



## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

### Mothers Day

My sincere thanks to the staff for their support and organisation for our Mothers' Day celebrations in our Main Hall yesterday morning. A special thank you to Leeanne Hardgrove, Canteen Supervisor, for fine work in organising all the food. It was great to see so many amazing women from our school community being acknowledged and I take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely Mothers' Day next Sunday.



### Congratulations to a Superstar

Bailey B in Year 5 has been selected for the NSW Gymnastics team to compete in the National Titles to be held in Brisbane. Bailey's strength is the floor exercise and we wish her every success.



### School Camp

Our Year 6 students will travel away on Wednesday to the Collaroy Centre for their annual school camp. We wish the children a happy time and I thank the teachers in advance for their care and support of our children. Be safe, behave and make happy memories.

### School Disco

I invite the infants families to "bust a move" at the school disco on Tuesday evening from 5pm-6.15pm in the Main Hall. Afterwards the primary students get to have their turn "shaking their tail feather" from 6.30-8.00pm I thank Mrs Charlene Price and her team of dedicated parents who have been behind the scenes organising this event. Thankyou also to those parents who have made themselves available as Parent Volunteer Supervisors to help with the success of the night.

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## Dates to Remember

10-12 MAY – YEAR 6 CAMP

YEAR 4 TREE PLANTING  
LAMBTON PARK

15 MAY - CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK  
LITURGY 9.30AM

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

19 MAY - NATIONAL WALK SAFELY  
TO SCHOOL DAY

24 MAY – DIO RUGBY TRIALS

29 MAY – SORRY DAY

5 JUN – BIG FUTSAL DAY

12 JUN – PUBLIC HOLIDAY – KING'S  
BIRTHDAY

15 JUN - CONFIRMATION 6.30PM

18 JUL - REGISTRATION FOR  
COMMUNION

### **Catholic Schools Week**

Next week has been set aside as Catholic Schools Week. On Monday there will be a change to the timetable as follows:

Liturgy in the Main Hall 9.30am  
Morning tea in the Canteen area and then  
Open Classrooms from 10.20 until lunch break

Please take this as my personal invitation to all families to join us on the morning for some or all of the events.

**Please Note: there will be no afternoon Assembly on this day.**

### **Back Playground Update**

This morning I received an email from the Project Manager for the remediation of the back playground to say that as of Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May the area will be returned to the school for their use. The works have not been completed however access will be allowed for the children. There might be a need at some point later in the year to do some more maintenance if it's deemed necessary. Thankyou for your ongoing support in this matter.

### **Principals Absence**

Next week I will be attending the Annual Principals Conference being held in Wollongong. This is always a valuable opportunity to join with my fellow colleagues and share ideas and look to the future of Catholic education in our Diocese.

### **Music Superstar of the Future**

Congratulations to Maeve H in Year 4 who submitted a composition to the ASPIRE Song writing Competition and her piece has been short listed. What an amazing accomplishment for a young lady.

### **Kinder Enrolments 2024**

***If you have not already lodged your application for a spot in 2024 please do so ASAP.***

**Duilio Rufo**  
Principal

## **Assistant Principal's Message**

It's been a cool and windy start to Week 3. We wish Year 6 teachers and students a wonderful three days at camp this week. Mr Smith and I are also attending and looking forward to the trip. Children, pack some winter woollies, it might be quite cold especially at night.

**Kaylene Maretich,**  
Assistant Principal

## **Religious Education**

**Catholic Schools Week** – Next week is Catholic Schools Week. This is an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate what makes our Catholic schools such authentic Christian communities, where the Gospel values are lived-out daily. Here at St Therese's, we will celebrate with a **9:30am liturgy on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May, in the Main Hall**. This will be followed by a morning tea with open classrooms from 10:20 – 11:15am. We hope to see many of you there.

**Sacramental Program** – Confirmation will take place, **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 6:30pm at St Therese's Church, New Lambton**.

The **Information/Registration evening for First Holy Communion** will take place on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 6:30pm** (Hall or Zoom option available). Children will receive **Holy Communion on either of the weekend Parish Masses (Sun. 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> August at 9:15am)**.

**Reconciliation Week** – This is preceded by **National Sorry Day on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May** and runs from **27<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June**. The week **concludes, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June with Mabo Day**. We will acknowledge the significance of this week with a special liturgy at our afternoon assembly on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

**Luke Smith, RE Coordinator**

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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.

### School Fees

The annual school fee statements have been emailed and payments should have commenced. 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), contact [admin@newlambton.catholic.edu.au](mailto: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](mailto:duilio.rufo@mn.catholic.edu.au)

**Vicki McSpadden, Bursar**

### Canteen

Mon 15/5	Tues 16/5	Wed 17/5	Thurs 18/5	Fri 19/5
Leone N	Simone S	Kim J	Luke W	Sally C
Neroli M	Teigan J	Mel K		Kelly R
	Sarah B			Sarah L
				Sarah H

### DISCO FEVER!!

Kids get your dancing shoes on.....St Therese's will see the return of the SCHOOL DISCO on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May hosted by Bop Till You Drop as DJ/entertainment!!

