



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

This week has seen a large number of our staff unable to attend the workplace due to illness. Once again I would request that parents and carers keep your children at home if they are unwell. We are struggling once again to fill the absences of staff through the lack of available casual staff.

St Pius Information Night

Just a reminder for our Year 6 parents that the Information Night is being held at St Pius starting at 5.30-7pm. I would recommend you attend as this is a valuable insight into what this school has to offer and to the proposed changes in 2024/25.

Parent Engagement Model

Our first PEG for 2023 will be held in the Catherine McAuley Centre on Friday 17th March commencing at 2.00pm. I warmly invite all parents and carers to attend, as young children are welcome.

At this meeting we will be joined by Ms Lizzie Watkins who now holds the position Professional Officer – Family Engagement.

Harmony Day

On Tuesday 21st March St Therese's will be celebrating **Harmony Day** which celebrates the cultural diversity that exists in our school. Students are encouraged to wear **Orange** clothing on the day to show their support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia.

Students will be completing activities in class highlighting the importance of Harmony Day. We encourage students who have a "national dress" from their cultural background to wear these to school – provided they have closed in shoes and are appropriately covered. Please consider that your child will be in this outfit for the whole day.

Dates to Remember

14 MAR – YEAR 6 INFO NIGHT ST PIUS

17 MAR – PEG 2PM

21 MAR - PEG 6PM

21 MAR – HARMONY DAY

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

8 MAY - MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST

10-12 MAY – YEAR 6 CAMP

Duilio Rufo
Principal

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An appreciative Observation & Comment from a Concerned Parent

I work as a member of the health and safety team for a bus company that services schools across NSW. Whilst we do not service St Therese's, daily I review "incidents" and "near misses" that occur in and around schools and honestly it is at times terrifying what I witness via CCTV footage.

I would like to acknowledge that you have some wonderful controls in place to support traffic and the safe passage of students.

I do wonder at times however whether parents see the risk and consequences associated with some of their behaviour or appreciate the penalties that are associated with these actions (leaving their car unattended on Royal Street in the kiss and drop zone or 3 point turns and U-turns on Burke Street).

In the last few weeks, I have personally been involved in two near misses:

- on foot walking away from the school post morning drop off I was nearly struck by a car as I crossed a driveway on Burke Street as a parent attempted to pull in to do a three-point turn
- whilst crossing the road with two gentlemen on Bridges Road all 3 of us were nearly cleaned up by a car running a red light.

The school does a fabulous job, but I wonder if people are aware of some of the do's and don'ts and penalties that apply. Please see the back of this Newsletter for more information.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/road-safety-education/2.parking-and-traffic-rules-in-school-zones.pdf>

Assistant Principal's Message

Easter Collection

At St Therese's, we are focused on service and outreach to those less fortunate than ourselves. The is particularly important during Lent, as we reach out to assist others is a form of almsgiving. So, rather than having an Easter Raffle, we ask families to donate items that will be used to create hampers for the staff and residents of St John's Catholic Nursing Home in New Lambton and Ronald McDonald House. Ronald McDonald House is a residential home for families that have critically sick children at the John Hunter Hospital, with some children hospitalised for many weeks even months. These families live significant distances from the John Hunter Hospital, and often other siblings live at Ronald McDonald House also, which can put great strain on families, financially, socially and emotionally. So, we would like to present hampers to these families, and staff, as well as the residents and staff of St John's Nursing Home, to bring some joy during the Easter season. We ask that the following items be donated, according to the year your child is in, by **Friday 31 March**, so we can prepare the hampers and deliver them in time for Easter.

- Kindergarten & Year 1 – a pack of medium sized hollow eggs
- Year 2 – "Elegant Rabbit" style Easter bunnies
- Year 3 - pack of small solid Easter eggs
- Year 4 – 10 packs of tea or coffee e.g. packs of Twinning's Tea, Herbal Teas, coffee sachets etc.
- Year 5 – packet of savoury biscuits
- Year 6 – packet of sweet biscuits

Office of Safeguarding

All children K-6 will begin a unit on protective behaviours in their class, in Weeks 9, 10 & 11. This is done in the last 3 weeks of each school term. As part of this unit, children will read "My Underpants Rule" which is designed to give children strategies to keep themselves safe. Children are also taught to use the correct terminology for their body parts. Research indicates that when children are empowered to speak up, they are less likely to experience abuse. Parents are encouraged to also refer to the Office of Safeguarding padlets, the link of these are below:

- Children in Years K-2 (https://padlet.com/OfficeofSafeguarding/K_2)
- Children in Years 3-6 (https://padlet.com/officeofsafeguardingmn/years3_6)

Personalised Planning Meetings (K-3)

The Personalised Planning Meetings for Years K-3 will take place next week. The bookings for these meetings will close this Friday 19 March at 12:00pm.

