



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to all students, parents and staff for what I'm sure will be a very busy Term 4. A special welcome to our new students Dempsey and Audrey G and Hugo H.

A big congratulations to Ms Bonnie Maier who delivered a beautiful baby boy, Jordy over the holidays. Both Mum and bub are thriving.

Term 4 Activities

Please continue to look out for important dates during this Term. A compass notification, school Newsletter or see-saw will always be used to notify the school community of pending activities such as Reconciliation for Year 3, Kinder Transition and Orientation, Year 6 Graduation, Awards Day for end of year as well as other activities.

A reminder that we want to congratulate Mr Ireson from Year 2 on his upcoming nuptials (pray for fine weather).

Playground

The finalisation of the school refurbishment will occur this term with the back playground being "re-grassed" and a new watering system being installed. This will see the end of a \$7,000,000 building project, partly funded by the government and the DFSBL (which is the Diocesan wide building levy fund). We here at St Therese's are very fortunate to enjoy new classrooms, a new Library/Technology Centre and grounds improvement.

Bishop's Staff School Visit

This Thursday the school will host around twenty staff and parishioners from throughout the Diocese. The purpose of the visit is to highlight the teaching and learning that is happening at St Therese's and the new facilities that support this.

Outstanding Achievement

Lukas W from Year 6 entered a competition run by the Australian Catholic University for young people to have a voice. Lukas produced a video focusing on the importance of trees to the sustainability of our world. He was awarded a High Commended in the Junior Section for Digital Media. Congratulations Lukas on this outstanding achievement.

Duilio Rufo
Principal

Dates to Remember

18 OCT – SACRAMENTAL INFO EVENING

21 OCT - SOCKTOBER

28 OCT – STAGE 3 MASS 9.30AM

3 NOV – KINDER ORIENTATION

4 NOV – YR 5 LEADERSHIP DAY

11 NOV – KINDER TRANSITION

DIO PSSA BASKETBALL TENNIS

STAGE 2 MASS 9.30AM

8 DEC YR 6 GRADUATION

12 DEC SWIMMING CARNIVAL

16 DEC LAST DAY FOR 2022



To bring Christ and His message, in all its richness, into the hearts and lives of all.

Assistant Principal's Message

Welcome Back

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and are ready for an exciting final term for 2023.

Sport Uniform

Sport uniform is required on the following days:

- Kindergarten – Wednesday
- Year 1 - Thursday (Weeks 1-4) then Tuesday (Weeks 5-10)
- Year 2 - Tuesday (Weeks 1-4) then Thursday (Weeks 5-10)
- Year 3N – Wednesday
- Year 3W – Tuesday
- Year 3L – Thursday
- Year 4 - Tuesday (Weeks 1-6) then Thursday (Weeks 7-10)
- Year 5 - Wednesday (Weeks 1-6) then Thursday (Weeks 7-10)
- Year 6 - Thursday (Weeks 1-6) then Tuesday (Weeks 7-10)

Children are to wear their full formal uniform for all other days. Please ensure your child/ren wear their correct uniform – on sport days joggers/runners are appropriate, all other days black leather shoes are to be worn. Please note black skate shoes or black fabric runners are not appropriate. This is to ensure your child's feet are adequately supported and protected.

Sun Protection

As the weather warms up, we encourage you to apply sunscreen to your child/ren. Children are also permitted to bring sunscreen to school to re-apply during the school day – roll on sunscreen is usually the easier for children to manage. Children not wearing hats will be asked to stay off the playground at lunch and recess. If your child misplaces their school hat, please inform their teacher, and ensure they are wearing an alternate hat. Alternative hats are to be worn for a limited time, until their school hat has been found or another school hat has been purchased.

HSC

Tomorrow starts the HSC for Year 12 students across NSW. We send our thoughts and prayers to these students across our Diocese, and NSW. Many of our staff have children or grandchildren commencing their exams tomorrow, our prayers are also with them, as they support their child/grandchild through this often-stressful exam period. Our Year 6 students made cards for the Year 12 students at St Francis Xavier (SFX) in Hamilton last term, as the Year 12 students were their kindergarten buddies 7 years ago. The students at SFX were very excited to receive these cards, so thank you to the Year 6 students and teachers for organising this last term.

Kaylene Maretich
Assistant Principal

RE News

Sacramental Program 2022/23 – This will primarily concern those students who are currently in Year 3. There was a separate note sent home today concerning this program. There will also be a **Sacramental Program Information & Registration evening on Tuesday 18th October at 6:30pm** in the school Hall. If there are any questions or concerns, or your child has previously missed out on undertaking this program, please feel free to contact me directly: luke.smith@mn.catholic.edu.au

St Therese's Feast/Catholic Mission Day Celebration – Whilst St Therese's annual Feast Day takes place on October 1st, due to the fact this has taken place during the break, we will be celebrating as a school community on **Friday 21st October** (Week 2) in conjunction with **raising awareness and funds for Catholic Mission's, "Socktober"**. As is tradition, this day will be marked by students wearing 'out-of-uniform' and bringing in a gold coin donation to help support Catholic Mission.

Stage Masses – Please add the following dates to your diary regarding Stage Masses this term:

Stage 3 – Friday 28th October at 9:30am

Stage 2 – Friday 11th November at 9:30am

Infants – Friday 18th November at 9:30am

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School-led Parish Mass – It would be great to have as many families as possible attend this Mass on **Sunday 30th October at 9:15am**. I will be asking some of our students to volunteer to undertake special roles for the Mass such as readings, prayers of the faithful and the offertory.

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.

nda Palmer,
Bursar

Sport

During the school holidays some of our students (picture below) competed in a Futsal Competition in Queensland. All the children played with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Some of these children were selected to compete in Spain next year. What an amazing achievement – huge congratulations.



Year 6 (2023) Mango Fundraiser

The mango fundraiser is BACK! Families of students in Year 6 for the following year, have traditionally held this fundraiser to contribute to the costs of end of year activities and their Student Year book. Mango trays are being sold for \$28 per tray and will include 14-23 mangoes weighing a total of approximately 7kg. Due to the size and weight of the trays they cannot go home with students and will need to be picked up from the school by parents/carers on the specified collection date. Based on the current expectations for this mango season, delivery should be the week starting the 5 December, however please be aware that this date may be earlier. Notification for the delivery date will be shared as soon as we are advised. If you would like to place an order this can be done via flexischools. The students and families of Year 6 (2023) thank you for your support.



MANGO
fundraiser

SUPPORT OUR YEAR 6 2023
buy a tray of mangoes!

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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.

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

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

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



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