



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a restful King's Birthday Holiday. For me I spent the weekend chasing the grandchildren around and in particular spending time with my eldest grandchild at basketball, it never stops. But I wouldn't have it any other way.

I remind you about the PEG invitation and encourage you to put your name forward for one of the following:

- PEG 1 - Community building
- PEG 2 - Sport
- PEG 3 - Wellbeing
- PEG 4 - School physical environment

Confirmation

This Wednesday and Thursday 50 of our children will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. I take this opportunity to congratulate each of them as they journey to become full members of the Catholic community culminating next term when they receive their Holy Communion. My thanks to Luke Smith, the teachers and parents for their support of the children.

Excursion to the Zoo

Next week our Year 5 students will be travelling to Taronga Zoo. I'm sure that they will have a wonderful time. Parents if you have not yet done so, please return the permission note or consent online in Compass.

Art Project

Last week we started the Art Project with Odette Tonkin and her mother Catherine. The project began with kindergarten making clay turtles. The children were excited to say the least. It was great to see parents and children come together creatively.

Duilio Rufo
Principal

Dates to Remember

15 JUN - CONFIRMATION 6.30PM

**16 JUN - INFANTS MASS 9.30AM
MINI VINNIES DONATIONS
DUE**

22 JUN - TARONGA ZOO YR 5

23 JUN - PJ DAY - GOLD COIN

25 JUN - YOUTH MASS/CHOIR

**27 JUN - RUGBY LEAGUE 9S
BAND - UNITING CHURCH
PERFORMANCE**

**30 JUN - STAGE 2 MASS
YR 6 FUNDRAISING BBQ**

**18 JUL - REGISTRATION FOR
COMMUNION 6.30PM**

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Photos from Art Project



Assistant Principal's Message

I hope everyone had a lovely long weekend. I certainly made the most of the beautiful weather, by gardening and enjoying the sunshine.

Sausage Sizzle

On the last day of school, Friday 30 June, Year 6 are holding a sausage sizzle and cupcake stall to raise funds for their Yearbook and Graduation evening. Sausage sandwiches are \$3.50 each and are to be ordered through Flexischools. Flexischools orders are to be placed by Monday 26 June, there will be no late orders accepted, as we need to order the sausages and bread by Tuesday 27 June. Please note: the canteen will be closed on Friday 30 June.

Art trail Donations

All students K-6 will create an artwork for our Art Trail, which will be held on Friday 1 September. To help make our Art Trail eco-friendly and cost effective, we ask families to please take a look around your home or local op shop, and send in the following donations:

- Rolls of thin ribbon in bright colours
- Wool in shades of green and blue
- Clean, plastic soft drink bottles - clear or green
- Any old sheer curtain fabric in white, blue or green
- Newspaper

Please send any donations to Mrs Maretich. Thanks so much

Lost Property

I have a large garbage bag of unlabelled jumpers in my office. These will be washed and placed in the Second Hand Clothing Pool. Please label all our child's belongings, otherwise, we cannot return these to them.

Kaylene Maretich,
Assistant Principal

Religious Education

Corpus Christi Sunday – Sunday celebrated Corpus Christi. The reflection below by Dianne Bergant gives deeper understanding of what it means to be, The Body of Christ, and just what it means each time at Mass we say, "Amen", and receive this most sacred and uniting of gifts.



The Body & Blood of Christ

This feast harkens back to the celebration of Holy Thursday. By way of the metaphors of food and drink, its readings provide us with a look at the mystery of divine presence. They first provide a picture of a God who feeds us. In the past God set a table in freedom, and then provided food that enabled our

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ancestors to survive. God fed those who were needy, not those who were worthy. Jesus offered sustenance to the crowds that gathered around him. It was not manna from heaven that he offered but his own flesh and blood as food and drink. This food and drink are the pledge of eternal life. Those who eat this bread and drink this cup are caught up in a profound unity with God, a unity not envisioned in the wilderness experience. There is a new overlay of significance. Jesus' claim to give his flesh and blood was a bold one, Paul's seems even bolder. He states that partaking of the bread and the cup not only joins us with Christ, but actually makes us participants in the body and blood of Christ. Humanity and divinity are joined as one. The Eucharist is a sign of unity in another way. Joined to the body and blood of Christ, we are joined to each other. We are one body and that body is Christ. The Eucharist is truly a celebration of thanksgiving: thanksgiving for our transformation and thanksgiving for our unity.

