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27th June 2023 | TERM 2 WEEK 10



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

This is the last Bulletin of Term 2. I take this opportunity to wish you and your children a relaxing and refreshing break. I also wish the teachers the best for the holidays. I ask that you all keep safe and healthy especially as the Flu and COVID are currently ramping up.

Staff on Leave

This is to let you know that:

Miss Kristy Healey, Kinder, will be on long service leave for 5 weeks in Term 3

Miss Trish Hibbert, LSA, will also be on leave for 3 weeks. We will advise the new staff via Compass as soon as they are approved by the Catholic Schools Office.

Dance and Aerobics Competition

On the weekend our dance and aerobics girls travelled to Dural in Sydney to compete in the NSW Titles. My thanks to Miss Alex Toscano for all her hard work and dedication in getting the girls through to the Championships. 7 out of the 8 teams have made their way through to the National Titles to be held in Adelaide in August. Congratulations to everyone.

<u>Hats</u>

Parents, please check your children's hats and if you have the wrong one please send it back to school so that it can be passed on to the right child. Also, if you could please make sure your child's name is written on their hat.

COVID tests

The 5th waive is among us. COVID tests are available for collection from the office, or we can send them home with your child if you need them. Please contact the office on 4957 4922 to organise.

Band

This week our fabulous band performed for the School and for the Uniting Church pensioners. The children need to congratulated they are truly a great band. Thank you to Mr Ward for all his work.

Duilio Rufo Principal STHERE CON

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Dates to Remember

- 27 JUN RUGBY LEAGUE 9S BAND – UNITING CHURCH PERFORMANCE
- 28 JUN REPORTS AVAILABLE ON COMPASS 4PM
- 29-30 JUN 20% OFF AT LOWES
 - 30 JUN STAGE 2 MASS YR 6 FUNDRAISING BBQ AND CAKE STALL
 - 18 JUL REGISTRATION FOR COMMUNION 6.30PM
- 20 JUL YR 1 HUNTER VALLEY ZOO
- 25 JUL SNAKE TAILS INFANTS
- 26 JUL NEWCASTLE PERMANENT MATHS TEST
- 28 JUL STAGE 3 ASPIRE
- 2 AUG DIOCESAN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL INTERRELATE 6- 8PM IN HALL

Assistant Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers, looks like we are in for a cold and windy week ahead. Please make sure all your children's belongings are labelled, as we have many jackets, jumpers etc. that have been found without names.

Reports

The reports will be released via Compass this **Wednesday 28 June** at 4pm. Sometimes it can take a few hours for them to open to parents. Please ensure you have access to Compass, if you have lost your username or password, please contact the office as soon as possible. Please use a PC or iPad to download the reports, as mobile phones can make downloading the reports a bit difficult. I wanted to thank all the teachers for their dedication and professionalism in completing the reports.

Happy Holidays

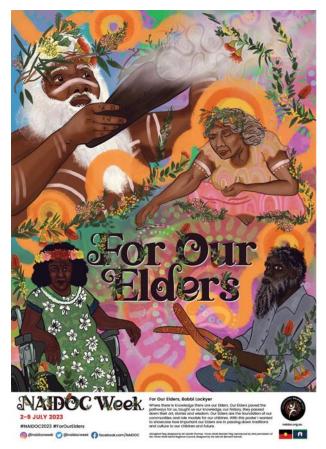
We would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a safe and restful holiday. For those families heading away on holiday – safe travels and for those who are resting at home, enjoy your "down time". We look forward to seeing you back in Term 3!

Kaylene Maretich, Assistant Principal

Religious Education

Sacramental Program – Next term will see the conclusion of another Sacramental Program as many of our students complete their initiation into the Catholic Church with their First Holy Communion. The parent information session for this will take place on the evening of the first Tuesday back next term: Tuesday 18th July at 6:30pm in the Main Hall. For those unable to make it in person, I will send out a Zoom code on the first day back.

Then, in Term 4, we will commence the next Sacramental Program with Year 3 students and the Sacrament of Reconciliation (more information to come as we get closer).



