



## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope you all had a restful school holiday break. On speaking to your children yesterday they all seemed happy to be back with their friends (I'm not sure if the same sentiment was directed towards their school work!). We have welcomed 10 new children to our school this term and we are pleased to have you join our community.

## Staffing Changes

This term sees Ms Hunt (Yr 2W) on maternity leave and she will be replaced by Ms Jessica Le Compte until the end of the year. Mrs Alexandra Tibbins will be replacing Mrs Anne Sturt (5L) who is on LSL. Ms Murray will commence Maternity Leave on the 21<sup>st</sup> August and she will be replaced by Ms Michaela McIntosh.

## Flu Season

Last term was dreadful with the amount of illness suffered by both staff and students. We have had information that the flu season has ramped up again and that this particular strain of flu is very debilitating. As I have in the past, I would ask that all families consider the benefits of vaccination. The impact of unwell children equals unwell teachers and with the current teacher shortage we might be back to not having enough staff to cover.

## Dance Troupe

A reminder that our St Therese's Dance Troupe will be travelling to Adelaide for the National Titles in August. To assist with offsetting some of the cost for the children an Out of Uniform Day and Sausage Sizzle will be held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August. Further information will be sent out via Compass. Please support our girls.

## Support Our Matildas

**This Thursday I am inviting the children and staff to wear Green & Gold to support our Matildas in their endeavours for National Glory.** Please do not go to any expense, it's just a fun day so you can wear a Jets jersey or your own club jersey if you have one. **All of Year 1 will be in sports uniform for their excursion to Hunter Valley Zoo.**

## Dates to Remember

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

**20 JUL - OUT OF UNIFORM GREEN & GOLD MATILDAS**

**YR 1 HUNTER VALLEY ZOO EXCURSION SPORTS UNIFORM**

**24 JUL - NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS 9.25 MAIN HALL - ALL WELCOME NO ASSEMBLY TODAY**

**25 JUL - SNAKE TAILS INCURSION**

**26 JUL - N'CLE PERMANENT MATHS COMPETITION**

**27 JUL - ASPIRE YR 5 & 6**

**2 AUG - DIO ATHLETICS CARNIVAL INTERRELATE 6-8PM SCHOOL HALL**

**4 AUG- YR 6 MITI SESSION**

**11 AUG- PP MEETINGS**

**12 AUG - YR 6 MITI SESSION**

**14 AUG - ART TRAIL COMPLETED**

**18 AUG - YR 6 MITI SESSION**

*To bring Christ and His message, in all its richness, into the hearts and lives of all.*



### NAIDOC Week

Next week will be celebrating NAIDOC Week with a variety of events. We will welcome Evis Heath, a local indigenous artist and proud Gumbayngnirr man. Further information appears below in Mr Smith's section.

### **Assembly Cancelled**

**Next Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August there will be NO ASSEMBLY due to NAIDOC Week celebrations.**

### Mid Year Parent/Teacher Interviews

For those grades that have not yet conducted Parent/Teacher Interviews they will now be held weeks 4 and 5. A compass push out to allow parents to book their interview times will be published next week. Should you have any difficulty in managing this please contact the Admin team for assistance.

*Duilio Rufo*  
Principal

## Religious Education

**Sacramental Program** – The parent information session for First Holy Communion will take place tonight: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 6:30pm in the Main Hall. For those unable to make it in person, you can join via the Zoom code below:

<b>Zoom</b>	<b>ID:</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>3200</b>	<b>2637</b>
<b>Password: 707 550</b>				

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 recent break, our nation celebrated this important annual occasion with the theme "For Our Elders". We will celebrate this as a school community next Monday (Primary activities) and Tuesday (Infants activities). We will commence and conclude the **Monday (24<sup>th</sup> July) as a whole school in our Main Hall** and, for those of you who are able to make it, you are most warmly invited to attend. The morning will **commence at 9:25am** with an Acknowledgment of Country, Prayer and smoking ceremony followed by dance performances from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander groups. The primary students will rotate through a range of activities throughout the day. The afternoon will then **conclude at 2:30pm** with an opportunity to thank all our presenters and one final performance (*there will be no regular assembly due to this*).

*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. 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 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

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Grandparents of our K-2 students are warmly invited to our: **Grandparents Day Celebration!**

**Date:** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

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

10-10:15am – Morning Tea

10:15-10:45am – Open Classrooms



**SPORT**

**Diocesan Athletics**

Just a reminder for those students who have qualified to continue bringing in forms and payment ASAP. The event is scheduled for Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

**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.

**Accomplished Performer**

A big congratulations to Stella H from 1W. Stella recently performed her second Live Lounge Gig to a crowd at Wests City. She has played the piano since she was four.

Stella performed three songs on the night and was AMAZING. This is her third year of Piano with the National Music Academy and she is truly so very talented.

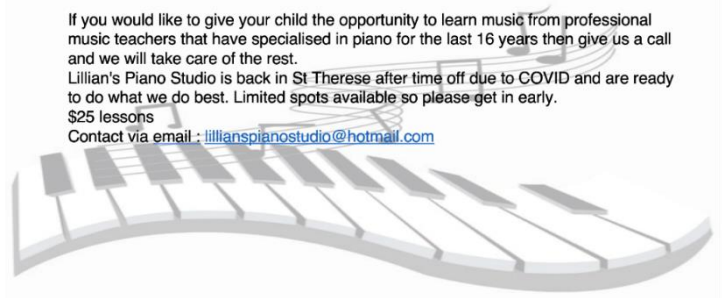
Congratulations Stella. St Therese's is proud of you!





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