Newsletter

Think, Grow, Shine.

20th June 2023 | TERM 2 WEEK 9







Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

This week school reports are being finalised by the teachers. Once reports have been checked by the Leadership Team they will be available via Compass. If you are unsure of how to access reports on Compass or you have lost your password please contact the school for assistance. A notice will be sent to you once reports become live.

Confirmation

Last week some 46 students received the Sacrament of Confirmation. It was so good to see a packed church on the evening and so many excited children. My sincere thanks to Mr Smith for his organisation and for taking on the role of photographer. Photos will be available shortly, Mr Smith will contact you once they are processed.

Parent Engagement Groups

Thank you to all those parents who have agreed to be members of specific PEGS. A copy of names is provided later in the Newsletter. Shortly parents who have nominated will be contacted to start implementing the PEGS.

Teachers on Leave

Please be advised that the following teachers will be on leave; 5L Mrs Anne Sturt will be taking long service leave for Term 3. ESL Carmel Warby will be taking long service leave for 5 weeks of Term 3.

2W Mrs Ellie Hunt will be taking maternity leave, to have her 1st child and

Learning Support Ms Melanie Faehndrich will be on leave for the first 3 weeks of Term 3.

I take this opportunity to wish all of them all the very best and in particular Mrs Hunt for safe arrival of her new bundle of joy.

Art Trail

Thank you to Jan and Carla who last week worked with Year 6 in preparing artworks for the Art Trail. The children enjoyed the experience and are looking forward to continuing their work in this area.

William Street Dismissal

As our back playground is now open, William St dismissal will now be via the William St school gates, which is at the rear of the back field. Children will sit on the grass at the gates, and the teacher on duty

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Dates to Remember

22 JUN – TARONGA ZOO YR 5

23 JUN – PJ DAY – GOLD COIN
MINI VINNIES DONATIONS
DUE

25 JUN - YOUTH MASS/CHOIR

30 JUN - STAGE 2 MASS

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

30 JUN - YR 6 FUNDRAISING BBQ AND CAKE STALL

18 JUL - REGISTRATION FOR COMMUNION 6.30PM



will open the gates and supervise the children until they are picked up at William St. Parents/carers are asked to wait at the William St Gates to collect their child.

This procedure will start from **Monday 19 June**.

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.

Duilio Rufo Principal

Assistant Principal's Message

Peer Support

Following on from a staff review into student wellbeing and discussions in the PEG meetings, we will be trialling Peer Support across the school, starting in Term 3. The purpose of Peer Support is to build positive relationships between students across the school, and to build leadership capacity in our Year 5 and 6 students. We will use the *Highway Heroes* Program and Zones of Regulation to facilitate peer support, both programs have been used successfully in previous years across the school. In the odd weeks, teachers will use *Highway Heroes* to introduce different aspects of wellbeing, such as building friendships, resilience, dealing with conflict etc. Then in the even weeks, we will have a 45-minute Peer Support session, where the Years 5 & 6 students will facilitate team building games related to the teaching sessions. Mr Smith and I will take all Year 5 & 6 students through their roles as Peer Support leaders and will meet with them twice per term to continue to provide training and support. Peer Support will replace the weekly School Assembly every EVEN week, so from Term 3, we will have assembly fortnightly in the ODD weeks.

Refugee Week

Yesterday saw the start of National Refugee Week across Australia. It is a week to better understand the different refugee communities in Australia, and the journey these individuals and families have travelled to live in safety in Australia. The aims of Refugee Week are:

- to **educate** the Australian public about who refugees are and why they have come to Australia
- to help people understand the many challenges refugees face coming to Australia
- to **celebrate** the contribution refugees, make to our community and to focus on how the community can provide a safe and welcoming environment for refugees
- for community groups and individuals to **do something positive** for refugees, asylum seekers and displaced people, within Australia but also around the world
- for service providers to **reflect** on whether they are providing the best possible services to refugees

Sausage Sizzle

A reminder that the Year 6 children and their families are organising a sausage sizzle and cake stall next **Friday 30 June**, to raise funds for the Year 6 Yearbook and Graduation. All orders are to be placed through Flexischools by Monday 26 June, there will be no other lunch orders available on this day. The cakes at the cake stall will range from 50c to \$2.

