



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

NAIDOC Week Celebrations

Today and yesterday we celebrated Australia's great cultural diversity with a focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. The children were treated to a smoking ceremony, dance performance and a variety of other cultural activities including a "bush tucker" demonstration. Today our infants were treated to an incursion from the "snake tails" organisation and they were excited and fascinated by the animals. My thanks to Mr Smith for organising the last two days. My special thanks to all those who came and represented their cultural background and gave our students such a valuable experience.



Back playground

The ongoing saga continues with our newly laid back playground grassed area. Last week I received a report saying that in September work will recommence to finalise the last stage of the work. We have had some setbacks with the job including an infestation of army grubs and a long dry spell and then rain at the wrong time. The ground can be used, however, due to the trenches being exposed they now present a very serious trip hazard and for this reason we have opted to use the area sparingly. This week I will be meeting with staff to discuss how we can reorganise the use of the rest of the playground areas to give all the children an opportunity to play.

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

Dates to Remember

25 JUL – SNAKE TAILS INCURSION
PT BOOKINGS OPEN 4PM
ON COMPASS

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
DANCE TROUPE FUNDRAISER
SAUSAGE SIZZLE & OUT OF
UNIFORM – GOLD COIN

7 AUG – 100 DAYS OF KINDER

9 AUG – 8AM ICAS – DIGITAL
TECHNOLOGIES

10AUG – 8AM ICAS - WRITING

11 AUG- PP MEETINGS

12 AUG- YR 6 MITI SESSION

14 AUG- ART TRAIL COMPLETED

16 AUG – 8AM ICAS ENGLISH

18 AUG- YR 6 MITI SESSION

20 AUG- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
MASS



Some suggestions have been made: use the hall for indoor soccer and basketball, run handball tournaments in front of the library and have a weekly sports afternoon at a local venue. Thankyou for your understanding in this matter.

NAPLAN

The children's NAPLAN results have finally arrived and will be passed along to the students to bring home by the end of this week.

Parking around school grounds

Could I please ask all parents and visitors to our school to be considerate of our neighbours and each other when parking in the area. You can be fined for parking over a driveway if the police are called.

Duilio Rufo
Principal

Assistant Principal's Message

Parent Meetings

We will hold Personalised Planning Meetings (PPs) and Parent/Teacher Meetings (PT) this term. The PP meetings will be held in Week 4 and PT Meetings will be in Week 5, children with PP Meetings will only have a PP. Children that attend extension writing with Mrs McNeill and extension Maths with Mrs Maretich, will be able to book interviews with these teachers as well, all other PT meetings will be held with the class teacher/s. For job-share classes, bookings will be made under one teacher, the meetings will then be conducted by the teacher who is at school on the selected day, these are as below:

- 6W – Mr Hartcher (Monday), Mr Moore (Tuesday – Friday)
- 6L – Ms Murray (Monday – Tuesday) , Mrs Karbowskiak (Wednesday – Friday)
- 5N – to be held in Week 6 (as Mr McCarthy is on leave)

Please note: children in KL and 2W will not have PT meetings this term, as these were held at the end of Term 2.

Booking for PP and PT Meetings will be opened on **Tuesday 25 June** at 4:00pm.

Interrelate

For the attention of parents of Years 4, 5 & 6 please keep an eye out for the interrelate note that is going out today. If you wish to participate please return your note with your payment to the Admin office as soon as possible.

Kaylene Maretich
Assistant Principal

Religious Education

Sacramental Program – Thank you to those who have already sent in payment for the Holy Communion preparation booklet. If not, could you please send this in to the front office over the coming weeks in an envelope with your child's name (\$10). Remember that Holy Communion will take place in the context of our regular 9:15am Sunday Parish Mass on either Sunday 20th or 27th August. No need to book, just turn up to whichever date suits your family.

Luke Smith,
RE Coordinator

NAIDOC Week: "For Our Elders" – Over the past two days we celebrated this important national event as a school community. We would like to extend a special thank you to all the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander presenters who performed for our whole school and led our primary students through various workshops on the Monday: Evis Heath – Dadirri & Koori Art (Evis also played a huge part in coordinating the day and all our presenters, as well as presenting our school a beautiful new artwork: pictured below), Emily Heath – Aboriginal Dance, Toby Cedar – Torres Strait Islander Dance, Gerald Bradshaw – Indigenous Games & Sport, Rob Hyde – Torres Strait Islander culture, and Jaleel Widders & Joshua Toole – Tasty Tucker.

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Thank you also to Bob Withey from Snake Tails who presented to our infants students a range of native Australian reptile species.