NAIDOC Week – During the first week of the upcoming break (*Sunday 2nd* – *Sunday 9th July*) this important event in our National calendar will take place. The theme for this year is, *"For Our Elders"*. Information and resources can be found on the official NAIDOC Week

website: https://www.naidoc.org.au/

Where possible, I encourage you to go and support at some of the local events in acknowledgment of this important annual occasion. Our own Maitland-Newcastle Diocese has events planned as per the calendar link below:

https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/newsevents/whats-on/20230702-naidoc-week/



St Vincent de Paul's: *Winter Appeal* – Our contributions to the Winter Appeal have now officially finished. Thank you so much for all your generosity in sending in non-perishable food items over the past weeks and in supporting our Pyjama Day last Friday. Along with the many boxes of food, we were also able to donate approximately \$1,200 from the gold coin donations and the sale of knitted beanies and scarves, so kindly made and donated by Mrs Vickie Pettett. The winners of the raffle for the two knitted blankets were: Lorenzo D (1L) and Francesca R (4W).



Stage Masses

It has been wonderful to have some of our parents and grandparents join us at the recent Masses and we thank Fr Velerian for celebrating the Eucharist with us. Our final stage Mass for this term is on the last day:

Friday 30th June – 9:30am Mass for Stage 2 (Yr 3 & 4)

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 <u>https://www.mn.catholic.edu.au/families-communities/volunteers/</u>. 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 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 <u>duilio.rufo@mn.catholic.edu.au</u>

Vicki McSpadden Bursar



<u>Canteen</u>

Mon 17/07	Tues 18/7	Wed 19/7	Thurs 20/7	Fri 21/7
Jenni Trummel	Alison Sharman	Cath Oakley	Sarah Bagnall	Michelle Randall
Pia Clifford-Marsh	Annabel O'Neill			Nicole Green
	Sarah White			Amy Robinson

PBS and Principal Awards

This term we are focusing on the value of **Compassion**. We congratulate the following children for receiving the PBS School Spirit Award for demonstrating **COMPASSION** by forgiving others:

School Spirit Award for demonstrating COMPASSION by being gentle to others							
KN	Mala P	KVV	Emily S	KI	William M		
	Frederick J		Mateo S		Alice C		
1N	Bexley G	1W	Ruby N	1L	Evelyn A		
	Tully R		Maeve C		Violet W		
		2W	Coby H	2L	Chrishelle P		
			Chelsea S	ZL	Samuel B		
3N	Bella A	3W	Paige M	- XI	Oliver A		
	Larz G		Jacob J		Vanessa C		
4N	Eloise C	4W	Francesca R	4L	Leo G		
411	Georgia P		Noah B		Brooklyn L		
5N	Molly G	5W	Aria H	5L	Alex J		
JIN	Noah K		Darcy L		Malla W		
6N	Oliver B	6W	Ava G	6L	Liam R		
	Liam B		Isaac N		Maiya A		

Principal Awards

The following students will receive a Principal's Award at next School Assembly Term 3 Week 1:

KL – Archie V; KN – Augusta K: KW – Theodore H, Saul G, Ashton F & Florence F; 1L – Frankie C, Georgie L, Shaun H, Daniel M, Emilia H, Oscar M & Freya H; 1N – Eve S, Angus M & Bon T; 1W – Kai D, Viana G, Heston G, Elizabeth H, Hudson J, Annabelle W, Finn M, Camille W, Harvey F, Elanore M, Reuben M, Evie P & Stella H; 2L – Rinoa I, Wren D & Kai Reid; 2W – Hugo Harvey; 3L – Bastian :Noah M; 3N – Jennifer J; 3W – Jacob J; 4L – Zachary W & Callen K; 4N – Tighe C, Violette S, Dolcie D, Hugo H & Julien C; 4W – Chase M, Jasper W & Egan V; 5L – Cooper M, Luke R, Eden H, Alex J & Charlie T;

5L – Cooper M, Luke R, Eden H, Alex J & Charlie T; 5W – Miah H & John D; 6W – Lola C.

