



Acting Principal's Message

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Week 7 is Catholic Community Week at St Therese's. During this week, we take time to stop and just be, focusing on all the we are grateful for. There is no homework during this week, so take the time to spend a bit more time as a family getting to know what's happening in each other's lives. As I write this Newsletter I would like to give thanks for all that I am grateful for – my family that bring me more joy and love than I ever thought possible, the amazing staff at St Therese's for their enthusiasm and dedication, the beautiful children at St Therese's who make me smile each day and the parent community for your support of the school, especially through the last two years.

Ash Wednesday

Last week we started Lent, a time to reflect, make amends and focus on doing small acts of kindness for others. Thank you to Mrs Sturt for a Beautiful Ash Wednesday liturgy last week.

School Assemblies

This Friday we will return to whole-school assemblies in the hall, on Friday from 2:30pm. Unfortunately, we are unable to have parents back, but will again livestream our assemblies each week. A link will be sent via Compass later in the week. Following a risk assessment, the size of the school hall, and limited cross-ventilation, were major factors in the decision to continue to involve our parents/carers digitally for the remainder for the term. We will continue to monitor this, in the hope of have parents/carers back at our school assemblies next term.

Peace Week

As part of Catholic Community Week, we will focus on peace in our world. Many of our families and friends have a link to Ukraine and Russia, and all of us are very worried about the situation in Ukraine. We focus on prayers for this area, for the people of Ukraine, as well as the people of Russia, many of whom are opposed to the actions of their leader. We pray for peace in this area and healing, physically and mentally of all the innocents in these two countries. On Friday, we invite all students to wear **blue** and **yellow** clothing, in support of Ukraine and to donate a gold coin, which will be sent to UNICEF Ukraine, who is focused on rebuilding schools and educational facilities in Ukraine. Our liturgy on Friday, will focus on peace in this area and throughout our world.

Dates to Remember

9 MAR KINDER INFO NIGHT 6PM

10/11 MAR INQUISITIVE MINDS

11 MAR PEACE DAY – GOLD COIN
DONATION UNICEF

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

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Burke Street

We have had communication from neighbours, concerned by the traffic congestion along Burke St and Bridges Rd each afternoon. Please note our dismissal bell rings at 3:15pm, so please do not come to school early for afternoon pick up. At Burke St, we stagger dismissal times to try to alleviate traffic congestion:

- Children with surnames from M-Z are dismissed at 3:15pm
- Children with surnames from A-L are dismissed at 3:25pm

Please do not block the intersection of Burke St and Bridges Rd, as this prevents pedestrians from crossing safely and follow all traffic rules. Children are supervised for afternoon dismissal till 3:45pm, so we continue to encourage parents/carers to come from 3:20pm onwards to avoid congestion in the area.

WWCC

The Catholic Schools Office (CSO) has created an online application for the volunteering process. On the volunteer site, you can find the Volunteer Handbook, and coming soon are videos that go through the Volunteers Induction. Applying through the volunteer site, results in your application going straight to the CSO, then the school gets updates once these are cleared. If you already have your WWCC and completed a paper volunteer application, there is **NO** need for you to reapply. If you would like to volunteer, and have not yet completed an application, please follow the link to do this online <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/people/volunteer/>.

When you apply online, you will be notified whether you require a WWCC and/or police check. Please note: it can take up to 6 weeks for your application to be approved. You now only need to apply once, further applications are only required if your circumstances change e.g. change in name etc WWCC expires.

International Women's Day

Today we celebrate International Women's Day, a day to celebrate the amazing women in our lives, and those that have gone before us to pave the path for equality, justice and respect for all women.

Kindergarten Information Evening

We are looking forward to seeing our Kindergarten parents tomorrow evening, **Wednesday 9 March** for an information evening. We will start at 6:00pm in the school hall.

Kaylene Maretich
Acting Principal

Acting Assistant Principals Message

NEW Canteen Structure – By now, most of you would be aware of the recent changes to our routines around purchasing at the Canteen – Primary students at Lunch and Infants at Recess.

The concept behind the change was due to the fact many children (especially the younger ones) were getting upset that they were either, running out of time at lunch to go to the canteen, or spending their lunch lining up at the canteen and not getting enough playtime. This is due to our changed timetable across the school with more breaks but a shorter lunch period. So, the idea was to split the opportunity to buy at the canteen into two sessions: lunchtime for Primary, who often eat their lunch faster and then get to the canteen quicker; then recess for Infants (with the added benefit that we now are enabling small groups of our Yr. 6 students to take a leadership role by staffing the canteen at recess - under the supervision of a teacher). Our Year 6L students have been working in the canteen at recess and doing an amazing job. To alleviate any confusion, we encourage parents not to buy ice blocks through Flexischools, especially for the K-2 students, as the children need to take their lunch bag back to the canteen to get their ice block. Ice blocks range from 50c-\$1, so we suggest giving your children some change to buy their ice blocks, this also helps children to learn about money and its value. Please ensure your child only has small change for ice block, last week a student in Year 2 came to the canteen with a \$20 note.

