



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

The LOTUS Foundation

Last week we had our LOTUS celebration to raise funds and awareness for organisation we support in Laos. The programme continues to be an ongoing success and these funds, which totalled over \$3,700.00, will go a long way to improving the lives of the girls enrolled within the project. I thank the Year 5 and 6 teachers for all their efforts in encouraging the children with their beautiful and inspiring artworks as well as the small craft items for sale. I believe that the children benefited greatly from understanding the lesson of helping those less fortunate than themselves and that they are part of the larger picture of doing God's work. I thank the parents for their support of this initiative.

Art Trail

On Friday afternoon we welcomed some 800 visitors (parents & grandparents) who came to enjoy our Art Trail installation. It was a resounding success with many parents commenting on how impressed they were with not only the children's work but also the messages behind the art. For example, the little turtles with the message "be comfortable in your own skin". My sincere thanks once again to Odette Tonkin, Carla Ladmore, Cathy Walker, Jan Cristaudo and Sarah Henshaw for all their efforts in making this a memorable experience. My thanks to Howard Ward and his jazz band for adding to the atmosphere.



Catholic Mission

On Tuesday 10th October (first day back of Term 4) Year 6 will be attending the launch of **Socktober**. This is a major celebration which will be held at McDonald Jones Stadium commencing at 10.00am. The day will involve prayer, fun activities for the children with lunch provided.

Dates to Remember

22ND SEPT – LAST DAY OF TERM

9TH OCT – PUPIL FREE DAY

10TH OCT – FIRST DAY TERM 4

10TH OCT – YEAR 6 SOCKTOBER LAUNCH

12TH & 13TH OCT – INQUISITIVE MINDS

13TH OCT – STAGE 3 MASS 9.30AM

18 OCT – SCARAMENTAL PROGRAM YR 3 RECONCILIATION

**20 OCT – ST THERESE'S FEAST DAY
OUT OF UNIFORM GOLD COIN DONATION**

27TH OCT – GRANDPARENTS DAY

6 NOV – COLOUR FUN RUN

9 NOV – KINDER ORIENTATION

15 NOV – RECONCILIATION 6.30PM

16 NOV – RECONCILIATION 6.30PM

17 NOV – KINDER TRANSITION

**22 NOV – CHRISTMAS CAROLS
CONCERT 6 – 8PM**

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Staff News

With the departure of Ms Wilson from Year 1 to take up a secondment at the CSO for term 4 and all of next year I am pleased to announce Ms Mikaela McIntosh will be taking care of Year 1 till the end of the year. Ms Alex Tibbins will move to year 6 until the end of the year.

Holidays

I take this opportunity to thank all my staff for their hard work during the term and wish them and you and your families a restful and relaxing break. I, myself am leaving this week to take part in a pilgrimage to the Holy Lands and I am looking forward to walking in Jesus's footsteps.

Duilio Rufo
Principal

Assistant Principal's Message

A Week of Creative Art

A very big thank you to all staff, students and family members involved in our week of art last week. Lotus was amazing and looking at the students' artwork and reading their artist statements, made me realise what a kind and compassionate group of children we have at St Therese's. We will finalise the amount raised in the next few days. The Lotus artworks will be sent home by Friday and all the prints that were ordered will be ready early next term.

The Art Trail was also a big success, and it was so lovely to have all the families in the school again for a beautiful afternoon of art appreciation, Jazz (thank you to Mr Ward and his Jazz band) and delicious cakes from Year 6 and coffee and tea from Sprockets. Last week we neglected to thank Sarah Henshaw for the beautiful map for the Art Trail and Luke Tonkin for converting our podcasts to YouTube so everyone could access them. Some of the artworks will be permanent installations in the school, other pieces will be sent home by Friday.

Happy Holidays

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and restful holiday. I hope you have lovely holiday plans, I will be spending time in my garden, planting new vegie gardens ready for summer. See you all in Term 4!

HSC

Tomorrow starts the HSC for Year 12 students across NSW. We send our thoughts and prayers to these students across our Diocese, and NSW. Many of our staff have children or grandchildren commencing their exams tomorrow, our prayers are also with them, as they support their child/grandchild through this often-stressful exam period. Our Year 6 students made cards for the Year 12 students at St Francis Xavier (SFX) in Hamilton last term, as the Year 12 students were their kindergarten buddies 7 years ago. The students at SFX were very excited to receive these cards, so thank you to the Year 6 students and teachers for organising this last term.