Congratulations and thank you, children, for upholding the values and principles of St Therese's. **Date: Monday 17th July Time:** 2:30pm **Venue:** School Hall

For your advanced notice, the next Whole School Assembly following Week 1 will be Monday Week 3 at 2:30pm. We will run assemblies on the odd weeks as we will be now running the whole school Peer Support Program on the even weeks.

Melissa Pyers Coordinator





Gifted Education News

Congratulations to Oscar K and Iris S who were selected from Stage 2 and 3 as entrants for the 2023 Write On Competition. Students had to produce a creative piece of writing based on the following photograph:



Please enjoy their outstanding work:

<u>Slaves Of The Sand</u> <u>By Oscar K</u>

PART 1: The Walk The endless duel of sand and stone The hot African terrain bashes us to the bone The endless battle of ragged hunger Begging for mercy, and a little bit of supper The endless walk on the red desert terrain Death takes us, leaving our minds insane We carry the weight of hope, struggle, and loss The men carry weapons, showing us who's boss All we want is to be free All we want is some light of hope to see

PART 2: Camp Cruelty

We arrive at the camp, thrown to the stables They torture us to the ground, bolted to the cable What will they do to us we will wonder? This idea sticks to us like a flee, making us ponder Why should we let our coming death be a mystery, When we can run into the sunset Changing course of a new destiny...

PART 3: Not So Extravagant Escape We are ready and our plan is set Placing our lives into fates bet Nightfall came and the stablemaster cut us free for a run Instead, my herd charges out towards the setting sun Gunshots are fired in a megalomaniacal craze One hits a gasoline tank, exploding into cars, now everything's ablaze **To bring Christ and His message, in all its richness, into the hearts and lives of all.**



We see the exit and we charge, leaving chaos in our wake Running away from what seems like an earthquake We see our chance and we run To the everlasting setting sun We are finally free Of doubt, struggle, and loss We are finally free Now we run with glee

Part 4: Sanctuary

We can now rejoice Knowing now, we have a choice We have journeyed to the exotic tropical side Now, we know longer must hide No more doubt, struggle, and loss Because We can now be our own boss So now we rejoice, laying in the grassy lands No longer being Slaves of the Sand...

The Beach Walk By Iris S

The trees sizzled; the wind whirred. I walked through the shallow green, blue water. Everything was going so well. Zzzzzzz! The ground was shaking. My feet were soaking and I spun around in excitement. It was amazing! I saw these free, beautiful horses galloping. I smelt the scent of eucalyptus from the trees. The sky was sunny, the sun was beaming, pounding and hot.

I walked down the sunny, yellow sand on the ground. I could walk for miles on and on. I saw these mini trenches from ages ago. They were for the ANZACS.

Suddenly I fell through a dusty hole. I had sand and dust in my eyes. Ouch! I finally could see. I saw a shiny, gold box. I opened it nervously to see what was inside.

Inside I saw a ripped map. It said to find the treasure, use your senses. It stated to do the obstacles to find your treasure. Ummm, what am I meant to do, I pondered? I thought I came here for a walk and swim, not some mystical adventure. But I mean, I watch Australia's Ninja Warrior and it wouldn't hurt to have some treasure! I was determined I was going to do it. I knew I should. I turned to my right and saw a circular, small stone looking object. I pressed it. Boom! A door opened. I walked in, Halleluiah. The obstacles were there. I could now find the treasure.

Smack! I walked straight in front of a sign. I was paying too much attention to the treasure. The sign was bright pink, and it said that were obstacles so take time, if you fall, you die! I thought nervously to myself that I have to focus!

I started on my first obstacle, it was easy. I tried not to look down. The second one wasn't so easy. I got past it. I was in a state of alarm wondering where the third obstacle was. I ran around, it wasn't there after 20 minutes. I almost got past all of them. Five obstacles, four obstacles, three obstacles, two obstacles....

