



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

Last week saw the beginning of Lent with the school celebrating Mass on Ash Wednesday. Lent is a time of abstaining, not necessary abstaining from food, but rather from doing the wrong thing.

We are reminded in Lent that we have to prepare for the most important celebration in the Christian calendar- the death and resurrection of Christ.



Last week we took some of the school leaders to take part in the launch of Caritas, which is the Catholic agency which supports mission work around the world. The children were treated to pancakes, ice creams and maple syrup.

Parent Engagement Group

Last year there was a decision made by the P & F, in an effort to re-engage the parent body to move to a Parent Engagement Model (PEG). The PEG is designed to encourage parents and carers to become involved in the school community in areas of their interest. Last year we offered a number of PEGs but unfortunately people did not take those up. Therefore this is an invitation to contact the school with ideas that are of interest to you and you would be prepared to work in a small group to make the idea a reality. The school will, once a term, offer an evening or daytime meeting so the parents can air these ideas and also receive a report on the direction that the school is taking to enhance the quality of the education your child is receiving – in other words a “school report card”. The date for the first meeting will be published in next weeks bulletin.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

This week we see the start of Parent/Teacher Interviews, I thank all the parents and teachers for making time to meet and discussing the children's needs. If you for some reason you have missed out on booking an interview please contact either the child's teacher or the ladies in administration on 49 574 922.

Term 2 Pupil Free Day

All staff will be undertaking professional development training on Monday 24th April. This will therefore be a **PUPIL FREE DAY**. Can I remind parents that Tuesday 25th April is ANZAC DAY, therefore school will resume for Term 2 on Wednesday 26th April.

Duilio Rufo

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

Dates to Remember

8 MAR – YEAR 6 INFO NIGHT ST PIUS

14 MAR – YEAR 6 INFO NIGHT ST PIUS

15-27 MAR - NAPLAN

20TH – 25TH MAR – PP MEETINGS K-YR 3

27 MAR – CROSS COUNTRY

3-6 APR – PP MEETINGS YRS 4 - 6

7 APR – HOLY THURSDAY – LAST DAY OF TERM 1

8 APR – GOOD FRIDAY

24 APR – PUPIL FREE – STAFF IN SERVICE

25 APR – ANZAC DAY – PUBLIC HOLIDAY

26 APR – FIRST DAY TERM 2



Assistant Principal's Message

We are almost halfway through Term 1 and some of the children, especially the younger grades are beginning to get a bit tired. If your child is a bit upset in the morning, discuss this with their teacher to develop some strategies to make coming to school each day a bit easier. Some suggestions you might like to try are:

- A consistent routine from Sunday night as children feel safe when there is routine.
- Each morning, say a firm but kind farewell and leave your child to play – a long goodbye can often make children upset.
- Try to get to school by 9am, so that your child can engage in play with friends.
- Seek the assistance of teacher on morning duty – you will be able to find them easily, as all staff on duty wear a high Visibility vest.

Road Safety

Please be aware of traffic zones around the school. On Burke St pick up in the afternoon, all families are to have their surname displayed on dashboard or sunshade of the car on the LEFT side, so it can be easily read by teachers on Burke St duty. Children will get into vehicles on the kerb side of their vehicle. Children are brought to their cars as follows:

- 3:15pm children with surnames A-L
- 3:20pm children with surnames M-Z

Please ensure you pick up in your allotted time, if you arrive in the incorrect time, we will ask you to drive around the block to keep traffic flowing. We ask that you are respectful to staff at all times. Most children, from all dismissal points, are safely with their families by 3:25pm.

If you are running late, please let the clerical staff know. Teachers are on duty at all dismissal points (except the bus), until 3:45pm. After this time, any child waiting to be picked up will be brought to the office to wait, under the supervision of the school leadership team.