Kaylene Maretich
Assistant Principal

Religious Education

Catholic Mission: 'Socktober' – The next social justice initiative our school undertakes will be in early Term 4 as we support Catholic Mission in their focus this year to help communities in Timor Leste. As our patron's feast day, St Therese (1st Oct.), will take place during the break we will combine this **Mission Day** for Socktober with a school celebration of St Therese on **Friday 20th October** (Term 4, Week 2). In the meantime, you can purchase tickets in either of the raffles below (adults prizes – use the QR Code **OR** for children – these will be on sale at lunch and recess from Tuesday to Friday or until all sold out). All of Year 6 will be attending a special Socktober event at McDonald Jones Stadium on the first day back for Term 4, Tuesday 10th October, where these raffles will be drawn.

Generosity, shared and inspiring others – Last Thursday & Friday, our Stage 3 students led the school in an important social justice initiative – LOTUS. This has been an ongoing tradition for many years in our school community now with all proceeds going to help a group of young girls in Laos to ensure a brighter future for them and their community and is a prime example of Formation of the Hands (experiential engagement in social justice & mission activities). One of the most amazing and powerful things to witness among our students is how keen some of our younger students are to engage and help contribute to such initiatives. The photo below shows a group of our Year 1 girls who generously donated their time, energy and resources to making some of the loom bands that were sold at the Lotus Stall. This gives me great confidence that the true spirit of our Catholic community and the Mercy Values are alive and well and in good hands for the future. Well done girls and all the Stage 3 students and teachers!



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- a dinner for two at Rustica



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Raffle drawn at the diocesan Socktober event - 10 October

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Socktober event

All proceeds going to Timor Leste

For more information about Socktober - Go to www.socktober.org.au

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 are emailed at the beginning 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 9/10	Tues 10/10	Wed 11/10	Thurs 12/10	Fri 13/10
PUPIL FREE DAY	Alison Sharman	Cath Oakley	Sarah Bagnall	Michelle Randall
	Annabel O'Neill		Brittany Boutillier	Nicole Green
	Sarah White			Amy Robinson

PBS

Principal Awards

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

Principal Awards					
KN	Nicolaas H Henry P Maia P	KW	Emily S Mateo S Hollie M	2W	Levi H
2L	Isabella F Joseph M Madeleine H Maggie K	3W	Henry B Mason F	4N	Lilly C Reid M Samuel S Lachlan S
4W	Jasper W	5N	Trevina M Oliver S Lucas O	5W	Lucia R Claire A
5L	Anna O Evie C	6N	Sage T	6W	Hamish L

The above students have received a Principal's Award at the next School Assembly:

Date: Monday 18th September

Time: 2:30pm

Venue: School Hall

Melissa Pyers
Primary Coordinator

SAVE THE DATE!

Grandparents of all our students are warmly invited to our:

Grandparents Day Celebration!

Date: Friday 27th October

Time: 9:30-Welcome in the School Hall K- 2

10-10:15am – Morning Tea

10:30-11.15am – Open Classrooms



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Year 2 Tocal Excursion

Year 2 had an amazing time at Tocal. We visited a cow and sheep farm. We watched the milking process of the cows and the wool process of how to shear a sheep. We also learnt how food can go from paddock to plate.