**Infants Disco (K-2):** 5pm-6.15pm

**Primary Disco (3-6):** 6.30pm-8pm

Entry to this event is \$10 and can only be purchased through flexischools (includes a packet of chips, popper and a glow stick).

Please email school [admin@newlambton.catholic.edu.au](mailto:admin@newlambton.catholic.edu.au) if your child has dietary requirements and if you would like to volunteer for either the infants and/or primary disco as a parent helper.

This is the first of many parent led initiatives under the Parent Engagement Group (PEG) umbrella in 2023.

Looking forward to seeing all the happy faces ready to have fun!!! LET'S GO!

Charlene Price

### Mini Vinnies

It is that time of the year again when Mini Vinnies is asking for your assistance in helping others. Our Winter Appeal begins next 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 Winter Appeal donations will be collected on Wednesday and Friday each week. It will finish Friday Week 8.

Kinder Baked beans, spaghetti, tinned snacks

Year 1: Pasta, Pasta sauce, noodles, tinned soup

Year 2: Tinned vegetables, tinned fruit.

Year 3: Toothpaste, soap, shampoo

Year 4: Cereal, Porridge, biscuits

Year 5: Spreads – vegemite, jam, honey etc Sauces – bbq, tomato etc

Year 6: Coffee, tea, milo, drinking chocolate

Thanks in advance for your generosity.

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### Bus Stop McCaffrey Drive at Rosedale Crescent temporarily closed

There is a temporary change affecting school bus services at the following bus stops, which may be used by students travelling to or from your school.

**From 1 May – for approx. 3 weeks:** Bus stop McCaffrey Drive at Rosedale Crescent (ID: 2287294), Rankin Park. This stop will be temporarily closed for approx. 3 weeks due to City of Newcastle footpath construction work. Students will need to use the closest bus stop, McCaffrey Drive opposite Duval St (2287293) which is a 3-minute walk up the hill (east) towards Duval St.

Signage will be posted on these bus stops to inform customers and students.

## Coach's Corner

### Congratulations!

We need to extend a HUGE congratulations to Mia S and Noah J who have shown their incredible football and hockey talents (respectively) by making their way through to the highest level in our system for these sports - Polding!

Congratulations Mia and Noah!

### Reminders:

**Wonder Bag Collection:** still collecting empty bread bags till July 7th. A HUGE thank you to all those students that have followed this up. We have just filled our first big bag of four!

**National Walk Safely to School Day:** May 19th.

Many thanks,

**Coach.**

**School Athletics Champions** – Congratulations to the children below who were our Primary-Age Athletics Runners-up and Champions. Congratulations also to Casey (blue) who were our winning house for 2023:

	Jnr Girls (8-10)	11 Yr Girls	Snr Girls (12-13)	Jnr Boys (8-10)	11 Yr Boys	Snr Boys (12-13)
Runner-up	Evie C. (26 points)	Lily P. (40 points)	Tabith K. & Maggie B. (14 points)	Chase P. (25 points)	Noah K. (24 points)	Oliver R. (32 points)
Champion	Mary W. (33 points)	Anna V. (51 points)	Ruby T. & Leila O. (17 points)	Baylen T. (27 points)	Spencer P. (45 points)	Archie C. (35 points)

- Points were awarded according to the following structure: participation in an event = 1 point, 3<sup>rd</sup> place = 5 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place = 7 points, 1<sup>st</sup> place = 10 points.

Girls Field Events						
	Long Jump			Shot Put		
	Jnr	11yr	Snr	Jnr	11yr	Snr
1st	Maria B.	Anna V.	Maggie B.	Andrea P.	Miah F.	Mya T.
2nd	Amelia H.	Lola C.	Leila O.	Evie T.	Anna V.	Olivia L.
3rd	Fox C.	Lily P.	Sage T.	Stella R.	Zoe O.	Josie W.

Boys Field Events						
	Long Jump			Shot Put		
	Jnr	11yr	Snr	Jnr	11yr	Snr
1st	Hugo H.	Spencer P.	Archie C.	Louis F.	Lucas O.	Martin W.
2nd	Chase M.	Miller C.	Vincent C.	Jack T.	Spencer P.	Isaac N.
3rd	William F.	Alexander J.	Liam B.	Marcus S.	Blake K.	Tully H.

