



## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

### Colour Run

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November the school will be holding a Colour Fun Run. I want to take this opportunity to encourage the school community to get behind this initiative. I want to also thank Mrs Christie Malyon and her team for all their efforts towards making this a huge success. The funds raised will be used to purchase durable soccer goals for the back playground and other sporting equipment. I remind everyone that whole School Assembly previously set down for this day (6<sup>th</sup> November) will be held at 9.30am instead of the afternoon.

### Year 6 Graduation

Due to a clash of dates with St Pius X holding their Graduation night on the same date as we previously advertised, our Graduation Ceremony will be brought forward to Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. We apologise for any inconvenience caused however this was outside of our control.

### Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders (ATSI)

Last week we had a gathering of our Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander families to discuss the repainting of the totem poles and to work on formulating a direction for 2024 and beyond in this area. My thanks to Luke Smith, Ben McCarthy and Evis Heath for their participation on the day. My sincere thanks also to the families for their enthusiasm and support. I look forward to increasing the role of ATSI students in our school community.



**Duilio Rufo**  
Principal

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## Dates to Remember

**25 OCT – SPORT FACE 4PM**

**27<sup>th</sup> OCT – GRANDPARENTS DAY  
BISHOPS VISIT**

**6 NOV – SCHOOL ASSEMBLY 9.30AM  
COLOUR FUN RUN 1**

**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**

**26 NOV – SCHOOL YOUTH MASS 9.15AM**

**27 NOV – SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

**6 DEC – YR 6 GRADUATION MASS 6PM**

**11 DEC – SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

**15 DEC – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**



## **Assistant Principal's Message**

### **Children Leaving Early**

Parents/Carers, a reminder to try to organise appointments etc. out of school hours. I know that at times this is unavoidable, but we are seeing an increasing number of children leaving early, especially on a Friday afternoon. Children are missing not only lessons, but social connections with their peers and teachers.

### **Safeguarding**

#### **SchoolTV**

St Therese's has access to an online resource for staff, parents, and students called SchoolTV. There is a link to SchoolTV on our website, on the Parent tab, the link is also below. There is a short introduction video, that explains SchoolTV, we will also highlight different resources each week that families might like to access, which may reflect topics or concerns that we see at school

<https://newlambton.catholic.schooltv.me/>

### **Allhallowtide Triduum**

This Christian triduum begins on the 31<sup>st</sup> October, and continues on the 1<sup>st</sup> Nov (All Saints Day) and 2<sup>nd</sup> November (All Souls Day). During this time, we as Catholics, remember those who have died, including martyrs, saints, and all faithful departed Christians. All Saints Day is also a Holy Day of obligation. As a Catholic school, we do not celebrate Halloween, which occurs during this time.

### **Christmas Activity Day**

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, we will have a Christmas Activity Day. Children will be able to choose from a variety of activities that will run between 12 – 2pm. Parents/Carers are welcome to join us during this time, to spend time with your child/ren and assist with the activities. More information will be sent in the coming weeks.

### **Homework Policy**

This year we have reviewed our Homework Policy and Procedures. The drafts of these have been placed on our website, and the links are here: <https://www.newlambton.catholic.edu.au/parent-information/draft-policies/>

We encourage you to read these documents and provide feedback via the survey link

<https://forms.office.com/r/yBQ7ai2y2m> Please provide feedback any by **Friday 2 November**.

### **Class Lists**

The class teachers, learning support teachers and the leadership team continue to formulate class lists for 2024. We have had a few inquiries as to how teachers place children in classes, this is done by looking at academic, social, and emotional considerations. To address the social and emotional considerations, teachers ask children to complete a sociogram where children identify friends they would like to be in class with, based on current friendships, children they work with in flexible groups or in inquiry units. There are times where great friendships do not result in effective placement in the same classes, which teachers are aware of, as they have a deep understanding of your child/ren. Classes for 2024 give children an opportunity to make new connections, while also strengthening existing friendships. Children can sometimes be a bit worried about their new class and teacher, this is quite common and expected, and we will work together with you and your child, to ensure a smooth transition. Before the end of the year, the children will spend an afternoon with their new class and teacher/s.

**Kaylene Maretich**

**Assistant Principal**

## **Religious Education**

**Sacramental Program 2023/2024 (Year 3)** – The candidates for our new Sacramental Program are underway preparing for their First Reconciliation in the upcoming weeks. Please pray for all the candidates as they receive the sacrament on either Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov. OR Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**St Therese's Feast Day & Mission Day** – Thanks to your generous support, we raised over \$650 as a school community to go towards Catholic Mission and their Socktober 2023 appeal. This money will help many underprivileged communities in neighbouring Timor Leste.

