



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

Lotus

Last week saw the culmination of many hours of hard work and dedication by the students in Year 5 and 6 and their teachers to organise an outstanding LOTUS event for 2022. My sincere thanks to all the parents who supported this activity and continue to help support the girls education in Laos.

This year we raised the over \$4600 which is truly uplifting. I can report to you that four of our girls who started with us some 14 years ago are now attending University. This would not have been possible without the support and commitment of the St Therese's community. This type of outreach is a clear illustration to the children of their faith in action.

Principal's Conference

Last week I attended the Principal's Conference with a focus being on the wellbeing of the school community. In this day and age and in particular with all that has been happening with COVID we need to be extremely mindful of our own wellbeing and the wellbeing of others. Next year the school will set a focus looking at wellbeing.

Staff News

This Friday is the last day for Mrs Maier who commences her maternity leave. We wish her all the best at this happy time and look forward to hearing her happy news. I would like to thank Ms Jess le Compte who has been doing her practicum under the guidance of Mrs Julia Briggs in Year 3 this past term. I would also like to acknowledge Ms Monique Pearce and Mr Woody Strehler who have also done their internship with us over the last weeks.

Congratulations

Laura M from Year 2 was granted Australian Citizenship at a ceremony in the Newcastle City Hall. My congratulations to Laura and her family on this special occasion.

Finally I wish all the students, their families and staff a safe and relaxing break after a very hectic Term 3. Safe travels to all.

Duilio Rufo
Principal

Dates to Remember

20 SEPT – RIDE FOR JUSTICE

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

**22 SEPT – NATIONAL DAY OF
MOURNING – PUBLIC
HOLIDAY**

23 SEPT – LAST DAY TERM 3

10 OCT – FIRST OF TERM 4

21 OCT - SOCKTOBER

**3 NOV – KINDER
ORIENTATION**

**11 NOV – KINDER
TRANSITION**



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Assistant Principal's Message

Lotus

A BIG congratulation to the Stage 3 students and teachers for Lotus last week. Year 6 completed individual art works and developed an artist's statement to explain their work. The depth of understanding of Lotus and the amazing artworks, were a credit to the students and their teachers. I spent a great deal of time in the "art gallery" and was so impressed at the varied ways the children responded to Lotus. I was also impressed by the manner Year 6 conducted themselves, as each grade visited the art gallery and Lotus stalls. Thank you to the Year 5 students and teachers for all the craft they made for the stalls. Lotus raised a total of \$4641 for the young girls Laos, which will assist them to remain at school to further their own education.

Thank you to our wonderful Year 6 parents/carers/family, who joined us last Thursday for a wine and cheese evening for Lotus. We enjoyed having you with us and were so glad to have Lotus on site rather than online as we have done for the past 2 years.



As students from K-5 spent time in the art gallery, they had the opportunity to vote for artworks that resonated with them the most. Congratulations to Grace S, Isla O and Chloe S who received the most votes from the students.



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Congratulations to our raffle winners:



- 1st Prize** – Maddi B (KW)
2nd Prize – Ms K Smith
3rd Prize – Ms Nichols (mum of Isaac 5L)



Office of Safeguarding (OoSG)

As we get closer to the school holidays, I'd like to remind parents to be vigilant of your child's online presence over the holidays. Please ensure you supervise your child whenever they are online and allow them to access apps, games etc. that are age appropriate. For further information to keep your child safe online visit: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>. The holidays are a great opportunity to have some "screen free" time, especially as the Sept/Oct holidays brings such beautiful weather.

Lotus Raffle

Thank you to Miss Graham for liaising with local businesses for the Lotus Raffle. Thank you to all the businesses that supported the raffle:

- Adams Family Meats
- Dough Heads

We would like to give a huge thankyou to the local community businesses who have supported the LOTUS fundraiser by donating amazing prizes for our school raffle.



Kaylene Maretich
Assistant Principal

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RE News

First Holy Communion –

The second group of students to complete their full initiation into the Catholic Faith took place on Sunday. We celebrated here at school on Monday afternoon with a cake to acknowledge all the students who have now completed the Sacramental Program for 2022. It has been a big, but rewarding, year for these students who have undertaken the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Communion – congratulations boys and girls!



Sacramental Program 2022/23 – We will now look towards the next Sacramental Program for the year 2022/23. This will primarily concern those students who are currently in Year 3. There will be a separate note going home concerning this program but for those of you wanting to mark dates in your diary, there will be a **Sacramental Program Information & Registration evening on Tuesday 18th October at 6pm** in the school Hall, with Reconciliation taking place later in the term over two evenings, Wednesday 23rd and 30th November.

