



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Health Update

It appears that the worst is behind us, however, we have numerous reports from parents to the office yesterday that child or a member of the family is unwell. Once again I implore you to keep unwell children at home for a minimum of 48 hours after the last symptom appears. This is one of the most effective ways to break the chain of infection along with hand washing – hot water and soap as well as facemasks as required. In relation to Parent/Teacher interviews, if you are slightly unwell please call and your face to face can be altered to a phone interview.

Just for your interest, we have had flu and COVID raise their heads amongst our staff.

Aerobics & Dance Troupe

My congratulations once again to all the girls who participated in the National Finals held in Adelaide over the weekend. By all accounts everyone enjoyed themselves and competed with great enthusiasm. A special congratulations to Infants aerobics - 2nd place, Infants dance- 2nd place, Maya J Solo- 3rd place, Primary dance - no place but an extremely hard section, Primary aerobics equal 7th in a strong category Primary duo- no place however due to a deduction would have placed second.

Ms Toscano is very deserving of all the accolades that I have heard about her commitment to our girls.

Out of Uniform – Week of Fun

Wednesday – Support our Matilda's – wear green & gold clothing, ribbons, socks etc to show your support

Thursday – Book Week Dress up – Come as your favourite character

Friday – Out of Uniform to support Dance/Aerobic troupe

First Communion

This Sunday coming and the following Sunday our children will be presented to the Parish when they make their First Holy Communion. My congratulations to all the children and their parents on this very special milestone in their Catholic journey. My thanks to Mr Luke Smith, RE Coordinator for all his hard work in bringing this special day about.

Dates to Remember

15 AUG – FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

16 AUG – 8AM ICAS ENGLISH

17 AUG – BOOK WEEK – LIVING LIBRARY – DRESS UP

**18 AUG- 9.30 STAGE 2 MASS
OUT OF UNIFORM – GOLD COIN DONATION
SAUSAGE SIZZLE
YR 6 MITI SESSION
TODD WOODRIDGE CUP
ART TRAIL YR 3**

20 AUG- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

22 AUG – INTERRELATE

23 AUG – 8AM ICAS SCIENCE

**24 AUG – 8AM ICAS SPELLING
PEG 2-3PM MCAULEY CENTRE
PEG 6-7PM MCAULEY CENTRE**

27 AUG – FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

28 AUG – 1.30PM SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM CELEBRATION

30 AUG – 8AM ICAS MATHS

1 SEPT – FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

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



Staff News

Ms Shazmey Murray will commence her maternity leave today and will be replaced by Mikaela McIntosh. Ms Brianna Newton started her maternity leave last week and is replaced by Rochelle MacPherson. And Mr Daniel Rufo will be on paternity leave.

Duilio Rufo
Principal

Assistant Principal's Message

Art Trail

This Friday 18 August, Year 3 children will complete their artwork for the Art Trail. All Year 3 children are welcome to wear old clothes to complete their artwork. A number of children in Years 3-6 have also been selected to complete an additional artwork, and these families have been sent an email about this, these children can also wear old clothes to paint in.

Interrelate

Next Tuesday 22 August, is the rescheduled date for the Interrelate parent evening for children in Years 4-6. If you have not already paid for this, and would still like to attend, please go to the "Interrelate" News Feed on Compass.

School Uniform

Please ensure your child wears their correct school uniform to school each day. Please note the following:

- Earrings are to be single studs or small sleepers
- Accessories such as ribbons, hair bands etc. are to be the school colours of blue and white
- Formal shoes are to be black leather shoes, no boots are permitted
- Students are not to wear nail polish or dye their hair

If your child is unable to wear their correct uniform to school, please send in a note of explanation to your child's teacher.

