



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

Well, they say that time 'flies' well it's true especially when you get to my age. We are already in week 3 of the year and the children were telling me that it's as if they hadn't had any holidays. Yesterday we held our first assembly for the year and the children were excited to come together and as always, they were beautiful. The new Student Leadership Team have settled in and it is as if they have been doing the job of ages. Well done to the children and to the teachers who work with them.

Yesterday our Swimming Team travelled to Mayfield Pool to compete in the Regional Swimming Carnival and by all accounts they were very competitive. Mr Smith, Mrs Warby, Mrs Newton and Mrs McNeil travelled with the team and they were very pleased by the children's behaviour and enthusiasm. Results will be available in next weeks bulletin. A reminder that for those children who have made it to the Diocesan Swimming Carnival it is set down for Tuesday 21st February.

Opening School Mass Reminder

I remind parents and carers that the opening School Mass is set down for Monday 13 February, 9:30am in the hall. You are most welcome to join with the children and teachers. Badges will be presented at the Mass to our Student Leaders.

School Photos

This year we will be holding our annual school photos on Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th February. You will shortly receive note about the photos, if you have any inquiries please ring the office.

New Staff

Shortly we will welcome a new staff member to our clerical team. Francis Johnson will be working on Monday and Tuesdays in the Admin office.

Duilio Rufo
Principal

Dates to Remember

**10 FEB – POLDING BASKETBALL, CRICKET
TENNIS IN PORT MACQUARIE**

**13 FEB – SCHOOL OPENING CEREMONY
COMMENCING 9.30AM HALL**

21 FEB - DIO SWIMMING CARNIVAL

22 FEB - KINDY INFORMATION EVENING 6PM

22 FEB – ASH WEDNESDAY

23RD & 24TH FEB - SCHOOL PHOTOS

13-24 MAR NAPLAN

27 MAR – CROSS COUNTRY

**7 APR – HOLY THURSDAY – LAST DAY OF
TERM 1**

8 APR – GOOD FRIDAY

24 APR – FIRST DAY TERM 2

25 APR – ANZAC DAY – PUBLIC HOLIDAY

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



Assistant Principal's Message

Welcome back to all staff, students, parents, and families. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and are rested for the new school year. It was so wonderful to welcome our new kindergarten students and other new enrolments across the school, to our St Therese's family. Our kindergarten students have settled into school beautifully.

Uniform Expectations

All students are expected to uphold our school values, which are explained by our Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) Team, at the assembly each week. Students are also expected to wear our school uniform correctly. The formal uniform is to be worn on all days except sport day when the sport uniform is worn.

- Black leather shoes are to be worn with their formal uniform and joggers/runners are to be worn on sport day.
- Black canvas shoes are not appropriate to be worn with the Formal uniform. If there are extenuating circumstances regarding Footwear, please contact Duilio Rufo or Kaylene Maretich to discuss this.
- All students with hair that is shoulder length or longer are expected to tie their hair back.
- All accessories e.g., hair tie, ribbons, headbands etc. are to be our school colours of blue and white.
- Jewellery is to be kept to a minimum. Students may wear the following - a watch, single earring is permitted e.g. studs or small sleepers, chains may be worn as long as they are kept on the inside of your child's uniform.
- All of these are to ensure your child is not injured. Large earrings, chains etc., can become caught and cause significant injury to students.
- Smart watches are not permitted at school, as they are expensive and also can be used for taking photos, communicating via text etc.
- Year 6 students have a commemorative sport shirt, which is worn on sport day.
- Hair dye and make up are **NOT** permitted at school.

If there are occasions your child cannot wear the designated uniform, please send in a letter or email, to explain the circumstances.

We look forward to a wonderful 2023 school year.

Kaylene Maretich
Assistant Principal

RE News

Welcome – Welcome back to another school year and thank you for choosing to send your child to St Therese's. As a Catholic school, Jesus Christ is at the heart of all we are and do. Throughout the year, especially within the domain of Religious Education and our Catholic Identity, we acknowledge and celebrate this in many ways. We thank you for your support as the first educators in faith of your children and we invite you to, not only, continue taking an active role in the faith life of your child but to unite with us as a Catholic community throughout the year. May God bless you and your families with much love, joy and peace throughout the year ahead and may God grant us all the strength to pass through the challenges of life with grace.

Please remember that we continue to celebrate a weekly Prayer Liturgy and Gospel reflection at the Monday afternoon assemblies where all are warmly invited to attend.

Opening School Liturgy 2023 – This Mass will take place next Monday 13th February at 9:30am in our School Hall. At the conclusion of Mass our Year 6 Leaders will be presented with their badges and officially welcomed into their roles for the year ahead.

