



Principal's Message

School Concert

As the term draws to a close we are finishing on a high note with our school concert. I had the pleasure of watching the lunchtime performance today and needless to say it is a "hit"! I am very proud of the students who have taken to the stage with enthusiasm and respect for the direction of Mrs Brymora and Mrs Venables. They have really enjoyed performing.

Reports

The mid-year school reports are being finalised this week and will be available on Compass after 4pm this Thursday, 30th June. Please take the time to read the reports and congratulate the children on their efforts. Parent/teacher interviews will be held in Term 3. Please make sure you book in online and take advantage of this opportunity. Prior to the booking sheet going live you will be advised via Compass. My thanks to the teachers for all their hard work to date.

Afternoon Pick up

Another reminder to those parents who utilise the Burke Street pick up in the afternoon that if you find yourself in a line of traffic along Bridges Road waiting to turn into Burke Street you are causing congestion and putting yourself and other road users at risk. Our students have had a number of close calls at the traffic lights on Bridges Road where cars have sped around the stationary line of traffic.

Please adhere to the collection system that has been in place for a number of years: Term 1 & 3 – first half of alphabet (A-K) arrives from 3.15pm. Second half of alphabet (L-Z) arrives from 3.25pm. Terms 2 & 4 – second half of alphabet (L-Z) arrives from 3.15pm and first half (A-K) arrives 3.25pm. If you wish to come a little later, let's say 3.30pm your children will still be being supervised and you will have alleviated the congestion.

Or park your car, enjoy a stroll to the gates to meet your child personally.

RAHT

We have received another delivery of Rapid Antigen Tests. They are held at the front office, so please feel free to call in and collect a box for your child if required.

Duilio Rufo
Principal

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Dates to Remember

22 JUN - CONCERT 12.15 & 6.30

24 JUN - PYJAMA DAY – GOLD COIN DONATION

26 JUN - FAMILY MASS 9.15

27 JUN - KINDER EXCURSION TO BLACKBUTT RESERVE

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

19 JUL - CONFIRMATION

21 JUL - CONFIRMATION

Assistant Principal's Message

Pyjama Day

This Friday **24 June** is Pyjama Day. All children are invited to wear their pyjamas and bring a gold coin donation, with all donations going to the St Vincent de Paul Society. Please ensure that children are still wearing closed in shoes.

Band Performance

On **Tuesday 28 June**, our school band will perform at the following times:

- 9:30 – 10:10am: Infant classes
- 10:30 – 11:15am: Primary classes

Parents and friends are welcome to attend one or both of the performances, that will take place in the main hall. Mr Ward and our band have been working very hard over the past two terms and are sounding wonderful.

School Reports

Teachers are finalising the students reports. These will be released on Thursday **30 June** at 4:00pm. Please ensure you have access to Compass, as reports are released electronically on Compass. Please access the reports on a PC or iPad, as they are difficult to access on a mobile phone. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the school office on 4957 4922, so alternate arrangements can be made.

Kaylene Maretich
Assistant Principal

RE News

Family Mass

Sunday 26th 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.



Confirmation

Last week we finalised our numbers for Confirmation. Thank you to all of those who have purchased their Confirmation books. If 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.

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

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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 being kind to others:

School Spirit Award for demonstrating COMPASSION by being tolerant of others.					
KN	Mitchell L Amelia M	KW	Hooper H Rafferty M	KL	Emilia H Viana G
1N	Joseph M Zoe T			1L	Emilie A Alex M
2N	Charlie F Sadie S	2W	Eden C Abbey C	2L	Joshua M Eloise H
3N	Benjamin W Marcus A	3W	Callen K Lennox F	3L	Grace S Oscar Y
4N	Zoe S Arabella H	4W	Jackson R Bruno R	4L	Ly M Isaac M
5N	Lola C Archie D	5W	Sebastian S Olivia M	5L	Liam R Ruby M
6N	Neelke B Myles H	6W	Chloe S Taiyo P	6L	Isla O Ella F

Principal Awards

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

KN – Shaun H, Evelyn A, Heston G, Bronte K & Isla P; **KW** – Maddison B, Georgie L, Zara M & Peyton M; **KL** – James D & Bon T; **1N** – Eamon K, August M, Evie G & Audrey L; **1L** – Roman H & Lila M; **2L** – Ava H, Edmund H, Gabriella S & Olivia M; **3W** – Noah M; **3L** – Christian B, Lucy C & Andrea P; **4W** – Jackson R; **5N** – Hamish L; **5L** – Sage T & Felix M.

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

Date: Monday 27th June

Time: 2:30pm

Venue: School Hall

Please note: 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 will be sent out again on 1st July. 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.