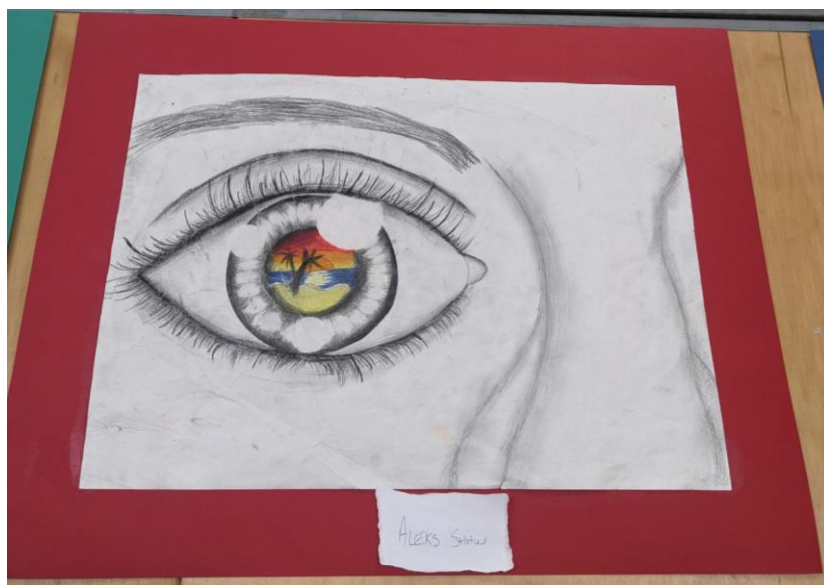
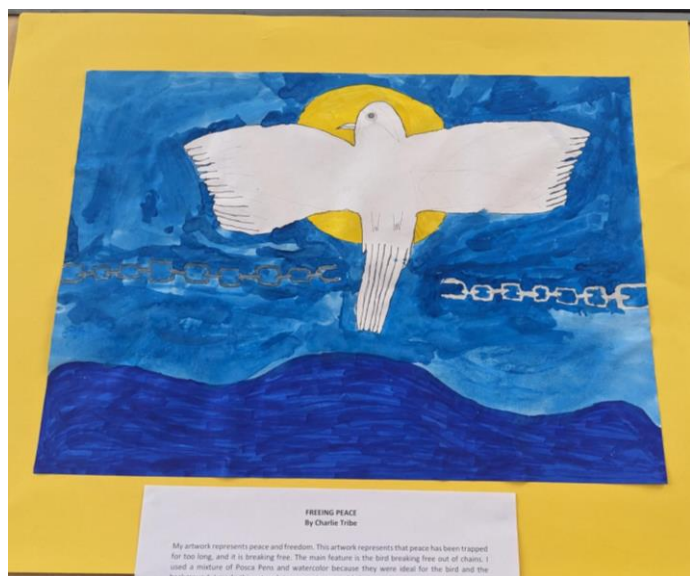
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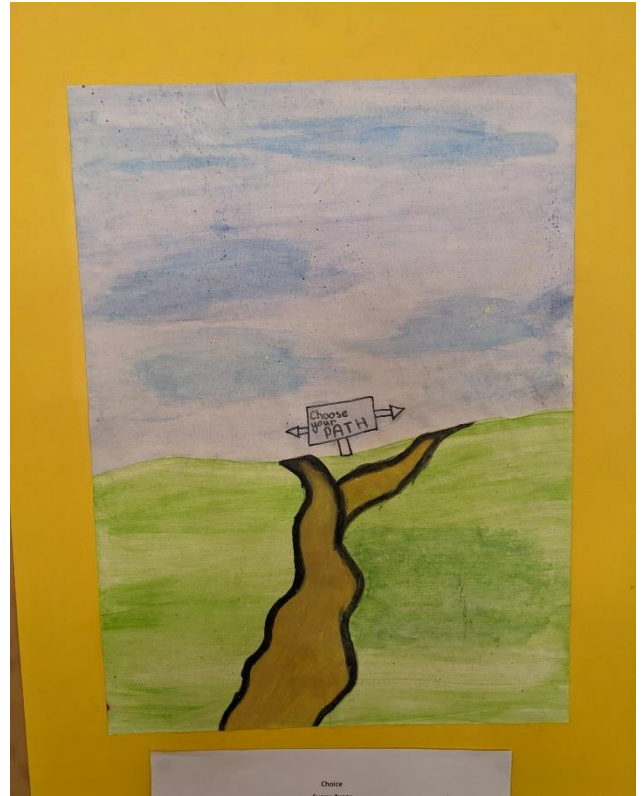
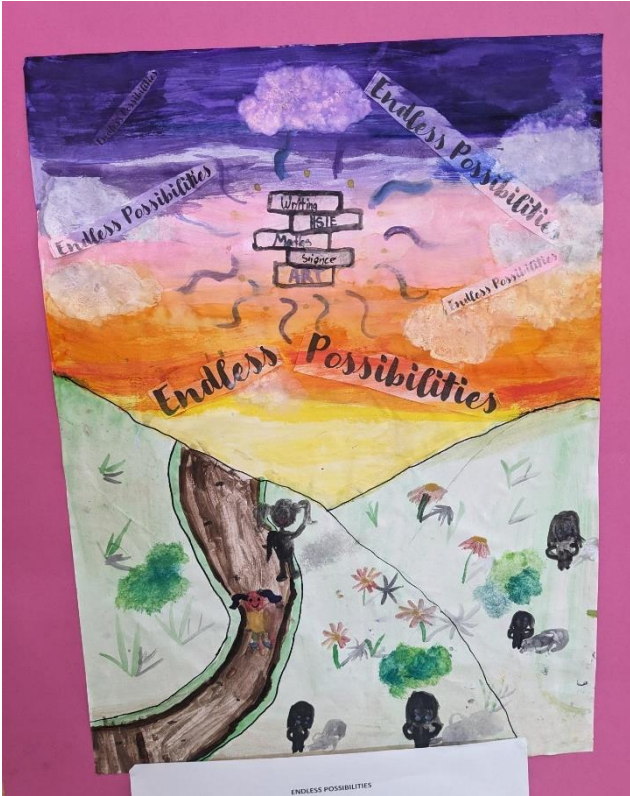
RUGBY UNION NEWS!!