Stage Masses Term 3 – Just a reminder that the final Stage Mass for this term will be **Infants – 9:30am, this Friday, 23rd September.**

St Vincent de Paul Mass – We invite you to come along to a special Mass in St Therese's Church, **Thursday 22nd September at 7pm.** I understand that this date is now listed as a public holiday, however, it would be particularly great to see some of our senior students there who lead and contribute so much to Mini Vinnies and other social justice initiatives within the school. There will also be a supper provided afterwards in the Hall. If you can come along and bring your child, please send me a direct email by Wednesday afternoon for catering purposes: luke.smith@mn.catholic.edu.au

Luke Smith, RE Coordinator
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 changes 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

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PBS

PBS and Principal Awards

This term we are focusing on the value of **Hospitality**. We congratulate the following children for receiving the PBS School Spirit Award for demonstrating **HOSPITALITY** by being generous to others:

Principal Awards

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

School Spirit Award for demonstrating HOSPITALITY by being generous to others.					
KN	Heston G	KW	Peyton M	KL	Madeline P
	Joshua K		Freya H		Xavier L
1N	Coby H			1L	Zali C
	Zoe T				Archie S
2N	Noah M	2W	Jackson F	2L	Elana B
	Gabriella S		Isaac S		Ashton P
3N	Hugo H	3W	Jack R	3L	Alexi A
	Francesca R		Declan O		Knox R
4N	Noah J	4W	Miah F	4L	Louie B
	Louis A		Rosie S		Mahali R
5N	Eloise H	5W	Vincent C	5L	Casper H
	Oliver R		Maiya A		Tilly C
6N	Lainey H	6W	Amelia G	6L	Rhys B
	Finn N		Oliver H		Ruby D

2N – Isabella G, Thomas P, Maddisia C & Rosemary L; 3N – Ajay C & Max C; 4W – Lily P; 5N – Josie W; 5L – Oliver S, Ada N & Liam R; 6N – Shelby C.

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

Date: Monday 10th October

Time: 2:30pm

Venue: School Hall

Janine Schneider
Primary Coordinator

Sport

Good luck to Evie, Isla O, Paige and Celeste A in year 6 have been selected to represent Northern NSW at the Australian Futsal Association's Schools National Championships, which will be held in Brisbane these holidays (Monday 26th September to Thursday 29th September).

Congratulations to Spencer Pand Ben C for their recent efforts at Polding Athletics and Olivia M for her efforts in Polding Cricket earlier this month. Although they were unsuccessful they did St Therese's proud. Well done!

Coach Hartcher

Canteen

A huge thank you to the school community for your warm welcome in my new role as Canteen Supervisor. I look forward to the new perspective this outlet of service to our students will provide.

I have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the parent body who have volunteered in the running of the canteen. Of course, your kids love seeing you at school, it definitely helps to build community and we appreciate the service you give to St Therese's. Your contribution is warmly appreciated.

We are always in need of volunteers. Giving of your time for a few hours just once a term makes a significant difference and contribution. I invite all those mums, dads, carers and adults of our school to consider being part of our team. No previous experience necessary. Alternatively, you might also consider being an emergency contact for those days when more volunteers are needed.

If you are interested and able to offer your time and service, please register at <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/people/volunteer/>. We would be pleased to hear from you.

An important message about Term 4 lunch orders. There will be a slight change to the cut-off time to submit orders by 15 minutes. **Please now place lunch orders no later than 8:45am each morning from Monday 10th October.**

Learnne Hardgrove
Canteen Supervisor

New Play Equipment at St Therese's



LOTUS 2022



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Gifted Education News- St Therese's New Lambton

Virtual Academy

The Virtual Academy Program is unique to Catholic Schools across our diocese and is a specialised program targeted for selected Gifted learners. Students participate in weekly video conferences with specialist teachers and work through units of work and their own research to enhance their critical thinking and real-world problem-solving skills.

We are extremely proud of the seven students at our school in Stage 3 who participate in this program.

Here is an overview of what the students are working on:

Eden wants to change the chemical composition of plastic so that it can decompose. She is planning to do experiments that feature organisms that consume the plastic. Eden will be seeking the support of expert scientists to guide her through this hypothesis.

Anna wants to educate all about inclusive learning environments at schools by catering for those with disabilities. She is developing a website for educators that has useful resources such as a Picture Book to use in the classroom.

Niah has created a website for educators in primary school on teaching respect. This includes multi modal texts and excellent resources to assist educators with teaching this very important social skill.

Wil presented work on his research around gender equity in sport and politics. He looked closely at data and case studies to see the current figures and representatives of each gender in these specific areas. Wil is an advocate for equal rights for all.

Oisin created a Year 10 subject that would teach students important life skills, such as budgeting and understanding financial transactions such as credit cards and Afterpay. Students would also learn about how to cook nutritious meals that are not only healthy but budget friendly with minimal waste.

