



Acting Principal's Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

This is the last week of Term 1. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the past term, as we continue to navigate our way through ever changing situations. COVID has taught me that as a community we are resilient and flexible. As I visit classrooms and spend time on the playground, I also see how much our students are thriving and enjoying school, for this I would like to thank all the wonderful staff, for all you do everyday to create such a positive and beautiful environment for our children to learn in. Thank you also to our students, your enthusiasm, laughter and fun, are the essence of our community. A special thank you to the leadership team, and for your support of me over the past Term, I could not have done it without you!

As we approach Holy Week I would like to invite you all, to one or all of the Masses in one of our three parish Churches:

Special Thank you to Staff

Thank you to Mr Smith for outstanding job he has done in the role of Acting Assistant Principal this term. Mr Smith has ensured the smooth running of the school, while liaising with staff, parents and students to ensure we have a positive culture at St Therese's. Mr Smith's organisation, calmness and sense of fun are greatly appreciated. Mr Smith, will be on leave for Term 2, as he and his wife Su head to Brazil to see family and friends. Due to travel restrictions, Mrs Smith has not seen her family for over 3 years, so I'm sure they will have a fantastic holiday. I welcome Mrs Rachel Devenish to 5N (Monday – Wednesday), Mrs Maier will continue on 5N (Thurs & Fri).

Thankyou to Mrs Sturt for the wonderful job she has done in the role of Acting Religious Education Coordinator (REC) this term. Mrs Sturt has been instrumental in the preparation of the children for Reconciliation, the weekly liturgies at our Friday assembly, and the faith development of staff over Term 1. Mrs Sturt's passion and commitment to faith brought a great deal to our school community and the school's leadership team. Next term, Mrs Wilson will step into the role of Acting REC and we are looking forward to her joining the leadership team. We welcome Miss Monique Pearce to KN on Thursday and Friday, as Mrs Wilson will have her executive days each Thursday and Friday.

Welcome Back to Mr Rufo

Next term we welcome back Mr Rufo, who is feeling much better after surgery in January. Mr Rufo is very excited to be back at school, as he has greatly missed the students and staff. We looking forward to having him back with us in Term 2.

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



Dates to Remember

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

Easter Egg Drive

Thank you to all the families that have donated eggs/goods for the Ronald McDonald House and Women's Refuge. We will be packaging these on Wednesday, for delivery on Friday, so you still have time to send in your donations as below:

- 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

Kaylene Maretich
Acting Principal

Acting Assistant Principals Message

Thank You – I want to extend a huge, 'Thank you' to Mr Rufo, Mrs Maretich and the entire St Therese's community (staff, students & parents) for the opportunity given and support offered, during this past term in my role as Acting Assistant Principal. I have thoroughly enjoyed the challenge and I hope I have served you all in the way I intended – with love, care and gratitude. I am personally now very grateful for another opportunity granted to me by Mr Rufo & Mrs Maretich – the chance to take Long Service Leave and accompanying my wife to visit her family in Brazil for the duration of Term 2. This is an extremely exciting time for us as we look forward to reconnecting with family and friends after almost 3 ½ years! I pray you all have a blessed and joyous Easter and that you continue to stay safe and take care during Term 2. I look forward to seeing you all upon my return at the start of Term 3.

Urgent NAPLAN News

Can those parents who received a NAPLAN special circumstances form please return these forms ASAP as these need to be received by the end of this week.

Home Learning – A reminder that, should your child be at home due to family isolation requirements or a positive Covid result, the link below will take them to the Diocesan Guided Home Learning activities if they are well enough to be completing schoolwork. Students need to be logged in to his MN account to access this:

<https://mncatholic.sharepoint.com/sites/DigitalUpdates/SitePages/RLHome.aspx>

In addition, children can also spend some time reading each day and complete assigned activities on MangaHigh. For Stage 3 students (Years 5 & 6), they can also utilise Microsoft Teams & Class OneNote to access and complete any work from school.

Primary Athletics Carnival & Parent Volunteers: Can those parents who have received a paper copy of the consent form for the Athletics Carnival please return this ASAP in order for your child to participate.

