



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,
Catholic Schools Week



Yesterday we welcomed some 400 parents, grandparents and carers to the schools' Open Classroom day to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. This has always been an exciting day on the school calendar for both the teachers and children and I thank all those who made it such a special celebration. My thanks to Mrs Belinda Palmer and her band of tireless workers who provided a delicious morning tea. My thanks also to Mrs Alexandra Wilson and the group of students who took part in the Liturgy.

Friday 27th May – Industrial Work Action

This coming Friday staff will be taking part in a day long strike action. There will be limited supervision for students at school for those families that need to send their children. There will be NO CANTEEN service on this day. Also OOSH will only be available before and after school hours. Thank you for your understanding and support.

St Therese's Dance Troupe

This Sunday our talented group of dancers will be performing at St Pius High School, "The Factory" under the direction of Miss Alex Toscano.

Infants Dance- Session 3 11:10am
 Primary Aerobics- Session 6 11:40am
 Infants Aerobics- Session 9 12:22pm
 Primary Duo- Session 17 1:47pm

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.

Duilio Rufo
 Principal

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

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Dates to Remember

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**

10 JUN - ROAD SAFETY DAY

**17 JUN – POPUP BOOKSTORE
 CATHERINE MCAULEY CENTRE**

**20 JUN DRESS REHEARSAL
 FOR CONCERT**

21 JUN - CONCERT 12.15

22 JUN - CONCERT 12.15 & 6.30



Newcastle Catholic secondary schools transitioning to Years 7 to 12

Over the next five years, the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is renewing its approach to secondary schooling in Newcastle to ensure it best supports the educational needs and outcomes for its students now, and as we look to the future.

The Trustees of the Diocese have made the decision to transition all secondary schools in Newcastle to Years 7 to 12. The transition will occur in a staged and planned way.

From 2024, Catholic secondary schools in Newcastle will be commencing a staged transition to Year 7 to Year 12 schools, this includes:

- San Clemente High School, Mayfield – with the inclusion of Years 11 and 12
- St Francis Xavier's College, Hamilton – with the inclusion of Years 7, 8, 9 and 10
- St Pius X High School, Adamstown – with the inclusion of Years 11 and 12

The transition of schools to a full Year 7 to Year 12 complement is expected to be completed no later than 2027.

We understand that such changes may raise questions about enrolment, zoning, timelines and logistics of the implementation in your family and our school community.

You are invited to [read more on the website here](#) and participate in the implementation planning activities to ask questions. All staff, students, families and the wider community are invited to collaborate on the implementation plan to meet the unique needs of each school.

Assistant Principal's Message

Uniform

The official date for the switch to the winter uniform is **Wednesday 1 June**. The weather can be unpredictable, so parents please ensure your child is dressed in the uniform most appropriate for the weather for the next week. The uniform worn needs to be our correct school uniform. Navy fleece jumpers and cardigans are available at Kmart, Target, Big W etc. and children are welcome to wear these, as they are very similar to the jumpers available at Lowes. Please note; hoodies (even navy) and branded jumpers are **not** part of our uniform so are not to be worn. Children are also permitted to wear blue scarves, gloves and beanies as the weather gets colder. Sport uniform is to be worn only on sport days.

An increasing number of students are also wearing inappropriate jewellery and footwear. Minimum jewellery is permitted and is to be limited to – a watch, single ear studs, and hair accessories in blue or white. Nail polish, coloured hair and makeup are **not** permitted at school. On sport day, children are required to wear appropriate joggers or running shoes. On non-sport days, children are to wear black leather shoes not black fabric shoes such as Converse or dress shoes. Several senior students have explained that they are wearing incorrect footwear as they have outgrown their school shoes and they will be moving into high school next year. However, most high schools have a requirement of black leather shoes, so it is expected that children wear the correct uniform while enrolled at St Therese's.

We are aware that, at times, children cannot wear aspects of their uniform due to unforeseen circumstances. Please send a note into your child's teacher should this occur.

A full list of our school uniform can be found on our website.

Reports

My apologies, there was an incorrect day in the Newsletter last week. Semester 1 reports will be sent home on **Thursday 30 June** (Week 10), not 30 May as previously advertised in the Newsletter.