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 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 24/7	Tues 25/7	Wed 26/7	Thurs 27/7	Fri 28/7
Elisha Finlay	Kylie Marten	Jacqui Osborn	Sally Farrell	Anna Perkins
Catherine Devine	Odetta Tonkin	Connie Martinelli	Shelley Hurst	Kareena Gupta
				Laura Munroe Amy Wilson

SPORT

Diocesan Athletics

Just a reminder for those students who have qualified to bring in form and payment ASAP. The event is scheduled for Wednesday 2nd August.

Luke Smith,
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



Outstanding Sports Achievement

Congratulations to Chase P in Year 3 who competed in the State finals of 2023 NSW All Schools Cross Country last week. Chase finished 4th in the Catholic Schools section and 25th overall in a field of 78 boys. Well done Champ.



ICAS Assessments

Dear Parents and Carers,

ICAS Assessments will occur during weeks 4-7 of Term 3.

Parents need to Register their children by the 31st July 2023.

Parents of students who want to participate in these optional assessments need to **register their children online by the 31st of July**. This is the end of week 2. These assessments are completely optional. Go to the ICAS website

<https://www.icasassessments.com/shop/> and “buy as a parent”

Note: you purchase the Assessments in the subject areas your child wants to complete and pay for them online. This has nothing to do with the school. Your child will then sit this assessment at St Therese's in the Catherine McAuley Centre early on a Wednesday or Thursday morning before school commences. Ms Jackman supervises these assessments on the following dates:.

Digital Technologies 9th August (week 4)

Writing 10th August (week 4)

English 16th August (week 5)

Science 23rd August (week 6)

Spelling 24th August (week 6)

Mathematics 30th August (week 7)

The exams start at 8am sharp and students are to bring their own device to the Catherine McAuley Centre- if they don't have one, we will supply one.

PBS

PBS and Principal Awards

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

School Spirit Award for demonstrating SERVICE by helping others					
KN	Maia P Augusta K	KW	Emily S Zoe D	KL	Archie V Kaleila C
1N	Eve S Logan O	1W	Stella H Penny F	1L	Safowan K Georgie L
		2W	Maeve G Roman H	2L	Michael M Isabella F
3N	James P Macey H	3W	Sidney M Jackson F	3L	Charlie F Amelia G
4N	Lachlan S Grace O	4W	Stella R Noah B	4L	Violet H Jordan S
5N	Arabella H Oliver S	5W	Tomas V Louis A	5L	Cooper M Erin S
6N	Ollie M Ivy M	6W	Mia S Brody B	6L	Rosemary C Hunter C

KN	Jett M Marli L Albie H Vincent O Claudia V	KL	Rose M William M Hudson D Jacob S Lucas B	1W	Seth M
1L	Jamison C Penelope P	2W	Ella C Zali C	3N	Slade M Elana B Thomas P Blake F
3W	Tabitha M Jackson F Sadie S Hamish K Annika W	3L	James M Mia H Oliver A Amelia M Ace C	4N	Maria B Louis F Georgia P Declan O Stirling R Alexi A
4W	Brodie L Grace S	4L	Olivia H	5W	Aria H

Principal Awards

The following students will receive a Principal's Award at the next School Assembly Term 3 Week 4:

