



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

Official Blessing and Opening of new buildings at St Therese's

It is with great excitement that I am able to announce that 18th November has been set down as the date for the Official Blessing and opening of the new school buildings. The ceremony will begin at 10am sharp and you are invited to attend. There will be a light morning tea and for catering purposes I ask you to contact the office if you will be attending. Further details to follow.

Facebook at St Therese's

Please read my letter appearing later in this Newsletter with details regarding the launch and use of our new Facebook page. We are looking forward to embracing the positives of Facebook for the St Therese's community. I invite you join St Therese's Facebook.

Omegle Social Media App

Like all social media parents need to be mindful that Omegle has the very strong potential of placing your child in harms' way. Having spoken to some of the classes it is obvious that some of our children are aware of Omegle and are using it. I have decided then to make you, the parents, aware of the potential harm of a platform like Omegle.

Here are some educational links about Omegle Later in this bulletin you can read in more detail what Omegle is all about. Basically, Omegle is a free online chat website (optimised for mobile) that pairs two random users together in a text and/or video chat. You can add topics you wish to discuss to find users with common interests. There is an 'unmoderated section' for video chat, which may include prominent links to sexualised content on third-party websites.

Omegle does not verify the age of users so anyone can use this.

<https://www.kidspot.com.au/news/omegle-why-you-should-be-worried-about-the-online-chat-room-millions-of-kids-use/news-story/73c2bd5ce0798bec81c3fd1627439a8b>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/what-is-omegle-what-parents-need-to-know/>

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/esafety-guide/omegle>

Duilio Rufo
Principal

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

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Dates to Remember

21 OCT - SOCKTOBER

28 OCT – STAGE 3 MASS 9.30AM

**31 OCT – OUT OF UNIFORM
GOLD COIN DONATION
CAKE STALL FOR YR 6
FAREWELL**

**3 NOV – KINDER
ORIENTATION**

4 NOV – YR 5 LEADERSHIP DAY

ICE CREAM DAY

**11 NOV – KINDER
TRANSITION**

**DIO PSSA BASKETBALL
TENNIS**

STAGE 2 MASS 9.30AM

**18 NOV SCHOOL BLESSING &
OPENING CEREMONY
10AM MAIN HALL**

8 DEC YR 6 GRADUATION

12 DEC SWIMMING CARNIVAL

16 DEC LAST DAY FOR 2022



Assistant Principal's Message

Office of Safeguarding (OoSG)

Just a reminder that all visitors and volunteers to the school need to be signed into the Compass kiosk, at the front office. Clerical staff will then give you a lanyard which must be worn, at all times, when on the school site. Please remember to sign out when leaving the school site.

If your child comes to school late or needs to be signed out early, please come into the school office to sign in/out of the Compass kiosk. Children are not to be left at the school gate in they arrive more than a few minutes late, as the roll would already have been finalised by the classroom teacher.

Year 6 Out of Uniform Day

Year 6 parents and children have organised a few fundraisers this term, to assist with their Year 6 end of year celebrations. On **Monday 31 October**, all children are invited to come out of uniform and bring a gold coin donation, there will also be a cake stall on this day, with cakes and treats being sold for 50cents - \$1. Children are required to wear sun safe clothing, such as T-shirts that covers their shoulders and hats. Children also need to wear closed in shoes.

On **Friday 4 November**, there will be an ice cream day, with Year 6 children selling ice-cream. More details about this will be in the bulletin in the coming weeks.