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

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 28th July to re-purchase 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 to 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: <https://shop.markhughesfoundation.com.au/>

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:

1. 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.
2. 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

Let's Fundraise
AND HELP US TACKLE BRAIN CANCER

"We're all beanieficiaries"

MHF Ambassador Paul Harragon & Mark Hughes with MHF researchers Prof Frances Kay-Lambkin, Prof Brian Kelly, Cassandra Griffin and MHF Brain Cancer Care nurses Alisha Goolay & Elise Greedy.

beanie BRAIN CANCER MHF MARK HUGHES FOUNDATION markhughesfoundation.com.au

Sorry Day and National Reconciliation Week

The school commemorated two important events for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people- Sorry Day and National Reconciliation Week.

National Sorry Day is a special day that occurs in Australia on 26th May every year. It is a day of remembrance and commemoration held to highlight the impact of past policies of forcible removal on the Stolen Generations, their families, and their communities.

National Sorry Day is of particular significance to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Australia. The day is an opportunity for all Australians to remember past mistakes and build stronger bridges for a richer, stronger future together.



Every year, **National Reconciliation Week** is celebrated from the 27th of May to the 3rd of June. It is a time dedicated to building positive, respectful relationships between Australians and celebrating Indigenous culture. The theme for 2022 'more than a word' is a tribute to that. Reconciliation takes action, so this year's theme is all about taking action. There are two important historical milestones that fall on National Reconciliation Week: the anniversary of the 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision.

Commemoration of these two events took place with both classroom and whole school activities. Each class incorporated an Aboriginal perspective in their curriculum and at a whole school level we celebrated a liturgy. Below are some images that were taken on the day.



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Year 3 Parent Visit

On Tuesday 14th June, Year 3 welcomed Kristy Malyon to speak with us about WETLANDS, a biome that we have been learning about. Following our excursion to Hunter Wetlands Centre in Week 5, Kristy explained the different types of wetlands that exist and explored the variety of plants and animals that thrive and survive in this environment. With the help of Aart, Kristy presented a wonderful Powerpoint that assisted our learning of this topic. We were blown away to learn that there are hundreds of migratory shorebirds that travel all the way from Russia and Asia to roost on Stockton Sandspit, which forms part of Wetlands National National Park. Thank you so much Kristy!!



PLAYGROUP UPDATE

This week at playgroup, everyone is invited to wear their pyjamas, just like the big kids! Last week at playgroup, we had a music morning in the Father Walsh room, where the children had so much fun exploring and making wonderful music with maracas, bells, shakers, tambourines and drums. We recently started clearing out and organising our playgroup cupboard and have discovered a treasure trove of activities, crafts and toys for the children, so we look forward to bringing some new old toys over the next few weeks. Here are some photos from the last few weeks of some of the fun our Playgroupers have been having.

Playgroup is held every Friday morning from 9:30-10:30am in the school hall and costs just a gold coin donation per family per week. Attendance is currently open to siblings of current St Therese's students, and/or children enrolled to start Kindergarten in 2023. Please bring along your own lunchbox and water bottle, and feel free to wear a mask if you prefer. If you would like any further information, join our St Therese's Playgroup Facebook group, or contact Jo on 0439 435 287 or jo.kim@outlook.com.



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THURSDAY WAS A
PURRRFECT DAY IN THE
LIBRARY THANKS TO
LEILA RUDGE - TALENTED
ILLUSTRATOR & AUTHOR



Leila shared her process of
illustrating from sketches to
completed watercolour
artworks



Alexi from Year 3 fulfilled her
'lifelong dream' of meeting a
famous author...!



We were shown how to
'storyboard' a picture book with
text and
illustrations.





The library staff would like to extend a HUGE thank you to all of the families who supported our Pop Up Book Shop last week. We had many wonderful books generously donated to the school – PLUS we earned over \$1,200 for our school to purchase additional books. Keep an eye out for these new titles in your library – they will be ready to borrow very soon!

Our booksellers repeatedly commented that our students had lovely manners - and that our parents were some of the most friendly they have encountered. Thank you for being so welcoming.



Bailey and Blake Kiker were the first customers of the day - snapping up two very popular titles.



Celebrating our great readers and all the wonderful grown ups who promote reading at home!

(Thanks Trevina and Mrs Meleka for the photo!)



Sport

Coach's Corner:

Athletics Carnival Achiever's:

We sincerely congratulate all our athletics super stars on their achievements at our athletics carnival earlier in the Term. Parents, we appreciate your patience in scheduling our presentation assembly to acknowledge these students.



Diocesan

Athletics Carnival:

We congratulate the following students for their recent achievements at our Regional Athletics Carnival and wish them all the very best at the Diocesan on the 3rd of August.

Anna O - Girls 9yrs 100m
Mia S - Girls 11 yrs 800m + 1500m
Miah F - Girls Junior shot
Ella F - Girls Senior shot
Ben C - Boys 8 yrs 100m
Sidney M - Boys 8 yrs 100m
Spencer P - Boys 10 yrs 100m + Junior 200m
Hugo D - Boys 12 yrs 100m + Senior 200m
Mark O - Boys 12 yrs 100m
Lily P, Anna O, Evie C and Aria H - Girls Junior relay
Mark O, Archie C, Hugo D and Chandler D - Boys Senior relay.