Staff Twilight

Tonight, all staff will engage in a Professional Learning opportunity with Renee Tyczynski from the Catholic School Office. Renee is a psychologist, who has developed the new Wellbeing Framework, that was launched at the end of Term 1. Staff will work with Renee to look at what is currently being done in the area of wellbeing at St Therese's and how to further improve in this vital area. More information about this will be sent in the coming weeks.

Office of Safeguarding

As we use an increasing number of portable devices such as laptops, iPads etc. We can also use our devices, as well as the internet, to do many tasks such as online banking, shopping etc. to make our lives easier, so it is important that we all learn how to protect our personal and sensitive information. The Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC) suggests the following:

- Update your devices regularly
- Activate multifactor authentication
- Back up your devices
- Set secure passphrases

[You can download the guide to personal cybersafety here.](#) It is especially important for you to help your child to ensure their devices and profiles are always kept secure and safe.

RE News

Welcome to Catholic Schools Week.

We feel blessed to have many families join us for our Liturgy and Open Classrooms on Monday.

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 26 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.

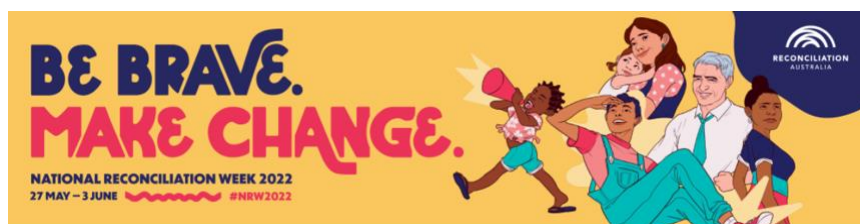
We accept the truth of our history.

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://nrrw.reconciliation.org.au/about-nrrw/>



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

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 being gentle to others:

School Spirit Award for demonstrating COMPASSION by being gentle to others.					
KN	Evelyn A	KW	Peyton M	KL	Hazel H
	Freddy W		Lucas M		Massimo P
1N	Isabella A			1L	Rio S
	Joseph M				Madeleine H
2N	Ruby M	2W	Benjamin B	2L	Eliza B
	Rosemary L		Tom C		Jacob J
3N	Francesca R	3W	Noah M	3L	Chase M
	Amelia W		Sam S		Egan V
4N	Michael B	4W	Charlie T	4L	Mahali R
	Lachlan C		Eden H		Eamon S
5N	Hope B	5W	Poppy W	5L	Casper H
	Hunter C		Mia S		Tilly C
6N		6W	Amelia G	6L	Toby E
			Zavier G		Matilda K

Principal Awards

The following students will receive a Principal's Award at **Week 7 School Assembly**:

KN – Maeve C & Mila M; **KW** – Cillian M & Rafferty M; **KL** – Maia L & Hudson B; **1N** – Zara A, Zoe T & Amelia E; **1L** – Miller M, Rio S & Emilie A; **2W** – Louis W & Alexander P; **3N** – Oliver H; **3W** – Jack R & Zachery W; **3L** – Violet H, Grace S & Chase M; **4N** – Nash Q; **4W** – Indigo H; **4L** – Hudson G; **5L** – Sophie S, Isaac N & Anna V; **6N** – Charlie K; **6L** – Madelyn O & Ava R.

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

Date: Monday 6th June

Time: 2:30pm

ID: 676 1390 6420

P/W: 859 740

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/>.

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

Dance through the Decades Production

Students in Years 3, 4 and 5 have been very busy preparing for their "Dance through the Decades" concert which will be held in Week 9 in our school hall.

Tickets for the concert are available for sale on Flexischools. Tickets cost \$10 per adult. Children under 16 are free, but when purchasing your tickets through the app, you will still need to allocate a ticket to each person attending the concert.

Important dates to remember are:

Dress Rehearsal - Monday 20th June at 12.15pm
Concert 1 Matinee - Tuesday 21st June at 12.15pm
Concert 2 Matinee - Wednesday 22nd June at 12.15pm
Concert 3 Evening - Wednesday 22nd June at 6.30pm

Parents, of students in Year 3, 4 and 5 - you will have received a costume note by now. You can find the note on Compass but a hard copy was also sent home via your child's classroom. Could we please ask you to finalise any costume requirements as soon as possible. Any items organised through the school are currently being purchased and packaged. You will receive the final items for your child's costume in Week 8. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email alina.brymora@mn.catholic.edu.au.

