



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Afternoon School Assemblies

Due to timetabling clashes afternoon school assemblies will remain on Monday afternoons at 2.30pm. A new roster and structure will be advised shortly. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Health Message

A reminder that Scarlet Fever is currently in the community and I implore you to remain vigilant in relation to symptoms – fever, sore throat and vomiting followed by a rash in 12-36 hours. Please notify the school if your child is confirmed with this condition.

Art Trail Opening – Focus on Visual Arts

On Friday 15th September we will be celebrating the Grand Opening of our Inaugural Art Trail at St Therese's. This will be open from 3.30pm to 5.30pm – all welcome. Year 6 will be holding a fundraising Cake Stall on the afternoon.

PUPIL FREE DAY

Monday 9th October will be a PUPIL FREE DAY. Following on from the parents forum in Term 2 we will be focusing on positive behaviour support (PBS). The day will be run by Mr Craig Moore from the CSO. He is a very experienced practitioner and we look forward to working with him for the benefit of our children.

LOTUS

This Thursday afternoon we will launch our 2023 LOTUS Art Exhibition. The LOTUS Foundation was started some 15 years ago to support young girls in Laos. Over those years we have seen some 88 girls receive an education through the Foundation with 4 young women having recently graduated from tertiary education. This is a wide-ranging education that covers life skills and personal development. I would encourage you to view the works by the children and take advantage of the arts and crafts for sale. All monies raised will go directly towards supporting the girls in Laos.



Duilio Rufo
Principal

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Dates to Remember

14TH SEPT – RUGBY, HUNTER VALLEY GRAMMAR

14/15 SEPT – LOTUS ART SHOW

15TH SEPT – INFANTS MASS 9.30AM

15TH SEPT – Tocal Excursion Yr 2

15TH SEPT – ART TRAIL OPENING 3.30PM

18TH SEPT – YR 6 TO ST PIUS FOR SPORT DAY

22ND SEPT – LAST DAY OF TERM

9TH OCT – PUPIL FREE DAY

10TH OCT – FIRST DAY TERM 4

12TH & 13TH OCT – INQUISITIVE MINDS

13TH OCT – STAGE 3 MASS 9.30AM

17 OCT – SCARAMENTAL PROGRAM 6.30PM

27TH OCT – GRANDPARENTS DAY

Assistant Principal's Message

Extra Sports Day

We have been looking into options for extra play spaces for students, until the back field has been rehabilitated. From this week, students will walk to Alder Park once a week for an extended playtime on the following days:

- Years 5 & 6 – Tuesday
- Years 1 & 2 – Wednesday
- Years 3 & 4 – Thursday
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Kindergarten will not walk to Alder Park, due to the distance. Instead, we will have alternative outdoor play activities for Kindergarten at school. Children will eat their lunch at school, then will walk to Alder Park on their allocated day. All children must be wearing their school hat. Children are welcome to wear their sport uniform on their Alder Park day, as well as their sport day. We will continue to review this, as the weather warms up in Term 4.

Art Trail

We are so looking forward to the Art Trail this Friday 15 September from 3:30 – 5:30pm. Children are to be picked up at their regular dismissal point, then we ask that you enter the Art Trail from the Royal St gates, closest to the kindergarten classrooms. We will have maps available at the gates, that lead you through the Art Trail. Year 6 students and families will be hosting a cake stall under the Coolock Courtyard and Sprockets Roasters will also be selling hot drinks from the canteen, for you would like to purchase afternoon tea. Mr Ward's Jazz Band will be performing in the McAuley Courtyard. We are sure it will be a wonderful community events for students, parents and families.

Office of Safeguarding

Last week we focused on Child Protection week, with this Friday being the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese, *Perpetual Day of Remembrance*. This day marks the Diocesan commitment to stand with those who have suffered abuse or those that have not been protected in the past, within the Catholic Dioceses of Maitland-Newcastle. By continuing our commitment to protect our children and shining the light on child protection, we bring hope that all our children are safe and pray for those that have been hurt in the past.

Kaylene Maretich
Assistant Principal

Religious Education

RE News

Staff Faith Formation – Last Friday, our staff engaged in a Diocesan System Formation Day titled – ***“Rediscovering Joy: Finding Wonder & Joy in the Word of God.”*** It was led by Dr Michelle Connolly RSJ, and the essence of the day was around a deeper understanding of scripture. As a biblical scholar, Dr Connolly, talked about the importance of understanding the historical, sociological and literary contexts in which these ancient sacred texts were written. Staff then had the opportunity to engage with several passages from the Bible to analyse and discuss these in further detail according to the ‘*Scripture Reading Strategy*’ presented on the day.

