



## Principal's Message

### Social Media Incident

Last week I was made aware of an incident that occurred with one of our students using Snapchat. The child was groomed online by a predator. Without divulging any confidential information I write to you all to remind you of the importance of keeping our children safe especially if you are allowing them to use social media unsupervised. The appropriate authorities have been informed and the matter is now being fully investigated.

Today I spoke to Year 6 and I made three important points which I wish to share with you:

1. You as their parent have every right to have access to their social media accounts and I would strongly encourage you to check their accounts regularly.
2. I told the students that if they are on social media and they are asked to do something which they would not be prepared to share with you as their parent then they shouldn't do – because it is obviously wrong.
3. I also shared with the children that if they experience any unacceptable requests or behaviours online they must share these with a responsible adult immediately so that these situations can be followed up.

Needless to say the safety of all our children is paramount and is the responsibility of each and every one of us. I ask that as adults you take the time to talk to your children about the online world and both the positives and negatives of this space.

The school will continue to address cybersafety but we cannot do it alone. We share the duty of care for our children.

### Confirmation

My congratulations to the young people who made their Confirmation last week. It was great to see the support and encouragement given by families.

**Duilio Rufo**  
Principal

## Dates to Remember

**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  
9.30AM – 10.45AM**

**1 SEPT – YR 6 ST PIUS SPORTS DAY**

**2 SEPT – FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST**

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



## **Assistant Principal's Message**

### **Newcastle Permanent Maths Test**

This **Wednesday 27 July**, students in Years 5 & 6 and extension Mathematics students in Years 3 & 4, will complete the Newcastle Permanent Maths Test. This is a very challenging test, that will allow the children to use their knowledge and skills in Mathematics, to solve some maths problems. We wish the children the best for luck for the test.

### **Aspire "The Cost of Wishes"**

This **Friday 29 July**, all students in Years 5 & 6 will see the Aspire performance "The Cost of Wishes". Students will travel by bus to the Civic Centre for this performance, please ensure you have sent in your child's consent via Compass or you have returned the hardcopy consent form to your child's teacher. I am sure the students will enjoy this performance.

### **Mathematics Syllabus Launch**

This **Friday 29 July**, our Year 1 & 2 students, Mrs Warren and I will be attending training for the new K-2 Maths Syllabus, that will start being implemented in 2023. Kindergarten teachers will attend this training on **Thursday 11 August**. More information about the new English and Mathematics Syllabuses will be sent home later in the year.

### **Interrelate**

On **Monday 1 August**, Interrelate will facilitate a family evening for students in Years 4, 5 & 6 and their parents/carers, in the Hall. The evening will be presented as follows:

- Session 1: 6:00pm "Where Did I Come From?" for Years 4-6
- Session 2: 7:15pm "Preparing for Puberty" for Years 5-6

The cost for Interrelate is \$36/family to attend either one or both session – there is no concession for one session only. If you have not paid, and would like to attend, please contact the school office. Interrelate will have books and resources available for purchase on the evening.

Following the evening presentation, Year 6 students will undertake in-school sessions with Interrelate, that focus on "Moving Into the Teen Years" (MITTY).

### **Safeguarding our Students**

This year, Child Protection Week will take place from 4-10 September (Week 8), with the theme this year being "Every child, in every community, needs a fair go". Further information regarding activities for this week, will be sent via the Newsletter.

**Kaylene Maretich**  
Assistant Principal

## **RE News**

### **Confirmation**

Below are the group photos from last week's Sacrament of Confirmation. Thank you again to Fr Greg Barker, along with Fr Sabu and Fr Camillus, for administering this sacrament. For any families who took up the option of having the individual or family photos taken prior to the liturgies, please contact Newcastle School Portraits directly: go to [www.newcastleschoolportraits.com](http://www.newcastleschoolportraits.com) and click order and choose specialty photos. You will be asked for a code and password which is 69078DL (code and password the same). This code/password is case sensitive.

If you have any issues with this process, the phone number is: 4965 4114.

