



## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

### Sickness at St Therese's

I would like to express my gratitude to the parents, children and staff as well as Hunter New England Health for your support during these very unusual times. The outbreak seems to be subsiding, but we still have a significant number of children and adults who are unwell. A reminder that for the remainder of this week all outside providers will not be allowed into the school and we ask that parents avoid coming into the school as much as possible.

### St Therese's Aerobics & Dance Troupe

This Thursday the girls will be travelling to Adelaide to perform in the National Championships we wish them all the very best.

### Term 3 PEG

All are invited to the two sessions on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Good luck

Good luck to the girls attending the Netball Gala on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August and to the children attending the Tennis for the Todd Woodridge Cup on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August.

### First Communion

A reminder that children receiving First Communion are asked to attend the mass on either the 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> August. Mass at St Therese's commences at 9:15am.

**Duilio Rufo**  
Principal

## Assistant Principal's Message

### Parent/Teacher Meetings

The Parent/Teacher Meetings scheduled for next week (Week 5) will go ahead next week. However, due to uncertainty of the gastro bug, and recommendations from Hunter New England Health (HNEH), we will offer

## Dates to Remember

**9 AUG – 8AM ICAS – DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES**

**10 AUG – 8AM ICAS – WRITING  
9AM NETBALL GALA**

**11 AUG -- YR 6 MITI SESSION**

**16 AUG – 8AM ICAS ENGLISH**

**17 AUG – BOOK WEEK**

**18 AUG- YR 6 MITI SESSION  
TODD WOODRIDGE CUP  
ART TRAIL COMPLETED**

**20 AUG- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION  
MASS**

**22 AUG – INTERRELATE**

**23 AUG – 8AM ICAS SCIENCE**

**24 AUG – 8AM ICAS SPELLING**

**27 AUG – HOLY COMMUNION MASS**

**30 AUG – 8AM ICAS MATHS**

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parents Zoom meeting, the links and passwords will be displayed on your booking confirmation, by Friday this week. Any parent that cannot access Zoom, is asked to send a message to their child's teacher, requesting a phone interview. We thank you for your support and flexibility with the organisation of these meetings. The online booking will close this Friday 18 August, at 2pm.

### Year 6 PEG

The Year 6 PEG scheduled for **Wednesday 9 August** from **5-6pm** will go ahead via Zoom. The Zoom link is:

<https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/62519143952>

Password: 024958

### Interrelate

The Parent Information Session from Interrelate will now be held on **Tuesday 22 August**

- Session 1: 6-7pm Preparing for Puberty
- Session 2: 7:15 – 8:15pm Where Did I Come From?

If you have not booked in for these sessions, and would like to attend, please go to the Compass Newsfeed for details and payment options. Please note these sessions are for children in Years 4-6.

### Art Trail

This Friday 11 August, Year 5 will complete their artwork for the Art Trail. Children in Year 5 are invited to wear old clothes are suitable to paint in.

**Kaylene Maretich**  
**Assistant Principal**

## Religious Education

**FEAST DAYS: St Mary of The Cross (Mary MacKillop)** – As contemporary Catholics, it is important we remember and acknowledge the spiritual guidance of those who have gone before us. As such, we celebrate significant feast days throughout the year as we remember the lives of saints – those men and women who have walked the journey of faith before us, revealing to us the true transforming and healing power of a life lived by following the footsteps of Jesus Christ. The **8<sup>th</sup> August is the feast day of Mary MacKillop**, our first Australian Saint. Each week, in our school prayer, we pray the line... “*Mary of the Cross, pray for us.*” May St Mary MacKillop send a special blessing upon our community at this time and, may those of us who follow, head her often-quoted phrase: “*Never see a need without doing something about it.*”

**Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** – Next Tuesday, **15<sup>th</sup> August**, is one of the Holy Days of Obligation within the Australian Catholic Church. Mass on this day will be offered at 7pm, St Therese's Church.



**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 into 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 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> August. No need to book, just turn up to whichever date suits your family.