I stepped on the wobbly rock. Oh no! They all started falling. The underground tunnel started shaking. I sprinted across the rocks. I hung to a rope. It was a swing- I couldn't get to the end of the obstacle. Yes! I swung my legs and jumped off the rope and on to the floor. I sprinted again and found a treasure. I opened the box. No!!!!!

Inside, there wasn't jewels, there wasn't coins, there wasn't even gold! There was a tiny, miniscule baby horse. It was cute!





Ten years later and I was proud to say thanks to those for coming to the horse camp. We can ride

Our Poetry Club each fortnight continues to thrive. It is a joy to see children from K-6 enjoying writing, performing and storytelling. Susan Sheridan is a master at teaching the students poetry and inspiring them to be creative. They are learning and having fun! It is so exciting that the children can perform their poetry at the Newcastle Comedy Club in Term 4.



Virtual Academy G20 Summit By Rose Hartcher

Last Thursday, Sage T, Eden H and Anna V and I, all attended a G20 replicated Summit as part of our Virtual Academy research based on Leadership. It was a fantastic, interactive day where we each represented a chosen country; Japan, China, Ireland and Italy. The day was split into three parts and the first part was a discussion about evironmental challenges. The second part of the day was a debate about world hunger. The day concluded with a game which demonstrated how trading between First and Third World countries works. I loved how we could work with students from other schools who do Virtual Academy. As some of the activities were based on role play and understanding perspectives from other countries, it made it the learning authentic and really engaging.





Playgroup Update

St Therese's Playgroup is held every Friday morning from 9:15am in the school hall. Everyone is welcome at playgroup, and it's perfect for the children to meet other children that might be in their year when they start school, or for parents to meet other parents in our school community. Come along for some craft and fun! Join our St Therese's Playgroup Facebook group or contact Jo on 0439 435 287 for more information.











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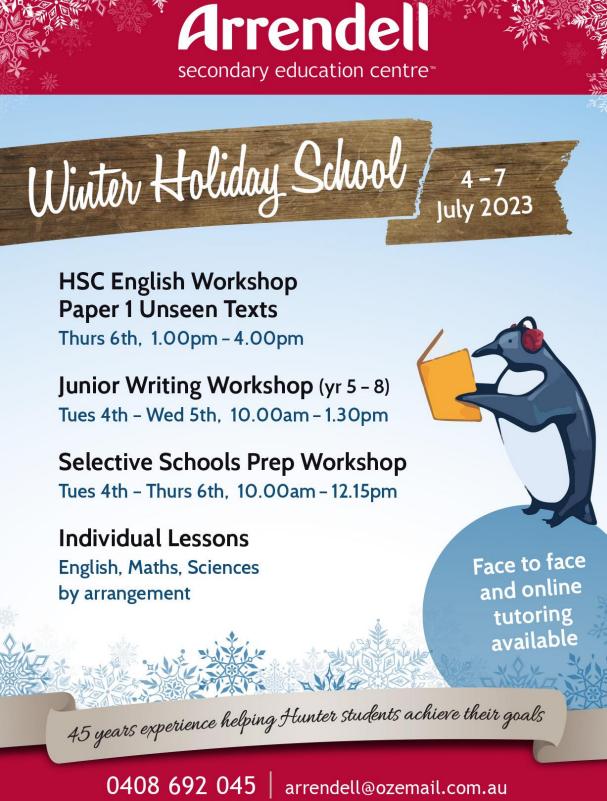
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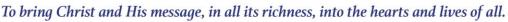














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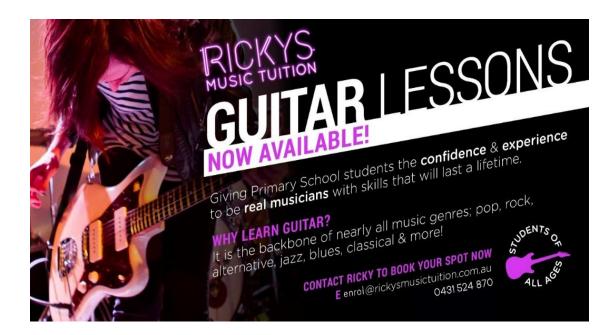




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