Faith Community Week

Next week, Week 7, is Faith Community Week. Throughout this week, we encourage families to slow down the pace and take time to “just be”. Therefore, there will be no homework next week, instead you and your children might like to do some outdoor activities through the week such as:

- Meandering Monday – meander through your neighbourhood and find interesting new places to explore
- “Take a Photo” Tuesday – take photos of a plants/flowers/a fruit bowl etc. see how creative you can be
- Weeding Wednesday – get everyone out in the garden and pull out some unwanted weeds
- “Take the stairs” Thursday – tackle the stairs if you have any at home, or challenge yourself to the ANZAC Bridge walk
- Freestyle Friday – enjoy an unstructured evening, maybe a home movie night and take away

At school, we have some fun activities planned as well:

- Tuesday 7 March – “Toe Tapping Tuesday” Mrs Maretich and Year 6 helpers will lead children on a walk around the block at recess
- Wednesday 8 March - “Wacky Wednesday” children are to wear their uniform, but can also wear a wacky hairstyle, socks etc.
- Thursday 9 March – “Toe Tapping Thursday” we will have a school disco in the Hall
 - Lunch 11:30 – 12 Infant children
 - Recess 2 – 2:30 Primary children

School Photos

The children all looked so lovely in their school photos last week. If your child was away, please contact Newcastle School Portraits to organise a sitting at their studio, so your child’s photograph can be included in their class composite photo.

Earth Hour 2023

Earth Hour 2023 is Saturday 25th March from 8:30 – 9:30pm. At school, we will focus on reducing our use of electricity and will turn off our lights, fans, air conditioning etc. between 10-11am on Friday 24th

March. We would also like all families to try to do Earth Hour at home, by turning off all electricity and focusing on being more environmentally aware.

Clean Up Australia Day

This is a great opportunity for our students to improve their knowledge about how to care for the environment and how when we work together in practical ways, we can make a positive difference in our world. See website link for more information <https://www.cleanup.org.au/cleanupaustraliaday>



Clean Up Australia

Clean Up Australia Day occurs annually on the first Sunday in March. Get involved and take positive, practical action.

www.cleanup.org.au

Kaylene Maretich
Assistant Principal

Assistant Principal's Message

Driving near school buses

At St Therese's in the afternoon the roads surrounding our school are extremely busy. Around our school, parents are diligent to remain under the 40km/h speed limit. However, did you know that the same speed limit applies outside a school zone to traffic passing a school bus that is setting down or picking up school children. This speed limit is for all traffic travelling in the same direction as the bus, whether the bus is stationary or moving.

You must obey the 40km/h speed limit when the rear wig-wag lights on the bus flash. Flashing lights on the front of buses also warn oncoming motorists that children are close by.

Buses are large, heavy vehicles. They can't stop quickly, therefore, when you are driving, you should:

- reduce speed to 40 km/h when bus lights are flashing.
- give way to buses!
- watch for children crossing.
- not merge too closely in front of buses
- never park in or near a bus stop or bus zone



Ben McCarthy
Assistant Principal



RE News

Thank You – Last week we entered the season of Lent on the back of both Shrove Tuesday & Ash Wednesday. I would like to extend a huge thank you to Ms Leearne Hardgrove, our canteen manager, who supplied our school with more than 800 pancake orders and to all of you for your generous support of this fundraiser which will equate to more than \$800 towards our school Project Compassion total. Thank you also to Fr Velerian for celebrating our whole school Ash Wednesday Mass.

Luke Smith,
RE Coordinator

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





First Week of Lent (Week beginning Monday 27th February)

We begin our annual Lenten Project Compassion journey by learning about Laxmi, a 16-year-old girl living in Jajarkot, a remote district in Nepal where almost half of the population live below the poverty line. Tragedy struck when Laxmi was 10 years old and her father passed away. Her father worked hard to pay for his children's education and, after losing him, Laxmi was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty.

With the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club at her school where she was encouraged to resume her education. Through the child's club, Laxmi developed the skills and confidence to become a leader, advocating for clean water taps at her school.

Laxmi is now excelling in her studies and working towards her dream of becoming a civil engineer. She continues to be involved in the child's club, serving as an advisor and mentoring the next generation of young leaders at her old school.

Watch a short film about Laxmi's story [here](#).

Please support Project Compassion:
www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion.



Photo: Richard Wainwright/Caritas Australia

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.

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.

School Fees

The annual school fee statement will be emailed the first week of March. When you receive your statement, please arrange for a regular Bpay, Direct Debit or an annual payment. Cash payments can be accepted at the administration office between 8.00am-3.30pm Monday to Friday or credit card payments can be taken over the phone on 4957 4922. You will find a direct debit form attached to the newsletter for your convenience. If you have a health care card (HCC), please complete the attached HCC discount form, and return it along with a copy of your HCC to admin@newlambton.catholic.edu.au. Please avoid using the Compass pay option.