Sport

Regional Athletics Carnival:

Please be aware, for those students that have made it through to compete at the Regional Athletics carnival, permission notes have gone home. This note has the event(s) that your child has qualified for. ***Please ensure that all notes are returned on or before 27th May.***

National Walk Safely to School Day:



Thank you to all the parents/ carers, students, teachers, and furry friends that were able to make our walk safely to school day on Friday. On a cold day, it was wonderful to see our little band make it's way from Adamstown train station to school.

It also serves as a wonderful reminder of the benefits of walking to school if and where possible. Newcastle City Council currently have a Pedestrian Survey, so if you would like to have your say on how you feel when walking our city you are more than welcome to complete on link provided: [Pedestrian Survey - City of Newcastle \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/pegsurvey)



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Principal Pedestrian Network. We have begun developing our strategic Pedestrian Plan, which includes the 'Principal Pedestrian Network' (PPN) for Newcastle - a mapped network of routes which support pedestrian activity into and around key destinations such as shops, schools, parks, and transport stops.

[newcastle.nsw.gov.au](https://www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au)

NRMA Road Safety (and Science) Show:

Parents and Carers please be aware that we have our annual NRMA Road Safety (and Science) show visit on Friday the 10th of June. Pop this date on the calendar as students are asked to bring a helmet if they have one... 🏍️

Coach Hartcher
Sports Coordinator

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Northern NSW Primary School Futsal

Last Wednesday our school took 46 talented futsal players to a round robin tournament at Howzat. We entered two Under 10s Boys Teams, three Under 12s Boys Teams and an Under 12s Girls Team. It was a great day of fun. Congratulations to our girls' team who were runners up and one of our under 10s teams who won the competition. We are so proud of all children involved, due to the sportsmanship they displayed. Thank you to our parents who helped us on the day with managing the teams.

Mr Breen and Mrs Griffiths



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

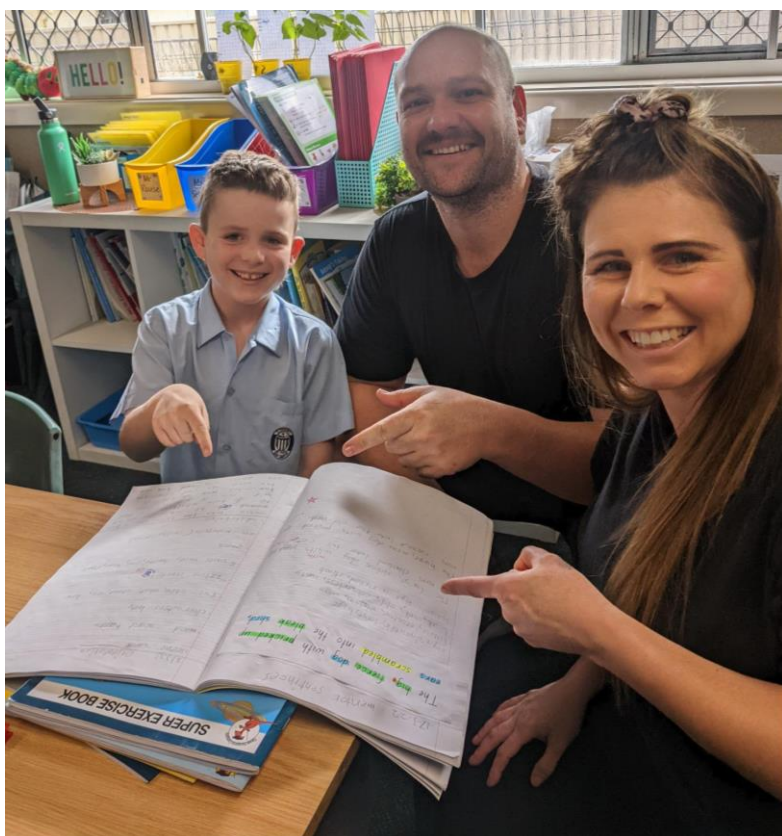
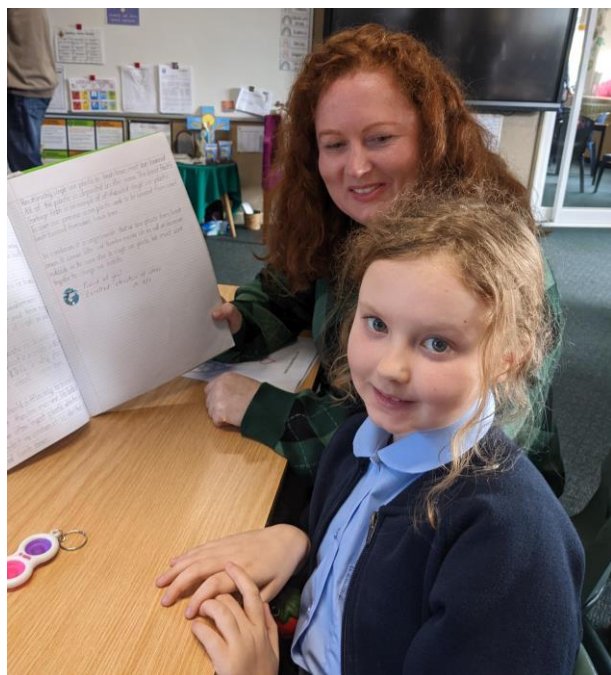
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OPEN CLASSROOMS 2022







