



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

Easter Season

Last Sunday we celebrated Palm Sunday where Jesus triumphantly rode into Jerusalem to mark the beginning of the prophecy that would end with his resurrection on Easter Sunday. Easter is the most important event in the Christian calendar. It brings home the message that Jesus died and rose on the third day. This message of resurrection is the salvific mission of Jesus. Jesus was born, lived his life, died and rose from the dead so that each of us could have life and have it to the full (St John).

I invite you to join together with the wider Parish community to celebrate Easter – Holy Thursday 7.00pm St Therese's, washing of the feet, Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10am, Veneration of the Cross 3pm. The Easter Vigil Mass at Corpus Christi at 6.00pm. Easter Sunday Mass of Resurrection 9.15am.

Stations of the Cross

On Thursday commencing at 9.30am in the Main Hall every grade will observe the Stations of the Cross. You are invited to join the children in this reflection. See timetable in Religious Education message from Mr Smith.

Easter Bonnet Parade

Last week and this week parents & grandparents have been visiting classes to assist with the making and decorating of Easter Hats. It has been a lively atmosphere in the classrooms and one that reflects the Easter season of giving. You are now invited to come and see the fruits of your and the children's labour at our Easter Bonnet Parade on Thursday at 2.00pm in the Main Hall.

Sad News

A former parent of our community is close to losing her battle with cancer and at this time I would ask that you keep her and her children, James and Harry, in your prayers. A Go Fund Me page for the children has been set up, see below, if you are able to gift this family a small amount it will be greatly appreciated.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-katie-know-her-boys-will-be-ok?utm_medium=email&utm_source=product&utm_campaign=p_email_m_pd-5332-donation-receipt-adyen&utm_content=internal

Easter Break

I would like to wish all our families and staff a restful break for the Easter holidays. Enjoy your time with your families and friends and travel safely.

Duilio Rufo
Principal

Dates to Remember

6 APR – STATIONS OF THE CROSS & EASTER HAT PARADE 2PM MAIN HALL

6 APR – HOLY THURSDAY – LAST DAY TERM 1

7 APR – GOOD FRIDAY

24 APR – PUPIL FREE – STAFF IN SERVICE

25 APR – ANZAC DAY – PUBLIC HOLIDAY

26 APR – FIRST DAY TERM 2

28 APR – ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

2 MAY – YR 4 CONFIRMATION INFO NIGHT 6.30PM MAIN HALL

8 MAY - MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST

10-12 MAY – YEAR 6 CAMP

**16 MAY - SCHOOL DISCO
INFANTS 5-6.15PM
PRIMARY 6.30-8PM**

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Assistant Principal's Message

Happy Easter

As Term 1 draws to a close, I would like to thank all the students for a wonderful term. All students have brought such fun to the school, and it is a privilege to teach them all. Thank you also to the parents/carers for your support in the education of your children. I wish you all a safe and Holy Easter Season.

I invite all families to join us for some or all of the Holy Week Masses. Have a restful holiday, and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Wednesday 26 April, Monday 24 April is a pupil free day, as staff will undertake professional learning on assessment and student/staff wellbeing.



ANZAC Day Service

I invite all students to participate in the Lambton-New Lambton Sub Branch ANZAC Day Commemorative Service. As a school group, we will take part in the march from Club Lambton, from 10:45am (formerly Lambton Bowls, Sports and Recreation Club). All students must wear their formal school uniform. We will meet at Club Lambton at 10:30am to give us time to assemble to be ready for the march. Mrs Maretich, Mr Smith, Mr Rufo and other staff, will be at the march with the students. Our school captains Felix and Anna will then participate in the ANZAC Day Service at Lambton War Memorial Swimming Centre, where they will lay a wreath on behalf of our school community.

Kaylene Maretich,
Assistant Principal

Religious Education


Happy & Holy Easter – Wishing you all a safe, happy and holy Easter season. For those of you traveling, stay safe. Thank you for all you do as the first educators of the faith in the lives of your children. May the love, joy and peace of the Risen Christ be upon you and your families. God Bless.

**Sixth Sunday of Lent (Palm Sunday)**
1 & 2 April

Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. In recent years, COVID-19 has also devastated vulnerable communities already living in poverty, with the health and economic impacts to reverberate for years to come.

It's through the generous support of people like you that we are able to continue to help lift vulnerable communities out of poverty – support that is needed now more than ever.

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**



Please donate to Project Compassion 2023 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

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You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting or by calling 1800 024 413.

Project Compassion Boxes: Final Reminder – Please start sending in your home Project Compassion boxes this week or the first week back of Term 2. Friday 28th April will be the cut-off date as we need to have all money banked and sent to Caritas after this date.

Holy Week: Stations of the Cross – This week, our students will participate in the Stations of the Cross in our school Hall throughout the day (Holy Thursday – 6th April). The day will then conclude with an Easter Hat parade before the holidays. You are most welcome to come along and join in our Stations of the Cross at any time that suits you. Please see the schedule below, indicating the times for the various classes:

Time	Class
9:30	Kindergarten & 2W
10:00	Year 1 & 2L
10:30	Year 4
LUNCH	
12:00	Year 3
12:30	Year 5
1:00	Year 6
1:30 – EARLY RECESS	
2:00 – Easter Hat Parade	

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.