Additionally, any family experiencing financial difficulty is entitled to fee assistance and will be appropriately and confidentially supported to assess what is affordable for their family. Please email the Principal, Mr Duilio Rufo directly at duilio.rufo@mn.catholic.edu.au

Vicki McSpadden, Bursar

Canteen Roster

Wed 1/3	Thurs 2/3	Fri 3/3	Mon 6/3	Tues 7/3
Cath Oakley	Luke Wilson	Michelle Randall	Elesha Finlay	Kylie Marten
		Nicole Green	Catherine Devine	Odette Tonkin

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PBS – School Spirit Awards

School Spirit Awards

This term we are focusing on the value of **Respect**. We congratulate the following children for receiving the PBS School Spirit Award for demonstrating **RESPECT** through *obedience*:

School Spirit Award for demonstrating RESPECT by obedience.					
KN	Albie Hopkins Henry Paget	KW	Saul Gavin Jarrah Slamet	KL	Josephine Carne Thomas Bridge
1N	Logan Overton Scout McGrath	1W	Elanore Mensink Seth Milek	1L	Oscar Morrow Violet White
		2W	Lila Metcalfe Lewis Pilley	2L	Wren Dibbenhall Elin Wilson
3N	Stanley Su Bella Aclan	3W	Ruby Johnson Maisie Scanlon	3L	Amelia Gupta Zac Hudson
4N	Dolcie Dunstan Josif Pavlovic	4W	Brianna Hawes Iris Scanlon	4L	Leo Gosper Lee Stolk
5N	Phoebe Milligan Oliver Kemp	5W	Louis Anderson Lucia Rae	5L	Charlie Tribe Rosie Sutherland
6N	Lucy Bridge Jacob Leung	6W	Sophie Goddard Gracie Bagnall	6L	Samuel Mazun Coco Fenwick-Kaluski

Melissa Pyers
Primary Coordinator

Getting to Know You

Hello

My name is Mrs Karbowiak but students usually call me Mrs K. I am very excited to have joined the staff at St Therese's and have enjoyed the start to the 2023 school year.

A little bit about me:

- This is my twelfth year of teaching.
- I grew up in Newcastle but spent many years living and teaching in Queensland.
- Last year I taught at Corpus Christi Waratah.
- I am a New Lambton local - wave hello if you see me at IGA or Lambton Park.
- On the weekends you will find me renovating my house and chasing my very busy toddler.



I have received a very warm welcome to St Therese's and I am looking forward getting to know students and their families.

Sports News

Diocesan Swimming – Last week, 11 students from St Therese's participated at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival. A special Congratulations to Hamish L. (50m Breaststroke) and Maya J. (50m Freestyle) who have managed to qualify for Polding. We wish them luck as they compete towards the end of March at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre, Homebush.



Chess Tournament

Last week some of our students travelled to Bishop Tyrell School to attend a day long Chess tournament. The children had a great day and were great ambassadors for our school. Well done all.

PLAYGROUP UPDATE

Last week, playgroup met at the Novocastrian Park for a play while the school photos were in the hall, but this week we are back in the hall, from 9:15am. Playgroup is now open to anyone in the community with children not yet at school, and costs a gold coin donation per family per week. Bring along some snacks and a water bottle, and have a play, do some craft, and grown ups can get to know each other in an unstructured, relaxed environment. If you would like any more information, join our St Therese's Playgroup Facebook group, or contact Jo on 0439 435 287.



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22 February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your family are well and that the year has started well for you.

It is my pleasure to invite you and your child to **St Pius X High School, Adamstown**, for an **information session and tour** in preparation for your child's transition to high school. Our aim is to provide you and your child with valuable information about our school and the Year 7 Transition Program.

Your visit will commence at 5.30 pm with a presentation in The Factory Theatre. During this presentation, the School Executive Team will present some important information about the school and about the transition to Year 7. You will then be invited to tour the school which will showcase our many wonderful teaching and learning facilities across our extensive campus. Faculties have arranged displays of curriculum and student works for your perusal and information.

The presentation and tour will allow us to highlight the faith formation opportunities offered by the school, our Pastoral Care System and Wellbeing Program, the many successful teaching and learning programs available to your child, our approach to gifted education and learning support, student leadership and student voice at St Pius, our extensive cultural and sport programs and our excellent, purpose-built facilities.

