



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Mothers Day

Last Friday we welcomed over 500 mothers, grandmothers & mother/carers to St Therese's to celebrate Mothers Day. Whilst it was a very busy morning it was uplifting to be able to welcome parents back into the school. My thanks to Mrs Belinday Palmer, Canteen Supervisor and all those staff and students who volunteered on the day to make it so special.

Kinder/Year 6 Dance Performance

In the afternoon we were entertained by our Kinder students and their Year 6 buddies to the tune of the chicken dance. Is there anything more delightful than the joy on a child's face enjoying themselves! My thanks to Mrs Alina Brymora, Creative Arts teacher, and the class teachers who worked so hard to make this a success.

NAPLAN

This week children in Years 3 and 5 will undertake the National testing (NAPLAN). We wish all the children the very best.

Infants Athletics Carnival

This Friday the Infants children will be having their FUN DAY Athletics Carnival. You are all warmly invited to come along and cheer your children on and then stay on for a picnic lunch. The Carnival runs from 10.10am – 11.15am.

Burke Street Afternoon Dismissal

Could I ask parents to check that they are displaying their surname clearly in the passenger visor so that the teachers can call the children to the cars in a timely manner. Thankyou for your assistance with this.

Sports Championships

My congratulations to the following children: Junior Girl – Lily P, Junior Boy – Spencer P, 11yrs Girl – Mia S, 11yrs Boy – Chandler D, Senior Girls – Celeste A, Senior Boys – Xavier G.

Thanking you all once again for your support.

Duilio Rufo
Principal

Dates to Remember

13 MAY – INFANTS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

23 MAY- CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK OPEN CLASSROOMS

26 MAY NATIONAL SORRY DAY

27 MAY-3 JUN RECONCILIATION WEEK

1, 2 & 3 JUN - YEAR 6 CAMP

1 JUN – DIO RUGBY

2 JUN – YR 3 WETLANDS

10 JUN – CENTRAL REGIONAL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

17 JUN – POPUP BOOKSTORE CATHERINE MCAULEY CENTRE

20 JUN ROAD SAFETY DAY

20 JUN DRESS REHEARSAL FOR CONCERT

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Bob Emery

Principal

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We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Awabakal people, the traditional custodians of the land on which our school is built.

MESSAGE TO PARENTS READS:

I hope you and your families are well.

Just a reminder that the closing date for **Year 7 2023 enrolments is Friday 13 May**. If you could please return your enrolment application by then, it would greatly help our planning for next year. Enrolment applications are welcome after that date but we cannot guarantee immediate acceptance after that date, as we first need to ensure we have places available.

I think it is important in these difficult times, after two and half years of COVID, that I reassure parents and carers that should you need financial assistance by way of fee discount or other agreements, to enable you to enrol in St Pius that can be easily arranged.

Enrolment applications can be emailed or mailed to St Pius, or delivered in person to Reception at the Main Office. Relevant addresses appear at the bottom of our website homepage: <https://www.adamstownsp.catholic.edu.au/>

Best wishes

Bob Emery
Principal

RE News

Preparation for the St Vincent De-Paul Winter Appeal

Knitting group will meet week 4 in KN: during Lunchtime. I have donations of wool and would love to see some student creations.

Confirmation

We should have a set date by the end of the week. Please accept my apologies again for the delay. Meanwhile, to collect the booklets payment of \$10 in a labelled sealed envelope can be made to the office on Thursdays and Fridays. The booklets will be given immediately upon payment.

Parish News

Please see the attached Parish Bulletin for parish news including Mass times and any other important information.

