# Newsletter

## Think, Grow, Shine.

15h June 2022| TERM 2 WEEK 8







#### Principal's Message

#### **Trinity Sunday**

Last Sunday we celebrated Trinity Sunday at St Therese's Church. We acknowledged the joining of the three parishes of St Therese's, New Lambton, St John's Lambton and Corpus Christi, Waratah. It was a well attended Mass with a lovely morning tea afterwards in the School Hall. My thanks to those staff, parishoners and others who organised such a successful event.

#### **Unwellness at St Thereses**

During the last few weeks we have suffered a considerable number of absences from sick children and staff. I would implore you to keep your children home if they are displaying any cold or flu like symptoms or alternatively go for a COVID swab as they are testing for Influenza at the same time. This is the ideal time to take advantage of a FREE flu shot too. The staff shortages due to illness impact the school and the students in a very real way.

#### **Book Fair**

This Friday the Childrens Book Store from Sydney will be hold at Pop Up Book Fair in the Catherine McCauley Centre. I encourage you to support this event as it helps restock our Library resources.

#### **Special School Assembly**

This Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June we hold a special Assembly to present the ribbons and medals to our Athletic Carnival participants. The Assembly will commence at 9.30am and finish at 10am in the Mail Hall. Parents and grandparents are very welcome to attend. Alternatively this will be recorded and then uploaded to our school website later that day for your viewing.

#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Grandparents of our K-3 students are warmly invited to our: Grandparents Day Celebration!

Date: Friday 19th August

Time: 9:30-10am - Liturgy in the School Hall

10-10:15am - Morning Tea

10:15-10:45am - Open Classrooms

Duilio Rufo Principal

#### **Dates to Remember**

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

24 JUN – PYJAMA DAY – GOLD COIN DONATION

26 JUN - FAMILY MASS 9.15

28 JUN - BAND CONCERT 9.30 – 10.15 INFANTS 10.30 – 11.15 PRIMARY

> MARK HUGHES BEANIES FOR BRAIN CANCER GOLD COIN DONATION

30 JUN - KINDER AUTHOR VISIT

1 JUL - LAST DAY OF TERM 2

18 JUL – FIRST DAY OF TERM 3



To bring Christ and His message, in all its richness, into ....



#### Assistant Principal's Message

#### Pyjama Day

Next Friday **24 June**, is Pyjama Day. This day is also a reminder to bring in your food donations for Mini Vinnies and a gold coin donation, to assist others that are not as fortunate as we are. In Australia each night, 116 000 people, could be homeless – without a safe place to sleep or food to eat. By donating food and a gold coin, we can help to keep someone safe and warm over winter.

#### Office of Safeguarding (OoSG)

Over the next three weeks, all classes will focus on keeping our children safe. Each class will read the book *My Underpants Rule*, to teach children about keeping their bodies safe. Research indicates that children are less likely to be the target of negative behaviours, when they are encouraged to tell trusted adults about things that make them uncomfortable. Even though these conversations can make us all feel uneasy, ask your children about what they are learning at school and be open and honest with them when they ask you questions. The OoSG has excellent resources for parents that can be accessed by the link https://padlet.com/childprotection/parents\_carers\_teachers\_resources

#### School Performance "Dance Through the Decades"

Mrs Brymora, and the Year 3, 4 & 5 students and teachers, are all focused on the final preparations for the school performance next week. We have three concerts next week:

- Tuesday 21 June 12:15pm
- Wednesday 22 June 12:15pm
- Wednesday 22 June 6:30pm (SOLD OUT)

Parents from all grades are very welcome to attend. Please book your tickets through Flexischools.

#### Kaylene Maretich Assistant Principal

#### **RE News**

#### Mission Day

Friday Week 9, 24th June, students and teachers are invite to wear their pyjamas and make a gold coin donation.

This year our school donation is gifted to St Vincent De Paul to assist women and children who are leaving situations of Domestic Violence to aide them in safe accommodation.