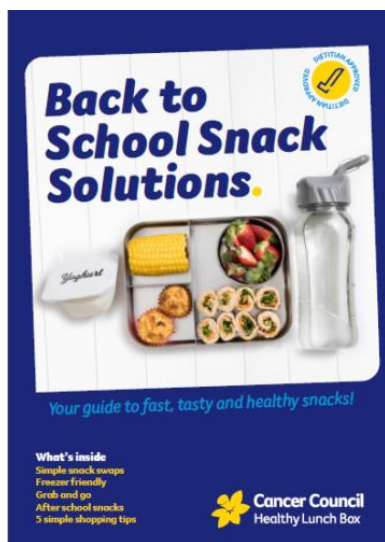
Please Note: The exception to this is, of course, if you are a volunteering parent at the canteen – your child/children in infants' grades are most welcome to come to the canteen at lunch to both see you and purchase any treats.

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Office Of Safeguarding: Padlet – Please be aware of this great online resource, made available through the Office of Safeguarding Diocese of Maitland Newcastle. It is a Padlet with links to a wide range of resources aimed at helping students in the Years 3-6 age bracket, from online safety, dealing with bullying, access to Kids Helpline, along with mindfulness apps and so much more. Please browse the link below and don't forget to share and use it with your child should the need arise:
https://padlet.com/officeofsafeguardingmn/years3_6

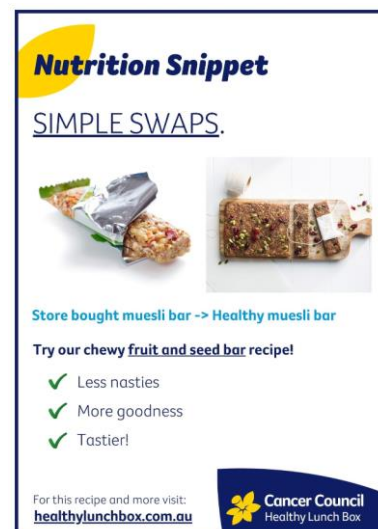
Kindergarten Parent-Teacher Meetings – these are now available for booking, please see your child's profile on Compass to book a time. The booking period will be closed at midday, Friday 11th March, with interviews taking place onsite at school the following week (Week 8 – Mon 14th to Fri 18th March).



Health & Wellbeing – To make things a little easier in preparing healthy options for our children's lunches, Cancer Council's [Healthy Lunch Box website](#) team have some great new resources for you in building a healthy lunch box.

On average children eat 2-3 snacks every day so it's important to make them as healthy as possible. Download our [Back to School Snack Solutions Guide](#) for snacks that will power kids brains and fuel their muscles throughout the day.

Nutrition Snippets? Nutrition Snippets are bite-sized nutrition tips, facts and recipes.



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

Lent has begun with our Ash Wednesday liturgy on Wednesday. The children participated with reverence, enthusiasm and thoughtfulness. This week your family will receive a project compassion box to fill and return to the school. It is wonderful to witness our children contributing to those who are less fortunate in the world.

The classes are busy preparing their class prayer mats to be displayed week 7 assembly.

Please remember that we continue to offer an online Prayer Liturgy & Assembly each Friday afternoon on Zoom at 2:30pm. We would love to see as many of you as possible join with us in this way!

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Johanna Soo our Youth Minister has commenced her work in the school getting to know our children.

Sacramental Program 2022

Term 1 — Sacrament to take place over Wed 16th & 23rd March

Term 2 – Year 4 students: Confirmation (Registration/Info evening: Thur 5th May – Sacrament dates TBA)

Term 3 – Year 4 students: Holy Communion (Registration/Info evening: Tue 26th July – Sacrament to take place during Parish masses on the weekends of 10/11th and 17/18th Sept)

Term 4 – Year 3 students: Reconciliation (Registration/Info evening: Tue 18th Oct – Sacrament

Yours in Christ,

Anne Sturt
Acting RE Coordinator

Mini-Vinnies news



Thanks to the families who have started to send in photos and pet food,. I am sure the hall is going to be filled with family favourites. 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.

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

<div><div>The Catholic Community of HOLY TRINITY PARISH BLACKBUTT NORTH</div></div>				
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	Chirm 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

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A Day for Peace

When : Friday 11th March

Wear: **Blue** and **Yellow**

Bring: Gold coin donation for UNICEF

On Friday 11th March our school will have a day for peace. A special liturgy will be part of our assembly on Friday. The children may come out of uniform in blue and yellow. Please send a gold coin donation for UNICEF . The children of the world who are experiencing war need our support.



School Community News

School Fees

School fee accounts were issued **Thursday 3/3/22**, please check your Junk Mail if you have not received your statement.