Kaylene Maretich
Assistant Principal

Religious Education

FEAST DAY: Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Today, Tuesday, **15th 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**. The words below from Fr Richard Leonard give beautiful testament to the powerful role Mary plays within our Catholic faith:

Daniel went to his mother demanding a new bicycle for Christmas. 'Danny, we can't afford it,' she said, 'so write a letter to Jesus and pray for one instead.' 'Dear Jesus, I've been a good boy this year and would appreciate a new bicycle. Your friend, Daniel.' Now Danny guessed that Jesus really knew he was a brat. So he gave the letter another try. 'Dear Jesus, I've been an OK boy this year and I want a new bicycle. Yours truly, Daniel.' Danny knew this wasn't true either so he tore it up and tried again. 'Dear Jesus, I've thought about being a good boy so may I have a new bicycle? Daniel.' Finally, Danny thought better of making these false claims and so ran to the Church. He went inside and stole a small statue of Mary and ran out the door. He went home, hid it under his bed and wrote this letter. 'Jesus, let's face it, I've broken most of the Commandments; tore up my sister's doll and lots more, I'm desperate. I've got your mother Mary, if you ever want to see her again, give me a bike for Christmas. You know who.'

This humorous story has a serious lesson for us on the feast of the Assumption. Throughout history there are those who have ransomed the memory of Mary to fit in with how they understand women should behave in society. As a result, sometimes, Mary is presented as meek and mild, passive and subservient. The problem with this view is that it is impossible to reconcile it with the ten stories we have of Mary in the New Testament: the Annunciation, Visitation, Nativity, Presentation, flight into Egypt, losing Jesus in the Temple, going to bring Jesus home from his public ministry, the wedding feast at Cana, being at the foot of the Cross, and Pentecost.

The strength and power of Mary's witness is most especially captured in the Magnificat from which we just heard. Here Mary extols how God is saving us by turning the world on its head, doing the very opposite of what was expected.

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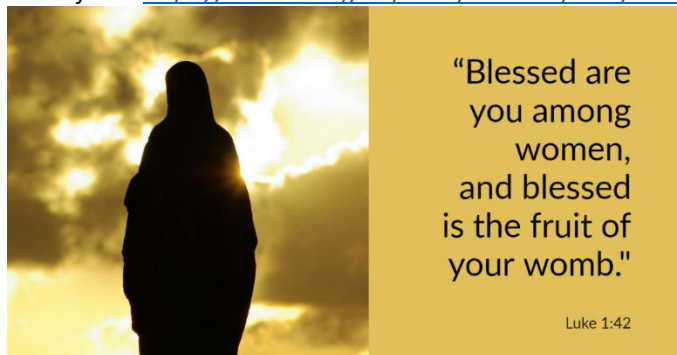


The New Testament does not demonstrate a meek woman, devoid of creativity and initiative. It shows a strong, noble woman who put her free will at the disposal of God's will. That is what the feast of the Assumption celebrates: that because God will never be outdone in fidelity and generosity, he remained utterly faithful to Mary through death, as she was utterly faithful to him in life.

The Catholic Tradition has always honoured Mary as being obedient, the pre-eminent disciple of her Son and the sign of what could await all Christians who are invited to share in the mission of Jesus on earth. Religious obedience is not passive. We listen to the voice of God and choose to say yes to Christ's love and liberation. Discipleship does not mean our personality counts for nothing. Rather, it's the valuing of every individual's ability to contribute to Christ's kingdom in a unique way. Prefiguring what can happen for all of us does not diminish the particular gifts God lavished on Mary, but reassures us that God recognises his own in this world and the next.

May this Assumption Day see us then stop ransoming the image of Mary to the distortions of the past and find in her creative and free self-giving a pattern for our Christian lives, and a beacon of hope to which we can hold firm.

Taken from: <https://www.liturgyhelp.com/calendar/date/2023Aug15/0/HomRiLen>



First Holy Communion – This coming weekend, many of our Year 4 students will complete their sacraments of initiation as they enter into full communion as members of the Catholic Church. Please pray for these students and their families as they celebrate such an important milestone in their faith journey. First Holy Communion will take place in the context of the regular parish Mass - **9:15am Sunday (20th and 27th August)**.

We will celebrate the completion of this Sacramental Program with a cake for those students and cup of tea/coffee for their parents on **Monday 28th August at 1:30pm**. We will then publicly acknowledge all these students at the 2:30pm school assembly.

Thank you to those families who have already sent in payment for the Holy Communion preparation booklet. If not, could you please send this into the front office ASAP in an envelope with your child's name (\$10).