Pyjama Day

A reminder we have a Pyjama Day this Friday 24 June, to raise money for St Vincent De Paul. Please bring a gold coin donation.

Kaylene Maretich, Assistant Principal



Religious Education

Sacramental Program – Congratulations to the 46 candidates who last Thursday night received the Sacrament of Confirmation. It was a beautiful, Spirit-filled liturgy and we thank Fr Velerian for celebrating this important Sacrament of Initiation for our children. Next term, these children will undertake full initiation into the Catholic Church as they prepare for the sacrament of First Holy Communion. Details of the parent information evening will be included again in next week's Newsletter.

Sunday Gospel Reflection – After the recent feasts of Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, and Corpus Christi, we return now to the Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. It is, therefore, rather appropriate that the reflection below, by Dianne Bergant, reminds us just how important and crucial to the health of the world our Christian mission is – even in our ordinariness. So, if we must ask God for anything, may we pray only for the faith, strength and courage to play our part in this ongoing mission of renewal and healing. May the light of Christ shine through us!



Our Mission

The major themes today are call and discipleship. Most of us are rather insignificant in the eyes of the broader society. And even those who are well known or in some way famous are still just simple human beings with needs and fears and dreams like the rest of us. Yet we have been called by God. This is what makes us special. Paul picks up this theme in his development of justification. He argues that we are special because when we were still sinners we were justified. All this has come to us as a pure gift from God. It is God who calls; it is God who chooses; it is God who justifies. If we are to boast, we must boast in God.

Paul further teaches that good works do not gain faith. It is the other way around. It is faith that manifests itself in works. In the gospel we see that the disciples are sent out to give to others the gift of faith which had been given to them. They proclaim the gospel, the good news that the time of fulfilment has come, and then they perform mighty works that demonstrate what they preach. We too have been called to discipleship; we have been made God's special people. To us has been entrusted the good news of salvation to proclaim to others. We must be the healing touch of Christ in our world. We must comfort those who mourn, bring back to life those who are in despair, embrace those who have been ostracised by society, drive out anger and fear and hatred.

Taken from: https://www.liturgyhelp.com/calendar/date/2023Jun18/0/RefDiBer

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)



St Vincent de Paul's: Winter Appeal – Thank you for all the generous food contributions sent in over the past weeks. This appeal concludes with our Mission Day this Friday (23rd June), 'Pyjama Day'. Children are invited to come dressed in their winter pyjamas and donate a gold coin towards this appeal. There will also be a stall at lunch time to purchase some of the items, lovingly-made and generously donated, by our former staff member and colleague, Mrs Vickie Pettett. Some of these items, scarves & beanies, are included in the image below. There will also be 2 large blankets drawn in a raffle: (Scarves & Beanies = \$5, Blanket = \$1/ticket). Some of our Yr 3 boys will also be running a lolly stall with money donated to this cause.



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 26/6	Tues 27/6	Wed 28/6	Thurs 29/6	Fri 30/6
Elesha Finlay	Kylie Marten	Jacqui Osborn	Sally Farrell	Anna Perkins
	Odette Tonkin	Connie Marshall	Shelley Hurst	Kareena Gupta
				Laura Munroe
				Amy Wilson