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. The names of those approved parent volunteers are:

L. Boyle, A. Eccleston, K. Frazer, C. Malyon, M. Ramsay, L. Ross, B. Schnabel, O. Tonkin and S. White. If you turn up on the day and wish to volunteer, you MUST check with Mr Hartcher or Mrs Maretich at the convenors tent to ensure you have been cleared via the Diocesan volunteer process.

There will be **NO FRIDAY AFTERNOON ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK**. In it's place will be our Sport House Colour meetings, where our captains will prepare and remind the students for expectations and routines on the day.

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)

Children in Years 3-6 (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/>

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.

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 school Mass on Sunday morning. Thank you to the year 6 children who attended and represented our school.

If your child is in Yr3-6 you may join us in the church on Friday 8th April at 12.00 midday for the stations of the cross in our church. If your child is in Year 1 /Year 2 they will be in the church from 10.30 for the stations of the cross.

ANZAC liturgy will be on Wednesday 27th April at 2.30 pm and Easter Liturgy at assembly on Friday 29th April.

Thank you for your support that I have received this term, I have really enjoyed bringing God's word to the children.

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	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

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School Community News

School Fees

School Fee statements will be sent out on Tuesday 5th April. For those parents who have nominated to pay via instalments (weekly, fortnightly, or monthly), your first payment is due by 31st 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. These regular payments should finalise the 2022 fees by 31st 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.

School Photos

If you wish to order a copy of the band photo, school leaders etc you can do this by using the following unique code: **69078DL**

Vicki McSpadden,
Bursar

PBS – School Spirit Awards

This term we have focused 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	(absent) (absent)	KW	Rafferty M Lucas M	KL	Daniel M Emily J
1N	Amelia E Logan D			1L	Maggie K Kai R
2N	Maddisia C Sidney M	2W	Abbey C Riley L	2L	Eloise H Bella A
3N	Samuel E Oliver H	3W	Caleb A Harper S	3L	Maeve H Violet H
4N	Miller C Luca Rufo	4W	Mackenzie H Henry G	4L	Malia White Oliver Kemp
5N	Sophie G Coco F	5W	Vincent C Mia T	5L	Isaac N Sage T
6N	Antonio M Maya F	6W	Grace H Bailey K	6L	Matisse M Ella F

Next term we will be focusing on the value of **Compassion**. We will be encouraging our students to live out this value through forgiveness, gentleness, kindness and tolerance.

Principal Awards

The following students received a Principal's Award at last week's School Assembly:

Aart M (3L); Vienne T, Alexander J (4N) & Liam R (5L).

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

Janine Schneider,
Primary Coordinator

PLAYGROUP UPDATE

Last week at playgroup, we decorated beautiful Easter eggs with nature, using flowers and leaves. This week, join us for some more Easter craft, including decorating hats and our very own Playgroup Easter Hat Parade! Feel free to dress up for Easter - bunny ears and/or Easter themed clothing encouraged! Meet us in the school hall on Friday morning from 9:30am to 10:30am. Please bring your own morning tea and water bottle, and you are welcome to wear a mask, if you prefer. Playgroup is currently open to siblings of current St Therese's students, or children enrolled to start Kindergarten at St Therese's in 2023, and costs just a gold coin donation per family. If you would like any further information, please join our St Therese's Playgroup Facebook group, or contact Jo on 0439 435 287 or jo.kim@outlook.com.





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Joint accounts on Compass to manage permissions and payments

22 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 cso.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.

Print name: _____

Print name: _____

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____



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DATES Tuesday 12 April (Autumn), 5 July (Winter) and
27 September (Spring)

VENUE Tenambit Community Hall
Tyrell St nr Kenneth St, Tenambit NSW

COST \$35 per player
\$45 if paid after 5:00pm the day before tournament

TIME 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.

FORMAT 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.

To enrol please pay online with your credit card or debit card at
www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment
enter the code **SP9UU35EAY**
and fill in the electronic form, with your child's details.



PRIZES

Trophies will be given for:
1st Place, 2nd Place,
3rd Place

Medals will be awarded for age
prizes to be decided by the arbiter
on the day.

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Ph: 02 49 692338 – dramacorp@bigpond.com
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