



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am currently on leave attending a family wedding and the annual Principal's Retreat and will return to work on Monday 19th September.

Duilio Rufo
Principal

Assistant Principal's Message

I hope you had a great weekend; Newcastle put on some spectacular weather for us. I visited my favourite shop yesterday – Bunnings, then spent a wonderful afternoon in my garden.

Staff Retreat

Last Friday, staff attended a Faith Formation retreat at the Apollo, with Ryan Gato, from the Catholic Schools Office Religious Education and Spirituality Team. It was a day for staff to re-engage with being Fully Alive in our Catholic faith, to be in touch with our inner selves and acknowledge the connections we have with ourselves and God, others, and creation. Staff spent time in prayer and reflection, as well as in conversation with colleagues. We looked at the importance of imagination, discernment, prayer, openness, and artistic expression of our faith. We also reflected on the importance of breathing deeply and just "being" in the everyday. Thank you to Mr Smith for all your organisation to make the day so special.

Week 8 Reflection

Last week was such a special week, as we celebrated Child Protection Week, Indigenous Literacy Week, and the Book Parade. Thank you to all the staff and students for your enthusiasm, especially to Sage T and Anna VdH for organising the 2nd Hand Book Sale, we will have a final amount that was raised for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation in the coming days. Thank you also to Mrs Barker and Mrs Gleeson for a memorable Book Parade and Book Week Activities. Thank you also to Cherie Johnson, a local indigenous author, who visited Stage 3 students to read her first published picture book *Guuluu* Gimbaijar (Bush Friends). I think Cherie may have inspired some of our students to follow their dream of writing a book.

National Day of Mourning

St Therese's will be closed on **Thursday 22 September**, following the announcement of the National Day of Mourning. The final day for students for Term 3 is Friday 23 September.

Dates to Remember

**15 & 16 SEPT – LOTUS
FUNDRAISER**

**18 SEPT- FIRST HOLY
COMMUNION**

20 SEPT – RIDEFOR 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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Lotus

Thank you to the staff and students for their hard work in preparing for Lotus. This Thursday 15 September, parents/carers and family of Year 6 students are invited to a "Wine and Cheese" Art show from 6:00pm in the school hall. The Year 6 students' artworks will be on display for purchase, as will craft that has been created by Year 5 students. On Thursday and Friday, all students in K-5, will visit the art show, where our Year 6 students will talk to them about the importance of the Lotus Foundation, children will then have time to buy craft at the various stalls that will be set up. Last week, Jerome G, Andrea P, Georgia P, Harper S, Eloise C, Frankie H, Brianna H and Olivia H set up a stall and raised funds for Lotus, the amount will be published next week. Thank you to these children for their initiative.

A reminder to return all raffle tickets that were sent home ASAP. The draw for this will take place on Friday, with a hamper for First (value approx. \$250), Second (value approx. \$150) and Third (value approx. \$100) prizes. Thank you to the following businesses for their support of Lotus:

- Sprockets
- Draytons Wines
- Bliss Beauty
- Blanc Hair Studio
- Europatisserie
- Floweresque
- Sherwood
- FS8 Kotara
- F45 Training Adamstown
- STRONG Pilates
- Miss Graham
- Miss Pearce

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.



Ride for Justice

As you know, last week was Child Protection Week and here at St Therese's, we are a community that always promotes the welfare and wellbeing of all young people. Next Tuesday afternoon (20th September), our school will be visited by two young girls who are involved in the Ride for Justice. They are riding from Sydney to Coffs Harbour, to raise awareness and promote change to the current legislative procedures and processes in relation child abuse cases within the judicial system. They will ride into St Therese's around 1:30pm where they will be welcomed and cheered on by our students.

Please also consider scanning the QR Code on the advertisement below and signing the petition to help support positive change.



**JUSTICE JOURNEY
2022**

With brave wings...she rides!

Rose and Pip are riding MTB trails from Sydney to Coffs Harbour in support of Bravehearts, an organisation working to educate and protect children from sexual abuse. They are raising awareness for the need to change the current legal process for child witnesses in the judicial system.

**WE CALL ON THE NSW GOVERNMENT TO MAKE
THE CHILD SEXUAL OFFENCE EVIDENCE PILOT
LAW FOR ALL NSW CHILDREN**

"The Child Sexual Offence Evidence Program aims to reduce stress and trauma experienced by children and young people who are victims and prosecution witnesses in sexual offence cases."

"CSOEP - Information for families during the police investigation", 2022



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POSITIVE CHANGE!**

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Kaylene Maretich
Assistant Principal

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RE News

First Holy Communion – The first group of students to complete their full initiation into the Catholic Faith took place on Sunday. The group photo is below. The second group of students will make their First Holy Communion this coming Sunday (18th September) in the context of the regular parish Mass, 9:15am. We will then have a cake here at school, recess time on Monday 19th, for the students, to acknowledge and celebrate their completion of the Sacramental Program.



