



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Sickness at St Therese's

As you may be aware we are currently experiencing a vomiting and diarrhoea bug at school. Yesterday we had 16 staff and multiple children away. If your child is experiencing any flu like symptoms or upset stomach please take it seriously and keep them home in your care until you feel they are well enough to return. I would strongly recommend that all families consider revaccinating especially for the flu.

Diabetes Assembly

Yesterday afternoon we enjoyed a short presentation from William M in KL and his sister Olivia in year 3, during Assembly. The children spoke well and the presentation was very informative.

Dio Athletics

This Wednesday some 22 students are competing in the Dio Athletics Carnival. I wish them all the very best and am proud of all of you.

St Therese's Aerobics & Dance Troupe

This Friday will be "out of uniform – gold coin donation" to support our girls who will be competing in Adelaide in the National Championships. My thanks to the hard working band of parents who have gotten behind the efforts to help raise funds. We will be watching all the girls perform on Friday in the Main Hall, followed by a sausage sizzle.

Book Week

In Week 5 of this Term, Thursday 17th August, we will celebrate Book Week. This year we are going to have a "living library" where teachers will share stories to read to the children. Parents and grandparents are invited. There will also be the "dress up" element – come as your favourite character from your favourite book.

Term 3 PEG

All are invited to the two sessions on Thursday 24th August – 2pm-3pm in the McAuley Centre, or 6pm-7pm in the McAuley Centre. Both these sessions will be zoomed. The zoom details will be published prior to the date. The topics are: K – 6 New Maths & English curriculum.

Duilio Rufo
Principal

Dates to Remember

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

17 AUG – BOOK WEEK

18 AUG- YR 6 MITI SESSION

20 AUG- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
MASS

23 AUG – 8AM ICAS SCIENCE

24 AUG – 8AM ICAS SPELLING

27 AUG – HOLY COMMUNION MASS

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Assistant Principal's Message

Week 3 has started with some glorious weather, which looks to continue for the remainder of the week.

Personalised Planning Meetings (Years 4-6)

These meetings are scheduled for Week 4 (next week) and will take place at school. If your child is requires a personalised plan, they will be able to book these via Compass. Please note: these bookings will close this **Thursday 3 August at 2pm**. Personalised Planning Meetings for Years K-3 will be confirmed as soon as possible, as Ms Faehndrich is on leave following surgery.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

These books are currently open and will close on **Friday 11 August** at 2pm. Parent/Teacher Meetings will be held in Week 5 for most classes except:

- 2W and KL who had their meetings last term
- 5N meetings are in Week 6, as Mr McCarthy is currently on leave

Diabetes Awareness Week

This week we are holding "Diabetes Awareness Week" at St Therese's. Currently in Australia, over 1.3 million people (1 in 20) lives with diabetes. Here, at St Therese's we have several staff and children who have either Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes. This week, we are raising awareness of diabetes, to reduce the stigma that can be associated with this condition. There are three types of diabetes:

- Type 1 – an autoimmune condition generally diagnosed in childhood, where no (or very little) insulin is produced by the pancreas. Type 1 diabetes cannot be prevented
- Type 2 - generally diagnosed in adulthood, where not enough insulin is produced by the pancreas, or an individual may be insulin resistant. This type of diabetes is on the increase worldwide and is hereditary.
- Gestational diabetes – occurs due to hormonal changes in pregnancy and generally resolves once the baby is born

All three types of diabetes result in elevated levels of blood glucose (sugar), which can lead to other health concerns.

People with diabetes need to monitor their intake of carbohydrates, monitor their blood glucose levels, ensure they get adequate exercise and follow treatment plans developed by their medical team, to lead rich and healthy lives. As a community, we want to start a conversation about diabetes, to raise awareness of this condition to keep those with diabetes safe.

Interrelate

A reminder that this Wednesday 2 August, Interrelate will present the parent information evening for students in Years 4-6. If you haven't yet returned your form and payment, please do so prior to attending. At least **one** parent/carer must accompany their child for the parent evening.

Art Trail – Year 3 old clothes

This **Friday 4 August**, Year 3 children will work with Odette and Cathy to produce their artwork for the Art Trail. Please ensure your child wears old clothes to school.

Kaylene Maretich
Assistant Principal

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 will be emailed this week and payments should have commenced. When you receive your statement, please arrange for a regular Bpay, Direct Debit or an annual payment.

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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 31/7	Tues 1/8	Wed 2/8	Thurs 3/8	Fri 4/8
Magda Ramsay	Lauren Ross	Mandi Turnbull	Anthony Hawes	Kristy Lawrence
	Marissa Harvey			Kristin Searl
	Charlene Price Katie Robertson			

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.