If you require information about our school at any time, please refer to our school website:
<https://www.adamstownsp.catholic.edu.au/>.

Dates/Times for Parent and Student Information Sessions (Presentation & Tour):

Please choose one of the following sessions that suits and RSVP your intention to attend that session and the numbers attending to admin@adamstownsp.catholic.edu.au or phone Reception on 02 4957 1032 to provide that information. It is important to RSVP so that we can ensure numbers on each night are manageable for tours.

Wednesday 8 March	5.30 – 7.00 pm
Tuesday 14 March	5.30 – 7.00 pm

When you come to the school, please enter via the back entrance off Park Avenue and follow the road up onto the top oval where you can park your car. Please then make your way to the **The Factory Theatre** just down the stairs from the car park.

At St Pius X High School, Adamstown, we are a comprehensive Catholic high school committed to nurturing faith, excellence and lifelong learning for all students and staff. We look forward to welcoming you to our school for your parent and student information session.

Best wishes

Mr Robert Emery
Principal



Thank you from the Lotus Educational Fund

The school has received a letter of thank you from Cathy Hart, Australian Lotus Director.

The funds raised by our art show last year was much appreciated.

For further information on the work Lotus does in Laos, refer to their website

<https://lotuseducationfund.com/>



Lotus Educational Fund Ltd ABN 76 330 576 150
admin@lotuseducationfund.com



Official Receipt of Donated Funds to Lotus Educational Fund LTD

Donor: St Therese's Primary School, New Lambton, NSW 2305

Amount, \$4,275.12

Date: 15/2/23

Re: Account for Lotus Educational Fund LTD

We are so grateful for your donation. One area that the money will put towards will be transportation for the year 10 girls to get to school. The price of petrol in Laos has become too expensive for many families in rural Laos and as a result many students have high absentee rates. Lotus has been requested by our local Community Visitor to financially assist nine of the year 10 girls so they can pay for petrol in order to attend school. It will cost Lotus \$200 per month to assist these girls if we pay half their petrol costs. They ride motor bikes and usually have two students per bike. Other ways the money will be spent includes paying a small wage to a volunteer teacher at Nontakong school. This volunteer teacher (paid nothing to work as a teacher in the school but receives a small stipend from the students families) keeps track of the Lotus students, monitors absenteeism, visits the students and their families in their home villages if there are problems and communicates with the Lotus team. Restrictions to travel in Laos relating to COVID have meant that the Lotus Coordinator has been unable to travel to visit the students and the school so the local volunteer teacher is a very important link in our support of the Lotus students.

We will keep in contact to let you know how the money is spent so you can also enjoy seeing the benefit of your donation.

Thank you so much

Kind regards,

Cathrine Hart

Australian Lotus Director

To empower the lives of girls and young women through educational opportunities



HEALTH CARE CARD / PENSION CARD CONCESSION APPLICATION

Health Care / Pension Card holders are eligible for a discount off the Diocesan Tuition Fee full rate. Together with the family discount if applicable, this discount will not exceed 50% of the Diocesan Tuition Fees on the school fee account. All information will be treated with the strictest confidence, only the Principal and/or School Finance Officer have access to this application. If you require assistance in completing this application or require further financial assistance, please contact the Principal.

An Application for Health Care / Pension Card discount is to be submitted to each school your child/ren attend.

A new application for HCC/Pension Card Concession must be made at the beginning of each year.

- 1 Applicant Details : Applicant and the Cardholder must be in the same name as the person responsible for school fees. *NB: Health Care Card issued in the student's name is not valid for this concession.*

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Student's Name: _____

Year/Class: _____

Student's Name: _____

Year/Class: _____

Student's Name: _____

Year/Class: _____

- 2 Concession Entitlement: Which of the following concessions do you personally receive? Please tick and write your CRN number and expiry date.

☐

Health Care Card

CRN Number: _____

Exp Date: _____

OR

☐

Pensioner Card

CRN Number: _____

Exp Date: _____

3 Declaration

- I declare that to the best of my knowledge the information supplied in all parts of this application is correct and complete.
- I enclose a copy of my Health Care / Pension Card (signature required on the HCC / Pension card).
- I will notify the school office immediately if my circumstances change and I am no longer eligible a HCC/Pension cardholder.
- I understand the School requires a CCeS consent form to check my status with Centrelink.
- I understand that I am required to pay any other fees levied by the school, in full, unless I seek additional financial assistance with the Principal. I will advise the School if this assistance required.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Office Use	Tick	Family Discount Applied (%)	Eligible HCC/PCC Discount (%)
CCeS Consent Form checked by school:			





Authority Number

CDF School Account No.