Joel Hartcher, Sports Coordinator

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Futsal

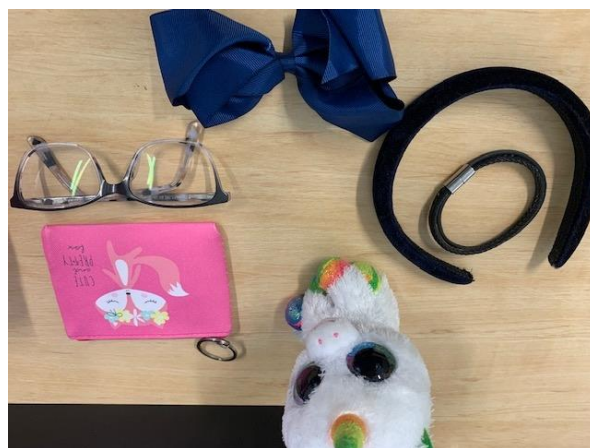
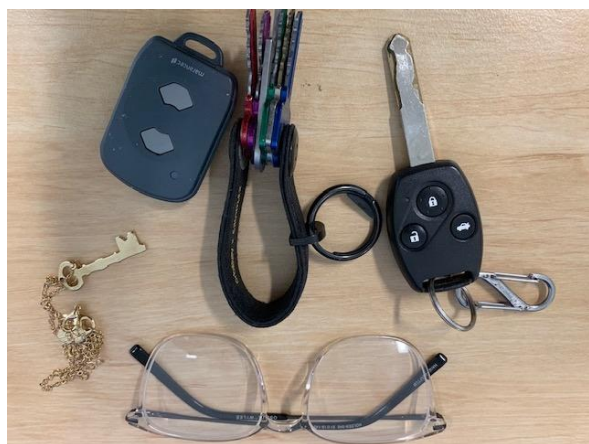
On Monday the under 12 girls and the under 10 boys futsal teams competed at the NSW School Futsal Championships in Maitland. Both teams did extremely well, with each landing a spot in the semi finals. They were unlucky not to progress further, and proudly represented St Therese's. Thank you to the parents who volunteered their time on the sidelines, and for transporting the students to and from the venue.

Mrs Griffiths & Mr Moore



Lost Property at the school office

If you own any of the below items please collect from the front office or they will be recycled over the holidays.



Gifted Education News- St Therese's New Lambton



We are thrilled to offer a **Rhyming and Beyond Poetry Club** at our school for **passionate writers** for students in K-6.

Susan Sheridan, a parent volunteer is coordinating this Poetry Club. Susan is highly skilled and qualified in teaching Poetry and has previously lectured at universities and organised Poetry Clubs in the United Kingdom.

Each fortnight, starting on **Wednesday 20th July**, students will analyse different types of poems such as nonsense poems, shape poems or rhyming couplets. They will then produce their own poems.

It will be lots of fun and a fantastic opportunity for those that love poetry and writing.

There is no cost.

If your child is interested- please complete the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/mYGW7L9m6k>

We have a limit of 20 students- **so it will be the first 20 students that apply.**

Your child will receive a note to show they have been accepted into the program.

Collaboration at Our School

When students work together, listen to each other and value each other's strengths there is effective collaboration. Teachers use collaboration frequently as a powerful teaching and learning tool. We are preparing our students to be lifelong learners who can work harmoniously with those around them. It is also an empowering way for students to have a voice, as when they are collaborating, they are the communicators.

Students in Year 3 Extension Writing did an outstanding job of collaborating with their peers across Year 3. They shared their narrative writing and discussed how they developed the

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character, setting and plot of their stories. It was a chance for students to ask questions, give each other advice and enjoy sharing their writing. Every writer needs an audience, so this was the perfect opportunity for this.



We have had parents collaborate with students, as was the case with Odette Tonkin visiting the Stage 3 Extension Writing Group. Odette talked about her writing career and experience of being an editor and writer for a range of magazines including K-Zone! She discussed the power of writing to educate, change people's perspectives and make us more empathetic. For example, Odette wrote about the Soul café in Newcastle recently which provides meals for the homeless. Her article featured interviews with homeless people and their stories shed light on this issue. The Stage 3 writer's wrote Odette a 'pitch' as though they were writing for a magazine. Odette's best tip for writers was to be curious- as encounters and daily experience we have could be something we include in our stories.



Here is what one student, Mya said about Odette's visit:

"Odette is such a talented writer, who also has had a wide span of jobs and opportunities. She has made me determined to continue with my writing career and I feel that now that I know what people can achieve. I really want to follow in her footsteps and become successful in writing like her."

Thankyou to the parents who have expressed interest in collaborating with our Writing Groups. We have two projects occurring next term which is very exciting. Stay tuned...

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while writing

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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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PAYMENT DETAILS

School Name Suburb

Student Names

Given name(s) Surname
 (Monthly, fortnightly, Weekly)

Amount \$
 Frequency

First payment date
 Until further notice
 Final payment date

School Reference (OFFICE USE ONLY)

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.

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