**First Holy Communion** – The final Sacrament of Initiation for these same students is First Holy Communion. There will be an information and registration evening this **Thursday (28<sup>th</sup> July), starting at 6pm in the School Hall OR**, for those who cannot physically be present, there will be the option to **join in via Zoom** using the details below:

**Zoom Meeting ID: 621 8004 3697**

**Password: 703 707**

The sacramental books for Holy Communion will be given out on the evening for you to work through in preparation with your child. Please remember to bring \$10 cash if you come to the Hall or, if you are attending via Zoom, send it in to the office in an envelope with your child's name and the book will be sent





home with your child. If you have already paid up-front for all 3 sacraments at the start of the year, the book will also be sent home with your child on Friday.

The children will make their First Holy Communion in the context of the regular **Sunday Parish Mass (9:15am) at St Therese's**, on either the **11<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> September**. More details will be explained this Thursday.

Please don't hesitate to contact me directly: [luke.smith@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:luke.smith@mn.catholic.edu.au) if you have any questions around this upcoming sacrament.

**Year 3 Sacramental Program: Reconciliation** – For those parents of students in Year 3 who wish to enrol their child in the sacramental program, there will be an information/registration evening early in Term 4 (**Tue 18<sup>th</sup> Oct.**) with the sacrament being administered later in the year. These students will then continue the sacramental program in 2023, undertaking the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion.



**Luke Smith**  
RE Coordinator

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## **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.

### **Payment options**

We wish to advise that the preferred method of payment of fees, excursions or other items is either via credit card, BPAY or direct debit.

Although Compass Pay is an option on the Compass platform, we request that this NOT be used due to technical difficulties with the system.

Please note that if at any time you need assistance with your fees or are unsure about any of these payment methods please contact our office.

**Belinda Palmer**  
Bursar

## **PBS**

### **Principal Awards**

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

**KL** – Hazel H & Madeline P; **1N** – Isabella F & Emily R; **1L** – Fox C; **2N** – Tabitha M & Jake H; **2W** – Archie S; **3N** – Louis F; **3W** – Amelia H; **3L** – Oscar Y, Violet H, Maeve H, Andrea P & Jasper W; **4W** – Beau R, Luke R, Aria H; **4L** – Darcy L; **5N** – Hunter C

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

**Date:** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August

**Time:** 2:30pm

**Venue:** School Hall

**Janine Schneider**  
Primary Coordinator

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### **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Grandparents/Grandparent figures of our K-3 students**  
**are warmly invited to our:**

**Grandparents Day Celebration!**

**Date:** Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August

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

10-10:15am – Morning Tea

10:15-10:45am – Open Classrooms

**Please Note:** Due to limited space in the hall and catering purposes, celebration is only for our Grandparents/Grandparent figures. Thank