DIRECT DEBIT REQUEST

Request to Debit Account

ON BEHALF OF _____ SCHOOL

YOUR DETAILS

Given name(s) Surname
 Work phone number Mobile phone number
 Address
 (Postcode)

PAYMENT DETAILS

School Name Suburb

Student Names

Given name(s) Surname
 (Monthly, fortnightly, Weekly)

Amount \$
 Frequency
 (Monthly, fortnightly, Weekly)

First payment date
 Until further notice
 Final payment date

School Reference
 (OFFICE USE ONLY)

REQUEST AND AUTHORITY TO DEBIT

Catholic Development Fund ID Number 025223 may debit and/or charge any amount through the Bulk Electronic Clearing System (BECS), from the account nominated on this form. Each debit or charge must be effected according to the Service Agreement.

DETAILS OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

Name and address of financial institution
 (Postcode)

DETAILS OF ACCOUNT TO BE DEBITED

Account in the name of:

BSB number

Account number

SIGNATURE(S)

Before signing this section, please read the Service Agreement on the reverse. Your signature below will indicate you accept the terms of the Service Agreement and confirm that the details on this form have been checked and are correct.

If a joint account, please have all account holders sign. If the account is held by a company secretary, please have one director and the company secretary each sign.

If you are signing for and on behalf of another person or entity, please state the capacity in which you sign, in the signature box below.

Signature 1 Date

Signature 2 Date



Direct Debit Request Service Agreement

Definitions

account means the account held at your *financial institution* from which we are authorised to arrange for funds to be debited.

agreement means the Direct Debit Request Service Agreement between you and us, including the *direct debit request*.

business day means a day other than a Saturday or a Sunday or a listed public holiday.

debit day means the day that payment is due.

debit payment means a particular transaction where a debit is made, according to your *direct debit request*.

direct debit request means the *Direct Debit Request* between us and you.

us and we and our means the Catholic Development Fund.

you means the customer(s) who signed the *direct debit request*.

your financial institution is the financial institution where you hold the *account* that you have authorised us to arrange to debit.

1. Debiting your account

By signing a *direct debit request*, you have authorised us to arrange for funds to be debited from your *account* according to the *agreement* we have with you.

We will only arrange for funds to be debited from your *account*:

- as authorised in the *direct debit request*;

If the *debit day* falls on a day that is not a business day, we may direct your *financial institution* to debit your *account* on the following or previous business day. If you are unsure about which day your *account* has or will be debited, please check with your *financial institution*.

2. Changes by you

If you wish to stop or defer a debit payment you must write to us at least 12 business days before the next debit day. This notice should be given to us in the first instance.

3. Your obligations

It is your responsibility to ensure that there are sufficient clear funds available in your *account* to allow a debit payment to be made.

If there are insufficient clear funds available in your *account* to meet a *debit payment*:

- you or your *account* may be charged a fee and/or interest by your *financial institution*;
- you or your *account* may be charged a fee to reimburse us for charges we have incurred for the failed transaction;
- you must arrange for the payment to be made by another method or arrange for sufficient clear funds to be in your *account* within the next 7 days or another time we agree with you so that we can process the *debit payment*.

Please check your *account* statement to verify that the amounts debited from your *account* are correct.

4. Dispute

If you believe that there has been an error in debiting your *account* you should call us on 4979 1160 and confirm the details in writing with us as soon as possible so that we can resolve your query quickly.

5. Accounts

You should check:

- with your *financial institution* whether direct debiting is available from your *account* as direct debiting is not available on all accounts offered by financial institutions.
- your *account* details which you have provided to us are correct by checking them against a recent *account* statement; and
- with your *financial institution* before completing the *direct debit request* if you have any queries about how to complete the *direct debit request*.

Warning: if the *account* number you have quoted is incorrect, you may be charged a fee to reimburse our costs in correcting any deductions from:

- an *account* you do not have authority to operate; or
- an *account* you do not own.