Taken from: <https://www.liturgyhelp.com/calendar/date/2023Jun11/0/RefDiBer>

St Vincent de Paul's: Winter Appeal – Please continue to send the relevant supplies in with your child/ren over the coming weeks and remember that our **Mission Day on the Friday of Week 9 (23rd June)**, '**Pyjama Day**', is also a fundraiser for this important local community mission initiative.

Stage Masses

We extend a warm welcome to our parents, carers, grandparents and friends to attend, according to the dates and times below, as Fr Velerian will be celebrating Masses for our various stage groups over the coming weeks:

Friday 16th June – 9:30am Mass for Infants (K, 1 & 2)

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

Sacramental Program – Confirmation will take place this, **Thursday 15th June 6:30pm at St Therese's Church, New Lambton**. Please pray for all our candidates as they are sealed with the gift of The Holy Spirit.

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 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 duilio.rufo@mn.catholic.edu.au

Vicki McSpadden
Bursar

Canteen

Mon 19/6	Tues 20/6	Wed 21/6	Thurs 22/6	Fri 23/6
Jenni Trummel	Alison Sharman	Cath Oakley	Sarah Bagnall	Michelle Randall
Pia Clifford-Marsh	Annabel O'Neill			Nicole Green
	Sarah White			Amy Robinson

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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:

Due to the King's Birthday Public Holiday the below awards will be presented on 19/06/2023.

Week 7

School Spirit Award for demonstrating COMPASSION by being gentle to others					
KN	Vinny O Chloe H	KW	Hollie M Jules W	KL	Hudson D Thomas B
1N	George J Eve S	1W	Evelyn V Cillian M	1L	Lorenzo D Hooper H
		2W	Tobias C Adelaide K	2L	Grady B Rinoa I
3N	Edmund H Riley L	3W	Louis W Ruby J	3L	Benjamin C Olivia M
4N	Ajay C Kurt P	4W	Jack M Francesca R	4L	Lee S Evie T
5N	Jack T Phoebe M	5W	Nash Q Isaac M	5L	Hudson G Erin S
6N	Jordy T Leila O	6W	Tilly C Bodhi M	6L	Oliver S Ruby M

Week 8

School Spirit Award for demonstrating COMPASSION by being gentle to others					
KN	Emily M Claudia V	KW	Bailey M Saul G	KL	Lucas B Ryder F
1N	Mailey B Declan P	1W	Finn M Camille W	1L	Noah D Aiden M
		2W	Ethan R Zoe T	2L	Elin W Kai R
3N	Jennifer J Blake F	3W	Eden C Hamish K	3L	Mabel C Joshua P
4N	Julien C Louis F	4W	Egan V Grace S	4L	Oliver H Natasha P
5N	Vienne T Zoe S	5W	Raiki P Anna P	5L	Harry N Malia W
6N	Adriana S Sam P	6W	Ivy B Spencer B	6L	Mya T Daniela P

Principal Awards

The following students will receive a Principal's Award at **Week 9 School Assembly**:

Week 7

KN – Taj H, Sidak S; **KW** – Henry R, Harry C, Matilda D; **KL** – Josephine C, Grace P; **1N** – George J; **1W** – Penny F, Leo M, Harry O, Evelyn V; **2L** – Miller M; Rio S; **2W** – Vann R; **4W** – Francesca R, Maxime C; **5W** – Lily P, Louie B; **6N** – Vincent C, Hope B.

Week 8

KW – Jazmine M; **1N** – Joshua K; **1W** – Harry A, Paola G, Mitchell L, Charlotte S & Reuban M; **1L** – Samuel C, Emily J & Violet W; **2L** – Sam B, Mia S & Kurt B; **2W** – Xavier O, Tobias C, Evie G & Lila M; **3L** – Santiago P; **4N** – Andrea P; **4W** – Jack M; **5L** – Hudson G & Zoey D; **5N** – Luca R & Phoebe M.

