



## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

### School Blessing & Opening Ceremony

As mentioned earlier the date of 18<sup>th</sup> November has been set down for the school community to celebrate the Blessing & Official Opening of the new school buildings. Due to morning tea being served the Canteen will not be operational on this day. However, as a treat for the children they will be offered a iceblock at Recess. If you are intending to attend this event would you please contact the office for catering purposes (morning tea & light lunch).

### Facebook

After a small technical glitch our Facebook is finally up and running. If you would like to join our Facebook community please go to the instructions at the end of this Newsletter. You will also find the protocols there.

### Vandalism at School

Disappointingly it has come to my attention that a small element of disrespectful students have taken to graffiting our toilet blocks and garden bed surrounds. I ask parents to raise this issue with your child and to remind them that this type of behaviour will be met with the full force of consequences.

### International Teachers Day

This Friday we will celebrate and acknowledge our teachers and other ancillary staff for the hard work and dedication they show to support your children. I am immensely proud of the team here at St Therese's and ask that you might like to extend your appreciation to your child's teacher or support person. Teachers grow our future.

### Farewell to The Director, Mr Gerard Mowbray

Next Monday morning we will as a whole staff farewell Mr Gerard Mowbray who has held the position of Director of Catholic Schools for the last few years. Gerard has overseen many positive changes in the Diocese and we wish him all the very best for the future.

**Duilio Rufo,**  
**Principal**

## Dates to Remember

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

10 NOV – YR 6 PIUS VISIT

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

9 DEC – MOTIVATE SPORT YR 6

12 DEC SWIMMING CARNIVAL

16 DEC LAST DAY FOR 2022

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## Assistant Principal's Message

### Tell Them From Me (TTFM)

Thank you to all the families that responded to the survey, this has now closed. We will look at the responses from staff, students and families, to set the direction of the school for 2023. Further information about this will be sent out via the Newsletter in the coming weeks.

### Parent Engagement Group (PEG)

We will offer a PEG focusing on the diverse needs of students, especially social and emotional concerns and physical needs. We will run two evening sessions, one facilitated by child psychologists and the other by occupational therapists and speech pathologists. Could you please indicate whether you would like to attend these sessions, as they will be dependant on the number of attendees. At this stage we are looking at the following dates:

- Tuesday 22 November at 6:00pm
- Tuesday 29 November at 6:00pm

**Kaylene Maretich**  
Assistant Principal

## RE News

**St Therese's Feast/Catholic Mission Day Celebration** – This was an incredible success last Friday with activities, once again, led so capably by our Year 6 Social Justice Team and contributed to so generously by all of you. Hopefully through your child's efforts to make and use a home-made 'Sockball' they developed a stronger sense of solidarity with the poor of the world, along with a deeper sense of gratitude for the many blessings we share living in this 'lucky country'. A special thanks also to a group of Year 3 students; Francesca R, Iris . & Tighe C, who made and brought in items to sell at a lunch-time stall, with all proceeds going towards the Catholic Mission 'Socktober' fundraiser.

I will leave the link to the school 'Socktober' page open for the month of October (Mission Month) and continue to give weekly updates as we move closer to our goal. With the funds raised on Friday we now have raised approximately \$950.00 towards our school goal of \$1500:

<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 28<sup>th</sup> October at 9:30am (**This coming Friday!**)

**Stage 2** – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 9:30am

**Infants** – with the recent announcement of our official School Opening Day to take place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, the Infants Mass has had to be cancelled for Term 4.

**Sacramental Program 2022/23** – This program is now underway. If you still wish to register your child, please contact me ASAP on the email address above.

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**School-led Parish Mass** – It would be great to have as many families as possible attend Mass **this Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> October at 9:15am**. If you will be available and wish for your child to volunteer to undertake one of the special roles for the Mass such as readings, prayers of the faithful and the offertory, please email me directly: [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 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

### **PBS**

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

<b>School Spirit Award</b> for demonstrating JUSTICE by being fair to others.					
<b>KN</b>	Ruby N	<b>KW</b>	Penny F	<b>KL</b>	Lennox K
	Camille W		Sidney S		Mailey B
<b>1N</b>	Arnold H			<b>1L</b>	Billie H
	Amelia E				Ryan H
<b>2N</b>	Tabitha M	<b>2W</b>	Mason O	<b>2L</b>	
	Vincent N		Maya J		
<b>3N</b>	Milla C	<b>3W</b>	Callen K	<b>3L</b>	Reid M
	Oliver H		Amelia H		Iris S
<b>4N</b>	Trevina M	<b>4W</b>	Henry G	<b>4L</b>	Cong Jun(CJ) P
	Miller C		Indigo H		Kyanna M
<b>5N</b>	Emily F	<b>5W</b>	Rosemary C	<b>5L</b>	Rose H
	Oliver B		Jayden C		Jacob L
<b>6N</b>	Neelke B	<b>6W</b>	Amelia G	<b>6L</b>	Ella C
	Lucy A		Taiyo P		Justin P