6. Confidentiality

We will keep any information (including your *account* details) in your *direct debit request* confidential. We will make reasonable efforts to keep any such information that we have about you secure and to ensure that any of our employees or agents who have access to information about you do not make any unauthorised use, modification, reproduction, or disclosure of that information.



1 December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: 2023 Fees, levies and family discount

Each year, we review our fees and levies to ensure we can maintain and operate our schools at a high standard, now and into the future. While a significant portion of the cost of education is provided by State and Commonwealth Governments, the contribution of parents and parishes is still important in achieving that purpose.

We seek to make Catholic diocesan schools as affordable as possible and aim to keep your family's contribution as low as possible whilst achieving the strongest educational and spiritual outcomes for the over 20,000 students across our 58 schools. **Importantly, we are committed to ensuring that no child will be denied a Catholic education because of a family's genuine inability to cover the fees.**

This year, we have continued to support many families across our Diocese by reducing their fees or arranging other payment plans. **We will continue to support families facing genuine hardship.**

For families with multiple children attending Diocesan Catholic Schools, we are maintaining the Family Discount at 2022 levels. Furthermore, for families with limited financial resources, discounted tuition fees are provided to Health Care and Pension Card holders who continue to receive a 50% discount off the Diocesan Tuition fee for each member of the family.

In 2023, Diocesan Tuition Fees will increase by 5%, with the Family School Building Levy increasing by 5%. Further detail outlining our 2023 Fees, Levy and Contributions is attached.

This year in the face of rising construction costs, we have continued to upgrade existing schools' facilities and amenities, whilst investing in new school building works across the Diocese.

In establishing these fees and levies, we have sought to ensure the best possible learning environment for your children. We thank you for your continued support of our schools and **assure families that where affordability is a real issue, you will be supported in your need.**

With every thanks, yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gregory Barker'.

Father Gregory Barker
Diocesan Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gerard Mowbray'.

Gerard Mowbray
Director of Schools

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2023 Fees, Levy and Contributions

Tuition Fees

In 2023, Diocesan Tuition Fees will be as follows.

Scholastic Year	Annual tuition fee	Difference from 2022	Difference per week
Kinder to Year 6	\$1,377	\$65 or 5% per annum	\$1.25 per calendar week
Year 7 to 10	\$1,882	\$90 or 5% per annum	\$1.73 per calendar week
Year 11 to 12	\$2,860	\$136 or 5% per annum	\$2.61 per calendar week

Family Discount

In 2023, the Family Discount will be maintained at the 2022 level and is applied to the full rate of Tuition Fees for families with multiple children attending Diocesan Catholic Schools as follows;

Family size	2023 discount (per child)
1 child family	No discount
2 child family	15%
3 child family	25%
4+ child family	50%

Affordability and support

The Diocese is committed to ensuring that no child will be denied a Catholic education because of a family's genuine inability to cover the fees.

To assist families with limited financial resources, discounted tuition fees are provided to Health Care and Pension Card holders. Discounted tuition fees are provided to Health Care and Pension Card holders. The discounted tuition fee is 50% of the full rate for each child and the discount is only applied to the Tuition Fee.

Additionally, any family experiencing financial difficulty is entitled to fee assistance and will be appropriately and confidentially supported to assess what is affordable for their family. The school principal can be contacted to discuss these matters.

Together with parents, clergy and school staff, we are committed to offering children and young people in the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese a school environment in which their faith and education can be nurtured, and their potential can be realised. We value the opportunity to work in partnership with parents and carers and thank you for your continuing support.

APPLICATION FOR A CATEGORY 5 CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO A STUDENT IN A DIOCESAN SCHOOL

1. Details of responsible adult and student			
1.1 Responsible adult's name			
1.2 Mobile		1.3 Email	
1.4 Relationship to student			
1.5 Student's name			
1.6 Grade			
1.7 Class teacher			
2. Details of category 5 contractor and requested access			
2.1 Contractor's name			
2.2 Trading or company name			
2.3 Address			
2.4 Mobile		2.5 Email	
2.6 Contracted service to be provided			
2.7 Frequency / duration	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday <input type="checkbox"/> Friday <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Fortnightly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly Other: _____ Start time for service: _____ Duration of service: _____		
2.8 Start date of service		2.9 Review / end date of service	

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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