



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

Blessing and Opening of new School Buildings

My sincere thanks to all the staff who assisted in ensuring that the Blessing and opening of the new school buildings was such a success. The children's choir sang beautifully under the instruction of Ms Trish Aumuller. Our school band did themselves proud, as usual, under the baton of our Band Master Mr Howard Ward. And a special mention of the performance given by Ryan H in Year 1 who played the violin for us and was greatly appreciated by the audience.

Year 6 Farewell Disco

This Sunday Year 6 students and their parents will hold a farewell disco and supper in the School Hall. My thanks to the parent organising committee for all their hard work in giving the children and celebration I'm sure they will remember.

Reconciliation

This week 23rd and next week 30th November see our children undertaking the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is the first Sacrament on the children's personal journey to becoming full members in the Catholic Church. My congratulations to all these children and their families at this special time.

Reports

The teachers are currently finalising reports. These reports have been mandated by the Catholic School Office and have been re-worked to their format. If you have any feedback in relation to the report can you please forward your concerns to me (Mr Rufo) via email so that I can offer the feedback to the CSO directly.

Classes 2023

All teachers at St Therese's have the best interest of your child at heart. Classes are allocated by the current teachers to ensure that you child has the best possible learning environment for the following year. Please be aware and rest assured that your child's teacher will do what is best for your child when it comes to allocating the following year's class.

Dates to Remember

22 NOV PEG MEETING 6-7.30PM
MCAULEY CENTRE

29 NOV SCHOOL BAND
PERFORMANCE AT
UNITING CHURCH

29 NOV PEG MEETING 6-7.30PM
MCAULEY CENTRE

8 DEC YR 6 GRADUATION

9 DEC – MOTIVATE SPORT YR 6

12 DEC SWIMMING CARNIVAL

16 DEC PRESENTATION DAY
LAST DAY FOR 2022

WE WISH ALL OUR FAMILIES A HAPPY AND
HOLY CHRISTMAS AND SAFE TRAVELS
FROM MR RUFO & ALL THE STAFF

27/30 JAN STAFF ONLY DAYS

31 JAN FIRST DAY YRS 1 - 6

2 FEB FIRST DAY FOR KINDER

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



2023 Student Council

After speeches and voting last week, the following students have been voted to the 2023 Student Council.

- **Social Justice Team**
 - Casper Hansen-Earley, Eliza Adams, Rose Hartcher and Anna Van den Heuvel
- **Active Lifestyle Team**
 - Archie Dein, Ruby Thomas & Mya Turnbull
- **PBS Team**
 - Felix Marosszeky & Tabitha King
- **Environmental Team**
 - Vincent Cashman & Sage Tonkin

This week, these children will have the opportunity to deliver a school captain's speech to their Year 5 peers and teachers, with voting for School Captain to follow the speeches. We congratulate our student council for 2023 and look forward to working with them next year.

Duilio Rufo
Principal

Assistant Principals Message

End of Year Events

Please see below dates and times for our end of year events

- Year 6 farewell disco – 5:00pm Sunday 27 November
- End of Year Mass – 9:30am Monday 5 December in the hall
- Year 6 Graduation Mass and Award Ceremony – 6:00pm Thursday 8 December
- Reports sent home via Compass – Friday 9 December
- Swimming Carnival – Monday 12 December at the Forum
- Awards Ceremony for K-6 (including a performance by the school band, and the kindergarten nativity Play) – 9:30am Friday 16 December
- Year 6 Clap Out – 3:00pm Friday 16 December

Band Performance

Next Tuesday 29 November, our school band will perform in the hall for students and parents/family. The performance will begin at 9:30am, and all are welcome to come and listen to our fantastic band play.

Kaylene Maretich
Assistant Principal

RE News

Catholic Community Week & the Beginning of Advent –

In last week's Newsletter I spoke about Catholic Community Week and the importance of the family unit in creating a healthy and vibrant community. Hopefully, you had the chance to read this and that, throughout this Catholic Community Week, you take some time to reflect and reconnect as a family. In addition, this time of year is often marked with a great deal of stress and busy-ness as everybody rushes around to complete tasks before the end of another year. There is hustle and bustle as the ever-increasing commercialisation of Christmas has us frantically shopping for food and gifts to prepare for the day. However, as followers of Jesus Christ, let us remember as the season of Advent starts this week (Sunday 27th Nov.) the real and most important 'reason for the season'. Emmanuel – God among us! Surely this is more than enough reason for us celebrate with great joy in our hearts and leave behind all the fanfare that is far less consequential. So, as we journey through Advent, to take from the opening line of the Desiderata, this is my prayer for you all: **"Go placidly** amid the noise and the haste and remember what peace there may be in silence."



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First Reconciliation – A reminder that the sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated by many of our students this week and next. Please keep these children and their families in your thoughts and prayers as they finalise preparations for this sacrament. The sacrament will take place in St Therese's Church over the following dates:

Wednesday 23rd November at 6:30pm

Wednesday 30th November at 6:30pm

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.

Payment options

We wish to advise that the preferred method of payment of fees, excursions or other items is either via credit card, BPAY or direct debit. Although Compass Pay is an option on the Compass platform, we request that this NOT be used due to technical difficulties with the system.

Please note that if at any time you need assistance with your fees or unsure about any of these payment methods, please contact our office.

