harry O
1N	Zara A Rinoa I			1L	Isabel B Leo G
2N	Archer R Sadie S	2W	Mabel C Mason O	2L	Joshua M Ruby J
3N	Max C Thomas L	3W	Lilly C Jerome G	3L	Reid M Evie T
4N	Bailey B Erin S	4W	Annabel R Indigo H	4L	Claire A Hamish M
5N	Sienna A Jordy T	5W	Vincent C Mya T	5L	Anna V Jack R
6N	Eddie R Chloe B	6W	Sonny P Ryan C	6L	Lukas W Justin P

This week we continue with the same focus of showing **Respect** through *obedience*.

Principal Awards

The following students will receive a Principal's Award at this week's Zoom school assembly:
Eden H (5L); Matisse M, Benjamin L & Celeste A (6L)

Date: Friday 4th March

Time: 2:30pm

ID: 676 1390 6420

P/W: 859740

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

Janine Schneider

Primary Coordinator

Sport

Diocesan Swimming Carnival

Last Tuesday four of our talented swimmers went to the Diocesan Swimming Carnival at Lambton Pool. These swimmers were chosen due to their success at the Regional Carnival. Hamish L qualified to swim in the Junior 50m Breaststroke, 50m backstroke, 50m Butterfly and 200m Individual Medley. Niah S swam in the 11 years 50m Backstroke, Olivia L swam in the 11 years 50m Breaststroke and Evie C in the 9 years 50m Freestyle. All students represented the Central Region and we are extremely proud of their effort and team spirit, as they cheered on students from other schools. Congratulations children and thank you for your participation.



Joel Hartcher
Sports Coordinator



Sport Days Weeks 6-11

Kinder – Wednesday
Year 1- Tuesday
Year 2- Week 6-11 Thursday
Year 3- Thursday
Year 4-week 1-7 Tuesday
Year 4-Week 8-11 Wednesday
Year 5-5W-Tuesday
Year 5-5N-Wednesday
Year 5-5L- Thursday
Year 6- Week 1-7 Wednesday
Year 6- Week 8-11 Tuesday

School Band

It's great to have our Concert Band back, practising and enjoying the new tunes we have chosen.

This year we need more Saxophones and Trumpets

If your child would like to play in our fabulous Band ,

Please call Howard Ward Music ! You don't need to buy an instrument
Rent for 6 months and see how it works out.

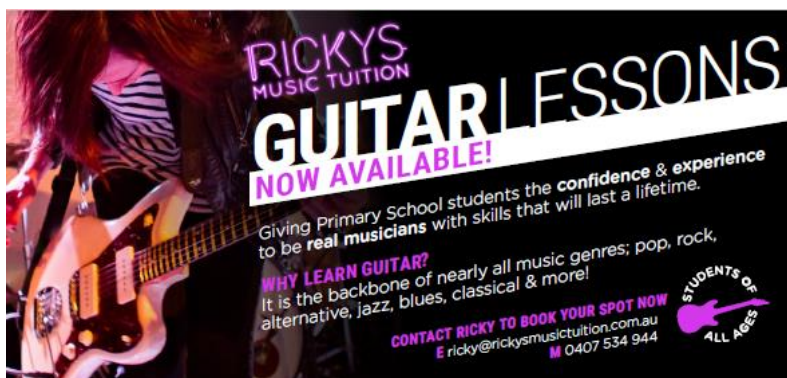
Years 3 - 6

Howard Ward

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Calling all Rock n' Rollers!! Learn guitar St Therese's in 2022

St Therese's students will continue to have the opportunity to learn guitar in 2022. Open to years K to 6, students will learn everything from Billy Eilish to The Weeknd, to Post Malone, to Imagine Dragons, to Guy Sebastian, to Tones and I, to AC/DC, all whilst learning acoustic and electric guitar skills, learning to perform as part of a group and enjoying the excitement and experience of being a real musician with skills that will last a lifetime. All lessons are conducted in small groups, based on age and skill level. If you are interested in your child being involved, please email at ricky@rickysmusic tuition.com.au



Always obey the signs



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APPLICATION FOR A CATEGORY 5 CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO A STUDENT IN A DIOCESAN SCHOOL

1. Details of responsible adult and student			
1.1 Responsible adult's name			
1.2 Mobile		1.3 Email	
1.4 Relationship to student			
1.5 Student's name			
1.6 Grade			
1.7 Class teacher			
2. Details of category 5 contractor and requested access			
2.1 Contractor's name			
2.2 Trading or company name			
2.3 Address			
2.4 Mobile		2.5 Email	
2.6 Contracted service to be provided			
2.7 Frequency / duration	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Monday <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday <input type="checkbox"/> Friday </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Fortnightly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly Other: </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> Start time for service: Duration of service: </div>		
2.8 Start date of service		2.9 Review / end date of service	

3. Declaration and consent for the contractor to provide the contracted service to my child

I, _____ am the responsible adult
Name of parent / guardian
making this application for a third-party contractor to provide a service in St Therese's Primary
School

By signing this document, I:

- State that I have used reasonable care to ascertain that the Contractor has the appropriate qualifications, licences, certifications and professional memberships necessary to provide the contracted service to my child, as listed in section 2.6 of this application.
- State that I have used reasonable care to ascertain that the Contractor holds public liability insurance.
- Consent for the Contractor to have unsupervised access to my child for the purposes of conducting the contracted service.