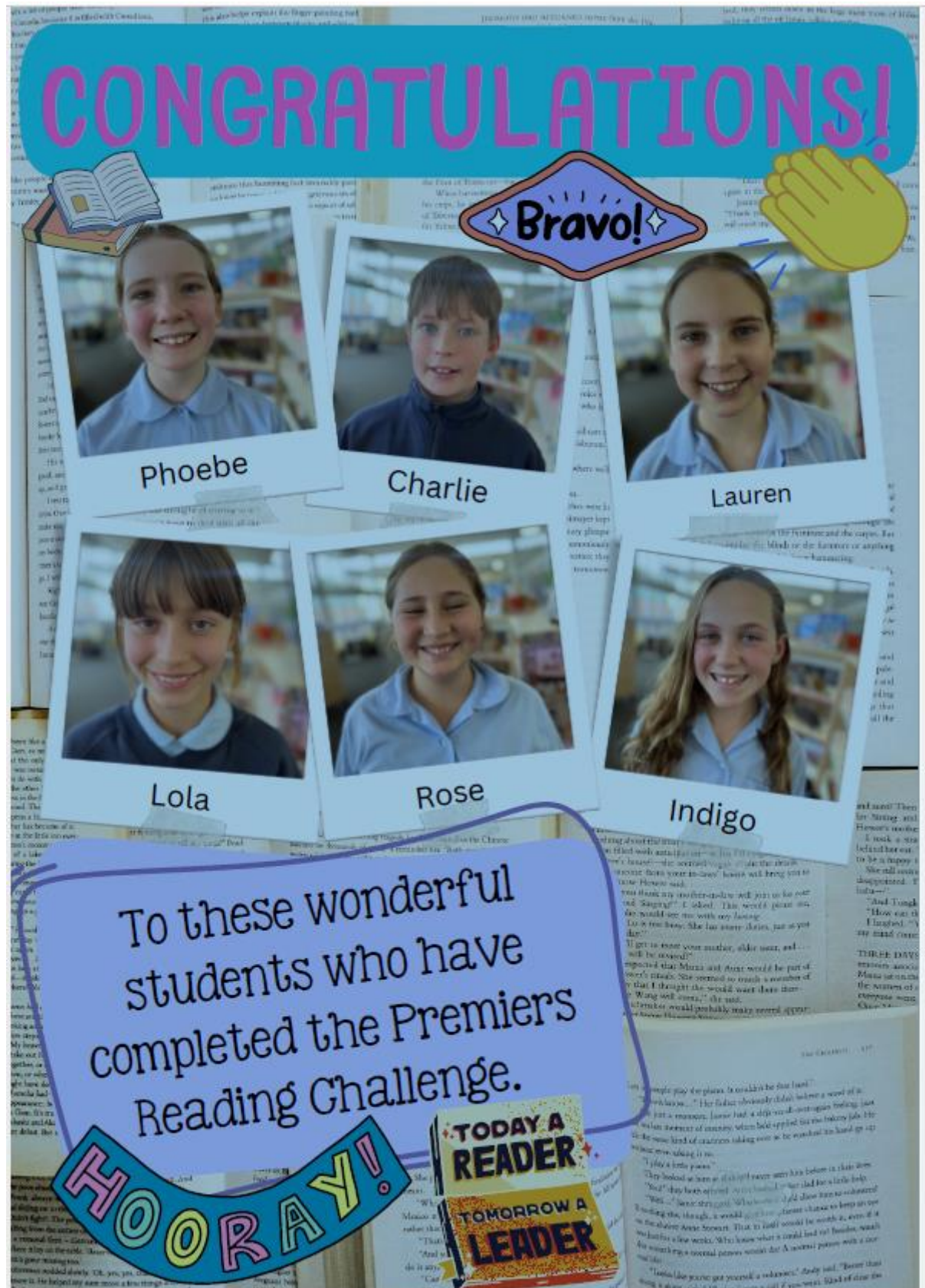
Congratulations and thank you, children, for upholding the values and principles of St Therese's.

Date: Monday 7th August

Time: 2:30pm

Venue: School Hall

Melissa Pyers
Coordinator





Dear Parents and Carers,

The students of kindergarten 2023 will soon be celebrating their 100 days of school and we are inviting all to join us for a celebration!

Date: Monday 7th August 2023

Time: 9:30 am – 11:00am

Location: Catherine McCauley Centre (Library)

Theme/dress: 101 Dalmatians



Optional: Student's are welcome to bring a Ziplock bag containing 100 (approx. is fine!) items of their choice e.g. 100 grains of rice / 100 fruit loops.

The morning will begin in the classroom (for prayer and roll) before heading down for the celebrations. We will have a photobooth and fun math activities for students and families to engage in.

Kind regards

Kindergarten Teachers and Staff

4th of August



Some of our Dance and Aerobics teams will be travelling to Nationals in the coming weeks. To help support them we are holding some events on the 4th of August.

Out of uniform

Come out of uniform for a gold coin donation.

Sausage sizzle

Sausage sizzle is \$ 3.50, order through Flexischools app.

Cut off for Sausage sizzle orders is 2pm on the 28th of July.

Thanks for your support.

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.

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Dear Futsal Player/Supporter

(Club or School Secretary)

PLEASE PASS THIS NOTICE ON TO YOUR MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND STUDENTS

NEW SUMMER COMPETITIONS REGISTRATION LAUNCHED 18th July 2023

We invite you to register your team or individual to compete in the upcoming Summer Season Competitions at our various Futsal clubs in the Newcastle, Hunter Valley and Central Coast regions.

This year Club competitions for Community teams ONLY will be available from U6 boys to All Age men and U10 girls to All Age women and MIXED at most of our clubs.

Club days and times can be limited and subject to change depending on numbers.

The competition will start at most centres (especially for the U6 to U10 grassroots teams) in the first weeks of September.

This year Genesis/Old Howzat, will have Junior competitions on Monday and Thursday nights, Senior on Wednesday Nights.

Our main venue will be Macquarie College, Wallsend, on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Maitland Basketball will remain the biggest club, with ALL teams playing on a Thursday night.

Medowie will be on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights at Irrawang High School, Raymond Terrace.

Nelson Bay will, at this stage, still be on a Saturday with all ages 6 to adults invited to play.

Awaba West Lakes / AFC Awaba most nights. See the link on our website for their procedures to Register.

Central Coast/Bateau Bay PCYC and Erina School. We will continue to provide competitions. Check their pages to see what nights are available.

ALL players, bar AWABA, must register on our website through our sports organizer Spawtz.

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