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

Sport

School Athletics Carnival – The first Friday of Term 2 (28th April), will be our whole-school Athletics Carnival at the Fearnley Dawes Athletics Track, Newcastle West. Please see the previous Newsletters for more details concerning this event.

The most important thing now, especially for those competitive-age students, is to ensure they are nominated for the optional events. **Particularly the 800m, as children will need to arrive at the track before normal school hours via private transport** and, therefore, a Compass event created for roll marking purposes for these students. **Please refer to the event on Compass to nominate for this, ensuring all nominations are received by the cut-off date (Thursday 20th April).**

Parent Helpers: Please email me directly (luke.smith@mn.catholic.edu.au) if you can help on the day – please list your child's name/year group so I know which of the two events to place you at during the day.

Luke Smith, Convenor

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PBS – School Spirit Awards

This term we have focused on the value of **Respect**. We congratulate the following children for receiving the PBS School Spirit Award for demonstrating **RESPECT** by using **self-discipline**:

School Spirit Award for demonstrating RESPECT through using self-discipline					
KN	Nicolaas H Jett M	KW	Mateo S Samuel R	KL	Archie V S Grace P
1N	Hudson B Maia L	1W	Charlotte S Annabelle W	1L	Freya H Vincent McM
		2W	Zaliyah W Chelsea S	2L	Kai R Amelia E
3N	Maya J Edmund H	3W	Tabitha M Archie S	3L	Noah M Mabel C
4N	Marcus A Eloise C	4W	Thomas L Harry S	4L	Ben B Lennox F
5N	Mahali R Mackenzie H	5W	Henry G Brock H	5L	Beau R Zoey D
6N	Emily F Vincent C	6W	Ivy B Sienna S	6L	Vivienne B Jayden C

Next term we will be focusing on the value of **Compassion**. We will be encouraging our students to live out this value through forgiveness, gentleness, kindness and tolerance.

Principal Awards

The following student will receive a Principal's Award at the first School Assembly for Term 2:
Jerome Gavin (4L)

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

Melissa Pyers,
Primary Coordinator

School Buses – Temporary Changes -the changes that were advised in last weeks Newsletter have been rescheduled to a later date.

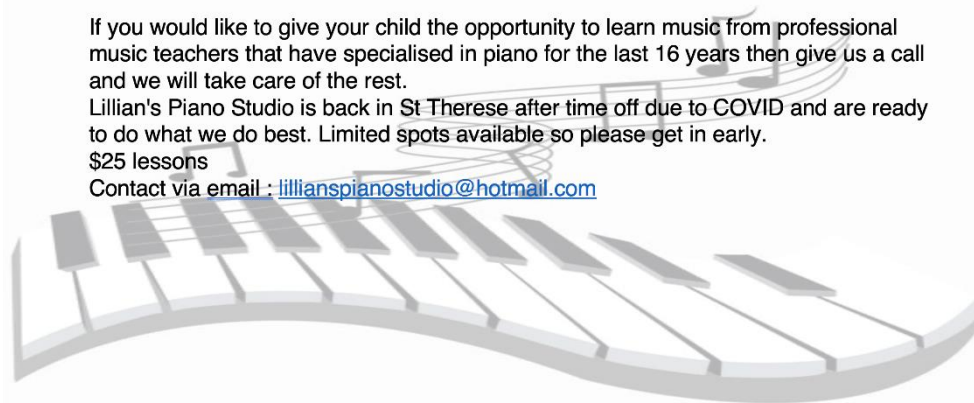
Professional Piano Lessons at School

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.

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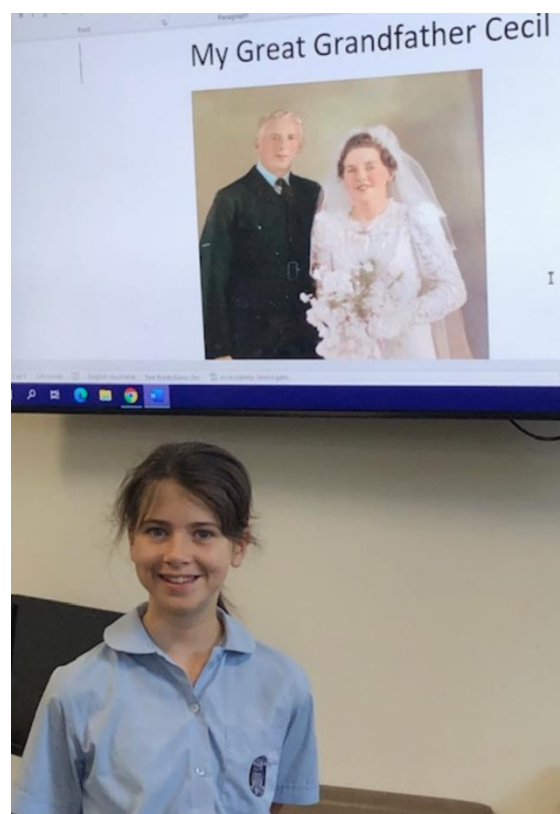


Canteen

Wed 5/4	Thurs 6/4	Wed 26/4	Thurs 27/4	Fri 28/4
Jacqui Osborn Connie Martinelli	Sally Farrell Shelley Hurst	Cath Oakley	Sarah Bagnall	Michelle Randall
				Nicole Green
				Amy Robinson

Congratulations to Blythe M in Year 6 who through her own initiative, entered an ANZAC Day Writing Competition and won 1st place- an outstanding achievement!