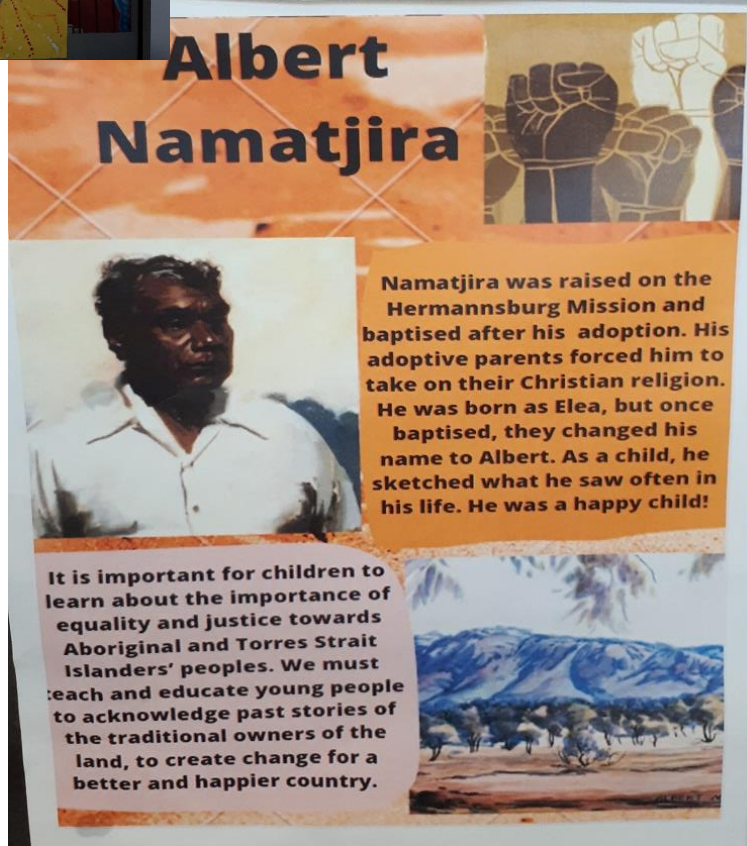




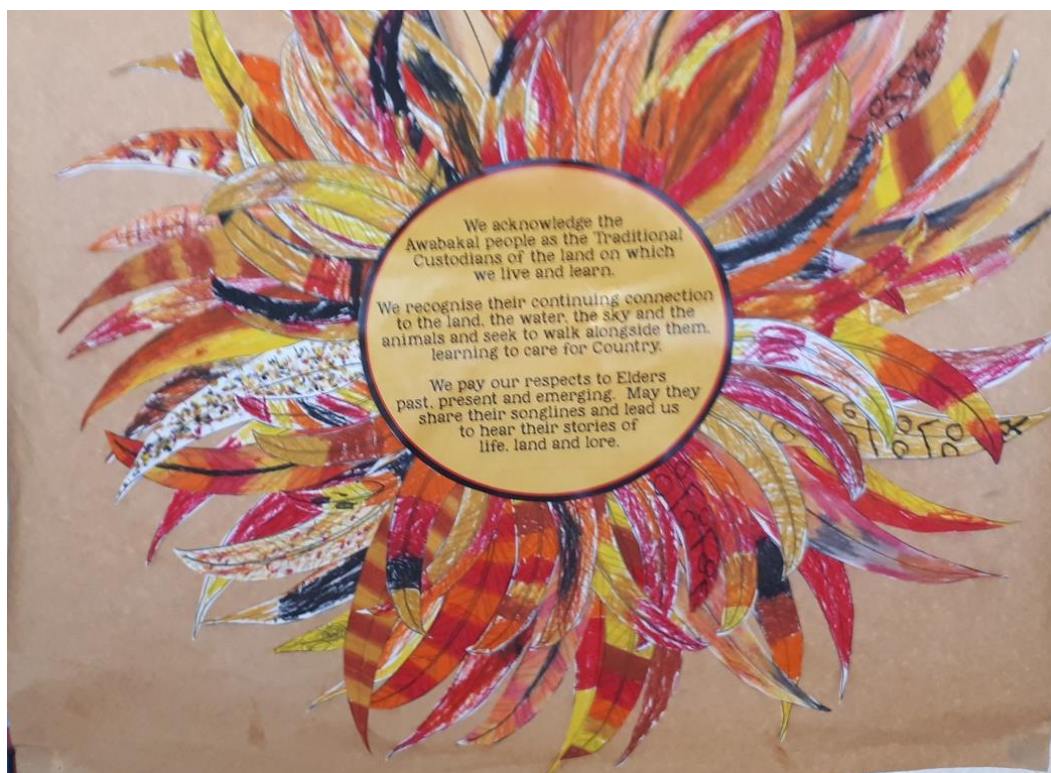
## Celebrating NAIDOC Week at St Therese

NAIDOC Week 2022 from July 3 to July 10, 2022. NAIDOC Week (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) was an opportunity for the community of St Therese - whatever their heritage- celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and their achievements, culture, and contributions to our great land. Aboriginal people are known to have occupied mainland Australia for at least 65,000 years.

Every year a theme is chosen to lead the celebrations and this year the theme was "Get Up, Show Up, Stand Up." As illustrated by the accompanying photographs, students, and staff, at St Therese were involved in a variety of activities at a whole school and classroom.









**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**  
**Ph: 02 49 692338 – [dramacorp@bigpond.com](mailto:dramacorp@bigpond.com)**





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CDF School Account No.

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School Name Suburb  
 Student Names  
 Given name(s) Surname  
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 First payment date  
 Until further notice  
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