Sacramental Program 2023/24 – There will be more information on this as the year progresses, however, the first information/registration evening will not occur until early May in Term 2. The sacraments will take place in the following order:

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Confirmation – Term 2 (Year 4 students currently enrolled in the program from last year)
Holy Communion – Term 3 (Year 4 students currently enrolled in the program from last year)
Reconciliation – Term 4 (Year 3 students – new intake and enrolment for this year and continuing into 2024)

Luke Smith,
RE Coordinator

School Community News

Volunteering

Throughout the year, we welcome all parents/carers to volunteer at the school. To volunteer, you must complete the volunteer's induction via the link <https://www.mn.catholic.edu.au/families-communities/volunteers/>. This process can take up to 6 weeks, so you are encouraged to complete this early.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

We will have Parent/Teacher meetings in Weeks 6. These can be booked through Compass, and the bookings will open on **Monday 13 February at 12pm**. This is an excellent opportunity to meet your child's teacher and set goals for your child for Semester 1. If your child is in a job-share class, you will book the meeting with only **one** teacher, the meeting will then be conducted by the teacher who normally works on the day you have booked in.

School Photos

Our school photos will be held on 23rd & 24th February. Children are to wear their full, formal uniform for their class and individual photos. Children can wear their sport uniform for the family photos, as these are done across two days during lunch time. We try to work around the sport roster to ensure all children are in their formal uniform, it is very difficult to try to organise the photo roster around individual children who may have prior commitments on photo day.

Family Photos

Parents ordering family photos online need to order before 9pm **THE DAY PRIOR TO PHOTO DAY**. This option isn't available online after this time, to ensure we don't miss any orders after we have left the office.

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.

External Providers

If your child will be seeing an external provider whilst at school (eg; Guitar lessons, speech pathology) you will need to complete the attached form and return it to the school asap.

Vicki McSpadden
Bursar

Sport News

Congratulations to both Ryder and Chase P who competed at the Futsal championships recently. Ryder has been selected to represent Australia and will be travelling to the USA later this year. We wish him all the very best.

Interschool Chess Challenge 2023 (Local Heat)

Date: Friday 24th February, 2023

Venue: Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College,
256 Minmi Rd Fletcher.

Division: Primary and Secondary Schools

St Therese's can enter a maximum of 15 students.

Students must return applications to attend by **Friday the 10th February.**

Note: that parents transport and supervise their children on the day as no staff member from St Therese's attends the tournament.

Time: 8:30am – 9:15am Registration

9.30am: Round 1 begins

There will be a lunch break, and short breaks between the rounds.

Cost: \$20.00 per child (Invoiced After Tournament-on site)

info@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au

To ensure your school's place in the competition, please:

1. collect your form from the St Therese's School front office.
2. Fill it in
3. returned completed form to the school by **Friday 10th February and Pay \$20.00**

The school will then register your child in the Tournament.

Thank you,

Therese Jackman

Primary Coordinator

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	Taylor V	KW	Harvey F	KL	Tom M
	Vincent M		Penelope F		Emilia H
1N	Nate R			1L	Zaliyah W
	Adriana H				Vann R
2N	Archer R	2W	Benjamin C	2L	Eloise H
	Talulah A		Mia H		Jacob J
3N	Samuel E	3W	Frankie H	3L	Violet H
	Marcus A		Lennox F		Ashton S
4N	Nash Q	4W	Aria H	4L	Malia W
	Bailey B		Lily P		Zoey D
5N	Hope B	5W	Chandler D	5L	Liam R
	Hunter C		Sophie M		Tabitha K
6N	Keana C	6W	Paige F	6L	Rhys B
	Anna G		Ezra T		Sophie G

Melissa Pyers

Primary Coordinator

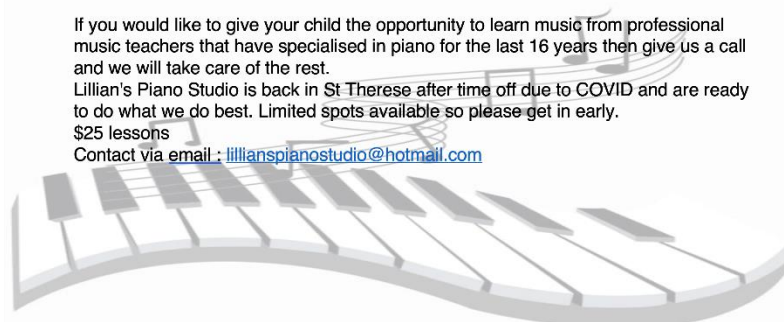
Professional Piano Lessons at School

If you would like to give your child the opportunity to learn music from professional music teachers that have specialised in piano for the last 16 years then give us a call and we will take care of the rest.

Lillian's Piano Studio is back in St Therese after time off due to COVID and are ready to do what we do best. Limited spots available so please get in early.

\$25 lessons

Contact via email : lillianspianostudio@hotmail.com



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PLAYGROUP UPDATE

Welcome back to playgroup for 2023! Playgroup is back this Friday 10th February at 9:30am in the school hall and is just a gold coin donation per family per week. Playgroup is open for all younger siblings of current St Therese's students and/or children enrolled for kindergarten in 2024. Bring along some snacks and a drink. At playgroup, we play, craft, create and make friends, and grownups can chat and get to know other parents from our school community.