Kaylene Maretich
Assistant Principal

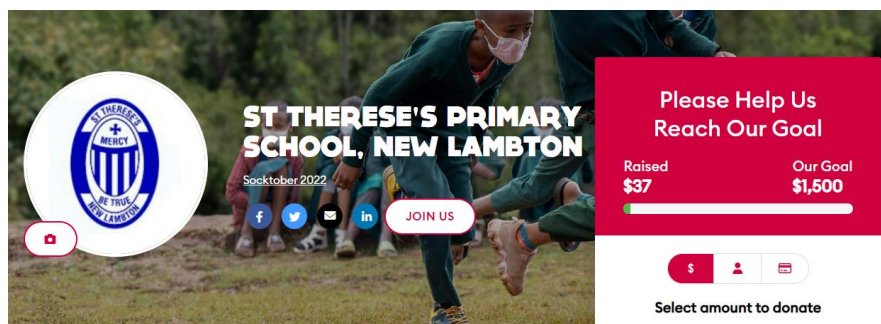
RE News

Sacramental Program 2022/23 – A reminder of the **Sacramental Program Information & Registration session this evening, Tuesday 18th October at 6:30pm** in the school Hall. This will primarily be for the parents of Year 3 students who wish to participate in the program, however, 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 this **Friday 21st October** 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. Some students have also made items for sale at lunch and recess on the day with proceeds going towards Catholic Mission.

Please also consider clicking on the link below and donating, if possible, to our St Therese's "Socktober" page as we work towards our goal of \$1500 for Catholic Mission. I will leave this page open for the month of October (Mission Month) and continue to give weekly updates as we move closer to our goal.

<https://www.socktober.org.au/fundraiser/sttheresesprimaryschoolnewlambton>



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

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.

Belinda Palmer
Bursar

PBS
Principal Awards

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

KW – Maddison B; **2N** – Noah M; **2W** – Riley L; **3N** – Max C, Mason J & Olivia H; **3W** – Jerome G; **3L** – Violette S; **6N** – Myles H.

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

Date: Monday 24th October

Time: 2:30pm

Venue: School Hall

Janine Schneider
Primary Coordinator

Year 6 fundraiser - 31st October 2022

Year 6 parents are kindly asked to donate cupcakes, cookies, slices and other sweet treats for our fundraising cake stall. Items can be sent in with your child the morning of the 31st October. Where possible, individually wrapped goods would be helpful. Please label any tupperware to be returned to your child.

REMINDER

THE NOTES FOR YEAR 6 FAREWELL NEED TO BE RETURNED ASAP (BY 24TH OCTOBER) WITH MONEY IN A SEALED ENVELOPE TO THE OFFICE



Year 6 (2023) Mango Fundraiser - Orders close this THURSDAY 20 October.

Mango trays are \$28 each, including 14-23 mangoes and weighing a maximum of 7kg. Monies raised will go towards end of year activities and year books for Year 6 (2023). Orders can be placed via www.flexischools.com.au and must be in by **THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER**. Many thanks from the students and families of Year 6 (2023) for your support.





Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with much excitement that we launch the St Therese's Catholic Primary School, New Lambton official Facebook Channel.

Facebook is an opportunity for our school community to engage with each other and celebrate all the good news stories and successes of St Therese's. It will also be a great way to stay up-to-date with school events and activities.

This is an open channel for all the community, including parents, staff and eligible students.

Please note: the minimum age requirement for Facebook is 13 years.

In addition to the official Facebook channel, there are often informal and unofficial social media pages or groups where engagement can take place. Please see information following this letter on the protocols for unofficial social media and content sources.

Please see below the link to the Catholic Schools Office policy around social media that all users will need to follow: [Social Media Acceptable Community Use and Content Policy](#).

To find our new Facebook page please search for @StTheresesNewLambton when you go to Facebook as normal or alternatively visit www.facebook.com/StTheresesNewLambton.

Facebook will not replace any existing school communication (it is not a replacement for our newsletter or Compass) but will provide another option for you to engage with us and stay up to date with what is going on at school. We understand not everyone is part of the Facebook community, so all existing communication and notifications will remain the same.

Please keep in mind that this page is an opportunity to celebrate all the positive events, achievements and relationships within our school community. Additionally, please note that only students with media/photography permissions will be featured on the Facebook page.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the [school](#) or email us at admin@newlambton.catholic.edu.au.

