



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Catholic Schools Week

Next Monday, 23rd May we will celebrate Catholic Schools Week with a Liturgy in the Hall commencing at 9.30am. Following this we invite all those who attend to share in a light morning tea and take the opportunity to visit their children's classrooms and see their work on display. As COVID restrictions ease it is a real pleasure to welcome our families back on site.

National Volunteers Week

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all those parents, carers and grandparents who volunteer in our school community. From Canteen to sports marshalls all your efforts are greatly appreciated and we could not deliver these services/events without your support. Please know that you are all highly regarded by the staff.

Staff In-Service

Next week the staff will be attending an in-service addressing well being. This will take place on Tuesday evening commencing at 3.30pm and finishing at 7.30pm. Therefore there will not be any interruption to the school day.

Enrolments

Just a reminder that those families who are intending to send their children to Kindergarten in 2023 and have not submitted their enrolment forms, please do so as soon as possible so that they can be processed.

Winter Uniform

Whilst we are enjoying some mild Autumn weather at the moment please use your discretion when the cold weather starts and dress your child appropriately. The official start date would be June 1st. There are some second hand uniforms available for a very reasonable cost at the office if you need some.

Duilio Rufo
Principal

Dates to Remember

**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**

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



Assistant Principal

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

Years 3 & 5 students sat the NAPLAN last week in the following areas:

Writing

Reading

Conventions of Language

Numeracy

All of the Year 5 tests were completed online, with Year 3 doing the writing in a booklet, with the other three areas online. This week we have catch up sessions for students that were away last week. I would like to thank the teachers in Years 3 & 5, the learning support department and our learning support assistants for your assistance, to ensure the smooth running of NAPLAN. Most of all, I would like to thank the Years 3 & 5 children for their focus and engagement in the NAPLAN tests. This is just one of the many ways children are assessed at school.

Thank you also to Phoebe M, Erin S and Trevina M, who helped me and Mr Rouse to set up the computers in the Catherine McAuley Centre each morning, your help was greatly appreciated girls!

Semester 1 Reports

Teachers have begun to put together reports for the children. The reports look a bit different this year. The main changes are:

- The strands of English: Reading & Viewing, Writing & Representing and Speaking & Listening, will be further broken down to specific skills in these three areas
- The comments for Religion, English and Mathematics will be in two sections:
 - Areas of Strength
 - Areas for Development
- Commitment to Learning now has a 3-point scale: high, developing & emerging
- Personal & Social Development and Learning Dispositions have a 5-point scale: consistently, usually, often, developing or requires support

More information about the new reports will be published in the Newsletter in the coming weeks.

The reports will be released on Compass on **Thursday 30 May** (Week 10).

Walk Safely to School

Next Friday **20 May** is "Walk Safely to School Day". Mr Hartcher will start the walk to school from Adamstown Train Station at 8:10am, so you might want to arrive a few minutes earlier. Parents/Carers are welcome to walk with us also, and some staff are also taking up the challenge to walk to school as well.

Catholic School's Week

The theme for Catholic School's Week (23 – 30 May) is "Fully Alive". We will start this important week with a liturgy on **Monday 23 May at 9:30am** in the school hall. The liturgy will be followed by morning tea for parents/carers, then open classes where you can see your children's work. We look forward to celebrating this with you all.

Kaylene Maretich
Assistant Principal

RE News

Welcome to Catholic Schools Week

One of the main purposes of Catholic Schools Week is to celebrate the remarkable work, passion, and enthusiasm our Catholic schools exhibit on a daily basis.

As learning communities who are committed to excellence through the education of the 'whole child,' we recognise their efforts in providing an all-round education that nurtures each student spiritually, intellectually, socially, and physically. It is this education that enables all students to flourish and become the best versions of themselves



This year our Catholic Schools Week theme is “Fully Alive,” which reminds us that we are most alive when we are in touch with our inner selves and can acknowledge deep connections between ourselves, God, others, and creation. As communities of faith, we are called to grow in awareness of the life in and around us, to live more fully and not to “settle for a bland and mediocre existence” (Pope Francis, *Gaudete Et Exsultate*).

Sorry Day

This Friday, and every year on 26th May, National Sorry Day remembers and acknowledges the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were forcibly removed from their families and communities, which we now know as ‘The Stolen Generations’. National Sorry Day is a day to acknowledge the strength of Stolen Generations Survivors and reflect on how we can all play a part in the healing process for our people and nation. While this date carries great significance for the Stolen Generations and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, it is also commemorated by Australians right around the country.

Here at St Therese's, we too apologise for past injustices.

We accept the truth of our history.

We acknowledge and pay respects to our Awabakal and Aboriginal parents, grandparents, Elders and wider community members who live this journey.