Alexandra Wilson
Acting RE Coordinator



PBS

This term we are focusing on the value of **Compassion**. We congratulate the following children for receiving the PBS School Spirit Award for demonstrating **COMPASSION** by forgiving others:

School Spirit Award for demonstrating COMPASSION by forgiving others. (Please record 2 names per class)					
KN	Charlotte S	KW	Laila N	KL	Aiden M
	Lachlan A		Harry A		Madeline P
1N	Wren D	1W		1L	Michael M
	Mateo V				Vann R
2N	Vincent N	2W	Oliver W	2L	Ashton P
	Hugo G		Macy G		Nixon R
3N	Tighe C	3W	Jack M	3L	Evie T
	Brooklyn L		Zachery W		Frankie S
4N	Miller C	4W	Milla G	4L	Claire A
	Noah J		Cooper M		Oliver K
5N	Kye T	5W		5L	Tabitha K
	Emily F				Oliver S
6N	Charlie K	6W	Grace H	6L	Rhys B
	Shelby C		Olivia S		Audrey B

Principal Awards

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

KW – Declan P & Angus M; **KL** – Violet W, Daniel M & Emily J; **1L** – Lewis P; **3N** – Georgie A, Brodie L & Brianna H; **3W** - Emilio S & Noah B; **3L** – Ashton S & Aart M; **4W** – Lachlan F; **5L** – Olivia L & Jack R; **6N** – Charlie K.

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

Date: Monday 16th May **Time:** 2:30pm **ID:** 676 1390 6420 **P/W:** 859 740

Parents are welcome to attend our weekly school assemblies in the school hall on **Monday afternoons**.

Janine Schneider
Primary Coordinator

School Community News

School Fees

School Fee statements were sent out last Wednesday. 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. There is a Direct Debit form at the back of this Newsletter.

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

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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

Diocesan Cross Country

Last Wednesday our successful and talented distance runners, 24 in total, travelled with St. James's students to the Diocesan Cross Country. It was a hot and humid day - perfect for running! All students did their very best and we had many students just falling short of qualifying places and times for Polding. A wonderful day had by all in attendance.



A full list of results as well as the names of those who qualified for Polding are on our Diocesan website. The link to the results is <https://csnsw.sport/maitland-newcastle/primary/sport/cross-country> I have also printed these results and placed them on our sport notice board.

Girls Blast Cricket program

Recently we have been invited by our local Cricket NSW Representative, Ashley Mowbray, to participate in a free after school cricket program for girls Years 3-6. Dates and times are still being finalised, so please keep an eye out. There will be places for 20 girls, so once the call goes out, we will go with first in best dressed.

Athletics Carnival

May I thank our school community for your patience as I work through our athletics carnival results. The results have been finalised and were announced at yesterday's school assembly.

Joel Hartcher
Coach

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National Walk Safely to School Day

As in previous years, we will gather on the eastern side of the Adamstown train station and walk to school from there. Gathering time will be 8:20am with an aim to walk at 8:30am.

We encourage parents to walk with their child, however if you are or need to drop and run we will have staff joining to supervise and ensure your child is accompanied on the walk to school.

Please be on time and prompt on your arrival to ensure supervision and allow our walk to begin on time.

Should you not be able to join on this day, we encourage all families to try to park a block or two away from school and take a short walk together from there.

Pop the date on your calendar now!



WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 20 MAY 2022

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 20 May 2022!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

PLAYGROUP UPDATE

Last week at playgroup, we celebrated Mother's Day, with glitter, glue, and lots of messy, crafty fun together. We made beautiful glittery artworks, photo frames from paddle-pop sticks, ribbon and raffia, and flowers made from hand prints and pipe cleaners. We also started our Playgroup "Community Library", where our playgroupers can read the books while at playgroup, take a book home and bring it back, or swap it for a book from home. For the next two weeks at playgroup, we're doing dinosaurs! Playgroup is currently open to siblings of St Therese's students, and/or children enrolled for Kindergarten in 2023. We meet in the hall at 9:30am on Friday mornings, and we ask for a gold coin donation per family. Please bring along snacks and a water bottle, and if you require any additional information, feel free to join our St Therese's Playgroup Facebook group, or contact Jo on 0439 435 287 or jo.kim@outlook.com.



DANCE PERFORMANCE KINDER & YR 6

Kindergarten and Year 6 Dance Sharing

Our Kindergarten and Year 6 students took a moment last Friday to share dance with each other and with visiting parents and grandparents. Kindergarten students happily performed the Chicken Dance and the Kinderpolka, while Year 6 proudly presented two of their hip-hop dances to Remember Me and Can't Stop the Feeling. Our Kinders did a great job teaching their buddies how to do the chicken dance, and Year 6 reciprocated by teaching the little ones some more advanced hip-hop moves. It was a joy to see our Kinder and Year 6 buddies share their learning with each other. Thank you to the visitors who came to see our students perform, and to those who joined us from home via zoom.