Thank you,

Duilio Rufo
Principal



Unofficial social media and content protocols

In addition to Catholic Schools Office (CSO) official social media platforms, there are often informal and unofficial social media pages or groups related to our schools where engagement can take place.

These groups are typically established and administered by those with a connection to, but outside our organisation. Examples of this include but are not limited to parent groups, past student groups and school community pages.

The Diocese is committed to respectful, constructive and inclusive behaviour on social media. The below applies to all posts and content related to the Diocese and its agencies and school communities, including alumni, community and parent groups. The following are subject to ongoing alteration due to the ever-changing nature of technology and online communications:

- Use of Agency or school names is to be avoided, these are only permitted for use/ inclusion in formal and approved Diocesan channels.
- Agency logos, school crests or identifiable uniforms are not to be used.
- All pages/groups are encouraged to be open, not closed, to promote inclusivity, not exclusivity.
- No images/ video of children, clients and/or students in school uniforms are to be shared.
- No defamation of agencies, schools or person(s) affiliated with the organisation.
- No comments which infringe on copyrights.
- No confidential information of clients, students or staff is to be shared.
- No name-calling, personal attacks, hate speech, nudity, profanity/obscenity/ vulgarity.

The CSO reserves the right to request that content or pages/groups be removed if they exhibit any of these qualities in connection with the CSO and/or its schools.

The Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has the right to request content, pages or groups be removed if they exhibit any of the above. The terms and conditions of the social media platform should also be followed.

the *Carly Ryan* foundation. APP FACTS

OMEGLE



Omegle is a website that allows you to randomly chat to a stranger. When a user opens Omegle they have two options - 'Text chat' or 'Video Chat'. The user does not have to verify or identify themselves when they use Omegle. You simply pick the text or video option then get paired with a 'Stranger'.

There is an option to connect Omegle to your Facebook account, which allows the user to find 'chat partners' with similar interests.

If the user chooses to use this feature it opens up potential for the users friends to see the Omegle activity on their profile. There is an option to change the setting to 'Me Only' so the Omegle activity is not shared.

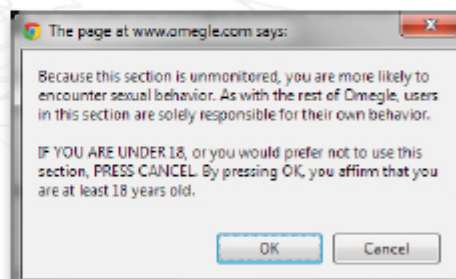
Challenges

The Omegle privacy policy clearly states that the following information is saved on their servers for 120 days: *'the time your chat began, your IP address, a randomly-generated ID tag assigned to your computer, your chat partner's IP address, and your chat partner's randomly-generated ID tag'*. While this data is used for law enforcement and to try to track and prevent spammers, note that you are willingly providing this information when using Omegle.

At the end of a chat the user has the option to save the chat log and is able to share the link. Therefore the users conversation is not actually private, and the contents of the chat including any personal information you might share can be sent to anyone without their knowledge.

There are two video chats within Omegle. *Monitored* and *Unmonitored*. Using the video chat mode requires that the users IP address is made available to the 'Stranger's' computer. Omegle video chat requires a direct connection to be made between users computer and the 'Stranger's' computer.

The below picture is a warning received when the user is initiating an unmonitored video chat with a 'Stranger'.



The Carly Ryan Foundation does not recommend any child under the age of 18 use Omegle.

App Fact Sheets available from the Carly Ryan Foundation. Please email: info@carlyryanfoundation.com

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Nutrition Snippet

HOW TO PACK A HEALTHY LUNCH BOX



A good lunch gives children energy and nutrients to learn, play and grow.

But what does a healthy lunch box look like? Find out in our short video.

healthylunchbox.com.au



Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box