Also available on the day, are an assortment or fabulous knitted items for students to purchase. Pom Poms \$1, Scrunchies \$2, Wrist knits \$2, Scarves \$5, Beanies \$5, Teddy Bears \$15, Baby Blankets \$20- only 3 available.

We thank Vicki Pettett (past teacher), Amanda Fenwick-Kaluski, Coco Fenwick-Kaluski and the entire year 5 knitting group for their hard work over the past term creating amazing wears to donate for this

cause. We also thank Anne Sturt for her donation of wool to allow some these creations to come to fruition.



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#### **Family Mass**

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June St Therese's are inviting Families to a Family Mass, 9:10am at St Therese's Parish Church.

This Mass is to commemorate Pope Francis World Meeting of Families (WMOF).

"Family love: a vocation and a path to holiness."

We would welcome all children and have something special to share with them at the end of the service.

# WORLD MEETING of FAMILIES ROME, JUNE 22-26 2022

#### Confirmation

This week we will be finalising our numbers for Confirmation. Thank you to all of those who have purchased their Confirmation books. It you have not done so already, we ask that you place \$10 in a labelled envelope to the office to obtain a book. This book is to work through at home at your leisure, to assist your child in gaining their knowledge and building on their faith in preparation for this Sacrament of Initiation.

It has also come to our attention that the booking system through compass, to allocate your preference of evening, is not working properly. Apologies for this technical issue. We will seek other means of communication to allow you to book your preferred evening. Thank you for your patience surrounding this.

# 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. 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

#### 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 kind to others:

School Spirit Award for demonstrating COMPASSION by being kind to others.				
Harry T	KW	Jamison C	KL	Xavier L
Noah D		Penny F		Mailey B
Pippa W			1L	Zaliyah W
Levi H				Leo G
Isabella G	2///	Mabel C	21	Hamish K
Zac H	200	Mason O	ZL	Macey H
Hugo H	3W	Emilio S	3L	Violet H
Louis F		Declan O		Noah F
Trevina M	4W	Lucas H	4L	Oliver S
Alexander O		Lachlan F		Darcy L
Oliver M	E\A/	Martin W	5L	Olivia L
Blythe P	344	Nicholas B		Eden H
	6W	Oliver H	6L	Chloe M
	044	Eli A		Mollyjane R
	Harry T Noah D Pippa W Levi H Isabella G Zac H Hugo H Louis F Trevina M Alexander O Oliver M	Harry T Noah D Pippa W Levi H Isabella G Zac H Hugo H Louis F Trevina M Alexander O Oliver M  KW  KW  AW  KW  KW	Harry T	Harry T

#### **Principal Awards**

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

**KW** – Scout M, Laila N, Evelyn V, Stella H, Leo M & Iggy P; **KL** – Harry O, Xavier L & Max J; **1N** – Maeve G & Flossy R; **1L** – Isabel B, Mary W; **2N** – Vanessa C, Archer R, Zac H, Sidney M & James P; **2W** - Henry B; **2L** – Jacob E; **3N** – Marcus A, Lee S & Milla C; **3W** – Georgia P; **3L** - Audrey J; **4W** – Sophie L; **5N** – Archie D & Lola C; **5L** – Ruby M, Jackson L, Lucy B & Harvey L.

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

**Date:** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June **Time:** 2:30pm **Venue:** School Hall

<u>Please note:</u> School assemblies will no longer be on Zoom. Instead, they will be recorded and uploaded to our school website.

Janine Schneider Primary Coordinator

#### **School Community News**

#### **School Fees**

School Fee statements were sent out on 3rd June. 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 <a href="mailto:admin@newlambton.catholic.edu.au">admin@newlambton.catholic.edu.au</a>. 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.

#### **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 some 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 <a href="https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/people/volunteer/">https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/people/volunteer/</a>.

