



Principal's Message

Dear Parents & Carers

This week we see Danika Graham replace Mr Tim Breen as the Year 5W teacher until the end of the year. I want to welcome Danika and I know that she will do an outstanding job with the children.

We also welcome Monique Pearce into Year 6L as she finishes her internship prior to full accreditation.

Year 2 Farmer Day

This Friday Year 2 will be visited by a local family who own and operate Binnie Beef. The purpose of this visit is to illustrate to the children the changes over the last 120 years of farming and the role technology has played in this. Year 2 students are asked to come out of uniform and "dress up" as farmers, eg flannelette shirts, jeans, boots, hats etc. We ask that the children bring a gold coin on the day.

PP Meetings & Parent Teacher Meetings

This week and last week staff from the Learning Centre have conducted PP meetings with families of students who are under the NCCD funding. If for some reason you have not been notified of a meeting time please contact the school to rectify this as soon as possible.

Next week parents should have already booked into a Parent/Teacher meeting time. These are an invaluable opportunity for parent to meet face to face with their child's teacher and discuss their progress.

I thank the teachers in advance for their efforts in making these interviews so beneficial to those involved.

Staff Development Day – PUPIL FREE DAY

I draw your attention to the date set down for the Staff Development day 9th September – this will be a PUPIL FREE DAY. Our onsite OOSH will be available and the contact details are 0455 099 594.

Duilio Rufo
Principal

Dates to Remember

3 AUG – DIO PSSA ATHLETICS

26 AUG – GRANDPARENTS DAY
9.30AM – 10.45AM

5 AUG – FARMER DAY YR 2

1 SEPT – YR 6 ST PIUS SPORTS DAY

2 SEPT – FATHERS DAY
BREAKFAST 7.30AM

9 SEPT – PUPIL FREE DAY
STAFF DEVELOPMENT

13 SEPT – DIO NETBALL GALA

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Assistant Principal's Message

Interrelate

Last night presented the Family Evening on:

- "Where Did I Come From?" for Years 4-6
- "Preparing for Puberty" for Years 5-6
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Parents and children found the evening very informative, with a number of resources available for purchase. From next week, Year 6 students will complete the "Moving into the Teen Years" (MITTY) program at school, which is also facilitated by Interrelate.

Personalised Planning and Parent Teacher Meetings

Personalised Planning (PP) Meetings and Parent/Teacher (PT) Meeting for KL have started this week. I thank all the teachers involved in these meetings for the preparation that goes into these meetings to ensure that goals for children are personalised and allow all children to reach their full potential. Parent/Teacher Meetings for classes, other than KL and 5W, will start PT meetings next week. The bookings for these remain open, if you have not had a change to book in with your child's teacher as yet. Booking through Compass for PT Meetings will close this **Friday 5 August at 12:00pm**.

Kaylene Maretich
Assistant Principal

RE News

Sunday Gospel Reflection – The following reflection, by Dianne Bergant, is a beautiful summation of Sunday's gospel passage (*Luke 12:13-21*) and a reminder about where we should spend our energy and store our riches:

Both the first reading and the psalm response speak about the transitoriness of life. Life is all we have and it is so fragile, so fleeting. When we realise this, we may fear that in the end we will have nothing to show for our lives. Such thoughts show that we have not learned the most basic lesson of life – life is to be lived!

The goods of the earth are both good and essential for survival and advancement. However, they do not satisfy the deepest longings of the human spirit. They provide us with pleasure and challenge, but they cannot shield us from the transitoriness of life itself. In the face of such impermanence, they are ultimately worthless. Life itself is the far greater good; goods only enhance life.

Recognising the transitoriness of life and the vanity of goods, we come to see that the only reality worthy of our total commitment is our relationship with God in Christ. Though made of dust and thus subject to perishability, we are joined with Christ and are promised imperishability. Having died to the vanities of this world, having taken off our old selves with their evil desires, we can now live as a new self, in generosity rather than greed, with openness to others rather than religious or gender or social biases. In our commitment to Christ, we will discover that we can transform what is transitory in life by giving it away in love. If we can live in this way, life is anything but vanity!



