



## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

### St Therese's Dance & Aerobic Troupes

Late last week four teams of girls travelled to the Gold Coast to compete in the National Championships for Aerobics. An outstanding achievement for our Junior DanceTeam who were named National Champions – well done girls! Our other teams performed extremely well however in a highly skilled and competitive competition did not place but gave it their all and had fun. My thanks to Ms Toscano for all the hard work, preparation and support she has given to our girls this year to have the opportunity to compete and have fun. Also thanks to the parents and grandparents who have been behind the teams all the way. Photos later in Newsletter.

### Grandparents Day Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August

This Friday we are opening the school and welcoming the grandparents and significant elders in the childrens lives from Kindergarten through to Year 3. This has always been a wonderful day of excitement for both the children and their families and we look forward to welcoming all. There will be a short concert in the Main Hall starting at 9.30am so please be seated by 9.15. A light morning tea will be served after followed by "Open Classrooms" for visitors. It is expected that the morning will be wrapped up by 11.00am. If you are exhibiting any flu like symptoms please consider others before attending.

### Rugby League Gala

Later this week our under 10's will field two teams in a local Rugby League Gala Day. We wish our students all the very best and remember have fun kids. My thanks to Mr Ireson, Mrs Hunt and her husband Mr Hymel Hunt (Newcastle Knights player) for their mentoring of the children. My thanks also to the families who have volunteered to assist on the day.

### School Masses

Last Friday Years 5 & 6 attended a school Mass with Fr Sabu being the Celebrant. Its very significant to be able to hold Masses again for the school body and there are more scheduled for the other grades. Please note that families are welcome to attend these Masses as well.

### Staff Development Day – PUPIL FREE DAY

I draw your attention to the date set down for the Staff Development day 9<sup>th</sup> 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

**25 AUG - RUGBY LEAGUE GALA**

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

**29 AUG – TOTAL EXCURSION**  
**YEAR 1**

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

**31 AUG – TOTAL EXCURSION**  
**YEAR 2**

**1 SEPT – NETBALL GALA**

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

**5 SEPT – WHITE DAY – CHILD**  
**PROTECTION**

**7 SEPT – INDIGENOUS**  
**LITERACY DAY**  
**DRESS UP PARADE**  
**2.30PM – FAMILIES**  
**WELCOME**

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

**11 SEPT – FIRST HOLY**  
**COMMUNION**

**13 SEPT – DIO NETBALL GALA**

**15 & 16 SEPT – LOTUS**  
**FUNDRAISER**

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## **Assistant Principal's Message**

### **Faith Community Week**

Next week, Week 7, is Faith Community Week. Throughout this week, we encourage families to slow down the pace and take time to "just be". Therefore, there will be no homework next week. As the weather begins to warm up, perhaps your family might like to do some outdoor activities through the week such as:

- Meandering Monday – meander through your neighbourhood and find interesting new places
- "Take a Photo" Tuesday – take photos of a plants/flowers/a fruit bowl etc. see how creative you can be. Feel free to send your photos in to [kaylene.maretich@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kaylene.maretich@mn.catholic.edu.au), as I will create a photo wall at school
- Weeding Wednesday – get everyone out in the garden
- "Take the stairs" Thursday – tackle the stairs if you have any at home, or challenge yourself to the ANZAC Bridge walk
- Freestyle Friday – enjoy an unstructured evening, maybe a home movie night and take away

On Wednesday 31 August, we will have "Wacky Wednesday". Children are to wear their uniform, but can also wear a wacky hairstyle, socks etc.

### **Morning Drop Off**

Parents please remember playground supervision commences at 8.45am. The Burke Street carpark gates are opened at 6am when St Nicholas OOSH commences. If your child arrives at school before 8.45am please ensure you drop them off via this gate and remind your child that they are to sit in the Primary courtyard until a teacher starts duty at 8.45am. The Royal Street gates and Burke Street pedestrian gate is opened at 8.45am. Please be aware that at times these gates may open slightly later if staff are attending to other duties. There has been an increasing number of children being dropped off at school quite early so if you require care prior to school opening hours please contact our OOSH on 0455 099 594.

### **Year 6 Sausage Sizzle**

A reminder that next Tuesday **30 August**, Year 6 are having a sausage sizzle and cake stall to fundraise for their Yearbook and graduation lunch. The canteen will be closed on this day for lunch, ice blocks, chips etc. All sausage sizzle orders must be placed through Flexischools.