When you apply online, you will 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 changes 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 21<sup>st</sup> June at 12.15pm Concert 2 Matinee - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 12.15pm Concert 3 Evening - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jue 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.

#### **Pre-loved book donation**

As a part of the Mark Hughes Foundation **Beanie for Brain Cancer** fundraiser in Week 10, we are asking families to donate any pre-loved children's books that are still in good condition by the end of Week 9. All the pre-loved books will be available to the children of St Therese's on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July to repurchase for under \$2. All donations will go directly towards the Mark Hughes Foundation to raise money for Brain Cancer awareness and research.

#### **MHF Brain Cancer Fundraiser**

In Week 10 on Tuesday the 28th of July, St Therese's will be participating in the annual **Mark Hughes Foundation Beanie for Brain Cancer** campaign. Children are invited wear their favourite Beanie to school and to bring along a gold coin donation. You can purchase the MHF beanies from Lowes stores Australia-wide and selected IGA stores. Alternatively, you can purchase your beanies online (however there is a small postage & handling fee when buying online). Follow the link to purchase online: <a href="https://shop.markhughesfoundation.com.au/">https://shop.markhughesfoundation.com.au/</a>

Additionally, the Year 2 children will be running fundraiser stalls at Recess and Lunch, selling, and raffling off prizes. The following stalls/items will be available:

- Signed Knights Jersey: to be drawn via Raffle. \$1 per ticket or \$6 per 10 tickets. Raffle begins Week 8, see Mrs Hunt to purchase prior to event.
- Book stall sale: Purchase pre-loved books for under \$2.
- 3. Guessing Competition: Big jars of sweets to be won by guessing the correct quantity inside the jar, small donation per guess!
- 4. Jewellery Stall: The talented Coco Fenwick-Kaluski will be making jewellery to purchase, alongside a group of Year 2 and 4 children. Small donation per guess.

All donations will go directly towards the Mark Hughes Foundation to raise money for Brain Cancer Research.

Ellie Hunt Year 2 teacher





#### **Sport**

#### Coach's Corner:

#### Regional Athletics Carnival:

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 50 students made their way to the Fearnley Dawes Athletics Centre to compete at our 2022 Regional Athletics Carnival, which has St. Therese's students pitted against 6 other local Catholic schools in our region.

All students gave their all and there were some very exciting races and events! Further, their conduct on the day was outstanding and second to none - huddling together to keep warm, helping each other listen and prepare for events and (most importantly) cheering on their colleagues.

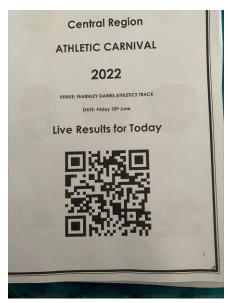
It was a great day in athletics for St. Therese's. Well done to all competitors.

To those parents whom had students competing, Graham (from the centre) has managed to get the QR code (below) for results working. He apologises sincerely and appreciative of your patience.



























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#### Cricket NSW after school program:

Just a reminder that Cricket NSW is running a four-week program for girls at school on a Wednesday afternoon.

There are two weeks remaining, so if you Superstar would like to try cricket, please feel free to join in - 3:30-4:30pm in the back playground.

#### NRMA Road Safety and Science Presentation:

Some of our Stage 3 students involved and enjoying the presentation!











#### **Library News**



## IT'S BACK AGAINII

St Therese's Library staff are thrilled to advise that we will once again be holding a Pop Up Book Shop on Friday 17 June.

For ONE DAY ONLY, the library will transform into a bustling marketplace with a fabulous range of both fiction and non-fiction titles available to purchase.

We warmly welcome parents and carers to join us in the Catherine McAuley Centre. A timetable for the day is attached below, though if these times aren't suitable, please feel free to drop in at your convenience.

