



## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

### First Communion

Last Sunday some of our children made their First Holy Communion. This coming Sunday the remainder of the children will receive the Sacrament of Eucharist.

### Gastro Bug

Unfortunately, we have had reports of students and staff currently succumbing to the gastro bug that went through the school two weeks ago. Please adhere to the HNEH protocol of remaining away from school until a minimum of 48 hours has passed from your last symptom. This includes members of your household. We appreciate your support in this matter.

### Staff Development – PUPIL FREE DAY

A reminder that Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September will be a **PUPIL FREE DAY** as our staff will be off site attending the mandatory Religious Education Professional Development day. You may consider our onsite OOSH for your needs on this day.

### Father's Day Breakfast

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September I invite all fathers & father figures to join us for breakfast in the Main Hall from 7.15am – 8.45am.

### Art Trail Opening – Focus on Visual Arts

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September we will be celebrating the Grand Opening of our Inaugural Art Trail at St Therese's. This is a very exciting initiative that resulted from a suggestion raised at one of our PEG meetings earlier in the year. My sincere thanks to the Tonkin & Ladmore families for all the hard work and enthusiasm that has made this a memorable experience for the children and will brighten our playground.

### PEG 24<sup>th</sup> August

On Thursday afternoon 2-3pm in the McAuley Centre and later at 6-7pm in the Centre again we will be holding a PEG to focus on the new Maths & English syllabus. Parents and carers all welcome. If you wish to view via ZOOM the code is Topic: Term 3 PEG

<https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/67372178298>

Password: 807592

## Dates to Remember

**22 AUG – INTERRELATE 6-7.15PM**

**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  
7.15AM**

**8 SEPT – PUPIL FREE DAY – STAFF  
DEVELOPMENT**

**14/15 SEPT – LOTUS ART SHOW**

**15<sup>TH</sup> SEPT – INFANTS MASS 9.30AM**

**15<sup>TH</sup> SEPT – ART TRAIL OPENING 3.30PM**

**18<sup>TH</sup> SEPT – YR 6 TO ST PIUS FOR  
SPORT DAY**

**22<sup>ND</sup> SEPT – LAST DAY OF TERM**

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### **Staff News**

We welcome Mikaela McIntosh who is covering Ms Murray's maternity leave and Mrs Kylie Lunn who will take over Mr Rouse's Year 3 class till the end of the year.

**Duilio Rufo**  
Principal

## **Assistant Principal's Message**

### **Personalised Planning Meetings**

We will have our Personalised Planning (PP) Meetings in Week 8 for Year 6 students, and Week 10 for students in Years K-5. The PP bookings will open today at 4:00pm. Please open your child's Compass profile then "Book Student Teacher Conference" to see whether you can book a PP.

### **Art Trail**

Over the past two terms, all children have been working with Odette T and her mum Cathy to produce artworks. Year 6 students have also been working with Carla L and her mum Jan to create individual canvases. We thank Odette T, Cathy, Carla, and Jan for the amazing work you have done with bringing out the creative side of our students. On **Friday 15 September 3.30-5.30pm** we will have an Art Trail and invite all families to join us to see the amazing pieces created by your children. The artworks will be installed throughout the school, and Mrs McNeill and her extension writing students, have created an explanation of each of the artworks. The Year 6 parents and will be holding a cake stall on the evening and Mr Ward's Old Man Dixie Band will also be performing. We invite all parents, grandparents, families, and friends to join us for a wonderful evening.

### **Father's Day**

The children are all making a special gift for their dad/father figure. Please email myself directly if your child and or father figure has any food allergies or intolerances. In you email subject heading please specify "Father's Day Food Allergies."

**Kaylene Maretich**  
Assistant Principal

## **Religious Education**

**First Holy Communion** – This past weekend, many of our Year 4 students completed their sacraments of initiation as they entered into full communion as members of the Catholic Church. Please pray for the remaining students and their families as they celebrate this important milestone in their faith journey this coming Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> August.

We will celebrate the completion of the Sacramental Program with a cake for all these students and cup of tea/coffee for their parents on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 remaining Stage Masses for this term. Parents and carers are most warmly invited to attend:

- Infants Mass – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 9:30am
- Stage 3 Mass – *Due to a change in Fr Velerian's schedule this has now been moved to the first Friday of Term 4* – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 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.