Congratulations to all of our students from Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 who participated in the Digby Rayward Shield at Hunter Valley Grammar School last Thursday. The students demonstrated great sportsmanship skills, respect and encouragement for each other as well as wonderful determination. Our Year 6 boys made it to the Grandfinal where we competed against Scone Grammar. Unfortunately we didn't take the win but are very proud of the boys for their efforts.



LOTUS 2023





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Thank you to all of our amazing community for donated the amazing prizes to be raffled off for LOTUS



Winners! Winners!

We congratulate the following winners of the LOTUS raffle.

1st Prize - Luke Richards

2nd Prize - Ethan Rose

3rd Prize - Ms Toscano

Art Trail – Journey through the
Natural Environment



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Gifted Education News Term Three- St Therese's New Lambton

Our fantastic teachers work collaboratively to create programs and learning activities for our students that are highly engaging and challenging for all students, including those that are gifted and talented. We have opportunities in our school for selected students to participate in Enrichment Groups for Writing and Mathematics in Stage 1, 2 and 3.



Extension Writing Groups

Our Stage 2 Extension Writers have done a fantastic job this term writing a persuasive text on the following topic related to their Health unit:

'All families should create rules when their children are online.'

The discussions related to this topic were outstanding and really showcased the children's critical thinking skills. We always mind map our ideas before writing so that we have a plan before composing our texts.

Our Year 6 Extension Writers have been doing a case study on Taylor Swift for their Discussion text this term. Students investigated sophisticated marketing and social media strategies that artists use as well as performance skills and musical collaborations which enhance their popularity amongst fans. It has been an excellent way to analyse the power and influence of social media for our Year 6 writers. The Year 6 writers will be visiting Year 2 students this week to model the writing process. Hope B and Jordan T will lead the class groups and students will have mystery bags related to historical artefacts to stimulate discussions. A huge thankyou to our Year 6 leaders.

The Year 1 group of Extension Writers have co constructed a letter to Newcastle Council on why green spaces are important in our local area. They presented a point of view in their letter about how parks provide a space for flora and fauna as well as a space and for children to build strong muscles. Everyone described in detail their favourite equipment at their local park. This topic linked to their Geography unit, so students could connect their learning which resulted in rich discussions. What a fabulous group of emerging writing stars!

Poetry Club

The Poetry Club continues to thrive. We will operate the same odd weeks next term each Wednesday morning at 8:00- 8:45 in the Catherine McAuley Centre of Weeks 1,3,5,7 and 9.

Our Performance night at Newcastle Comedy Club is on next term so save the date! More information will come out about this event next term.



Year 4 speeches: St Therese's is the best school!

Good morning, my name is **Oliver. H(4L)** and I'm here to convince you that St Therese's is the best school. Are you very sporty and want to go to a sporty school? Well I have the perfect place for you, ST Therese's. We have an elevator for people that are hurt and for teachers to use. Every year we have out of uniform, pajama day and book week.

Firstly, we are allowed to play anywhere in our school. You must agree that we have a great playground. We have monkey bars, climbing walls and balance beams that are part of the equipment. We have a canteen with lots of healthy foods and also have ice cream, ice blocks and freshly made chicken drumettes. The canteen ladies are so nice and are always happy.

In addition, at St Therese's we have the biggest hall ever. We use it for assembly, indoor soccer and all different types of sport. In my opinion the best activity in the hall is soccer.

Lastly, you should come to St Therese's because we have an elevator for disabled people, teachers and hurt people. How cool would it be to have a two storey school and an elevator that goes up automatically.

In conclusion, you should 100% come to St Therese's to have the time of your life. 😊 😊 😊 😊

Hello, my name is **Lucy C(4L)**, I am one of the students that attend to St Therese's. This is truly the best school because they have an amazing canteen with low prices you would never believe, the teachers are so nice and they even let us do fun stuff like out of uniform days. We also have an elevator for hurt or disabled people.

