



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

Out of Uniform

You would have received a Compass pushout last week in relation to an Out of Uniform Day this Wednesday to help raise some fund to assist a family at Rosemary Park School in Brantxton. As you would know from my previous correspondence the family has had the tragic death of their young son due to a brain tumour. I want to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your support and ask that you continue to pray for this family in their of grief.

Staff Twilight and Inservice

Next Tuesday evening from 3.30pm to 7.30pm the staff will be undertaking profession development, looking at how to incorporate Indigenous perspectives into the curriculum.

A reminder that in week 9, Friday 9th September there will be a Pupil Free Day. The staff will be attending a spiritual retreat.

Grandparents Day

A reminder that on Friday 26th August you are invited to attend a Grandparents/a Significant adult Day. The Day will commence at 9:30am and finish by 11am. Children will put on a small performance followed by open classrooms. Morning tea will be served. We are looking forward to seeing you on the day.

Also please remember that on 2nd September we will be holding a Fathers' Day Breakfast, commencing at 7.15am and concluding at 8:30am all dads are welcome.

Compass Payments

Parents, I understand that it is easier for you to pay bills via Compass Pay and we graciously accept your payment. But please be aware that Compass Pay brings with it a 2.3% charge and if possible I ask that you consider **using other payment methods such as: credit card, BPAY, cash or debit debt.**

Dates to Remember

**17 AUG – OUT OF UNIFORM DAY
GOLD COIN DONATION**

25 AUG - RUGBY LEAGUE GALA

**26 AUG – GRANDPARENTS DAY
9.30AM – 10.45AM**

**30 AUG – SAUSAGE SIZZLE
YR 6 FUNDRAISER**

1 SEPT – NETBALL GALA

**2 SEPT – FATHERS DAY
BREAKFAST 7.30AM**

**7 SEPT – INDIGENOUS
LITERACY DAY**

**9 SEPT – PUPIL FREE DAY
STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

**11 SEPT – FIRST HOLY
COMMUNION**

13 SEPT – DIO NETBALL GALA

**15 & 16 SEPT – LOTUS
FUNDRAISER**

**18 SEPT – FIRST HOLY
COMMUNION**

**21 SEPT – YEAR 6 SPORTS DAY
AT ST PIUS X**

23 SEPT – LAST DAY TERM 3

10 OCT – FIRST DAY TERM 4

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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

Assistant Principal's Message

Expected Behaviours

As we get closer to the middle of Term 3, it has been disappointing to see an increase in negative behaviours in some of our student. Sledging and name calling during playtime, especially during lunchtime soccer games has increased dramatically. There has also been an increase in exclusionary behaviours towards some students. We do not tolerate these behaviours at St Therese's, our focus is on the Mercy values of:

- Respect
- Care & Compassion
- Integrity
- Inclusivity

There is an expectation that all students and staff display these values, in the way they interact with others.

We have also been aware that some students are using social media to put negative comments about others online, as well as excluding others from online games, which has then resulted in disagreements at school. The school cannot address cyber issues that occur outside school hours, as it is the responsibility of parents to supervise their children. However, if these issues then have an impact on class or playground behaviours consequences will be put into place.

Fundraising

LOTUS

Students in Year 3, have organised a fundraiser in Week 8, to support Lotus. Jerome G, Eloise C, Frankie H, Olivia H, Brianna H, Harper S and Georgia P have organised Loomband, stress balls, Lolly Bags, a jelly bean guessing competition and raffle, these items will be from \$1-\$2 each, and will be held on Monday and Tuesday of Week 8. Thank you to these students for their enthusiasm and support of Lotus.

Indigenous Literacy Foundation

Sage T and Anna VdH, both in Year 5, have organised a Book Stall to raise funds for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. Please send in any of your pre-loved books, that are still in good condition. Tables will be set up in the hall in Week 8, for the sale of these books. Any unsold books, will be packaged and mailed to a remote indigenous community. Please also see the flyer regarding the Indigenous Literacy Day and National Digital Event organised by Mrs Barker.

Kaylene Maretich
Assistant Principal

RE News

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Stage Masses Term 3 – As we continue to return to many aspects of life, pre-Covid, we are planning to have our students return to the Church once per term to celebrate Mass together. These Masses will be conducted in Stages, with the first of these occurring this Friday, 19th August. We would like to extend a warm invitation to our parent community (particularly the parents with students in the relevant Stage groups) to join us at these Masses where possible. Please see the dates and time below:

Stage 3 (Yr 5 & 6) Mass – 9:30am, Friday 19th August

Infants (K, 1 & 2) Mass – 9:30am, Friday 2nd September (this follows the Father's Day breakfast)

Stage 2 (Yr 3 & 4) Mass – 9:30am, Friday 16th September

First Holy Communion – All families should now have received a copy of the preparation booklet for this sacrament. If you have not already done so, please don't forget to let me know, via the note sent home, of your preferred date for the First Holy Communion Masses (11th OR 18th September) and to send in \$10 for the preparation booklet. Any questions or concerns, contact me directly:

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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.