### 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](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 Carrick**  
Bursar

### Canteen

Mon 28/08	Tues 29/8	Wed 30/8	Thurs 31/8	Fri 1/9
Magda Ramsay	Lauren Ross		Anthony Hawes	Kristy Lawrence
Amy Staikos	Marissa Harvey			Kristin Searle
	Charlene Price			Holly V S

### ICAS Assessments

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

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:.

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.

### Water Safety Incursion



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## PBS

### PBS and Principal Awards

This term we are focusing on the value of **Hospitality**. We congratulate the following children for receiving the PBS School Spirit Award for demonstrating **HOSPITALITY** by being welcoming to others:

School Spirit Award for demonstrating HOSPITALITY by being welcoming to others					
<b>KN</b>	Isla C Taj H	<b>KW</b>	Jules W Zoe D	<b>KL</b>	Walter H Jacob S
<b>1N</b>	Lennox K Isla P	<b>1W</b>	Charlotte S Harvey F	<b>1L</b>	James D Jamison C
		<b>2W</b>	Zaliyah W Levi H	<b>2L</b>	Darcy B Nate R
<b>3N</b>	Elana B Blake F	<b>3W</b>	Orlando R Chase P	<b>3L</b>	Levi M Oliver M
<b>4N</b>	Violette S Kurt P	<b>4W</b>	Benjamin W Harry S	<b>4L</b>	Jordan S Leo G
<b>5N</b>	Elvis B Zoe O	<b>5W</b>	Patrick E Scarlett H	<b>5L</b>	Evie C Beau R
<b>6N</b>	Liam B Vincent C	<b>6W</b>	Archie D Aggy M	<b>6L</b>	Isaiah S Thao L

<b>1N</b>	Hudson T Chloe S Rafferty M Lennox K	<b>1L</b>	Lachlan A Evelyn A Lorenzo D Hooper H Bronte K Massimo P Taj V Taylor V	<b>2L</b>	Amelia E Michael M Billie H Chrishelle P Darcy B Eamon K Kai R
<b>3N</b>	Ava H Maya J Isabella G	<b>3W</b>	Archie S Mason O Tom C Orlando R Ellie J	<b>3L</b>	Olivia M Charlie F
<b>4N</b>	Marcus S	<b>4W</b>	Amelia H	<b>4L</b>	Oscar Y Leo G
<b>5N</b>	Jack T	<b>5W</b>	Lauren T Cong J Jackson R	<b>5L</b>	Luke R Esme H

### Principal Awards

The following students will receive a Principal's Award at next week's School Assembly:

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

**Date:** Monday 28th August

**Time:** 2:30pm

**Venue:** School Hall

**Melissa Pyers**  
**Coordinator**

### 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

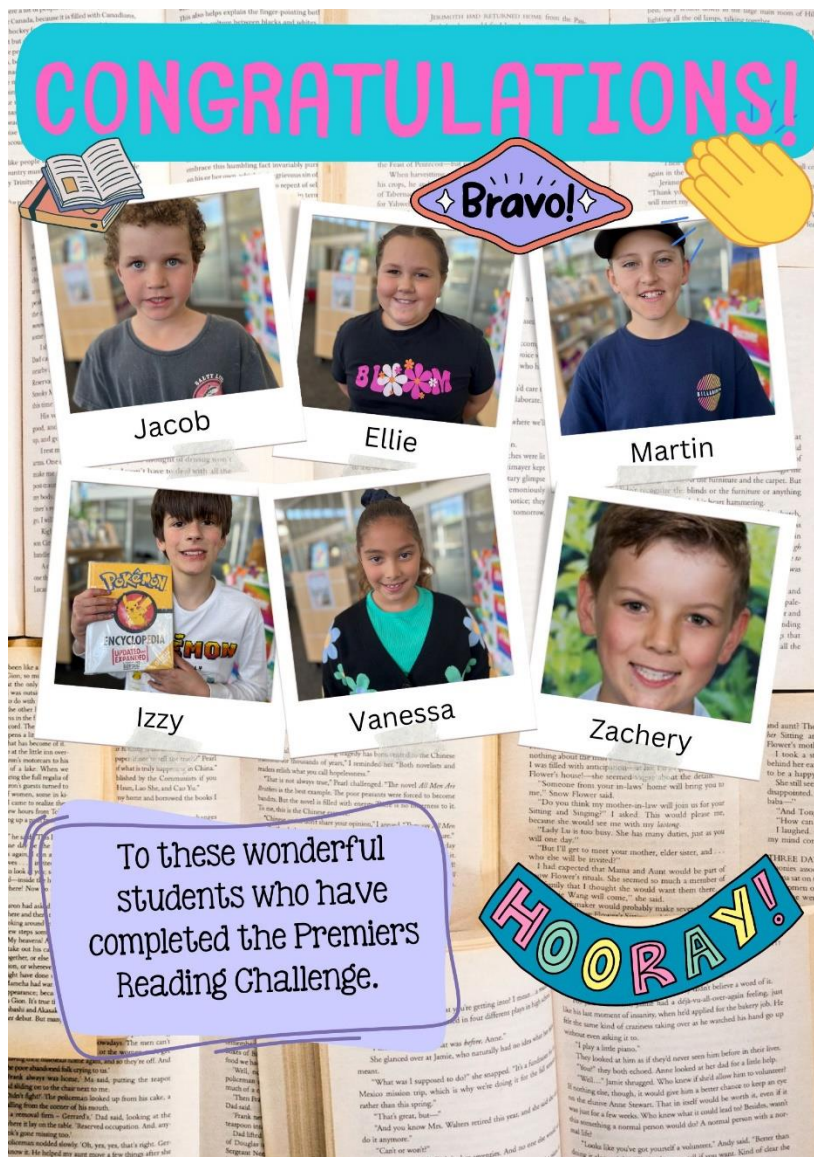
10-10:15am – Morning Tea

10:15-10:45am – Open Classrooms



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### **Coach's Corner:**

**Congratulations Mia S!**

We have a budding you Matilda in our midst! Mia S had trialled and advanced her way through to the highest levels within our system making the Polding Girls Football Team.

Last week was action packed, having games on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

The Polding Team came 6<sup>th</sup> out of 14 and I believe Mia came close to selection for State.

Go Mia! We are so very proud of your efforts in this beautiful game - well done!!





## Book Week 2023







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## Sport

### NSW Netball Schools Cup

Last Thursday, St Therese's sent five teams to the NSW Netball Schools Cup at Newcastle Netball Courts. The girls had a fabulous time and were competitive. It was wonderful to see those girls who had never played before, having so much fun being involved in a new sport. The girls displayed excellent sportsmanship and had a wonderful day making new friends in the sun!

A huge thank you to Therese Jackman, Leanne Kepreotes, and Britney Fletcher for taking the girls along to this event and coaching them so well from the sidelines. Also, a big thank you to all our parents who managed the teams and scored on the day. We would also like to thank St Pius Adamstown for organising their students to umpire our games. These days are truly a team effort and require many hands, so thank you!



**Melissa Pyers**  
Primary Coordinator

### Stage 2 and 3 Todd Woodbridge Cup

Last Friday, St Therese's took a Stage 2 and a Stage 3 team to their first Todd Woodbridge Cup at the Newcastle District Tennis Association. Our teams played in Doubles and Mixed Doubles against many Independent, Catholic, and State schools. Our students played with competitiveness, fair play and a positive attitude all day and most importantly, they had a great day in the sunshine, playing tennis, developing new skills and meeting new friends. Thank you for representing our school with pride. A special mention goes to Oliver S (5N), Indigo H (5L) and Olivia M (3L) for receiving sportsmanship awards, Congratulations!





## Art Trail Installation



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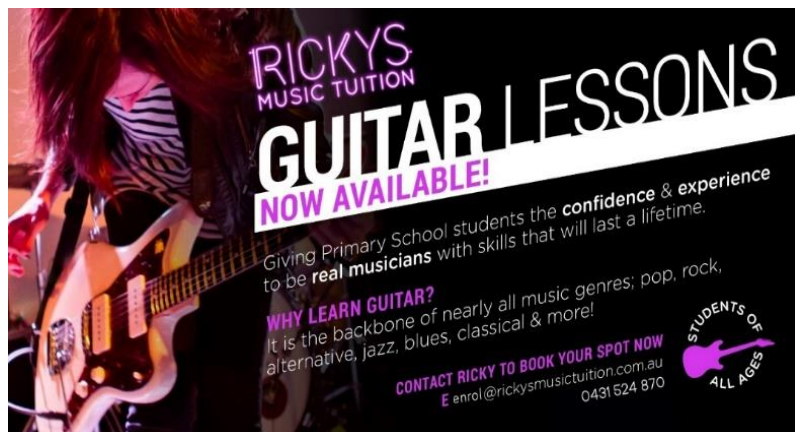


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