**Luke Smith,**  
**RE Coordinator**

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## 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. 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 7/08           | Tues 8/8        | Wed 9/8      | Thurs 10/8    | Fri 11/8         |
|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| Leone Nancarrow    | Simone Slamet   | Kim Jordan   | Luke Wilson   | Sally Curzi      |
| Neroli Moran       | Teigan Jobbin   | Mel Kilkeary |               | Kelli Robertson  |
|                    | Sarah Bourke    |              |               | Sarah Lee        |
|                    |                 |              |               | Sarah Hughes     |
| Mon 14/08          | Tues 15/8       | Wed 16/8     | Thurs 17/8    | Fri 18/8         |
| Jenni Trummell     | Alison Sharman  | Cath Oakley  | Sarah Bagnall | Michelle Randall |
| Pia Clifford Marsh | Annabel O'Neill |              |               | Nicole Green     |
|                    | Sarah White     |              |               | Amy Robinson     |

## ICAS Assessments

Dear Parents and Carers,  
ICAS Assessments will occur during weeks 4-7 of Term 3.

### Registration has now closed.

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 9<sup>th</sup> August (week 4)

Writing 10<sup>th</sup> August (week 4)

English 16<sup>th</sup> August (week 5)

Science 23<sup>rd</sup> August (week 6)

Spelling 24<sup>th</sup> August (week 6)

Mathematics 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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 |                               |           |                        |           |                       |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| <b>KN</b>   | Olive H<br>Marli L            | <b>KW</b> | Genevieve L<br>Aadan M | <b>KL</b> | Olive G<br>Thomas B   |
| <b>1N</b>   | Hudson Bird<br>Chloe Shephard | <b>1W</b> | Hudson J<br>Evie P     | <b>1L</b> | Emilia H<br>Shaun H   |
|   |                               | <b>2W</b> | Evie G<br>Grace H      | <b>2L</b> | Rio S<br>Kurt B       |
| <b>3N</b>   | Violet R<br>Roman A           | <b>3W</b> | Tabitha M<br>Jacob J   | <b>3L</b> | Harry D<br>Rosemary L |
| <b>4N</b>   | Amelia W<br>Marcus S          | <b>4W</b> | Liam E<br>Jasper W     | <b>4L</b> | Aart M<br>Olivia H    |
| <b>5N</b>   | Mahali R<br>Annabel R         | <b>5W</b> | Claire A<br>Louie B    | <b>5L</b> | Zoey D<br>Charlie T   |
| <b>6N</b>   | Tabby K<br>Josie W            | <b>6W</b> | Isaac N<br>Hamish L    | <b>6L</b> | Sophie M<br>Samuel M  |

### Principal Awards

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

|           |  |           |  |           |  |
|-----------|--|-----------|--|-----------|--|
| <b>KN</b> | George A<br>Isla C<br>Chloe H<br>Louis J | <b>KW</b> | Hollie M<br>Bailey M<br>Hannah M<br>Jarrah S                           | <b>KL</b> | Charlie D<br>Ryder F<br>Tansy T<br>Walter H<br>Charlie C |
| <b>2W</b> | Zara A                                   | <b>3N</b> | Abbey L<br>Stanley S<br>Patrick H<br>Macey H<br>Edmund H<br>Benjamin C | <b>3L</b> | Harry D<br>Joshua P<br>Levi M                            |
|           |  |           |  | <b>4L</b> | Jack R   |
| <b>5N</b> | Lachlan F                                | <b>5W</b> | Claire A<br>Darcy L<br>Patrick E                                       | <b>5L</b> | Miller C<br>Jasmyn M<br>Harry N<br>Rosie S<br>Milla G    |

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

**Date:** Monday 14th 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 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

**Melissa Pyers**  
**Coordinator**



## SPORT

### Polding Athletics

A big congratulations to all the students who competed at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival last Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August. It was an excellent achievement to make it to that level of competition. All the students gave their best efforts on the day, displayed outstanding sportsmanship, and represented our school, both on and off the track, with pride. A very special mention, however, must be made of 4 of our students who qualified to represent the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese at Polding Athletics later this year (*Polding-level is competition between the northern Catholic dioceses across NSW*). This event will take place at **Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October**. Congratulations to the following students on this amazing achievement and best wishes in your events:



Isabella G.  
(9yrs 100m)



Benjamin C.  
(9yrs 100m)



Blake K.  
(11yrs Shot Put)



Martin W.  
(Senior Shot Put)

**Luke Smith,**  
**Coordinator**

### Living Library Dress-Up Day

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August (Next Week) we are celebrating Book Week by having a 'Living Library'. Teachers will be positioned around the school and will read their favourite story to the children. To make the day more special we are asking students to come dressed as their favourite book character. Parents and siblings are invited to join us and enjoy the stories too. There will not be a formal parade – instead, enjoy wandering around in a school filled with wonderful characters, admiring costumes and having fun. If your child owns the book related to their character, send it with them as they may enjoy becoming a 'storyteller' for their friends throughout the day.