Kaylene Maretich, Assistant Principal

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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 statements have been emailed. 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 15/3	Thurs 16/3	Fri 17/3	Mon 20/3	Tues 21/3
Mandi Turnbull	Anthony Hawes	Kristy Lawrence	Leone Nancarrow	Simone Slamet
		Kristin Searl		Teigan Jobbin
				Sarah Bourke

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** by being considerate of others:

School Spirit Award for demonstrating RESPECT by being considerate of others.

(Please record 2 names per class)

KN	Isla Conners	KW	Teddy Harvey	KL	Alice Checkley
	Olivia Sills		Hollie Marten		William Monk
1N	Eve Sharman	1W	Ruby Nash	1L	Max Jones
	Rafferty Meere		Harry O'Neil		Mila Munzenberger
		2W	Alex Majurovski	2L	Florence Robinson
			Bonnie Blazevec		Isabel Barwick
3N	Riley Lavelle	3W	Ezra Carne	3L	Archer Ross
	Talulah Avery		Mason Overton		Macy Gilles
	Amelia Weldon		Liam Edwards		Aart Malyon
4N	Violette Sheridan- Galloway	4W	Harriet O'Brien	4L	Zachery Wheatley
5N	Trevina Meleka	5W	Miriam Gibu	5L	Ly McDonnell
	Bluey Macpherson		Rosie Weldon		Sophie Laidler
6N	Oliver Bosworth	6W	Ruby Thomas	6L	Isaiah Stolk
	Eloise Howard		Bodhi Moorgev		Rosemary Clarence

Melissa Pyers,
Primary Coordinator

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Crazy Hair Day at St Therese's

Happy Easter from the Library

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Wanderers Visit to St Therese's

Last Thursday afternoon members of the Wanderers Rugby Union Club attended our school for an afternoon of fun. It was a great opportunity to expose the students to the fabulous game of Rugby Union and gain some hands-on experience with members of the club. We had a lot of fun and laughs as we participated in the activities and the children are to be congratulated on their fun-loving attitude shown on the day. The club provided all of the students with a soft rugby ball and a sticker at the conclusion of the session.

A very big thank you to Mrs Jo Bennett the President of the Wanderers Junior Committee, players from the Under 14's and coaches and players, for their willingness to assist in the organisation and running of the afternoon.

Mrs Angela Schneider

Student Review from Thomas Paez Year 3.

Last Thursday we had so much fun with members of the Wanderers Rugby Union Club here at our school. We did some great activities with them.

We had lots of fun running through the cones and using the target to get the ball in the hole. I managed to get it in! It was great to have this afternoon with my friends.

Thank you Mrs Schneider and The Wanderers for coming to our school.



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 Authority Number

 CDF School Account No.

DIRECT DEBIT REQUEST

Request to Debit Account

ON BEHALF OF SCHOOL

YOUR DETAILS

Given name(s)	Surname
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Work phone number	Mobile phone number
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Address	
<input type="text"/>	
<input type="text"/> (Postcode)	

PAYMENT DETAILS

School Name	Suburb
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Student Names

Given name(s)	Surname
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Amount	\$ <input type="text"/>
Frequency	<input type="text"/>
	(Monthly, fortnightly, Weekly)

First payment date	<input type="text"/>
Until further notice	<input type="checkbox"/>
Final payment date	<input type="text"/>

School Reference (OFFICE USE ONLY)	<input type="text"/>
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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
<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/> (Postcode)

DETAILS OF ACCOUNT TO BE DEBITED

Account in the name of:
<input type="text"/>

BSB number
<input type="text"/>

Account number
<input type="text"/>

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	<input type="text"/>	OR	<input type="text"/>	Date	<input type="text"/>
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Signature 2	<input type="text"/>	OR	<input type="text"/>	Date	<input type="text"/>
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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.