Stage Masses Term 3 – Just a continued reminder of the upcoming Stage Mass dates:

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

Infants – 9:30am, 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 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

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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:

School Spirit Award for demonstrating HOSPITALITY by being generous to others.					
KN	Noah D Samuel C	KW	Jamison C Penny F	KL	Eliana T Max J
1N	Wren D Xavier S			1L	Emilie A Chrishelle P
2N	Oliver A Abbey L	2W	Benjamin C Tom C	2L	Bastian T Jacob J
3N	Olivia H Brianna H	3W	Bellamy W Jack M	3L	Grace S Egan V
4N	Harry N Vienne T	4W	Bruno R Mackenzie H	4L	Lucia R Malia W
5N	Sophie G Hunter C	5W	Spencer B Ivy B	5L	Eva F Samuel M
6N	Olivia M Katie C	6W	Bailey K Luka M	6L	Isla O Dylan F

Principal Awards

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

KW – Scout M, Rafferty M & Evelyn V; **KL** – Reuben M; **2N** – Joshua P; **2W** – Mia H; **3N** – Lee S & Amelia W; **3W** – Kurt P; **3L** – Oscar Y; **4L** – Ly M, Orson M & Lucas O; **5W** – Vivienne B; **5L** – Eden H & Sophie S; **6N** – Maya F

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

Date: Monday 19th September

Time: 2:30pm

Venue: School Hall

Janine Schneider
Primary Coordinator

Indigenous Literacy Day – Wednesday 7 September

At St Therese we celebrated Indigenous Literacy Day as part of Book Week, on Wednesday 7th September. At 10.30am classes watched 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.

Indigenous Literacy Day is a yearly initiative by Australia's Indigenous Literacy Foundation. Through literacy programs, the organization seeks to improve the lives and possibilities of Indigenous Australians. Not just any literacy program, but one that puts the knowledge and wisdom of the indigenous people first.

Australia's First People have a deep knowledge of community, culture, and land. These are concepts of "literacy" that the western world may not understand. We must redefine what literacy means for different communities and their needs. To create forward-thinking spaces without losing roots. Indigenous Literacy Day advocates people's right to an education in the languages they speak at home. It celebrates indigenous freedom of expression and participation in public life just as they are.

Aldo Rufo, ATSI Coordinator



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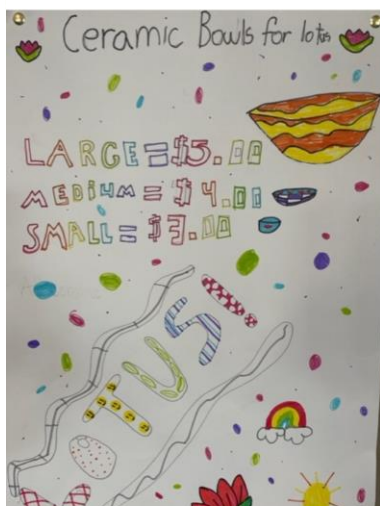


LOTUS

In Week 9, the Lotus Art Exhibition will be open for all students. The Year 6 students have spent this Term preparing for the show and creating their artworks that will be showcased. There will be craft items for sale, and all money goes towards the Lotus Foundation. The Lotus Foundation supports disadvantaged girls in Laos, and funds their education to help them get through school.

The timetable for classes viewing the exhibition is below, and we ask that students bring a gold coin donation for entry. Students will view the artworks, be able to purchase items from Year 5's craft stall, and have their face painted.

Week 9		
Time	Thursday 15 th September	Friday 16 th September
9:40 - 10:10	3N + 1/2 of 3W	KN + 1/2 of KW
10:20 - 10:50	3L + 1/2 of 3W	KL + 1/2 of KW
10:50 - 11:15	4N + 1/2 of 4W	2N + 1/2 of 2W
12 - 12:30	4L + 1/2 of 4W	2L + 1/2 of 2W
12:30 - 1	5N + 1/2 of 5W	1N + 1/2 of 1W
1 - 1:30	5L + 1/2 of 5W	1L + 1/2 of 1W



Some of the Ceramic Bowls Being sold for LOTUS

Year 4 Excursion



Sport

Netball Gala

Last Thursday, students from years 3, 4, 5 and 6 attended the Newcastle Netball Gala Day.

St Therese's entered 7 teams:

2 junior girls team

2 senior girls team

2 senior boys teams

1 A grade open girls team

We would like to congratulate all students for their exemplary behaviour, determination and sportsmanship. Some of the students had never played netball before, but this didn't stop everyone from having a great day learning new skills.

These days do not run smoothly without the assistance of the parents and carers. Thank you to all the parents who helped with the organisation of the teams and for transporting the students to and from the venue.

