



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Stop Work Action

The stop work action mentioned in the press at the moment only involves State schools.

Mothers Day

This coming weekend we celebrate Mothers' Day. In a world where we have been thrown into turmoil with Covid 19, natural disaster and the war in Ukraine not to mention the countless atrocities around the world I often wonder what it would be like if Women were at the helm of our major countries. Sometimes it is not testosterone that is needed but rather estrogen to calm the waters and to think rather than act. It is often said that wars are waged by old men who send young people to fight them and for what!? As we celebrate Mothers' Day on the weekend let us keep in our minds the great work that our women do in caring for our children, and for our families. As a society we need to ensure that we respect our women and we support them at every turn.

This Friday we will be celebrating Mothers' Day by inviting women to attend a breakfast to be held in the hall. You are invited to attend the celebration which starts at 7.30am until 9.00am. Looking forward to catching up with you.

RAHT Tests

The school will provide parents with RAHT tests if your child is a close contact and has no symptoms. If your child is a close contact and will be attending school then you are asked to make sure that you inform the school (so that RAHT tests can be made available) and that you test your children for five consecutive days prior to attending each morning.

ANZAC Day Assembly & Easter Liturgy

Last week the school attended a moving ANZAC Day ceremony in the hall. The theme of Remembrance was explained sensitively and the children responded in kind. A highlight was the rendition of the Last Post and Reverley played by Charlie K from year 6.

On Friday the school celebrated the Resurrection with an Easter Liturgy led by our year 6 students. My thanks to all involved.

Dance Performance

As part of our Creative Arts we have been focusing on dance. This Friday Kinder and year 6 will work together to present what they have been learning. My thanks to Mrs Brymora (Creative Arts Teacher) for her fabulous work with the children. Parents are invited to come along and enjoy the show that will

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Dates to Remember

4 MAY- DIO CROSS COUNTRY

5 MAY - YEAR 4 – CONFIRMATION MEETING

6 MAY - MOTHERS DAY B'FAST
7.30 AM-9AM

9 MAY-20 MAY - NAPLAN

13 MAY – INFANTS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

23 MAY- CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK OPEN CLASSROOMS

1, 2 & 3 JUN - YEAR 6 CAMP

1 JUN – DIO RUGBY

10 JUN – CENTRAL REGIONAL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

17 JUN – POPUP BOOKSTORE
CATHERINE MCAULEY CENTRE

commencing at 12:15pm. The show will also be recorded and you will be able to view it on our school website. If you would like to watch it live please go to the normal Assembly Zoom Code :

ID 676 13906420 Password 859 740

Bell Times

At the end of last term the staff met to review the bell times. After some discussion it was felt that the bell time should revert to the old times. Children felt that the new times did not give them enough time for lunch.

ENROLMENTS – If you are looking to enrol a child or you know of anyone who wishes to enrol a child at St Therese's can you please contact the office or visit our website for an enrolment pack. Please don't wait as places are filling quickly for 2023.

[Request An Enrolment Pack - St Therese's Primary School \(newlambton.catholic.edu.au\)](http://newlambton.catholic.edu.au)

Thanking you all once again for your support.

Duilio Rufo
Principal

Assistant Principals Message

Mother's Day Breakfast

Please join us this Friday 6 May, for our Mother's Day Breakfast in the school hall, from 7:30am – 9:00am. All our mums and mother figures are invited to celebrate with a delicious breakfast. Children of St Therese's and younger siblings not enrolled at school as yet, as also invited to attend.

Mother's Day Gifts

In lieu of a Mother's Day Stall, children are making special gifts for their mums. Each family is asked to send in \$12 for the gift, in a clearly marked envelope.

NAPLAN

Next Tuesday, our Year 3 and 5 students will start NAPLAN. We wish our students all the best and know they will all do their best. Please be aware, there is no special preparation for NAPLAN, it is one of many tests that teachers use to gauge the understanding of students.

English Syllabus

Currently the teachers in Kindergarten to Year 2, are receiving professional learning into the new English Syllabus K-2. This syllabus will be gradually implemented from 2023 onwards, more information will be sent out throughout the year.

Kaylene Maretich
Assistant Principal

RE News

Preparation for the St Vincent De-Paul Winter Appeal.

Later in this term we have the St Vincent De-Paul Winter Appeal.

In preparation of this fundraiser, I am welcoming any students who are experienced knitters or crocheters into the KN classroom. We aim to create small scarves and headwear that we can then sell during the school mission day to raise funds for this appeal.

We would also welcome any quality home made knitted accessories to our collection of donations. Each week the group time will vary to work around playground duties.

Week 3 - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday during lunchtime. BYO knitting needles.

Confirmation

After communication with Fr Sabu, confirmation evening dates have now been changed. We are awaiting communication as to when the new dates will be. As soon as we know it will be published here. I'm sorry for the inconvenience this may have caused.

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The information night will go ahead on **Thursday 5th May** at 6:30pm as planned via zoom.

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Caritas Australia

Our Caritas Australia donation boxes are now due for return. Something as small as \$12 provided two annual health checks for two people living with a disability in India. We look forward to seeing how we can assist less fortunate with your generous support.

Parish News

Please see the attached Parish Bulletin for all the latest parish news including Mass times.

Alexandra Wilson

Acting RE Coordinator

School Community News

School Fees

School Fee statements will be sent out on Wednesday 4th May. For those parents who have nominated to pay via instalments (weekly, fortnightly, or monthly). 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**

VOLUNTEERING

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.

Please advise the school via email when you register online and we will contact you when the clearance is received.

Vicki McSpadden

Bursar

Sport

Congratulations to Rhys B who was successful at the soccer trials in Bathurst. He has made it through to the Poliding team and will be representing Hunter in Griffith in August.

Celeste A and Mia S also attended, but unfortunately did not make the team.

We wish our 24 Cross Country superstars all the best for tomorrow.

Joel Hartcher
Coach



SAVE THE DATE!!

We warmly invite all our Mothers and Mother figures to a **Mother's Day Breakfast.**

When: Friday 6th May

Where: School Hall

Time: 7:30am - 9am

Come along and enjoy a lovely breakfast and catch-up with friends. Please note, due to catering purposes, only St Therese's students and toddlers/babies may also come along.



SAVE THE DATE!

Infants Sports Carnival for all students K-2

When: Friday 13th May

Where: Back Playground

Time: 10:30 - 11:25am



Come along and cheer your little ones on as they race for fun! There will be races, ball games, egg and spoon races and relays. No races will be timed, and no ribbons will be handed out. This mini carnival is just for fun!

Parents and Carers are invited to bring along lunch and picnic blanket/chairs and stay for lunch.



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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: _____





NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 16-22 MAY 2022

Better Together

Right across our Maitland-Newcastle Diocese volunteering brings people together; it builds communities and creates a better society for everyone.

To say thanks to our incredible people, we are hosting two free events:

- WEDNESDAY 18 MAY
6PM VOLUNTEER DINNER
AT CLUB TAREE
- THURSDAY 19 MAY
6PM AT EVENT CINEMAS KOTARA

RSVP to volunteers@mn.catholic.org.au by 9 May 2022

Entertainment Memberships are back for 2022, support St Therese's Primary School while enjoying discounts from many local shops and services. Go to <https://au.entdigital.net/orderbooks/340x66> to purchase your membership. Until May 31st 2022 receive a BONUS \$20 or \$40 eGift card. Please share with family and friends. Thank you for supporting our school!



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