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					
IZNI	Nicholaas H	IZM	Matilda D	K I	Josephine C	
KN	Jett M	KW	Harry C		Otto B	
1N	Chloe S	1W	Harvey F	1L	Taj V	
IIN	Joshua K	1 44	Eliana T	1	Payton M	
		7W	Lila M	2L	Emilie A	
			Lewis P	ZL	Miller M	
3N	Eloise H	3W	Ezra C	3L	Archer R	
SIN	Oliver W	344	Ellie J	5 ∟	Isaac S	
4N	Hugo H	4W	Harriet O	4L	Hunter B	
414	Declan O	Bellamy W		4L	Olivia H	
5N	Annabel R	5W	Lucia R	5L	Lachlan C	
SIN	Trevina M	344	Rosie W		Ethan O	
6N	Frankie J		Ivy Boyle	6L	Coco F	
514	Niah N		Casper Hansen-Earley		Felix M	

Principal Awards

The following students will receive a Principal's Award at next week's School Assembly:

KL – Alice C, Thomas B, Grace P & Hamshayini R; **KN** – Angus M, Bodi S, Moe P & Olive H: **KW** – Jules W, Zoe D, James M & Henry K; **2L** – Kurt B; **2W** – Emily R & Chelsea S; **3L** – Noah M; **3N** – Vincent N, Larz G, Roman A, Riley L & Macey H; **3W** – Abbey C; **4L** – Lee S, Zachary W, Leo G & Audrey J; **4N** – Lachlan S & Phoebe B; **5L** – Eamon D, Malla W, Milla G & Bruno R; **5W** – Nash Q

Congratulations and thank you, children, for upholding the values and principles of St Therese's. **Date: Monday 26th June Time:** 2:30pm

Melissa Pyers Coordinator

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





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 week.

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

Year 2 Henny Penny Hatchlings

Year 2 classrooms have adopted 11 chickens as a part of their Science and Writing Units. At the completion of Week 10 (Thursday 29th June) the 11 chickens will need to be rehomed. If your family is interested in welcoming at least 2 chickens into your home, please thoroughly read through the attached information sheet. When you are certain on your decision, please email the school office Attn: Mrs Hunt.





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Coach's Corner



Congratulations to Chase P, Mary W and Baylen T who last week on the 13th of June travelled to Sydney to compete in the Polding Cross Country.

All students ran their hearts out, did our Diocese proud and gave it their all!

Chase ran an exceptional race for his age group, coming 4th on the day and is now off to State!



Wonder Bread Bags:

Please continue to send your clean, empty bread bags to school. Collection finishes on the 7th of July. We currently have filled two from four boxes. Let's continue to carb load for sports gear!

Many thanks, *Coach*

SPORT

Diocesan Athletics – The list below indicates the names of those 22 students who have qualified for the next level of competition. We congratulate them on their achievement and wish them well. Notes have gone home this week with these students, and I ask that they are returned by the due date for processing.

Girls		Boys		
Name	Events	Name	Events	
Mary W.	8yrs 100m	Benjamin C.	9yrs 100m	
Isabella G.	9yrs 100m Jnr 4 x 100m Relay	Frankie S.	10yrs 100m	
Maisie S.	9yrs 100m	Spencer P.	11yrs 100m 11yrs 200m Snr 4 x 100m	
Anna O.	10yrs 100m Jnr 200m Jnr 4 x 100m Relay	Aleksander S	13yrs 100m	
Arabella H.	10yrs 100m Jnr 4 x 100m Relay	Baylen T.	Jnr 200m	
Evie C.	Jnr 4 x 100m Relay	Oliver R.	Snr 200m Snr 4 x 100m Relay Snr High Jump	
Anna v.	11yrs Shot Put	Chase P.	Jnr 800m Jnr 1500m	
Miah F.	11yrs Shot Put	Archie C.	Snr 4 x 100m Relay	
Olivia L.	Snr Shot Put	Liam B.	Snr Long Jump	
		Jack T.	Jnr Shot Put	
		Blake K.	11yrs Shot Put	
		Martin W.	Snr Shot Put	
		Jordy T.	Snr 4 x 100m Relay	

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Our superstar Under 12 Girls Futsal team who won the regional tournament a couple of weeks ago played in the champions day on last Tuesday in Maitland. The girls once again showed their skill and tenacity on the pitch as they played games against St Phillip's Cessnock, Green Point Christian College and Tanilba Bay. The girls narrowly missed out on the semi-finals and we are very proud of them and the way they represented the school. We would like to give a huge thank you to Amanda Sabotkovski for coaching and managing the girls.