Belinda Palmer
Bursar

Netball Gala Day

The Netball Gala Day will occur on Thursday 1st September. There has been a delay in organization as we thought this date was going to clash with a Year 6 event.

Please note that there will be no overall score keeping or presentation in any division other than the Senior Girls A group. The day is planned as a gala day for all other teams. Therefore, the teams will have children with mixed ability. It is aimed at being a fun day and promoting the sport of netball. During week 5, we will notify the children who will be participating in this gala day. Unfortunately, we cannot take everyone that wishes to go as we are only allowed to enter a certain number of teams. We will also be asking for parent helpers. Thank you for the parents that have notified us. We will contact you as soon as we have organized the teams. If you wish to Volunteer please ensure that you have received your clearance from the CSO. If in doubt please contact the office.

Regards

Leanne Kepreotes & Carly Mortimer

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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 taking care of the environment:

School Spirit Award for demonstrating SERVICE by taking care of the environment.					
KN	Amelia M Isla P	KW	Harry A Maddison B	KL	Hudson B James D
1N	Xavier S Zoe T			1L	Mary W Miller M
2N	Rosemary L Larz G	2W	Abbey C Henry B	2L	Edmund H Emily S
3N	Brooklyn L Marcus S	3W	Georgia P Harper S	3L	Andrea P Violet S
4N	Miller C John D	4W		4L	Patrick E Ella M
5N	Oliver M Hope B	5W	Sienna S Tully H	5L	Toby Boettcher Eden Henshaw
6N	Alex J Myles H	6W	Luka M Paige F	6L	Matisse M Amelia B

Principal Awards

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

KN – Lachlan A, Hudson J, Joshua K & Charlotte S; **KL** – Eve S, Daniel M, Tom M, Emily J, Mailey B, Hudson B, Frankie C & Violet W; **1N** – Levi H; **2W** – Tom C; **2L** – Jennifer J, Hamish K & Violet R; **3W** – Lachlan S; **4W** – Charlie T; **5N** – Sunny A & Gracie B; **5W** – Olivia M, Sam P & Isaiah S; **5L** – Leila O, Jacob L & Ava B; **6N** – Isla R.

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

Date: Monday 22nd August

Time: 2:30pm

Venue: School Hall

Janine Schneider
Primary Coordinator

Library News

Celebrating Book Week 2022 in conjunction with Indigenous Literacy Day.

Week 6 (20 Aug- 26 Aug) is Book Week. To celebrate literature, students are invited to complete a reading challenge. The challenge requires students to read for 20 mins every day during Book Week. They will complete a *Book Week Diary* listing the stories read.

Students that complete the challenge will be entered into a raffle with some lovely book prizes on offer! All students will receive details of the challenge and the *Book Week Diary* worksheet this week.

Participation is optional.

As we already have our valued *Grandparents* day in Week 6 we have decided our book week dress-up day will take place in Week 8 on Indigenous Literacy Day – **Wednesday 7 September.**

The theme of the day will be 'Connections'. Indigenous groups are connected to land through story.

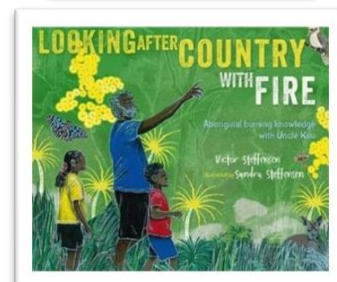
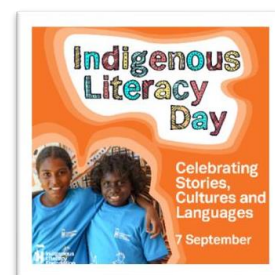
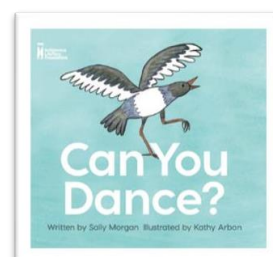
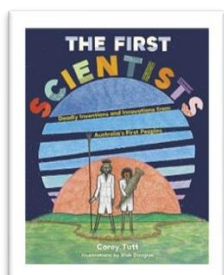
Students are asked to ponder these questions with you:

- Where do you feel connected?
- When do you feel connected?
- What book has 'connected' with you?

They are invited to come to school dressed in a costume/outfit that represents an important connection that they have identified (book character, sporting team, what they wear to special family places/events etc).

On the day

- 10.30am classes will watch the Indigenous Literacy Foundation's annual *Indigenous Literacy Day, National Digital Event - Celebrating Stories, Cultures and Languages*. students will hear stories with an indigenous theme and connect with those stories through activities.
- 2.30pm Parade – Parents Welcome



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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The Dance Team before heading off to Nationals on Friday 19th August



YEAR 6
FUNDRAISER

On Tuesday the 30th of August there will be a BBQ and cake store to raise money for the Year 6 farewell! The canteen will be closed on this day.

**SAVE
THE
DATE!**



The cakes will be 50c to \$2 depending on the size

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The sausages served with a bread roll and sauce will be \$2.50

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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