Of course, all this is dependent on our Health situation, but we are hopeful that it will be able to proceed next week as planned.

Storytelling will begin at 9.45.



# Our Living Library

DATE OF EVENT :  
**Thursday 17 August 2023**

TIME:  
**9.45 am - 10:30 am**

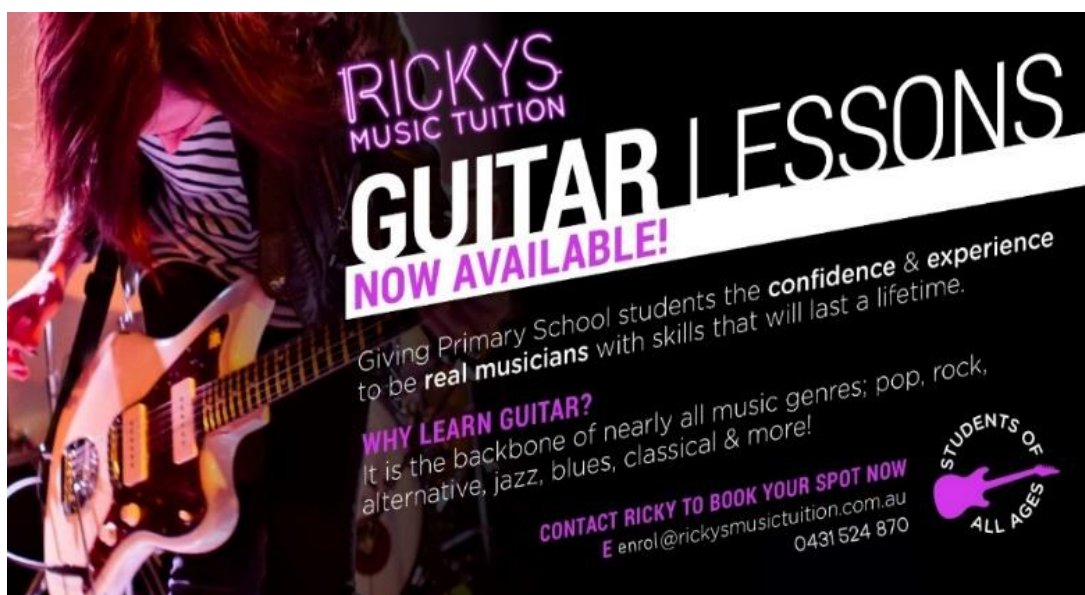
WHERE:  
**St Therese's Primary School Grounds**

Children will listen to a variety of stories  
read aloud by teachers and friends.  
Everyone is encouraged to come dressed  
as their favourite book character.



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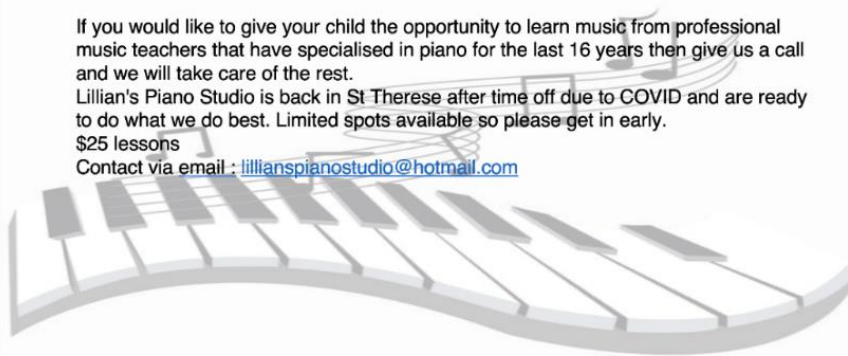
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