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**Bishop's Visit** – In addition to his visit to our school this coming Friday, Bishop Michael Kennedy will return to our parish and St Therese's church to celebrate **Sunday Mass at 9:15am** (Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October). Mass will be followed by a morning tea here at the school hall. All are warmly invited to attend.

**Totem Pole Project & ATSI Family Day** – Last Wednesday was a wonderful gathering of many of our Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander families including parents, grandparents and aunties as they listened to Mr Evis Heath talk about the totem pole project and the design of the first pole which will tell the local Awabakal story of Whibay-gamba (Nobby's headland) and of how Mowane, the kangaroo, came to hide there where he lives unto this day. Evis will begin painting during this week and, upon completion, will then share the story with our whole school community. Each subsequent totem pole will continue to reveal significant Awabakal stories and the deep spiritual and cultural messages they contain.



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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](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)

**Year 6 parents are reminded to check their fees are up to date to ensure a fee clearance for their new high school.**

**Jenny Hurst**  
Acting Bursar

### Canteen

Mon 23/10	Tues 24/10	Wed 25/10	Thurs 26/10	Fri 27/10
Magda Ramsay	Lauren Ross	Jacqui Osborn	Anthony Hawes	Kristy Lawrence
Amy Staikos	Marissa Harvey			Kristin Searl
	Charlene Price			Holly van Schalkwyk

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Grandparents of all our students are warmly invited to our:  
Grandparents Day Celebration!**

**Date:** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

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

10-10:15am – Morning Tea

10:30-11.15am – Open Classrooms – whole school



## Sport

### Sports FACE Meeting

We will be holding the next Sports FACE meeting on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October in the McAuley Centre at 4pm. All parents are welcome to discuss the feedback from the Swimming Carnival survey and other sport related matters. A specific agenda will be sent to parents prior to the meeting.

**Ben McCarthy**  
Assistant Principal



## **PBS**

### **PBS Awards**

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

<b>School Spirit Award</b> for demonstrating JUSTICE by being fair to others					
<b>KN</b>	Isla C	<b>KW</b>	Henry R	<b>KL</b>	Archie V
	Marli L		Mateo S		Otto B
<b>1N</b>	Hazel H	<b>1W</b>	Heston G	<b>1L</b>	Daniel M
	Freddy W		Ruby N		Emily J
		<b>2W</b>	Lewis P	<b>2L</b>	Elin W
			Zara A		Amelia E
<b>3N</b>	Riley L	<b>3W</b>	Chase P	<b>3L</b>	Olivia M
	Macey H		Annika W		Oliver A
<b>4N</b>	Grace O	<b>4W</b>	Francesca R	<b>4L</b>	Ben B
	Marcas A		Stella R		Lucy C
<b>5N</b>	Arabella H	<b>5W</b>	Scarlett H	<b>5L</b>	Eamon D
	Noah J		Raiki P		Annabel S
<b>6N</b>	Ollie B	<b>6W</b>	Isaac N	<b>6L</b>	Nicholas B
	Eloise H		Gracie B		Daniela P

### **Principal Awards**

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 their class assembly.

<b>Principal Awards</b>					
<b>KW</b>	Henry K Emily S Diesel D	<b>1L</b>	Max Jones	<b>2L</b>	Nate R
<b>3L</b>	Archer R	<b>4W</b>	Noah M	<b>4L</b>	Jerome G Violet H
<b>5W</b>	Patrick E Louie B	<b>5L</b>	Erin S Milla G Eamon S	<b>6N</b>	Hope B

**Melissa Pyers**  
Primary Coordinator

**Carols By Candlelight returns to St Therese's**

After a lengthy hiatus due to the school rebuild, Covid and back field renovations, we are proud to announce the return of Carols by Candlelight to St Therese's in 2023. This year's theme is "British Pop Christmas". All students across the school will be part of this performance. They will entertain us with songs from some of Britain's greatest bands and artists.

Please pop the following details into your calendars:

**Date** - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November (Week 7)

**Time** - 6pm - 8pm.

**Where** - St Therese's Primary School (outside the Catherine McAuley Centre).

**What to wear** - students are invited to wear a Christmas themed t-shirt or costume.

**What to bring** - families can bring picnic rugs and chairs, picnic food.

We are very excited to host the return of another whole school community event. Not only will you be entertained by the wonderful voices of your children, you will also be accompanied by the talents of our teachers as we sing communal Christmas carols and songs. Please join us for this wonderful community event.



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Support with employment

**When:** Every Thursday from 3.30pm to 5.30pm

**Where:** CatholicCare Refugee Hub (50 Church Street, Mayfield)

**Contacts:** John – 0428 822 526 and Homaira – 0458 487 623



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