The canteen of St Therese's has very nice ladies that sell lots of goodies like ice blocks, slushies, cookies and other delicious things but everyone mostly gets the lunch orders. The lunch orders happen every week and on Tuesdays you can have sushi. You have to order your lunch on a special app called flexi schools. This canteen is so food friendly!

The teachers at our school are so nice they are so supportive of our work and help us when we are struggling. Their teaching skills are spot on. We don't just have classroom teachers we have specialized teachers like the music teacher, sports teacher, two library teachers, learning support teachers and lots of teachers that help the classroom teachers. They're the best teachers ever!

The best thing about our school is the out of uniform days. We don't just have out of uniform days we have other things like book week, fundraisers, lotus day, which we recently just had. You can sign up to do dance, soccer, rugby league, netball and other events.

St Therese's is number one of the best schools in the world. This school is definitely the BEST!!!

Hello my name is **Ashton. S (4L)**. Today I am going to convince you that St Therese's primary school is better than any other school in the state. This school is the best school because we have the best play areas, we also have an elevator for hurt people or the teachers can use it whenever they want.

Firstly, St Therese's is the best school because we have a field, hall, primary area, infants area, concrete areas and much more. We also have 21 classrooms, so everyone is welcome.

Secondly, St Therese's primary school is the best school because we have good rules so we don't hurt ourselves. We also have learning support teachers to help out in all the classes in the school.

Lastly, St Therese's is the best school because we have shopping centers around our area. After school you can go to the shops and get something to eat. Have you ever had a canteen at school? Well we have the best canteen at St Therese's. At our canteen we have lots of treats and lunches. For the treats we have cookies, slushies, ice blocks and much more. For the lunches we have salads, chicken burgers, nachos and heaps more.

So I strongly believe that St Therese's primary school is the best school in the state.

Good morning, ladies and gentlemen, I am **Lee S (4L)** and I am going to convince you that Saint Therese's primary school is the best primary school in NSW. This is because our school has a big playground so you have a lot of options to play and we have a massive field so you can play footy, soccer or volleyball. At Saint Therese's canteen there are cold, sweet slushies and lunch orders.

To begin with, our school is the best because you can play at the sandpit, the equipment and spend alone time reading a book at the library.

Secondly, it is necessary that you go to Saint Therese's primary school. Honestly there is a plethora of reasons about this amazing school. This is certainly the best school because we have a massive field to play soccer, footy or volleyball.

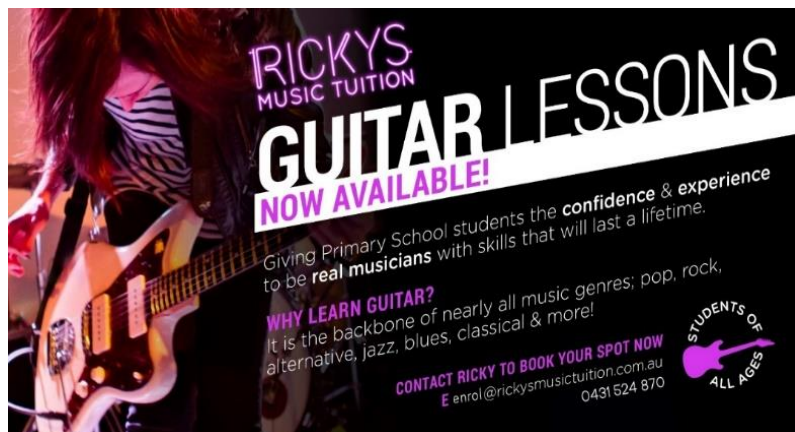
Penultimately, there is a canteen that sells the finest slushies. If you don't feel like making a sandwich then you can get a lunch order.

In conclusion, St Therese's primary school is the best school in NSW. Now have I convinced you that St Therese's primary school is the greatest school in NSW?

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Students will need to use the temporary stop which will be located 32m east.

Signage will be posted on these bus stops to inform customers and students, but we ask that you also communicate these changes where possible to minimise any disruptions to student travel.

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830	New Lambton Heights to Merewether High
833	Rankin Park to Merewether High
836	New Lambton Heights to Newcastle Grammar
838	Wallsend to St Pius X High
845	New Lambton Heights to Hunter Christian School
868	Hamilton Depot to Macquarie College

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