This week's photos are from all the fun we had at last year's Playgroup Christmas party, where we said goodbye to lots of our lovely friends who have started Kindergarten this year.

If you require any further information about playgroup, join our St Therese's Playgroup Facebook page, or contact Jo on 0439 435 287.





St Therese's Primary 2023 School Photos

All 2023 School Photos are to be ordered online.

To view packages and to place your order please visit

www.newcastleschoolportraits.com

and enter your code.

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Orders to be done before photo day to avoid late fee.
Payments can be made with any Mastercard/Visa cards.

School Packages

Qty Ordered	A Pack		Traditional Class Photo Composite Class Photo
	\$72	Portraits included: Colour 1 - (5x7") 2 - (2.5x3.5") 4 - Wallers with graphics set in 5x7" & a 9x12" Enlargement & Free low res. Digital image of individual	Self-keeper Album 8x10" 13 pages max 100 photos of photos 11 holes 32 photos
Qty Ordered	B Pack		Traditional Class Photo Composite Class Photo
	\$50	Group 1 - (5x7") 2 - (2.5x3.5") 4 - Wallers with graphics set in 5x7" & a 9x12" Enlargement & Free low res. Digital image of individual	
Qty Ordered	C Pack		Traditional Class Photo Composite Class Photo
	\$42	1 - (5x7") 2 - (2.5x3.5") 4 - Wallers	Free low res. Digital image of individual
Qty Ordered	D Pack		Traditional Class Photo Composite Class Photo
	\$29	There are no individual photos in this package	
Qty Ordered	E Pack		Traditional Class Photo Composite Class Photo
	\$27	1 - (5x7") 2 - (2.5x3.5") 4 - Wallers & 10x15 digital image	
Qty Ordered	Photo Album		
	\$27	8x10" Photo Album (Holds 32 Photos) A great way to store your child's photos over the years. Photo Album is available for purchase without purchasing a photo pack. These albums contain no photos.	

**EXCLUSIVE PACKAGES
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Family Package are also available online but must be ordered by 9pm the night before Family photo day.

Family Packages

Qty Ordered	Family A Pack	
	\$30	1 - (5x7") 2 - (2.5x3.5") 4 - Wallers & Digital Low Res. Image of Family
Qty Ordered	Family B Pack	
	\$40	1 - (5x7") 2 - (2.5x3.5") 4 - Wallers & 9x12" Enlargement & Digital Low Res. Image of Family

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Meet MRS PYERS



ABOUT ME!

I have been a Primary School Teacher in the Maitland Newcastle Catholic Diocese for 17 years and I absolutely LOVE my job. Teaching is an honour and a privilege. I am a wife to Tayven and a mother to my gorgeous son Theo and a fur baby- George (a Cavoodle)

OPERATING PRINCIPLE

I believe in empowering all to promote schools as faith-filled, learning places of excellence, which nurture students emotional, social, and spiritual wellbeing, within a moral and ethical framework, which places our young people at the heart of what we do. I believe that transparency builds trust. I intend to lead with purpose, compassion, fairness, respect, dignity, clarity and above all, professionalism. As a leader I choose to be led by change, reflection, and growth. I look forward to establishing new and enduring relationships by empowering all I lead, collaborate with, and teach.

MY FAVOURITES

- **Food-** Chicken Schnitzel
- **Animal-** Dog
- **Season-** Spring
- **Colour-** Green
- **Exercise-** Netball
- **Quote-** "Behind every child who believes in themselves is a teacher who believed in them first"

FUN FACTS

- I'm a Libran
- I love cycling and walking
- I have always played Netball
- Born and raised in Newcastle
- I'm a passionate individual who is committed to lifelong learning and supporting all those whom I teach and lead, to achieve their learning goals!

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3. Declaration and consent for the contractor to provide the contracted service to my child

I, _____ am the responsible
Name of parent / guardian
adult making this application for a third-party contractor to provide a service in St Therese's
Primary School

By signing this document, I:

- State that I have used reasonable care to ascertain that the Contractor has the appropriate qualifications, licences, certifications and professional memberships necessary to provide the contracted service to my child, as listed in section 2.6 of this application.
- State that I have used reasonable care to ascertain that the Contractor holds public liability insurance.
- Consent for the Contractor to have unsupervised access to my child for the purposes of conducting the contracted service.

I confirm that I have advised the Contractor that:

- Prior to being given access to the School, the Contractor must show their current WWCC status, using the *Service NSW* application. Being unable or refusing to do so will result in the Contractor being refused entry.
- The Contractor will be required to complete a *Safeguarding Commitment for Contractors Working with the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle* form and submit it to the School.
- The contractor is granted access to the School for the singular purpose of providing my child the contracted service and should minimise contact with any other child.
- He/she will consult with my child's class teacher or the School leadership about any relevant information that the Contractor may have in relation to my child and will share information about my child.

Signed:

Date: _____

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