**Kaylene Maretich**  
**Assistant Principal**

## **RE News**

**School led Parish Mass** – This coming Sunday (28<sup>th</sup> August at 9:15am) we have been asked to lead the parish Mass in the way of readings, offertory, and prayers of the faithful. Of course, any children who wish are also welcomed to join with the musicians in singing in the choir. Please contact me directly via email: [luke.smith@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:luke.smith@mn.catholic.edu.au) with the name and class of your child/ren if you are able to get them to Mass this Sunday and they are willing and able to fulfill one of the roles above. As always, all families are warmly welcomed to attend even should you or your children not wish to take on an official role in the Mass.

**Catholic Community Week** – Next week (Week 7) is our school Catholic Community Week. This is a week traditionally marked by giving students a week away from homework where, instead, families are encouraged to spend time and engage in activities together. Here at school, we will celebrate through the Yr 6 Sausage Sizzle fundraiser, along with the Father's day breakfast and the Infants Mass.

**Stage Masses Term 3** – The first of our Stage Masses took place in the Church last Friday, with our Stage 3 students setting a wonderful example of reverence and respect in our sacred place of worship. Thank you to the few parents who came along to join in our Mass and help create a wonderful community feel. The upcoming Stage Mass dates are listed below:

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

**Stage 2 (Yr 3 & 4) Mass – 9:30am, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September**



**First Holy Communion** – Please refer to the Compass alert and/or email sent out at the end of last week which contained the lists of children attending the two Sunday masses (11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> September). As always, please don't hesitate to contact me directly should you have any questions or concerns: [luke.smith@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:luke.smith@mn.catholic.edu.au)

**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

## 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.					
<b>KN</b>	Leo G	<b>KW</b>	Stella H	<b>KL</b>	Daniel M
	Lachlan A		Harvey F		Eve S
<b>1N</b>	Isabella A			<b>1L</b>	Rio S
	Adelaide K				Maggie K
<b>2N</b>	Luke P	<b>2W</b>	Eden C	<b>2L</b>	Eloise H
	Sidney M		Amelia G		Ace C
<b>3N</b>	Lucia F	<b>3W</b>	Jerome G	<b>3L</b>	Christian B
	Mason S		Eloise C		Maeve H
<b>4N</b>	Jasmyn M	<b>4W</b>	Beau R	<b>4L</b>	Darcy L
	Erin S		Jackson R		Scarlett H
<b>5N</b>	Kye T	<b>5W</b>	Eliza A	<b>5L</b>	Leila O
	Emily F		Liam B		Jackson L
<b>6N</b>	Chloe B	<b>6W</b>	Eli A	<b>6L</b>	Cody C
	Finn N		Olivia H		Ben L

### Principal Awards

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

**KL** – Emilia H & Imogen I; **1L** – Darcy B, Zali C, Leo G, Madeleine H, Ryan H, Amelia M & Chelsea S; **2W** – Amelia S & Oliver W; **2L** – Eliza B & Mia D; **3N** – Tayla A; **3W** – Declan O, Samuel S, Julien C & Maria B; **3L** – Alexi A & Ashton S; **4N** – Jasmyn M, Michael B, Trevina M, Erin S, Harry N, Ryder P, Luca R, John D & Alexander J; **4W** – Charlie T; **4L** – Esmeralda H, Louie B & Mahali R; **5N** – Oliver M; **5L** – Rose H; **6N** – Ayanna M.

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

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**Date:** Monday 29th August

**Time:** 2:30pm

**Venue:** School Hall

**Janine Schneider**  
Primary Coordinator

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Grandparents 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



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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



### Outstanding Achievement

Violet Henderson in 3L has recently competed in an Ice-skating competition in Melbourne called the Crystal Challenge. It is a national benchmark competition and it is the first time Violet has competed here. While she didn't get a place, she had a wonderful skate and gained a lot of valuable competition experience which will serve her well in future competitions. Violet trains four times a week and has shown dedication and commitment to her sport since she was in Kindergarten. She loves ice-skating and finds it exciting, rewarding and challenging! We are so proud of you Violet!



**Stage 2 Rugby League Gala Day**

We wish the Stage 2 students who are representing St Therese's at 'Newcastle Rebels Challenge' this Thursday 25th August at Lakeside Sporting Complex, Raymond Terrace, the best of luck.

The students were lucky enough to get a training session with Newcastle Knight, Hymel Hunt, last week as an opportunity to get together before their competition.

Finer detail regarding match fixtures and times will be pushed out to parents and carers when we are made aware.

A reminder that all students attending are to make their own way to the venue by 8:45am. Students are to wear their St Therese's jersey, school sports shorts, football socks, football boots and protective gear such as headgear and a mouth guard. All students are to bring their own lunch and plenty of water.

GOODLUCK St Therese's!







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