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

Date: Monday 19th June

Time: 2:30pm

SAVE THE DATE!

Grandparents of our K-2 students are warmly invited to our:

Grandparents Day Celebration!

Date: Friday 27th October

Time: 9:30-10am – Liturgy in the School Hall

10-10:15am – Morning Tea

10:15-10:45am – Open Classrooms



Melissa Pyers
Coordinator

Mini Vinnies

It is that time of the year again when Mini Vinnies is asking for your assistance in helping others. 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 **this** 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

SPORT

Regional Athletics – Last Friday, 9th June, was an excellent day. Congratulations to our students who gave their best in representing St Therese's at the Central Region Athletics Carnival. Their behaviour also made us proud. Notes will go home later this week to those students who have subsequently qualified for the next level of competition, Diocesan level, and their names will appear in next week's Newsletter.

Luke Smith,
Coordinator

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.

HI EVERYONE!

My name is Miss Soo, I am the Youth Minister at St Therese's Primary School. This is my second year in the role, and I feel so blessed to be a part of this school community, working alongside such dedicated staff and getting to know this amazing bunch of kids!

My role at the school is to accompany the students and support them in their faith development. I meet each child where they are at in their faith and invite them to explore, learn and discover more about God and God's message. I prepare and facilitate classroom ministry sessions and liturgy dramatizations with the Year 6 students ready for Monday's assembly. This term, I will be taking some Year 5 students to visit our local nursing home, St John's Villa. My hope is to show how relevant and important faith is (especially now) in a fun, engaging and inclusive way. To make Jesus real through themselves, their peers and the community!



ABOUT ME

I love my family and God. I am passionate about living out my faith by serving my community and empowering other young people to be living disciples of the Church today. My home Parish is Holy Trinity - Blackbutt North. I'm currently studying a Bachelor Degree in Primary Education at the University of Newcastle.

In my own time...

- I volunteer with St Vincent De Paul Society (Vinnies) in Youth outreach programs and home visits as a Youth leader, conference member and former spiritual advisor.
- I am a member of the Maitland-Newcastle Catholic Diocesan Council Ministry for Young People.
- I am reinvigorating the youth space at my Parish by growing a vibrant and sustainable youth ministry and choir. Youth Mass is currently on the 4th Sunday of the month at Corpus Christi Church! All welcome!
- I have also been playing the guitar for 11 years and sing.

I'm so excited to be journeying on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and onto World Youth Day this year in Portugal, where I will gather with other young people to celebrate our diversity and faith!

I've also been working with Holy Trinity Parish Office for 4 years and have 3 years of experience as a qualified Learn to Swim Instructor.

MY FAVS:

Flower: Sunflower

Fruit: Mango

Season: Summer

Sport: Boxing

Scripture verse: "Be not afraid" ~ Deuteronomy 31-6

Place: The beach & wherever my family is.

Life Motto: Keep the faith. The most amazing things in life tend to happen right at the moment you are about to give up hope!



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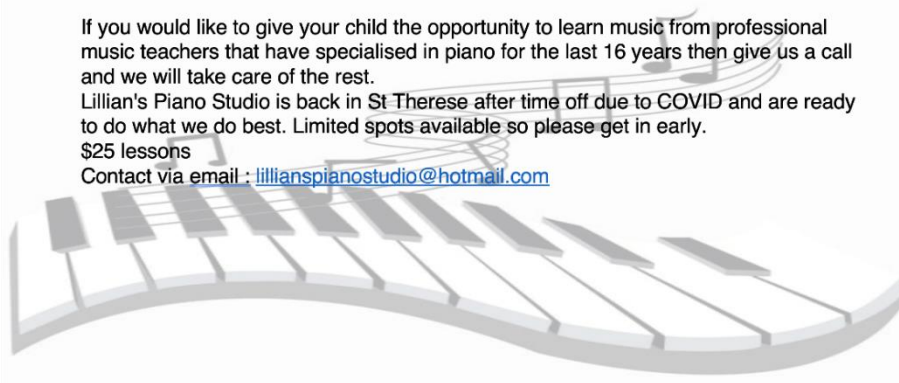
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