<https://www.liturgyhelp.com/calendar/date/2022Jul31/0/RefDiBer>

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First Holy Communion – Thanks to those parents who were able to make it to the information/registration evening, either in person or via Zoom, last Thursday. Don't forget to let me know, via the note sent home, of your preferred date for the First Holy Communion Masses and to send in \$10 for the preparation booklet. Any questions or concerns, contact me directly:
luke.smith@mn.catholic.edu.au

Confirmation – A reminder 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 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.

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.

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

Sport

Coach's Corner

Diocesan Athletics Carnival:

We congratulate and wish the very best for our 14 St. Therese's students that have made it through to Diocesan level athletics for their carnival this Wednesday, August 3rd.

Well done: Anna O, Evie C, Aria H, Lily P, Mia S, Miah F, Ella F, Hugo D, Mark O, Archie C, Chandler D, Benjamin C, Sidney M, and Spencer P.
Go St. Therese's!

Coach Hartcher

PBS

PBS and Principal Awards

This term we are focusing on the value of **Service**. We congratulate the following children for receiving the PBS School Spirit Award for demonstrating **SERVICE** by helping others:

School Spirit Award for demonstrating SERVICE by helping others.					
KN	Ruby N Bronte K	KW	Zara M Declan P	KL	Emily J Tom M
1N	Isabell F Eamon K			1L	Chelsea S Kai R
2N	James P Joshua P	2W	Archie S Oliver W	2L	Maya C Levi M
3N	Georgie A Mason S	3W	Jerome G Lilly C	3L	Audrey J Knox R
4N	Ryder P Anna P	4W	Jackson R Aria H	4L	Archie L Esmeralda H
5N	Hamish L Gracie B	5W	Chandler D Liam B	5L	Lucy B Jack R
6N	Myles H Katie C	6W	Grace H Mark O	6L	Baxter L Grace S

Principal Awards

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

KN – Amelia M, Taj V, Taylor V, Freddy W & Camille W; **KW** – Harry A, Hooper H & Finn M; **1N** – Xavier S; **1L** – Sam B, Alex M, Xavier O & Elin W; **2L** – Nixon R, Jacob J, Joshua M & Elana B; **3N** – Phoebe B; **3L** – Audrey J; **5L** – Sage T, Oliver S & Eva F; **6N** – Myles H & Robbie S.

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

Date: Monday 8th August

Time: 2:30pm

Venue: School Hall

Janine Schneider

Primary Coordinator

SAVE THE DATE!

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

Date: Friday 26th August

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

10-10:15am – Morning Tea

10:15-10:45am – Open Classrooms



Aboriginal Dancing and NAIDOC Week

As part of NAIDOC Week activities students from Kindergarten through to Year 4 participated in Aboriginal Dancing Workshops. Each session ran for 45 minutes - 1 hour.

During each session, students learned combinations of animals' movements, and a traditional dance. The presenters also explained the importance of dance in Aboriginal culture and NAIDOC Week. Students really enjoyed this aspect of Aboriginal culture and all of them got involved. Many thanks to the presenters – Hilary Macentyre and Bryan Rowe.





HELEN O'GRADY
DRAMA ACADEMY
ST THERESE'S 2022

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(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



Dear St Therese's Primary School

By supporting our "Beanie for Brain Cancer" campaign you're helping us fund vital research to improve treatments and outcomes for brain cancer patients and one day, hopefully, find a cure.

Together we are stronger! You are making a difference to brain cancer patients and increasing the momentum of advances in brain cancer research.

Forever Grateful.

Mark Hughes - Founder Mark Hughes Foundation

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St Therese's Primary School
PO Box 321
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Receipt Number: 7936
Date: 29/07/2022
Amount Received: \$2,001.45

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Good for kids
good for life



Screen time and physical play

Movement and play are important for kids development



Choose small screen games and Apps that reduce kids sitting time and encourage physical activity.

- Choose videos, games or Apps that get your kids moving e.g. dancing, sports, yoga. Join in using the App or game with your kids
- Plan a walk using a digital map. Take photos of interesting things along the way
- Video your kids learning a new skill e.g. hopping, a new skateboard trick. Replay the video to track their progress over time
- Be a role model! Show your kids how to track their physical activity. Talk about how being active is fun & feels great! Show them how far you walked or swam last week!

Source: Screen time & physical activity: kids/Raising Children Network <https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/play-media-technology/screen-time-healthy-screen-use/screen-time-physical-activity>



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