MOTHER'S DAY 2022





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Infants Sports Carnival for all students K-2

When: Friday 13th May

Where: Back Playground

Time: 10:10 - 11:15am (please note time change)



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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St Therese's Primary School
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3rd May, 2022

Re: Dance Production for students in Year 3, 4 and 5.

Dear Parents and Carers

It is a very exciting time at St. Therese's Primary School as students in Years 3, 4 and 5 have been busy preparing for a school production. The theme for the night is "Dance Through the Decades" where some of the most famous songs throughout history will be celebrated through dance.

The purpose of this note is to inform you about details of the concert. Could we please ask you to put the following dates into your calendars?

CONCERT DATES			
<u>What</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Dress Rehearsal	Monday 20 th June	12.15 pm	School Hall
Concert 1	Tuesday 21 st June	12.30 pm	School Hall
Concert 2	Wednesday 22 nd June	12.30 pm	School Hall
Concert 3	Wednesday 22 nd June	6.30pm	School Hall

If there are any concerns about the following dates could you please notify your classroom teacher as soon as possible? Our hope is that all the children in Years 3, 4 and 5 will be available to perform, and will be able to be a part of this major school community event. Please remember that only legitimate reasons will be seen as acceptable for not being able to participate in the concert.

Our classes will be performing the following categories:

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CONCERT CATEGORIES AND CLASSES		
3N – 1930s	4W – 1960s	5N – 1990s
3W – 1940s	4N – 1970s	5W – 2000s
3L – 1950s	4L – 1980s	5L – 2010s

Costume Requirements

As mentioned earlier, rehearsals have already begun. In the coming weeks you will receive more information about the concert and costume requirements. There will be some costs involved in the purchase of some of the costumes. When these notes do come out, could we please ask you to contact us via email about any questions or concerns you might have.

There will be a little bit of sewing needed to prepare costumes for the concert. We want the children to look as authentic as possible to represent their given category, and to feel great when they perform. Could we please ask any parents, grandparents and carers who are good on a sewing machine to leave a message with Mrs Brymora via email on alina.brymora@mn.catholic.edu.au . Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

We are very much looking forward to preparing the children for this wonderful school community event. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Brymora through the school office.

Yours Sincerely,

Duilio Rufo
Principal

Kaylene Maretich
Assistant Principal

Alina Brymora
Creative Arts Teacher



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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.

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Print name: _____

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____



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Authority Number

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DIRECT DEBIT REQUEST

Request to Debit Account

ON BEHALF OF _____ SCHOOL

YOUR DETAILS

Given name(s) Surname
 Work phone number Mobile phone number
 Address
 (Postcode)

PAYMENT DETAILS

School Name Suburb
 Student Names
 Given name(s) Surname
 Amount \$
 Frequency (Monthly, fortnightly, Weekly)
 First payment date
 Until further notice
 Final payment date

School Reference (OFFICE USE ONLY)

REQUEST AND AUTHORITY TO DEBIT

Catholic Development Fund ID Number 025223 may debit and/or charge any amount through the Bulk Electronic Clearing System (BECS), from the account nominated on this form. Each debit or charge must be effected according to the Service Agreement.

DETAILS OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

Name and address of financial institution
 (Postcode)

DETAILS OF ACCOUNT TO BE DEBITED

Account in the name of:
 BSB number
 Account number

SIGNATURE(S)

Before signing this section, please read the Service Agreement on the reverse. Your signature below will indicate you accept the terms of the Service Agreement and confirm that the details on this form have been checked and are correct.

If a joint account, please have all account holders sign. If the account is held by a company secretary, please have one director and the company secretary each sign.

If you are signing for and on behalf of another person or entity, please state the capacity in which you sign, in the signature box below.

Signature 1 Date
 Signature 2 Date