Luke Smith, Coordinator

PEG 1	PEG 2	PEG 3	PEG 4
Community Building	Sport	Wellbeing	Physical Environment
Justine Puckeridge	Annabel O'Neill	Michelle Dickson	Ruby & Adam Checkley
Ruby & Adam Checkley	Justine Puckeridge	Alex Toscano Angela Schneider	Christie Malyon
Michelle Dickson	Christie Malyon	Susanna Jones	Kristy Healey
Angela Milek	Lauren Schatz	Diane Coyte	Susanna Jones
Sarah White	Angela Milek	Amy Wilson	
Susanna Muller	Sarah White		
Kim Jordan	Amanda Sabotkovski		
	Kim Jordan		

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.



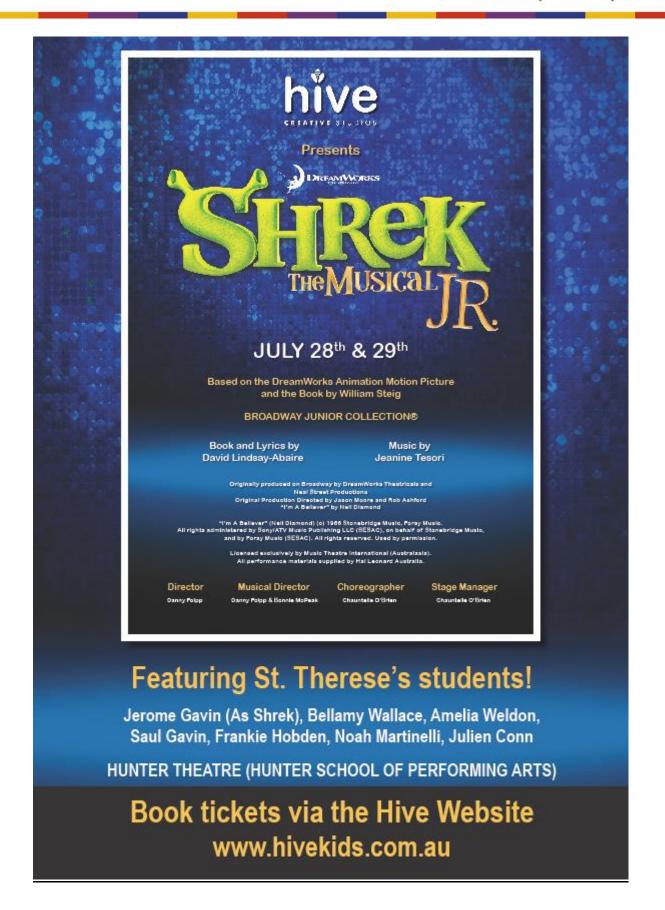




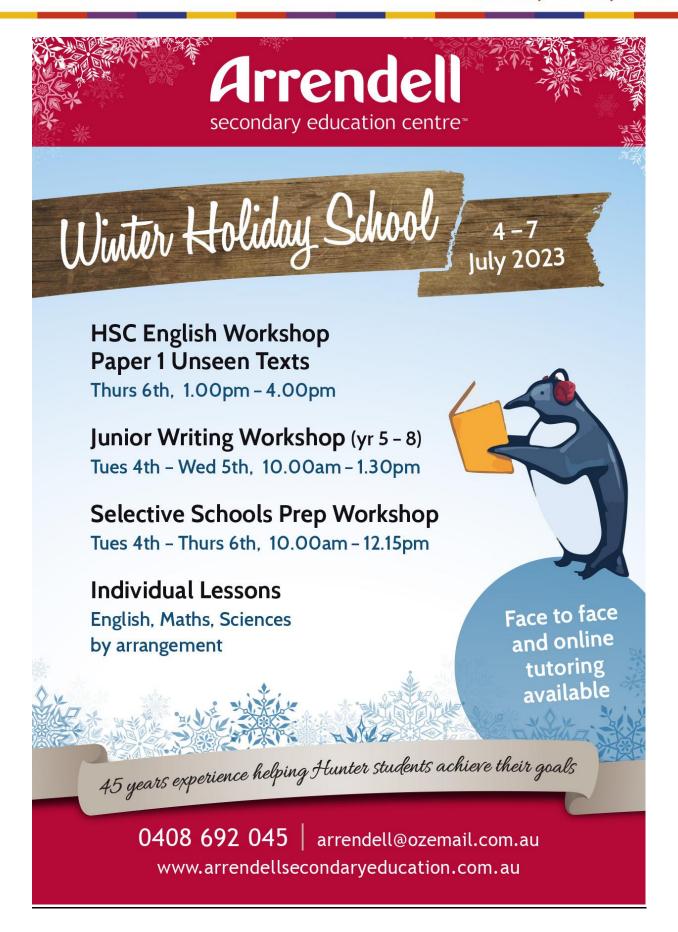
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The Immune Deficiencies Foundation Australia proudly presents...



Relaxed Performances for children and young adults who might require a more flexible environment when going to the theatre. Enjoy the "live performance" experience with a casual attitude to audience noise and movement in an inclusive, accessible, safe environment where you feel welcomed and free to be yourself without restriction or judgement.

A one-hour show, suitable for all ages.

All tickets are COMPLIMENTARY and generously sponsored by businesses from the Greater Newcastle region.

NEX - NEWCASTLE EXHIBITION AND CONVENTION CENTRE







Luke Forrester: Mouth Balancer



James Bustar: Comedy Juggler

TUESDAY 11 JULY 2023 (SCHOOL HOLIDAYS) @ 11.30AM & 6.00PM

TO BOOK, PLEASE EMAIL OR TEXT YOUR TICKET ORDER AND CONTACT DETAILS TO...

MEREDITHNEWMAN@SHOWINTENT.COM.AU []0404-367-782

-Bulk and individual ticket orders from schools, organisations, families and carers are welcome, including tentative bookings.

-All tickets are complimentary - One ticket per person is required when booking tickets.

