



Principal's Message

Welcome back to Term 3, it promises to be another busy term. I ask that you take the appropriate steps to look after your health especially in relation to COVID 19 and influenza. If you or your children are showing any symptoms please stay home and recuperate.

Staff Changes

Welcome back to Mr Luke Smith from his overseas family holiday. Mr Tim Breen is taking up a new position in Taree at the end of week 2. Tim has been a valuable member of the teaching team and a wonderful mentor and role model for our students and we wish him every success in his new position.

We also welcome Mrs Belinda Palmer to the position of Bursar in our Admin Team, replacing Mrs Vicki McSpadden until the end of the year. Whilst I personally will miss the expertise Mrs McSpadden brought to her role I'm sure Mrs Palmer will do an outstanding job.

This term we are hosting three teaching students from Newcastle University doing their practicums. I thank the teachers who have taken on the responsibility of guiding these young teachers.

Confirmation

During this week our students will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. I thank the teachers and parents who have prepared the children for this important rite in their Christian Initiation. Please pray for these young ones on this special occasion. A special thank you to Mrs Wilson for all her hard work.

COVID Matters

In the current environment things may change at short notice. Please be aware that the CSO has already indicated that cancellations may need to happen. If you need a supply of RATs these are available from the office.

Sport Days – Uniform

Kinder - Wednesdays
 Year 1 - Thursdays (Weeks 1-4); Tuesdays (Weeks 5-10)
 Year 2 - Tuesdays (Weeks 1-4); Thursdays (Weeks 5-10)
 Year 3 - Thursdays (Weeks 1-6); Tuesdays (Weeks 7-10)
 Year 4 - Tuesdays (Weeks 1-6); Wednesdays (Weeks 7-10)
 Year 5 - Wednesdays (Weeks 1-6); Thursdays (Weeks 7-10)
 6N - Wednesdays
 6W - Tuesdays
 6L - Thursdays

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

Dates to Remember

21 JUL - CONFIRMATION

29 JUL - YR 5 & 6 ASPIRE PERFORMANCE

29 JUL – INDIGENOUS DANCE PERFORMANCE

1 AUG – INTERRELATE 6-8PM

3 AUG – DIO PSSA ATHLETICS

26 AUG – GRANDPARENTS DAY

RE News

Confirmation

This week on Tuesday and Thursday evening some of our students celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. Congratulations to all of those students and we thank their Sponsors and families for preparing them and supporting them in this important Sacrament of Initiation into the Catholic faith. A special thankyou to Father Greg Barker for presiding. The group photos will be published in next weeks Newsletter. If you elected have individual or family photos taken prior to the service, please contact Newcastle School Portraits directly to order same.

First Holy Communion

Further information will come out in the coming days regarding both the information session and the actual dates for Communion. First Holy Communion this year will take place in the context of the regular Parish masses.

Luke Smith

RE Coordinator

School Community News

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.

St Therese's School Band

Here are a few photos from our school band's performance from last term.

The children were in fine tune and showed off their talents to great effect – well done everyone.



Mini Vinnies Winter Food Appeal

Pictured right is Marni B with Mrs Joy Loas from our local St Vincent de Paul Chapter and a selection of the many food items donated by our school community. Mrs Loas and her helpers were busy packing hampers to give to local families along with vouchers for fresh fruit and vegetables purchased with the gold coin donations.

Yr 5 Mini Vinnies, Mrs Sturt



RITCHIES IGA + LIQUOR

We have some exciting news to share, we have a new look Ritchies card and App with new features & exciting offers.

Please note from 20th July

All members will be required to log into their account at <https://loyalty.ritchies.com.au> to update their account. Please inform your members and ensure they're choosing your organisation as their nominated club, school or charity.

Ritchies App users will receive an update notification – simply update your app and complete the required fields.

New Marketing material will be sent out to share with your support base to spread the word.

SAVE THE DATE!

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

Date: Friday 26th August

Time: 9:30-10am – Liturgy in the School Hall
10-10:15am – Morning Tea
10:15-10:45am – Open Classrooms



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Knights Mark Hughes Fundraiser

Last term we had a visit from Knights star Hymel Hunt (Mrs Hunt Yr 2) as the highlight of the Beanies for Brain Cancer Fundraiser. The school community donated \$2,000.00 to this very worthwhile cause. James D (pictured right with his brother Declan) was very excited to win the signed Knights jersey for his dad. There were also some very excited students who won tickets to the big game on Friday evening – and the Knights won! (might be due to the huge cheer St Therese's kids gave them). Our thanks to Mrs Hunt for organising this day and making some fantastic memories for our children.





HELEN O'GRADY
DRAMA ACADEMY
ST THERESE'S 2022

*"Increase your child's communication skills, self-confidence and creative talents.
(Improvisation, Movement and Performance)"*

DRAMA CLASSES – 2022
TERM 3
DRAMA – MUSIC ROOM

BEFORE SCHOOL
FRIDAY MORNINGS
7.30am – 8.25am

PRIMARY : Years 2 - 6

Students helped with Aspire auditions and classroom presentations.

School Hall

Principal: Shane Skerly
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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

From The Father Walsh Performing Arts Room

During term 3, students across the whole school will be doing the Music KLA with a focus on performing and listening activities.

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Kindergarten	SIng and Move	Students will experience a range of singing, moving, playing and listening activities).
Year 1 and 2	Aboriginal and Indigenous Music	Students will learn about the music of Australia's indigenous peoples.
Year 3 and 4	Recorder Part 1	Students will learn to read music and to play a range of songs on the recorder using the notes B, A and G
Year 5 and 6	Everything Drumming	Students will learn to read music and perform a range of drumming patterns.

Year 3 and 4 Recorder Payments

Recorders have been purchased for each of the students and the amount has been billed to school fees. These are being delivered in the coming days and each child will be given their own instrument. These will be kept at school, and students will bring them home at the end of the year. You will be amazed at what they will be able to play for you.

Week 9 Music Incursion - Beatboxing

We have booked a very exciting incursion for all students from Kinder to Year 6 to experience in Week 9 of this term. Each class will participate in a workshop with a visiting musician who specialises in the art of beatboxing. This too has been billed to school fees.

The importance of learning Music (or any Performing Art)

I mentioned at the end of our School Concert last term that I am a huge advocate for the performing arts. There are so many wonderful things that happen in a child's brain when they engage in the learning of performing arts. I have attached a few links below if you would like to read about the benefits of children engaging in learning music.

<https://www.learningpotential.gov.au/articles/musical-benefits>

<https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/the-benefits-of-music-education>

<https://youtu.be/BlgsbXy104c>



Music education and the brain

Dr Anita Collins presents new research on the impact of music education on a child's brain. Thought-provoking questions for inspiring K-6 whole school conver...

youtu.be



The Benefits of Music Education - PBS KIDS for Parents

Research has found that learning music facilitates learning other subjects and enhances skills that children inevitably use in other areas. "A music-rich experience for children of singing ...

www.pbs.org



Musical benefits | Learning Potential

Practical tips and ideas to nurture your child's learning potential, from the high chair to high school | Music can benefit your child in many areas – language, maths, concentration and social skills, just to name a few! So whether or not your child learns a musical instrument, try to expose your child to music as much as possible and enjoy the many benefits!

www.learningpotential.gov.au