As the Diocese continues to move to a new finance system, we ask that all Fee Payers closely review your current account, paying particular attention to:-

*** Only 1 charge for DFSBL (Building Levy) across all schools**

If you have children in multiple schools, this fee is only payable at the school where your eldest child attends

* Check sibling discount has been applied at **ALL** schools (if applicable)

* Health Care/Pension discount has been applied (if applicable)

Please note the fee balance on Compass may not be accurate, refer to the statements sent by the school for accuracy.

We appreciate your patience during this transition period.

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

Native Garden

We are so blessed to slowly open up our gates to have our parent volunteers begin to enter again.

A big thank you to Kristy Healy for organising a weeding session of our Australian native garden including our (non-sting) bee hive.

On Wednesday she was joined in the rain by the amazing by Kristy Malyon, Carla Ladmore and Odette Tonkin.



We appreciate your dedication in creating a wonderful learning environment for our students. Thank you!

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** through obedience:

School Spirit Award for demonstrating RESPECT through obedience.					
KN	Seth M	KW	Zara M	KL	Hudson B
	Taylor V		Elanore M		James D
1N	Florence R			1L	Lila M
	Audrey L				Roman H
2N	Luke P	2W	Maya J	2L	Jacob E
	Isabella G		Eden C		Bastian T
3N	Georgie A	3W	Jack R	3L	Grace O
	Mason S		Eloise C		Josif P
4N	Zoe S	4W	Mia S	4L	Rosie W
	Annabel J		Noah K		Patrick E
5N	Maggie B	5W	Eliza A	5L	Toby B
	Hope B		Marly M		Eva F
6N	Charlie K	6W	Callum O	6L	Ruby D
	Katie C		Mark O		Dylan F

For the next 2 weeks we will be focusing on demonstrating **Respect** by being considerate of others.

Principal Awards

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

Casper H (5L)

Date: Friday 11th March

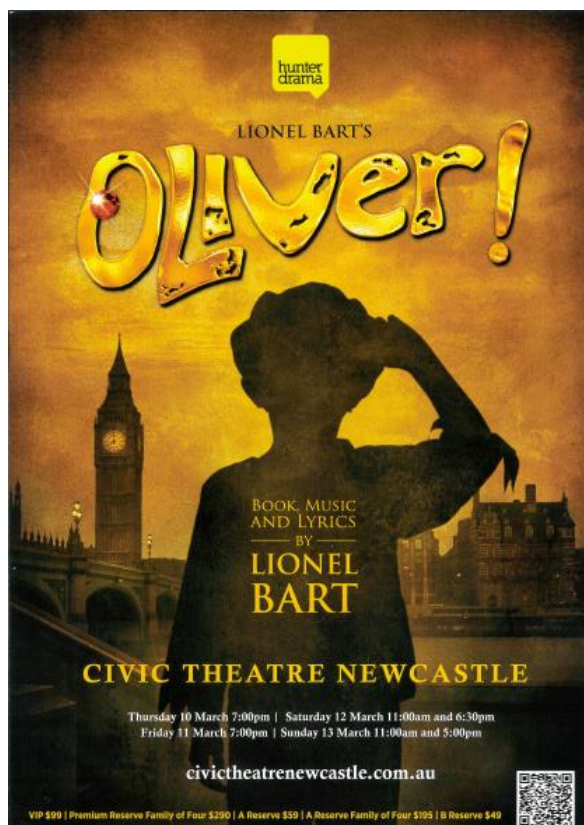
Time: 2:30pm

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

Janine Schneider
Primary Coordinator



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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	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday <input type="checkbox"/> Friday <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Fortnightly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly Other:		
	Start time for service: _____ Duration of service: _____		
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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LEARNING IN THE LIBRARY

SPOTLIGHT ON: KINDERGARTEN (T1 WK6)

Kindergarten have been learning about Indigenous culture and the connection to Country and people. We completed a 'memory draw' of Aboriginal rock paintings, learned about the Acknowledgement of Country and created our own map of Australia using loose materials.

KW worked as a team to build on each other's ideas



Premier's Reading Challenge

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge is now open!

The table below shows the number of books students must read to successfully complete the challenge.

Challenge	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of Personal Choice books	PRC booklists you can read from
K-2	30	25	5	K-2, 3-4, 5-6
3-4	20	15	5	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5-6	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9

Students in K-2 will be completing the challenge with their classroom teacher. For students in 3-6, they will need to log in with an individual password, which has been sent home today.

A great guide to selecting books to read for the challenge can be found here - <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/>

A BIG thanks to Mrs Field, our brand-new library assistant who created a beautiful display in the Catherine McAuley centre (*picture shown below*). Our aim is that lots of students will complete the challenge and we can then add their faces to the display to celebrate their achievement.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Students can visit me in the library at recess on Wednesdays and Thursdays or you I can be contacted at brigitta.gleeson@mn.catholic.edu.au 😊

Happy reading!!
Mrs Gleeson





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