Jenny Hurst/Lisa Bechly
Bursar

PBS

PBS and Principal Awards

This term we are focusing on the value of **Courage**. We congratulate the following children for receiving the PBS School Spirit Award for demonstrating **COURAGE** by being honest:

School Spirit Award for demonstrating COURAGE by being honest.					
KN	Camille W	KW	Laila N	KL	Maia L
	Annabelle W		Aadan M		Bon T
1N	Zara A			1L	Alex M
	Wren D				Lila M
2N	Charlie F	2W	Tom C	2L	Nixon R
	Ruby M		Isaac S		Violet R
3N	Stirling R	3W	Samuel S	3L	Egan V
	Benjamin W		Noah B		Grace O
4N	Alex O	4W	Annabel R	4L	Lucas O
	Harry N		Rosie S		Oliver S
5N	Gracie B	5W	Maiya A	5L	Harvey L
	Oliver R		Sebastian S		Lucy B
6N	Isla R	6W	Hugo D	6L	Chloe M
	Knox M		Callum O		Madelyn O

Principal Awards

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

KW – Elanore M, Declan P, Rafferty M, Peyton M & Georgie L, Hooper H; **KL** – Maia L; **1N** – Zara A, Mateo V & Logan D; **2N** – Larz G; **3N** – Oliver H; **3W** – Noah M, Jack M & Georgia P; **4N** – Jack T, Jasmyn M, Anna P, Alexander J, Luca R, Jake M & Blake K; **5L** – Jacob L, Ava B, Olivia L & Sophie S; **6N** – Knox M; **6L** – Celeste A.

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

Date: Monday 28th November

Time: 2:30pm

Venue: School Hall

Janine Schneider, Coordinator



SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our 2022 St Therese's Swimming Carnival will be held on **Monday 12th 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**.

A Compass Event titled **2022 Swimming Carnival** has been set up. Please access your child's profile on Compass to select which races you would like them to enter. Further information explaining this has also been sent out on Compass.

If parents would like to volunteer to help at the carnival, please email 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

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal 2022

It is that time of the year again when Mini Vinnies is asking for your assistance in helping others. Our Christmas Appeal begins this week. Each grade is asked to bring food items allocated to their year group. Students will bring 1-2 food items each that can be donated to the St Vincent de Paul Society, who will make up parcels for the needy in our community. Please help us to help those who are not as fortunate as we are. The Christmas Appeal donations will be collected on Wednesday and Friday each week by the members of Mini Vinnies up until the Friday 2nd December. More information will be given to your child's grade regarding requested items. Thank you for your support,

Year 5 Mini Vinnies

Kinder – sweet biscuits, fruit cakes

Year 1 – lollies, cordial

Year 2 – breakfast cereals, long life milk

Year 3 – chips, nibbles

Year 4 – tinned fruit & vegetables

Year 5 – pasta, spreads

Year 6 – savoury biscuits, spreads

Thankyou,
Year 5 Teachers

Poet's Corner

Sunrise of the Past

The sunrise was bright
It hurt my eyes
I turned away
I don't want to look back
Did it have to be this day
For it was a beautiful day
But the day was sad
as we went away to a far far land.
We had to fight with courage
We had to fight with faith
We had to fight together
To get home safe
Not all of us made it
Some had to stay
Poppies grew wild
As people passed away
They remind us of the freedom
That we all have today.

Written by Audrey James - 3L

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Junior Students

- Selective Schools Workshop (yrs 5 & 6)
- Writing for Future Experts (yrs 6 - 8)
- Remedial Maths (yrs 3 - 8)

Senior Students

- Craft of Writing - practical preparation (yrs 10 - 12)
- Unseen Texts - HSC exam strategy & skills (yr 12)
- Practical Physics Workshop (yrs 10 - 12)
- Individual & Small Group Lessons (all yrs)
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FLOOD, SWEAT AND TEARS

When hatter moved in
Trouble began to sin
What used to be home to the best
Turned into the flash flooding of the west
The people battled to the core
But coming out only tired and sore

Floods kept on coming along
Decimating the town Molong
Without the help of the bank
Mother earth drank

Floods came night after night
Leaving businesses in fright
Sandbags lined the streets
Floods are coming in like the first fleet
People are saving stuff from clothes to soap
All wishing on one last chance of hope.

When the final flood came Sunday night
People were terrified in fright
Some people say it was like a warzone
But it was a worthy fight to call this place home.

- Oscar Kelly

St Therese's Gingerbread House Fundraiser

Last Chance for Gingerbread house kits, orders are **CLOSING this Wednesday 23 November**. See the flyer in the newsletter for details or log on to Flexischools to place an order. All monies raised go towards all school students. Thank you for your continued support.

St Therese's - Decorating Event

GINGERBREAD HOUSES

\$35 PER KIT

Flavours: Gingerbread, Gluten Free Gingerbread, Chocolate

Includes: Gingerbread house kit, baseboard, piping bag with icing in it, cellophane and ribbon. Lollies are not included.

OPTION 1: DECORATE AT ST THERESE'S SCHOOL HALL
Sunday 10th Dec, 2pm - 4pm. Please bring your own lollies.

OPTION 2: ORDER KIT TO TAKE HOME AND DECORATE
For anyone not participating in the event you can still order a kit/s and they will be distributed to the students to take home.

ORDERS CLOSE WED 23RD NOVEMBER 2022
www.flexischools.com.au

For additional product information, including nutritional details, you can visit our supplier; Gingerbread Folk at www.gingerbreadfolk.com.au



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