**APRIL
10 - 14**

KIDBIZ
ACADEMY

EASTER WORKSHOPS

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9 AM

MON 10TH



**KID BIZ
ACADEMY**

TUES 11TH



**ABSTRACT
CANVAS ART**

WED 12TH



**PLASTER
SCULPTURES**

THUR 13TH



**KID BIZ
ACADEMY**

FRI 14TH



**DONUT AND
LOLLY ART**

1 PM

MON 10TH



**3D WALL
ART**

TUES 11TH



**KID BIZ
ACADEMY**

WED 12TH



**SNEAKER
PAINTING**

THUR 13TH



**3D WALL
ART**

FRI 14TH



**SNEAKER
PAINTING**

ALL CLASSES ARE 2.5 HOURS

**\$48.50 PER WORKSHOP
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**APRIL
17 - 21**

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9 AM

MON 17TH



**TOTE BAG
ART**

TUES 18TH



**KID BIZ
ACADEMY**

WED 19TH



**SNEAKER
PAINTING**

THUR 20TH



**3D WALL
ART**

FRI 21ST



**KID BIZ
ACADEMY**

1 PM

MON 17TH



**KID BIZ
ACADEMY**

TUES 18TH



**3D WALL
ART**

WED 19TH



**PLASTER
SCULPTURES**

THUR 20TH



**WALLET
PAINTING**

FRI 21ST



**MINI POTS
AND PLANTS**

ALL CLASSES ARE 2.5 HOURS

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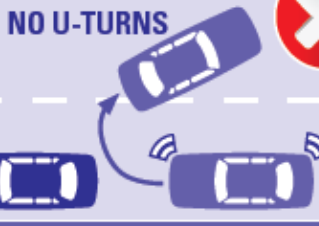

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Safety tips for school zones:

EXITING THE CAR  Make sure children use the footpath-side door when getting in and out of a car.	APPLY BRAKE  Make sure the park brake is applied when the vehicle is stationary.
PARKING  NEVER double park.	CROSSING  NEVER park across a pedestrian crossing.
NO U-TURNS  NEVER undertake a U-turn in close proximity to the school.	NO 3 POINT TURNS  NEVER undertake a three-point turn in close proximity to the school.

Safety tips for students:

BUCKLE UP  Stay buckled up until the vehicle has stopped.	STORE ITEMS  Make sure your school bag and other items are in a safe position.	BE READY  Be ready to get out of the car with your belongings when the car has stopped and you have unbuckled your seat belt.	EXIT SAFELY  Always get in and out of the back seat through the safety door - the rear footpath-side door.
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Demerit Points:

* The **Demerit Points** Scheme is a national program that allocates penalty points (demerits) for a range of driving offences. A driver who has not committed any offences has 'zero' points. If you commit an offence that carries demerit points, the points are added to your driving record. If you incur the threshold number of demerit points within a three-year period, a licence suspension or refusal is applied. The three-year period is calculated between the dates the offences were committed. It ends on the day your most recent offence was committed.














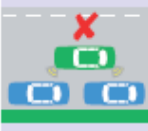




For further information regarding demerit points please visit: rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/demerits/

Parking and traffic rules in school zones

You need to take extra care when driving and parking in school zones. Make sure that you and your child understand the road rules. If you break the traffic rules in a school zone you are putting not only your child but other children at risk.

The parking and traffic rules around our schools are there to protect your children. If you break the rules you will be fined.

Please choose safety over convenience.

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE TO IMPORTANT SAFETY TRAFFIC RULES				
ZONE	WHAT DOES IT MEAN?	WHY IS IT THERE?	PENALTY	DEMERIT POINTS*
	You cannot stop in a NO STOPPING zone for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space). 	Keeps clear sight lines between drivers and children / pedestrians.	EXCEEDS \$349 	(School Zone) 2 
	You can stop in a NO PARKING zone for a max. of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. If no spaces are available you cannot queue on the road way or in any other zones while waiting for a space. You will need to drive away and park elsewhere, only returning when there is space to pull up. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle at all times and cannot leave your vehicle unattended.	Provides a safe place for children / pedestrian set down and pick up.	EXCEEDS \$194 	(School Zone) 2 
	You must not stop or park in a BUS ZONE for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space) unless you are driving a bus. If times are shown on the sign, you are not allowed to stop during those times.	Provides a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up school children.	EXCEEDS \$349 	(School Zone) 2 
	You must not stop on or within 20 metres before a PEDESTRIAN CROSSING or 10 metres after a crossing unless there is a control sign permitting parking.	So drivers can clearly see pedestrians on the crossing.	EXCEEDS \$464 	(School Zone) 2 
	DOUBLE PARKING You must not stop on the road adjacent to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers.	Double parking blocks visibility and forces other cars to go around you.	EXCEEDS \$349 	(School Zone) 2 
	You must not stop on any FOOTPATH or NATURE STRIP , or even a DRIVEWAY crossing a footpath or nature strip for any reason.	You could easily run over a child or force pedestrians onto the road to get around you.	EXCEEDS \$194 	(School Zone) 2 

Please note: The above information is current as of 1 January 2020.
Penalties set by NSW State Government and reviewed on 1 July each year.