- Bookings for multiple dates and showtimes are welcome. Tickets available until booked out.









CCUPATIONAL



JULY 2023

SCHOOL HOLIDAY GROUP PROGRAMS

JULY 3RD-7TH



Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri



WRITING REV UP **YEAR 4-6**

Mon, Wed, Fri 11:00am-12:30pm





Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 1:00pm-2:30pm

JULY 10TH-15TH

WRITING REV UP YEAR 1-3

Tues, Wed. Fri 9:00am-10:30am





Tues. Thurs

11:30am-12:30pm



Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 1:00pm-2:30pm

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JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY GROUPS

KINDER SUPER SPIES

For current kindergarten students., focusing on routines, teamwork and consolidating writing skills.

WRITING REV UP

Targeted evaluation, skills practice and strategy/resource development, matching with school curriculum outcomes. Attend 1, 2 or all 3 sessions.



Let's figure out this bike riding thing! For those up and rolling, but lacking confidence and refinement. To those ready to transition from training wheels or pedal independently!

CREATION
CREW
PRESCHOOL

For preschool age children, exploring structured social interactions and working with others. Construction, craft, play and creativity.

Princess Power For young ladies aged 7-12, focusing on resilience, friendships, mindset and confidence.





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.

Lillian's Piano Studio is back in St Therese after time off due to COVID and are ready to do what we do best. Limited spots available so please get in early. \$25 lessons

Contact via email: lillianspianostudio@hotmail.com