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Girls Track Events															
	100m						200m			800m			1500m		
	8yrs	9yrs	10yrs	11yrs	12yrs	13yrs	Jnr	11yr	Snr	Jnr	11yr	Snr	Jnr	11yr	Snr
1st	Mary W.	Isabella G.	Anna O.	Lily P.	Ruby T.	Molly B.	Evie C.	Lily P.	Tabitha K.	Mary W.	Anna V.	Sunny A.	Mary W.	Anna V.	Ede n H.
2nd	Fox C.	Maisie S.	Evie C.	Anna V.	Maiya A.		Anna O.	Anna V.	Ivy B.	Evie C.	Lily P.	Leila O.	Abbey L.	Lily P.	
3rd	Amelia E.	Dolcie D.	Arabella H.	Zoe S.	Daniel P.		Arabella H.	Zoe O.	Ruby T.	Abbey L.	Bailey B.	Josie W.	Olivia H.	Lola C.	

Boys Track Events															
	100m						200m			800m			1500m		
	8yrs	9yrs	10yrs	11yrs	12yrs	13yrs	Jnr	11yr	Snr	Jnr	11yr	Snr	Jnr	11yr	Snr
1st	Lewis P.	Bastian T.	William F.	Spencer P.	Olivier R.	Aleks S.	Baylen T.	Spencer P.	Olivier R.	Baylen T.	Noah K.	Archie C.	Chase P.	Noah K.	Vince nt C.
2nd	Jake H.	Samuel E.	Frankie S.	Lachlan F.	Archie C.		William F.	Isaac M.	Archie C.	Chase P.	Spencer P.	Vince nt C.	Cooper M.	Lachlan C.	Tully H.
3rd	Roman H.	Chase P.	Baylen T.	Isaac M.	Jordy T.		Cooper M.	Lachlan F.	Casper H.	Lewis P.	Ryder P.	Olivier R.	Lewis P.	Ryder P.	Olivier R.

**Regional Athletics** – Based upon the results above, the place-ribbons and note for those students qualifying for Regionals will be sent home today. **Please be aware:** some events allow for 3 students to go to regionals (based upon qualifying times/distances). Regardless of placings, qualification for the 1500m is based purely upon time. For those parents of students who attend Little Athletics and have a qualifying high jump height, please email me directly with their jump: [luke.smith@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:luke.smith@mn.catholic.edu.au)

**Luke Smith Convenor**

### Mothers Day in the Library



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## School student travel information for parents and students

### School Travel Passes

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass but have not yet applied need to [apply](#) or [update](#) their details as soon as possible.

In the Opal network, students should travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

New Student Opal cards (including new Term Bus Passes) will be sent to the student's nominated postal address within two weeks of their application being approved.

Students living in rural and regional areas will receive their travel pass from their nominated transport operator. It may be issued via their school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some rural and regional operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

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Further information can be found at [transportnsw.info/school-travel](https://transportnsw.info/school-travel)  
Enquiries can be submitted at [transportnsw.info/passes-concessions-feedback](https://transportnsw.info/passes-concessions-feedback)

**Aerobics & Dance Troupes competing at St Pius this weekend – have a great competition girls and dance your hearts out! Best wishes from all the school community. A big Thankyou to Ms Alex Toscano for her dedication.**



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## CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at St Therese's Primary School (New Lambton) is held on Mondays from 8:10am to 9:10am, starting on 1 May 2023.

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If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email [enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au](mailto:enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au) for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

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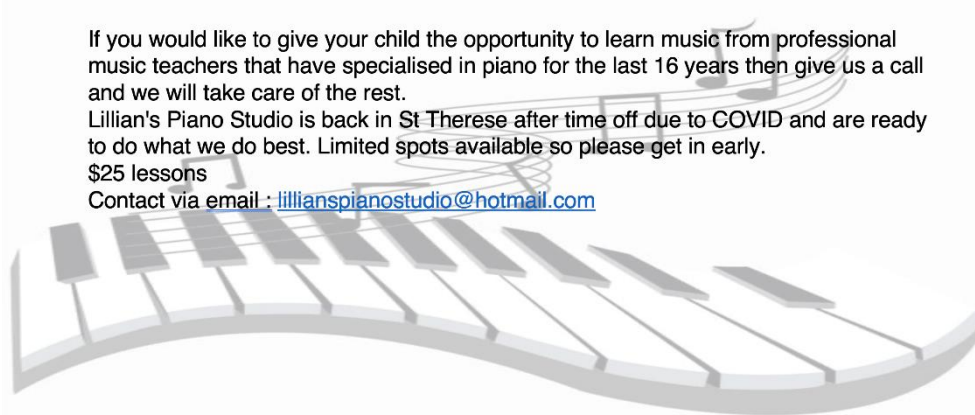
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Luke Wilson, Director & Selling Agent at Harcourts and the father of one of our students at St Therese, is supporting the school and the community by donating \$1,000 of his commission back to the school from each sale connected to St Therese! Parents, family, staff and community members that sell their home with Luke enable our school to be eligible for the \$1,000 donation per sale!

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