I confirm that I have advised the Contractor that:

- Prior to being given access to the School, the Contractor must show their current WWCC status, using the Service NSW application. Being unable or refusing to do so will result in the Contractor being refused entry.
- The Contractor will be required to complete a *Safeguarding Commitment for Contractors Working with the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle* form and submit it to the School.
- The contractor is granted access to the School for the singular purpose of providing my child the contracted service and should minimise contact with any other child.
- He/she will consult with my child's class teacher or the School leadership about any relevant information that the Contractor may have in relation to my child and will share information about my child.

Signed:

Date: _____

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1. The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle Catholic Schools Office (CSO), both independently and through its schools, collects personal information, including sensitive information, about students and parents or guardians before and during the course of a student's enrolment at the school. This may be in writing or in the course of conversations. The primary purpose of collecting this information is to enable the school to provide schooling to students enrolled at the school, exercise its duty of care, and perform necessary associated administrative activities, which will enable students to take part in all the activities of the school.
2. Some of the information we collect is to satisfy the CSO and the school's legal obligations, particularly to enable the CSO and school to discharge its duty of care.
3. Compass is the diocese's centralised digital student information management system and CeD3 is our centralised digital storage system. Compass is owned and operated by a third-party service provider (JDLF International) and CeD3 is owned and operated by the Catholic Education Network (CENet). The personal information in the system is accessible by:
 - Compass, for the purpose of providing technical support; and
 - CENet, to provide support to the diocese. CENet has access to the personal information from Compass when it is held in CeD3 as well as information collected from other sources and held in CeD3.
4. Laws governing or relating to the operation of a school require that certain information is collected. These include: *Education Act 1990 (NSW)*, *Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002 (NSW)* and *Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998 (NSW)*.
5. Health information about students is sensitive information within the terms of the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs) under the *Privacy Act 1988*. We may ask you to provide medical reports about students from time to time.
6. The CSO and school from time to time discloses personal and sensitive information to others for administrative, educational and support purposes. This may include to:
 - other schools and teachers at those schools
 - government departments
 - the Catholic Education Commission, the school's local diocese and the parish, other related church agencies/entities, and schools within other dioceses
 - medical practitioners
 - people providing educational, support and health services to the school, including specialist visiting teachers, sport coaches, volunteers, counsellors
 - providers of learning and assessment tools
 - assessment and educational authorities, including the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), NSW Education Standards Authority, and NAPLAN Test Administration Authorities (who will disclose it to the entity that manages the online platform for NAPLAN).
- people providing administrative and financial services to the CSO and school
- anyone you authorise the CSO and school to disclose information to
- anyone to whom the CSO and school is required or authorised to disclose the information to by law, including child protection laws.
7. Personal information collected from students is regularly disclosed to their parents or guardians.
8. The CSO and school may use online or 'cloud' service providers to store personal information and to provide services to the school that involve the use of personal information, such as services relating to email, instant messaging and education and assessment applications. Some limited personal information may also be provided to these service providers to enable them to authenticate users that access their services. This personal information may reside on a cloud service provider's servers which may be situated outside Australia. Further information about the school's use of online or 'cloud' service providers is contained in the CSO's Privacy Policy.
9. The CSO's Privacy Policy, accessible on the CSO website, sets out how parents or students may seek access to and correction of their personal information which the school has collected and holds. However, access may be refused in certain circumstances such as where access would have an unreasonable impact on the privacy of others, where access may result in a breach of the CSO or school's duty of care to the student, or where students have provided information in confidence. Any refusal will be notified in writing with reasons if appropriate.
10. The CSO's Privacy Policy also sets out how parents and students can make a complaint about a breach of the APPs and how the complaint will be handled.
11. The school may engage in fundraising activities. Information received from you may be used to make an appeal to you. It may also be disclosed to organisations that assist in the school's fundraising activities solely for that purpose. We will not disclose your personal information to third parties for their own marketing purposes without your consent.
12. On occasions information such as academic and sporting achievements, student activities and similar news is published in school newsletters and magazines, on our intranet and on our website. This may include photographs and videos of student activities such as sporting events, school camps and school excursions. The school will obtain permissions annually from the student's parent or guardian (and from the student if appropriate) if we would like to include such photographs or videos or other identifying material in our promotional material or otherwise make this material available to the public such as on the internet.
13. If you provide the CSO or school with the personal information of others, such as doctors or emergency contacts, we encourage you to inform them that you are disclosing that information and why.

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What's in an everyday lunchbox?

- **Crunch&Sip®**: vegetable sticks or fruit
- **Recess**: ready to eat vegetables or fruit and one other everyday snack e.g. popcorn, yoghurt, rice crackers
- **Lunch**: a sandwich, wrap, roll or alternative such as pasta salad or leftovers
- **Drink**: water or reduced fat plain milk
- + Something to keep the lunchbox cool e.g. an ice brick.



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School Student Travel Term 1 2022



School student travel information for parents and students

School Travel Passes

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass but have not yet applied need to [apply](#) or [update](#) their details as soon as possible.

In the Opal network, students should travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

New Student Opal cards (including new Term Bus Passes) will be sent to the student's nominated postal address within two weeks of their application being approved.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas will receive their travel pass from their nominated transport operator. It may be issued via their school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Terms of Use

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All students are required to comply with the [Student code of conduct](#). The code of conduct aims to ensure the safety and well-being of school children and other passengers. It is important that parents ensure their child is aware of this, as failure to comply with the code of conduct can result in a suspension from travel.



Further information can be found at transportnsw.info/school-travel
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