Stage Masses for Term 3 – The following dates and times indicate our Stage Masses for this term. Parents and carers are most warmly invited to attend:

- Stage 2 Mass – Friday 18th August at 9:30am (*Afterwards, there will be a short final preparation for those students receiving their First Holy Communion over the coming weekends*)
- Infants Mass – Friday 15th September at 9:30am
- Stage 3 Mass – Friday 22nd September at 9:30am

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.

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School Fees

The annual school fee statements are emailed at the end of each month 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 Carrick
Bursar

Canteen

Mon 21/08	Tues 22/8	Wed 23/8	Thurs 24/8	Fri 25/8
Elesha Finlay	Kylie Marten	Jacqui Osborn	Sally Farrell	Anna Perkins
Catherine Devine	Odette Tonkin	Connie Martinelli		Kareena Gupta
	Sue Jones			

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 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.

Aspire Congratulations for 2023 and Auditions for 2024

Anyone who attended this year's Aspire production "The Pirate Code" was treated to a fine performance given by the talented students within our diocese. Six of our very own students were part of this production - congratulations to the following students:

Maiya A, Daniela P, Ivy B, Rosie C, Lauren T and Alexis B.

Auditions for next year's production are already being planned. Please find attached the link to relevant information regarding the audition process.



ASPIRE website: <https://aspire.mn.catholic.edu.au/join-us/2024-auditions/>

It would be wonderful to see more of our students grow their talents through this great performing arts development opportunity within our diocese.

Alina Brymora, Performing Arts Teacher

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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 taking care of the environment:

School Spirit Award for demonstrating SERVICE by taking care of the environment (Please record 2 names per class)					
KN	Claudia V Albie H	KW	Eleanor B Jazmine M	KL	Hamshayini R Rose M
1N	Darcey P Declan P	1W	Kenzo I Elsie R	1L	Lachlan A Emily J
		2W	Amelia M Xavier S	2L	Miller M Flossy R
3N	Eloise H Thomas P	3W	Maddisia C Mason O	3L	Isaac S Amelia M
4N	Frankie S Maria B	4W	Lucia F Noah F	4L	Frankie H Audrey J
5N	Mackenzie H Bluey M	5W	Cong Jun (CJ) P Lauren T	5L	Ly M Eamon S
6N	Jackson L Lucy B	6W	Chandler D Harvey L	6L	Alexis B Olivia L

Principal Awards

The following students received a Principal's Award at next week's School Assembly 14/8/23

KL	Thomas B Olive G Minnah W	2L	Audrey L Billie Mia S Chrishelle P Darcy B	4W	Annabella A Knox R Georgie A
5N	Bailey B	5L	Indigo H Bruno R		

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

SAVE THE DATE!

Grandparents of our K-2 students are warmly invited to our:

Grandparents Day Celebration!

Date: Friday 27th October

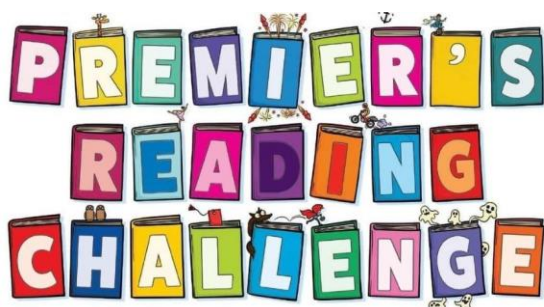
Time: 9:30-10am – Liturgy in the School Hall