Blythe wrote about her Great Grandfather Cecil who was in the Australian Airforce and was stationed in Darwin during WW2. This story of Cecil is one of courage and bravery during challenging times.



Dear Year 6 Parents

Following an update on the yearbook:

Questionnaire - Jot-form: DUE FRIDAY 14 APRIL:

Many thanks to those who have completed the Yearbook Jot-form Questionnaire. The jot-form link expires **FRIDAY 14 APRIL** so please ensure you and your child have reviewed and submitted prior to this date. The link is: <https://form.jotform.com/230719024804855>

Photos:

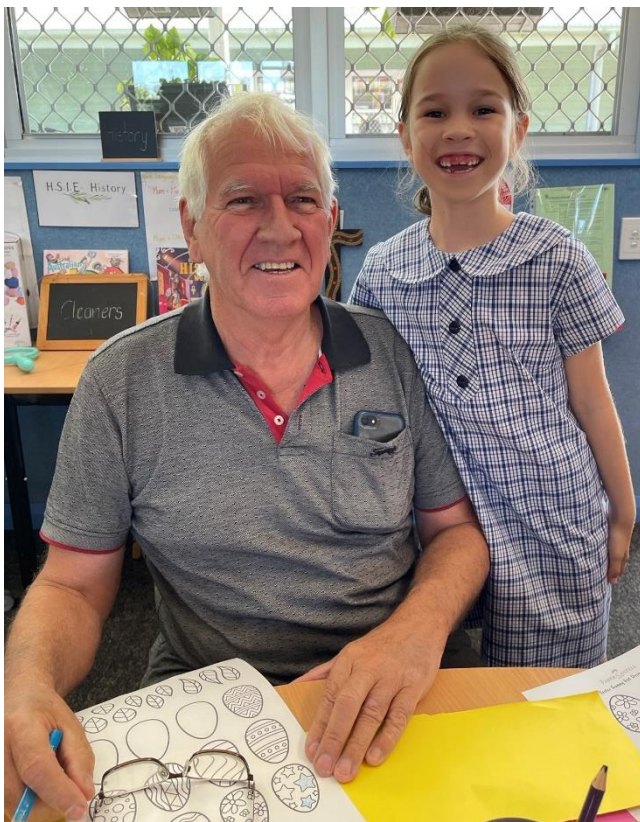
In the coming days you will receive a Compass push talking about the photos and ways to upload.

Any questions please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you,

The Yearbook Team


Easter Hat Making







St Nicholas OOSH Autumn Vacation Care programme is below for the upcoming holidays.













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VACATION CARE: AUTUMN 2023

ST NICHOLAS OOSH – NEW LAMBTON

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Monday 10 th April	Tuesday 11 th April	Wed 12 th April	Thursday 13 th April	Friday 14 th April
PUBLIC HOLIDAY Service Closed	Day Camp \$67 (75 children) Paint and Sip Come and sip on punch whilst letting your inner Van Gough shine 	Incursion \$77 (60 children) Hip Hop Workshop Put on your dancing shoes and pop & lock into OOSH for our Hip Hop Workshop 	Day Camp \$67 (75 children) STEM DAY Let's challenge our minds and develop our problem solving and creativity skills through our exciting STEM activities 	Excursion \$87 (60 children) Niagra Park Sports Park Channel your inner sportsperson and try your luck with a range of indoor sports 
Monday 17 th April	Tuesday 18 th April	Wed 19 th April	Thursday 20 th April	Friday 21 st April
Day Camp \$67 (75 children) ART ATTACK Whack, Splat. Come and attack our art and craft activities with all the creativity and imagination you've got, we can't see the visions you bring to life. 	Excursion \$87 (75 children) Red Alert Laser Tag Zip, Zap, Zam. With a range of group games and free for all's, build your accuracy, sneaking skills and strategies at Red Alert. 	Day Camp \$67 (75 children) Wellness / PJ Day Come in your comfiest PJ's and fluffiest slippers to relax and enjoy a day of self-care and pampering activities. 	Day Camp \$67 (75 children) Super Hero/ Villains Wheels Day Are you team Marvel, DC or even a Disney prince/ princess? Bring your superhero powers, favourite wheels and your helmet to enjoy the day. 	Incursion \$77 (60 children) Bop Till You Drop- Disco and Harry Potter Day Dress up as your favourite witch or wizard and dance the day away. 
Monday 24 th April				
Day Camp \$70 PUPIL FREE DAY (75 children) Ninja Circuit Use your natural ability to move like a ghost at our Ninja Day. 				

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