Faith Formation essentially takes place in 3 domains: **Formation of the Heart** (through personal, reflective and prayerful encounter with God), **Formation of the Head** (through undertaking deeper study and knowledge of the faith), and **Formation of the Hands** (through experiential engagement in mission activities). The understanding is that each one of these domains can lead us into a deeper encounter with God and that indeed a balanced approach of all three helps enliven and enrich our personal and communal faith life.

Last Friday was very much a Formation of the Head experience. It cannot be underestimated how important this is as we continue to not only teach our children Religious Education but as we continue to lead and guide them in the faith in a modern world which often challenges



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or seems to contradict many of the scriptures – deeming them irrelevant to contemporary human beings and society. Through accurate analysis and understanding of their original context and meaning, however, it becomes possible for us to not only read these ancient sacred passages but to help enliven them with a sense of eternal newness, wonder and joy for both our children and ourselves. In this way, the Bible then truly becomes ***The Living Word of God***.

St Vincent de Paul Society Mass

This will be celebrated at St Therese's New Lambton at 7.00pm on Thursday 14th followed by a supper in the Father Walsh Hall. A warm welcome is extended to all, particularly to those Year 5 students and their families who lead our Minnie Vinnies programme.

Sacramental Program 2023/2024 (Year 3) – The next Sacramental Program will commence with an information & registration evening for our Year 3 parents in Term 4. On **Tuesday 17th October at 6:30pm**, all those parents who wish to enrol their children in the program are invited to come along to the school hall. If you are unable to attend this evening though still wish for your child to complete the Sacramental Program, please email me directly: luke.smith@mn.catholic.edu.au

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 15th 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 13th 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 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 18/9	Tues 19/9	Wed 20/9	Thurs 21/9	Fri 22/9
Elesha Finlay	Kylie Marten	Connie Martinelli	Sally Farrell	Anna Perkins
Catherine Devine	Odette Tonkin			Kareena Gupta
	Sue Jones			

PBS

PBS 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 generous to others:

School Spirit Award for demonstrating HOSPITALITY by being generous to others					
KN	Freddy J Angus M	KW	Julien A Teddy H	KL	Hudson D Josephine C
1N	Harry T Mailey B	1W	Heston G Kai D	1L	Peyton M Maddison B
		2W	Zoey T Arnold H	2L	Mia S Isabel B
3N	Luke P Jennifer J	3W	Jeno D Archie S	3L	Macy G Joshua P
4N	Andrea P Ajay C	4W	Brodie L Iris S	4L	Max R Phoebe M
5N	Trevina M Jack T	5W	Jackson R Brock H	5L	Indah P Ethan O
6N	Tully H Ada N	6W	Sophie G Olivia M	6L	Blythe P Eva F

Principal Awards

Principal Awards					
2L	Isbbella A Mary W Mateo V Emilie A August M Rinoa I	3N	Violet R Jake H	3W	Ezra C Mason O
3L	Mabel C	4N	Mason S Marcus A Ajay C Amelia W	5N	Noah K
5W	Dempsey G (x2)	5L	Ly M Lachlan C		

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

The above students will receive a Principal's Award at next week's 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

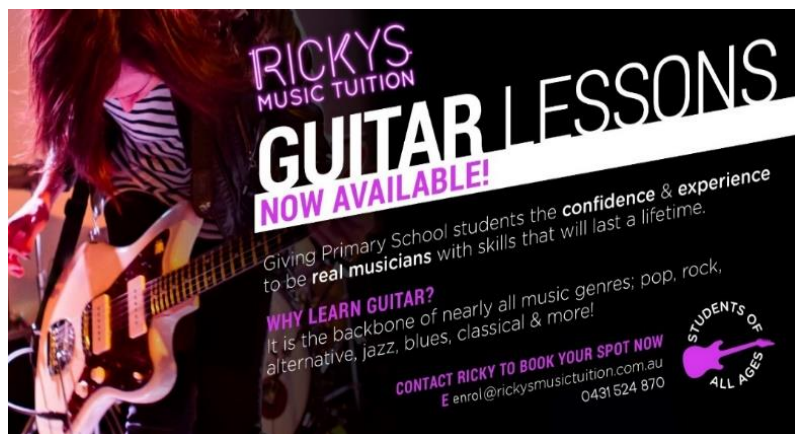
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From Tuesday 12 September – for approx. 3 weeks:

Bus stop McCaffrey Dr opp Dean Pde (ID: Stop 2287292), Rankin Park

This stop will be temporarily closed for approx. 3 weeks due to City of Newcastle footpath construction work.

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.

The following services are affected:

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26	Wallsend to Newcastle Int via Kotara
760	Elmore Vale to New Lambton Primary
768	New Lambton Heights to Wallsend South Primary
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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