4.30	Kindergarten	11.00	2L	1.15	4L
9.45	and Year 6	12.00	3N	1.30	5N
10.00	1N	12.15	3M	1.40	5W
10.15	1L	12.30	3L	1.50	5L
10.30	2N	12.45	4N		
10.45	2W	1.00	4W		

Thanks to our supplier's flexibility, we will be able to accommodate working parents by opening the doors to our 'bookstore' at 8am.

All families are welcome to join us at this time.

If you are unable to make it in person, your child can still purchase books by bringing the signed credit card authorisation overleaf — with a predetermined limit nominated by you. Due to the HUGE range of titles on offer from The Children's Bookshop, we are unable to offer a complete price list, though the books will reflect independent bookstore pricing. As a guide, this is usually between \$15-30. There will also be a small selection of picture books around \$5. We suggest that you select a limit you are happy with, then we will have staff available to help the children select a title within that price range.

A percentage of all books sold will be returned to St Therese's to help us continue to stock our library with new and exciting titles for all students. There will also be the option to purchase and donate a book to the library – further details overleaf. Please consider supporting our library in this way if you are able.

Last year's pop-up bookstore was a huge success, the children were thrilled with the range of wonderful options — and the booksellers were fabulous at matching children with 'just the right book'. We anticipate another great day and look forward to seeing many of you on Friday  $17^{\rm th}$  June!



In addition to purchasing books for your children, we ask you to consider purchasing a book to donate to the school library collection. We will have a donation table filled with books to benefit our students' learning and love of reading. For those visiting the store, you can personally select an item you would like to gift to the school. For those unable to attend but still wishing to donate, we can use the credit card details below and select a title at a price you determine.

Families who donate a book will have their names printed onto a bookplate for inclusion on the first page of the selected book. Your child will also get first borrowing rights for the title you gift.

Please indicate your preference of how you would like the name to appear on the bookplate:

e.g. Donated by John and Jackie Jones / Donated by the Jones Family / Anonymous:

Name of Student:	Class:
My child has permission to spend up to: \$	
Optional - I wish to donate a book up to the	value of: \$
Please debit my: Mastercard	Visa
Card	Expiry:
Number:	Expiry.
Cardholder's Name:	



## **HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY**

Last Sundy we celebrated our Parish's Feat Day on Holy Trinity Sunday. The morning mass was enriching and filled us with the presence of God in both our hearts and lives as messengers of Christ. It was an awesome team effort that combined the efforts of the school staff, students, parishioners, Parish Priests, and clergy to help celebrate the liturgical occasion and our unity as one Parish, among three churches. Special thanks to the many people who contributed to the success of the day and everyone who attended. Especially, Duilio and Belinder who organized a delicious morning tea for Parishioners and the Parish Office who organized the cake. Our Parish Community is BIG in heart and STRONG in faith!

'Church is not something you go to, it's a family you belong to.' ~ Rick Warren









### **World Environment Day**

Last Friday we acknowleged World Environment Day at St Thereses with an "out of uniform – wear yellow" day. The gold coin donation amounted to over \$400.00. The day was an opportunity to raise the importance of caring for and respecting our environment both locally and globally.

The environmental team at St Therese's takes responsibility for collection of food scrapes, soft plastics and recyclables and then deals with these items in an appropriate fashion. These activities give the students a "hands on" experience and a sense of being responsible for their "own backyard".







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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 <a href="mailto:cso.sassupport@mn.catholic.edu.au">cso.sassupport@mn.catholic.edu.au</a>.

Insert name of parents/carers for joint ac	cessible account
Insert Student Name/s	Insert School Name and Suburb
	otor title to be shown as a joint account i.e. with both names.
We understand the current transactions on thaltered to show both names.	is school fee account will not change, it is the title that is being
We consent to transfer any outstanding fees	to consolidate to a joint account.
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We understand that with a joint account, we a and expenses incurred while our child is enro Orders or personal agreements made between	are jointly responsible and severally liable for the payment of all fee olled within the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle irrespective or Court on parents and carers.
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