Year 2 Henny Penny Hatchlings

In Week 6 and 7 the Year 2 classrooms will be taking part in the 'Henny Penny Hatchlings' program by adopting 12 chicken eggs as apart of their Science and Writing Units.

At the completion of Week 7 (Friday 10th June) the 12 chickens will need to be rehomed. If your family is interested in welcoming at least 2 chickens into your home, please thoroughly read through the attached information sheet. When you are certain on your decision, please email the school office Attn: Mrs Hunt.



ADOPTING CHICKS

Henny Penny Hatching asks any families considering adopting chicks, particularly those who have limited experience in keeping and raising chickens, to read and consider the following before they take chicks home:

- Do your local council regulations allow you to keep poultry on your property?
- Will your backyard be suitable when the chicks grow into adult chickens?
- Remember that 50% of the chicks will be roosters. Are you able to, and prepared to, keep roosters on your property?
- Will your chickens co-exist happily with any pets you may already have?
- Will your neighbours mind having chickens living next door?
- Who will look after your chickens when you go on holiday?
- Chickens will produce eggs for 2-3 years but they can live for 10 years and more. Are you prepared to look after them for their entire lifespan?
- Click on [Gardening Australia](#) for more information regarding keeping chickens as pets.
- Chickens are flock birds. You will need to take 2 or more chicks home in order for them to be naturally content. Are you prepared to keep 2 or more adult chickens?



When you take your chicks home you will need to provide a suitable brooding area, a small drinker, a feeder, and a desk lamp, which you can suspend over the area for warmth. However, when the chicks develop their feathers, at about 8 weeks, they will need to be housed outside. You should gradually reduce the heat source in the weeks leading up to this. Once you have moved your chickens outside, they will need shelter, nesting boxes with straw or shavings, and perches (which can be made from tree branches). There are a number of excellent coops on the market. Some of these can even be moved around the backyard (see [Useful Information](#)).

Invitation

The Federation of P & F Associations will be celebrating the 40th Anniversary since its inaugural meeting in 1981.



The Federation of P & F Associations will be gathering for dinner and welcoming our special guests, Her Excellency, the Honorable Margaret Beazley AC QC, Governor of New South Wales, and Mr. Dennis Wilson.

The details for this event are as follows:

DATE: Thursday 2 June 2022

TIME: 5.45pm for 6.15pm seating

VENUE: Noah's on the Beach

29 Zaara Street

NEWCASTLE EAST NSW 2300

COST: \$70.00 - 3 course alternate meal - cash bar available

TICKETS: Available at

<https://ticketebo.com.au/40thanniversarydinner>

Tickets are non-transferable

To avoid disappointment, please be aware tickets are strictly limited.





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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 csosupport@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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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
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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 _____
 OR _____

Signature 2 _____ Date _____
 OR _____



Ideas to Add More Vegetables

It can be tricky to think of new ways to add vegetables to the lunchbox. Here are some of our favourite tips.

- Pack raw vegetables with a dip or some cheese. Why not try tzatziki or tomato salsa?
- Cook extra vegetables the night before and store them in the fridge ready to be added to the lunchbox. Our favourites include homemade sweet potato wedges
- Use chickpeas, beans or lentils in your child's lunchbox. Why not try these vegetarian koftas.



<https://www.swapit.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/resources/parent-resources/recipe-ideas/>



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