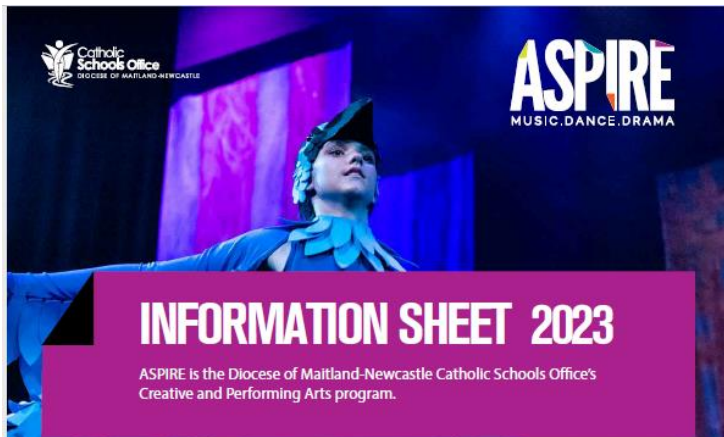
A special thanks to our team managers: James Clarence, Michelle Cowling, Lauren Ross, Megan Collins, Lauren Ramien, Annabel O'Neill, Jess Le Compe and for all the parents who stepped in to help with the teams on the day.

Regards

Leanne Kepreotes & Carly Mortimer



Congratulations to the year 4 boys Ryan v E, Lucas O'S, Harry N, Louie B, Hamish McG, Jake M and John D who played a "nail biter" in the game – Wests Bullets v City Tigers at Broadmeadow Basketball Stadium on Friday night. It was an 18 all draw. The boys showed great sportsmanship and their parents and grandparents cheered them on all the way.



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

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



WHO IS IT FOR?

The Aspire Concert Band is a Diocesan ensemble for students in Years 5-12. It is suitable for students who can at least play at a 1st grade (AMEB) level as well students of more advance ability, 4th grade (AMEB) and above. The ensemble is not suitable for beginner students.

Instruments include: Flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, bass clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, french horn, euphonium, tuba, mallet/auxiliary percussion and drum kit. The band is not suitable for string or piano players.

Students must know how to read traditional music notation.

The concert band will be playing a variety of repertoire including traditional concert band music, music from television and film, rock and pop music and music specifically composed for concert bands. There will be performances and events the concert band be part of.

WHEN ARE REHEARSALS?

There will be 3 rehearsal per term (total of 11 hours per term):
2 regional rehearsals - (Central, Lakes, Upper Hunter or Manning)
1 whole day rehearsal at St Pius X High School Adamstown

REGIONAL REHEARSAL:

- You will be able to attend rehearsals at your closest school
- St Pius X High School Adamstown
 - St Paul's Catholic College Booragul
 - St Catherine's Catholic College Singleton or
 - St Clare's High School Taree

These rehearsals will be after school hours, 4-6.30pm and will only involve the students from that area.

WHOLE DAY REHEARSAL:

Once per term, held at St Pius X High School Adamstown. All students are to attend this rehearsal.

REHEARSAL DETAILS

TERM 3	
DATE	REGION/TIMES
WEEK 9 Monday 12th September	WHOLE DAY REHEARSAL: 9.30am-3.30pm St Pius X High School, Adamstown
TERM 4	
DATE	REGION/TIMES
WEEK 1 Monday 10th October	CENTRAL: 4pm-6.30pm St Pius X High School, Adamstown
WEEK 2 Wednesday 19th October	MANNING: 4pm-6.30pm St Clare's High School, Taree
WEEK 3 Monday 24th October	LAKES: 4pm-6.30pm St Paul's Catholic College, Booragul
WEEK 4 Wednesday 2nd November	UPPER HUNTER: 4pm-6.30pm St Catherine's Catholic College, Singleton
WEEK 5 Monday 7th November	CENTRAL: 4pm-6.30pm St Pius X High School, Adamstown
WEEK 6 Wednesday 16th November	MANNING: 4pm-6.30pm St Clare's High School, Taree
WEEK 7	LAKES: Monday 21st November, 4pm-6.30pm St Paul's Catholic College, Booragul UPPER HUNTER: Wednesday 23rd November, 4pm-6.30pm St Catherine's Catholic College, Singleton
WEEK 8 Wednesday 28th November	WHOLE DAY REHEARSAL: 9.30am-3.30pm St Pius X High School, Adamstown

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The fee will be \$50 for 2022 (financial support available). Students will receive a Aspire T-shirt. Sheet music will be provided.

REGISTRATION

GO TO THE ASPIRE WEBSITE TO REGISTER FOR THE ASPIRE CONCERT BAND: <https://aspire.mn.catholic.edu.au/>
*You will have to use your student login details (the details you use for school) when submitting your registration. Other email addresses will not work.

Contact jessica.lopez@mn.catholic.edu.au for more information.



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HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

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

<http://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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