Sage is passionate about the benefits of permaculture gardening. She is planning an organic vegetable garden complete with chickens for a Public Housing Community. Sage feels that all people in our community should have access to these gardens, particularly children.

Rose wants all children to be inclusive and celebrate our cultural diversity. She is devising a K-6 Term program that focuses on students learning about a different culture each week. Students would learn about the languages, foods, dances and art styles from other cultures. Parents would be invited to share their cultural stories as well.

I'm sure you will agree their ideas and research is so impressive! The world is in good hands with future leaders and thinkers like these students.....



Collaborative Learning- Stage 3 students visit Year 2

Last Tuesday, Year 2 students had a visit from Stage 3 Extension Writers who worked with the students on constructing a persuasive text.

Students worked in groups and had a 'mystery bag' with visual prompts and a bush tucker plant sample to stimulate discussion on the topic:

'We all need to listen and learn from our Aboriginal Elders.'

This topic linked to the History unit in Year 2, so ideas were flowing! A huge thankyou to Nadine Purdy, a parent volunteer who is also a talented teacher who assisted the students. Our Stage 3 leaders were fantastic, modelling mind mapping and sophisticated writing techniques. It was a worthwhile learning opportunity for all and it was wonderful to see everyone engaged in writing.

Patricia McNeil

Gifted Education Mentor




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INFORMATION SHEET 2023

ASPIRE is the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle Catholic Schools Office's Creative and Performing Arts program.

ABOUT ASPIRE

With an emphasis on fostering creativity, ASPIRE has a large number of programs on offer including in school workshops and production support, professional development for staff as well as special projects in areas such as song writing, scriptwriting, devising theatre and choreography. ASPIRE also produces an original theatrical performance annually where students audition to be part of either the design, vocal, dance, instrumental and production ensembles.

SAVE THE DATE 2023

ASPIRE @ THE CIVIC THEATRE NEWCASTLE

WEDNESDAY 26 JULY 2023 - 11.00 AM

THURSDAY 27 JULY 2023 - 11.00 AM

FRIDAY 28 JULY 2023 - 11.00 AM

FRIDAY 28 JULY 2023 - 7.00 PM

SATURDAY 29 JULY 2023 - 7.00 PM

\$13.50 PER STUDENTS

Accompanying teachers free.

Tickets through Civic Theatre Box Office in Term 2 2023

HOW TO AUDITION FOR ASPIRE 2023

The ASPIRE Audition Application is an online process. The following instructions will direct you to the online audition form.

1. Go to the ASPIRE website: aspire.mn.catholic.edu.au
2. Click on JOIN US
3. Click on 2023 AUDITIONS
4. Then click on the link: [CLICK HERE TO APPLY ONLINE FOR ASPIRE 2023](#)

AUDITION DATES

Auditions for ASPIRE 2023 are now open for students from Year 4 to Year 12. The auditions will be held at the Newcastle Convention and Exhibition Centre NEX, King St Newcastle. (West Newcastle).

DANCE

Monday 24 October 2022

JUNIOR DRAMA

Tuesday 25 October 2022

INSTRUMENTAL

Tuesday 25 October 2022

JUNIOR DRAMA

Wednesday 26 October 2022

SENIOR DRAMA

Wednesday 26 October 2022

VOCAL

Thursday 27 October 2022

Please contact Anne Atkins, ASPIRE admin, if you have any queries regarding auditions: anne.atkins@mn.catholic.edu.au or by phone (02) 4979 1331

For more details go to aspire.mn.catholic.edu.au



HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Please refer to the ASPIRE website for all ASPIRE information, forms, updates, photos and the newsletter from the Artistic Director.

<https://aspire.mn.catholic.edu.au>

CREATIVE CHOREOGRAPHY

DATE: Tuesday 27 September 2022

LOCATION: To Be Confirmed

TIME: 9.00 am - 3.00 pm

COST: \$80.00

Join ASPIRE's Assistant Choreographer for this fun day of dance as you look at creating your own choreography and developing your skills in creating work. Whatever style of dance you enjoy this is a great opportunity to work with like minded young performers and pick up some new moves!

This workshop is open to students who are in Year 4 to Year 7.

PLAY IN A DAY

DATE: Wednesday 28 September 2022

LOCATION: Catholic Schools Office, Newcastle

TIME: 9.00 am - 3.00 pm

COST: \$80.00

Get ready to create an original piece of theatre in just a day! Working with ASPIRE's Assistant Drama Director you will be challenged to work together to create a completely original story to be performed at the end of the day. Participants will develop skills in voice and character as well as learning about devising a piece of theatre.

This workshop is open to students who are in Year 4 to Year 7.

To reserve your place please complete the online registration form below or call Anne Atkins on 02 4979 1331 for more information.
<https://aspire.mn.catholic.edu.au/join-us/holiday-workshops/>

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