### **Principal Awards**

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

**4W** – Miah F, Cooper M, Luke R, Eden H & Milla G; **4L** – Scarlett H, Hudson G, Anna O, Bluey M & Hamish M; **5L** – Samuel M, Lucy B & Tabitha K; **6L** – Sophie G.

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

**Date:** Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October

**Time:** 2:30pm

**Venue:** School Hall

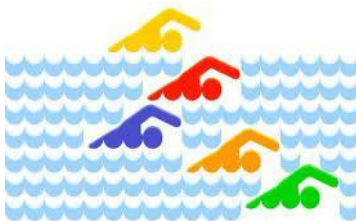
**Janine Schneider, Primary Coordinator**

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## SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL - SAVE THE DATE!



Our 2022 St Therese's Swimming Carnival will be held on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December**. All students who can swim 50 metres competitively, are invited to participate in the carnival.

This event is only open to children who will turn **8 years or older** in **2023**. In the coming weeks we will open an Event on Compass where parents can click on which races/events they would like their child to compete in.

If parents would like to volunteer to help at the carnival, please email [janine.schneider@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:janine.schneider@mn.catholic.edu.au)

Please note, parents who would like to volunteer **must have their Volunteer Clearance** from the Catholic Schools Office. Please contact the school office for further information.

**Janine Schneider**  
**Primary Coordinator**



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Dear Parents,

You may or may not know but we run a chess club at your child's school. In all likelihood this note was given to your child by one of their friends in the club. We are offering a free trial chess lesson for any student who would like to see how a typical class runs.

Why Chess?

Chess is the world's most loved board game. Learning and playing chess helps children to develop their logical thinking and problem solving, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment! Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games, with personal feedback from the coach.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, solving puzzles or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested, please fill in the form below, scan it or take a photo and email to us at [info@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au](mailto:info@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au)

Sydney Academy of Chess

### Free Trial Chess Lesson!

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Parents name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child to participate in the trial chess lesson at school.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## New Library Books!

If the library doesn't have the book you are looking for - just ask our team to order it in for you! Lachlan from KN came in at lunch looking for Pokemon books - so we went searching to find the perfect solutions! Come and ask about your favourite topics so you can be as excited as Lachlan!

### 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.



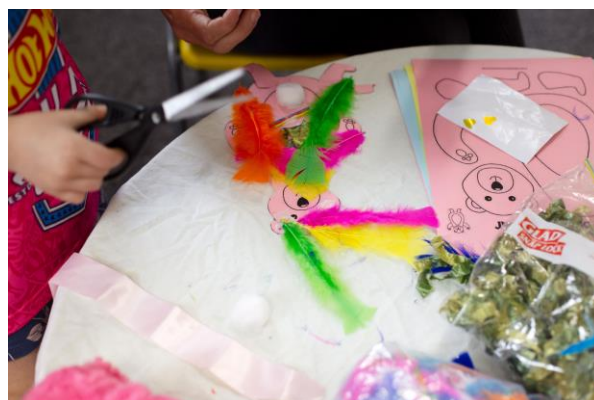
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## PLAYGROUP UPDATE

Last week, playgroup had a Teddy Bears Picnic! Our playgroupers drew pictures of their teddies, and made teddy bears out of paper, in between playing with and sharing a picnic morning tea with their teddies. This Friday, playgroup will be having fun with Halloween - children can dress up, if they choose, and we'll have some Halloween craft. Playgroup is on Friday mornings from 9:30-10:30am; this week, playgroup will be held in the Father Walsh room. Playgroup is currently open to siblings of current St Therese's students and/or children enrolled to start Kindergarten in 2023, and costs a gold coin donation per family per week. Please bring a water bottle and some morning tea. For further information, join our St Therese's Playgroup Facebook group, or contact Jo on 0439 435 287 or [jo.kim@outlook.com](mailto:jo.kim@outlook.com).





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](http://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](mailto: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.