LOTUS 2023

To All our wonderful Donors, Sponsors and interested parties,

The past few years have been interesting with Lotus as things get tougher with the worsening economy in Laos. Despite this, the Lotus girls are continuing to achieve. Open up our newsletter and read all about the wonderful things the students are doing. We are incredibly proud of them all.

We would like to thank each and everyone of you who have stayed the course with us through the years, Lotus would not be here without you. A special mention to Rotary Club of North Balwyn. Thank you for your ongoing support.

I personally would like to acknowledge my uncle, John Schiller, who gave us the initial introduction to Laos and showed us the pathway to make a difference for so many girls, families and communities. I am forever grateful for his leadership and love.

Kind Regards,

Catherine Hart
Australian Director
Lotus Educational Fund

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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	Moe Percival	KW	James Marks	KL	Minnah Warraich
	Henry Paget		Henry Kendall		Charlie Dunthorne
1N	Hudson Bird	1W	Leo Manak	1L	Frankie Curzi
	Chloe Shephard		Elanore Mensink		Vinnie McMahon
		2W	Emily Randall	2L	Mary White
			Logan Drayton		Joseph Muir
3N	Ava Henshaw	3W	Gabriella Stojanovski	3L	Macy Gilles
	Vincent Nancarrow		Ruby Munroe		Joshua Primmer
4N	Andrea Pilley	4W	Max Checkley	4L	Oscar Yap
	Tighe Crosby		Brianna Hawes		Zachery Wheatley
5N	Bailey Brooks	5W	Kyanna Maher	5L	Esmeralda Hall
	Hamish McGhee		Dempsey Grant		Alex O'Connell
6N	Eloise Howard	6W	Alyssa Harrow	6L	Hugh Brownlee
	Jackson Lockett		Spencer Broad		Oscar Kelly

KW	Julien A Eleanor B Theodore H Hollie M	KL	Otto B Kaleila C	1L	Aiden M Peyton M
2W	Bonnie B	3W	Louis W Emily S Maddisia C	3L	Ben C
4N	Maria B	4W	Brooklyn L Lucy C Evie T	5N	Hamish M Zoe O Arabella H
5W	Jake M Rosie W Tomas V Anna P	5L	Sophie L Ethan O	6N	Eloise 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

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

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On Wednesday the 19th July, our Stage Three boys represented St Therese's at our Diocesan Rugby Union Gala Day. The boys played four fantastic games of rugby, winning two and narrowly losing two. All of the boys played with tremendous spirit and determination, and they represented St Therese's with pride. I would like to thank the parents and carers who came along for the day and supported the boys from the sidelines. Another big thank you to Mrs. Angela Schneider for her support in organising the event. Congratulations on a fantastic day boys!
Mr. Ireson



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STUDENTS OF
ALL AGES



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 4pm on the 28th of July.

Thanks for your support.



SYDNEY
ACADEMY OF CHESS

Level 2, Suite 2, 1-17 Elsie St, Burwood NSW 2134
Office: (02) 9745 1170

Dear Parents,

You may or may not know but we run a chess club at St Therese Primary. It is held on Mondays from 8:10 – 9:10am in the Fr Walsh room.

Over the next two weeks we are offering a free trial chess lesson for any student who would like to see how a typical class runs.

Why Chess?

Chess is the world's most loved board game. Learning and playing chess helps children to develop their logical thinking and problem solving, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment! Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving, and fun practice games, with personal feedback from the coach.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, solving puzzles, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop. If your child is interested in trying out the chess club, please fill in the chess enrolment form which can be found here: www.sydneycademyofchess.com.au/demonstration

Sydney Academy of Chess

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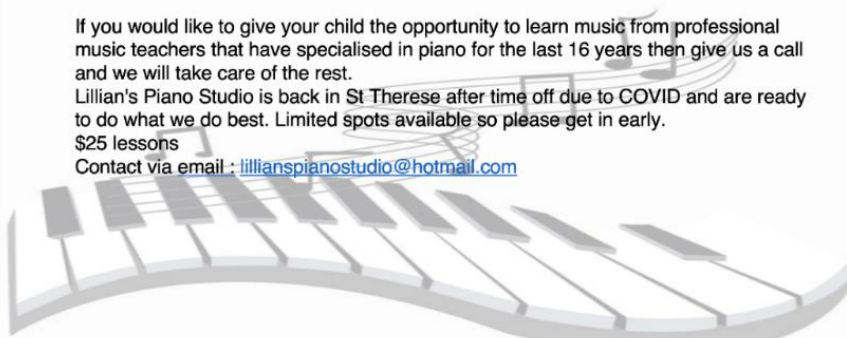
Professional Piano Lessons at School

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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