Reconciliation week

Following from 'Sorry Day', next week, we recognise National Reconciliation Week 2022. The theme “Be Brave. Make Change.” is a challenge to all Australians— individuals, families, communities, organisations and government—to **Be Brave** and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can **Make Change** for the benefit of all Australians.

On Monday afternoon 30th May, Aldo Rufo our school Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) Teacher will be organising and dedicating the afternoon assembly to this National week. We welcome the school community to join us in the school hall at 2:30pm 30th May.



For more information please see the link below.

<https://nrw.reconciliation.org.au/about-nrw/>

Alexandra Wilson
Acting RE Coordinator

Mini - Vinnies Winter Food Appeal

It is that time of the year again when Mini Vinnies is asking for your assistance in helping others. Our Winter Appeal begins next week. Each grade is asked to bring food items allocated to their year group. Students can bring 1-2 food items each that can be donated to the St Vincent de Paul society, who will make up parcels for the needy in our community. Please help us to help those who are not as fortunate as we are. The Winter Appeal donations will be collected on Wednesday and Friday each week by the members of Mini Vinnies up until Friday Week 9.

Kinder Baked beans, spaghetti, tinned snacks
Year 1 Pasta, Pasta sauce, noodles, tinned soup
Year 2 Tinned vegetables, tinned fruit.
Year 3 Toothpaste, soap, shampoo
Year 4 Cereal, Porridge, biscuits
Year 5 Spreads – vegemite, jam, honey etc Sauces – bbq, tomato etc
Year 6 Coffee, tea, milo, drinking chocolate
Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Anne Sturt, Yr 5 Mini Vinnies

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PBS

PBS and Principal Awards

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.					
KN	Samuel C Joshua K	KW	Georgie L Finn M	KL	August D Eliana T
1N	Bonnie B Joseph M			1L	Darcy B Zali C
2N	Thomas P Joshua P	2W	Archie S Amelia S	2L	Paige M Violet R
3N	Milla C Stirling R	3W	Harry S Lachlan S	3L	Audrey J Aart M
4N	John D Annabel S	4W	Spencer P Aria H	4L	Eamon D Lucas O
5N	Makenzie P Jordy T	5W	Rosemary C Samuel P	5L	Leila O Jacob L
6N	Lucy A Ayanna M	6W	Isla B Bailey K	6L	Dante S Benjamin L

Principal Awards

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

KN – Maeve C; **KL** – Maia L; **1N** – Zara A & Amelia E; **1L** – Miller M; **2W** – Louis W; **3L** – Violet H; **4L** – Hudson G; **5L** – Sophie S & Isaac N; **6N** – Charlie K

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

Date: Monday 23rd 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 recently. 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 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/>.

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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

Cricket Blast - FREE After School Program (for girls):

What an exciting initiative offered by NSW Cricket for our school's girls! We sincerely thank NSW Cricket for offering and running this valuable program at our school. Check your calendar and register if you can, places will fill quickly.

*Please note, this program is offered and run by NSW Cricket - any questions or concerns should be directed to Ashley.



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St Therese Primary School

Frequency: 1 hour session every week for 4 weeks

Wednesday 1st June - 22nd June 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Ashley 0408650956 ashley.mowbray@cricketnsw.com.au

National Walk Safely to School Day:

Just a reminder to join us on Friday (20th) morning for the National Walk Safely to School Day.

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!

Joel Hartcher
Coach



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WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

FRIDAY 20 MAY 2022

Until they're ten, children must always hold an adult's hand when crossing the road

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National Road Safety Week 2022
15 - 22 May

@natwalk2school #WSTSD

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LEARNING IN THE LIBRARY



SPOTLIGHT ON: YEAR ONE (T2 WK2)

Year One have been learning about how things change over time and explored changes in the way we learn at school. After reading the book 'Jumping Joeys', students moved through past decades by colouring in pictures of animals, constructing animals with Lego and creating digital representations using 3D Print.



Year One independently progressed through each of the stations before analysing the benefits of each activity





Carers for school aged children are urgently needed.

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Infants Sports Carnival for all students K-2

When: Friday 20th May

Where: Back Playground

Time: 10:10 - 11:15am



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. Lunch finishes at 12pm.



Boys Uniforms for Sale

All Uniforms are the NEW STYLE in excellent condition, barely worn due to COVID lockdowns:

Sport jumper size 14 logo - \$15

Sport track pants size 12- \$15

Sport shorts size 12- \$10

Winter navy jacket no logo size 12- \$20

Winter formal jumper size 14 logo - \$20

Winter formal pants - hole in knee can be repaired size 14 - FREE

Winter formal shirt size 14 x2- \$10 each

Winter Jacket Size 14 Logo- \$20

Please call Larissa 0431974193

EMAIL: design@luyourspace.com.au



St Therese's Primary School
Burke Street, New Lambton NSW 2305
Telephone: (02) 4957 4922

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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Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Authority Number

CDF School Account No.

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