10-10:15am – Morning Tea

10:15-10:45am – Open Classrooms



Melissa Pyers
Coordinator



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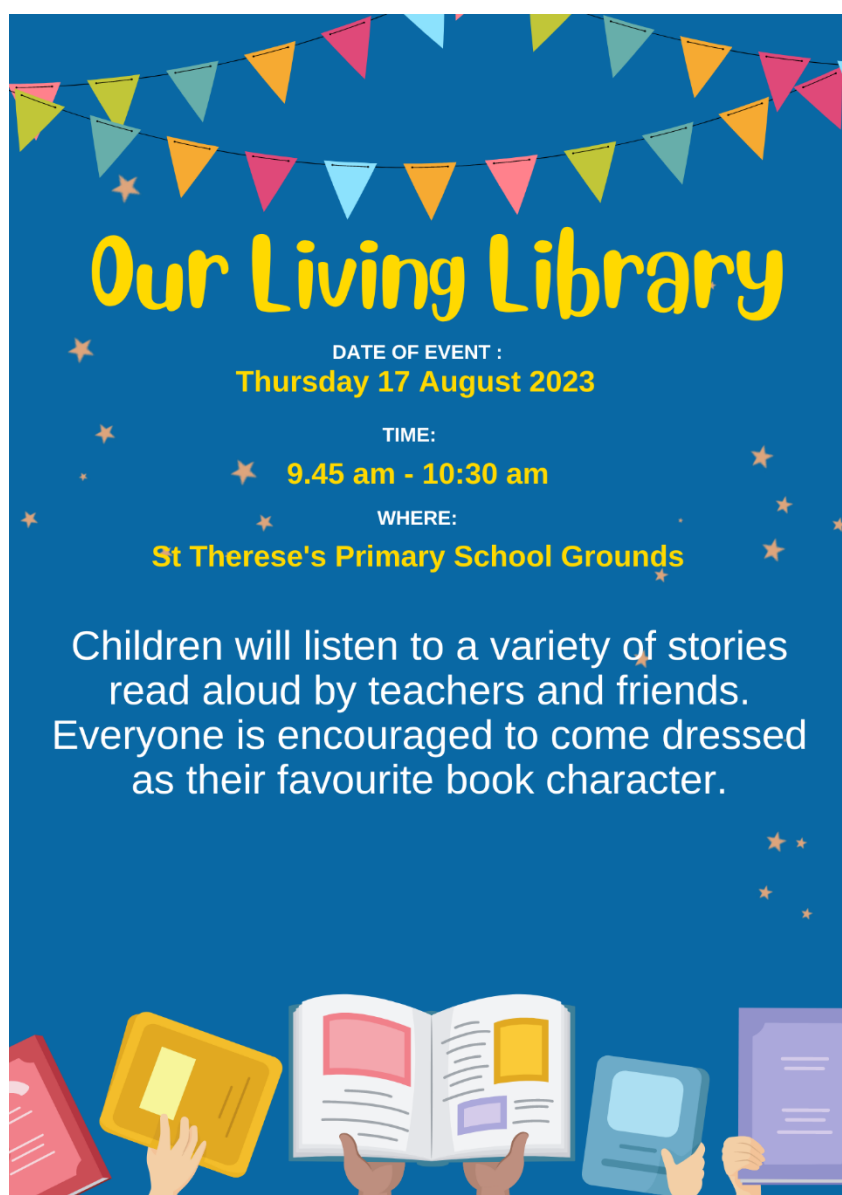


Living Library Dress-Up Day

On Thursday 17th 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.



CONGRATULATIONS!



Eddie



Violette



Hope



Paddy



Hamish



Trevina



Blythe



Nixon

To these wonderful students who have completed the Premiers Reading Challenge.

LOTUS 2023

Kindergarten and their Year 6 buddies made ceramic pinch pots for us to sell at our LOTUS project fundraiser.



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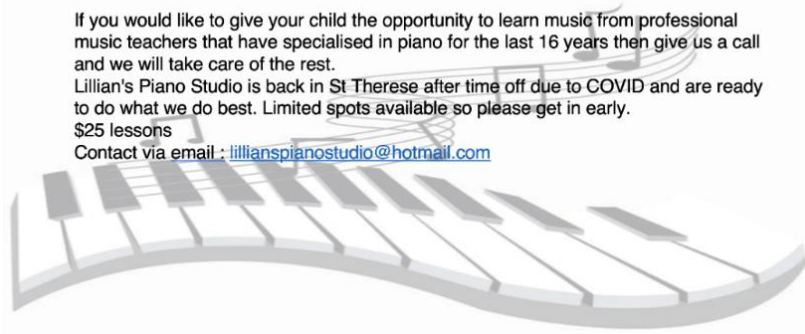
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