



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Grandparents Day

Last Friday we welcomed over 500 grandparents and carers to our school. The children performed beautifully and my thanks to all our teachers and especially Ms Pyers for the coordination of the day.

Bishop's Visit

Also last Friday we welcomed our new Bishop, Michael Kenndey, to St Therese's for his first visit. Bishop Michael congratulated the children on their beautiful behaviour and commented on what a lovely atmosphere he experienced in the school.



FACE – Family & Community Engagement

As part of next week's PEG meetings, you will be asked to provide feedback regarding schools' family engagement forums. Leading the discussion will be representatives from the Federation of P & F Associations and leaders from the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.

Your feedback will inform the development of the FACE (Family and Community Engagement) model, which will the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle hopes will build on the strengths of both PEGS and P&F Associations that are currently operating amongst its system of schools. Our school recently transitioned to the PEG model, and I feel the move has helped to build family participation and engagement across all facets of our school community. As such, it would be wonderful to have as many parents and carers in attendance as possible, to ensure our views are well represented and can hopefully influence how family engagement can be maximised across all schools.

Duilio Rufo

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Dates to Remember

**6 NOV – SCHOOL ASSEMBLY 9.30AM
COLOUR FUN RUN 12NOON**

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

Progressive Achievement Testing (PAT)

Next week all children in Years 1-6 will complete the Progressive Achievement Testing (PAT) as follows:

- PAT Reading – Years 1-6
- PAT Maths – Years 1-6
- PAT Grammar and Punctuation – Years 3-6

As PAT is completed yearly in early November, it allows us to look at the growth in children across the year. We also look at the trends in data, so that as a school we set our focus for 2024. In early 2024, teachers then spend time looking at the PAT data, so that we know where to target teaching. Children do not need to “study” for PAT, it is one of the many assessments we use to gauge an understanding of where your child is at with the learning. Flexible groups in English and Maths will not occur next week, to allow for PAT to be administered.

Children in Years 1 -3 will use the school devices to do their testing and children in Years 4-6 will use their own devices. Please ensure your child charges their device each day and brings their device to school each day. The school does not have a bank of “back up” devices for Year 4-6 to use.

Class Lists

The teachers have completed the class lists for 2024 and Learning Support teachers and the Leadership Team are now reviewing the lists. Please do not send any further considerations for classes for 2024. Classes for 2024 will be sent home with your child when the reports are released on Friday 8 December.

Safeguarding SchoolTV

We have had several enquiries from parents on how to discuss war and conflict with their child. The conflict in many areas across the world dominates news and some social media sites. Michael Carr-Gregg has released a special report for parents on SchoolTV discussing how to discuss conflict with children. You can access this through our school website on the parent tab, or via the link https://newlambton.catholic.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-discussing-war-conflict.

Parents/Carers have free access to SchoolTV. Each week we will highlight a special edition or useful resource for families. But you are also encouraged to access SchoolTV which is an excellent resource for all families.

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 15th Nov. OR Thursday 16th Nov.

Pedagogy of Encounter: The new RE Curriculum continues to roll out in 2024 – Over the past couple of years, the Catholic Schools Office have been committed to rewriting our diocesan Religious Education Curriculum. This new curriculum is known as the Pedagogy of Encounter. Kindergarten and Year 1 currently employ this new curriculum in the classroom and, as of 2024, Year 2 and Year 3 will also be implementing the Pedagogy of Encounter.

The vision of this new curriculum is that the Good News of Jesus Christ be encountered in every RE classroom in innovative and co-creative ways as part of the living tradition of the Church, as a system of meaning and relevance to individuals' social and community experience. The Vision for the new Religious Education curriculum appropriately aligns with the diocesan Vision statement where Jesus Christ is the heart of all we do. The RE curriculum seeks to invite students into a knowledge and experience of Jesus who invites them into relationship with God and reveals God's love to them.

How will this occur?

Encountering the mystery of God through a **Pedagogy of Encounter**.

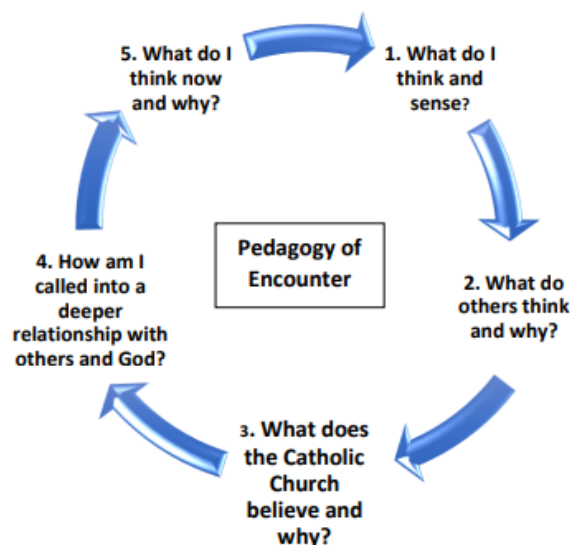
- The Pedagogy of Encounter is about encountering the mystery of God through the mystery of everyday life.
- Students are invited to depth their own views on matters being studied and to engage with the perspectives of others and of the Catholic Church.
- The Pedagogy invites students to do more than just learn facts or content about the topics being studied; it invites them to reflect on the meaning that those facts have for them and to attend to the significance of that meaning for their way of being in the world.
- The Pedagogy challenges students to consider how the learning process has called them into action or into a new way of seeing and critiquing the world and a new way of being in it.

This pedagogy will inform the new programs in terms of structuring learning opportunities.

This will be facilitated through a dialogical model that responds to the different voices within the RE classroom.

"Dialogue, in fact, educates when the person relates with respect, esteem and sincere listening, and is expressed with authenticity without obscuring or softening one's own identity nourished by evangelical inspiration." (Pope Francis 2017)

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

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 30/10 | Tues 31/10 | Wed 1/11 | Thurs 2/11 | Fri 3/11 |
|------------------|----------------|------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Leonie Nancarrow | Simone Slamet | Kim Jordan | Luke Wilson | Sarah Hughes |
| Neroli Moran | Teigan Jobbins | | | Kelly Robertson |
| | Sarah Bourke | | | Sarah Lee |

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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:

| School Spirit Award for demonstrating JUSTICE by being fair to others | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| KN | Frederick J Vinnny O | KW | Eleanor B Harry C | KL | Charlie D Kaleila C |
| 1N | Tom M Amelia M | 1W | Elanore M Harvey F | 1L | Max J Freya H |
| | | 2W | Adriana H Pippa W | 2L | Kai R Rinoa I |
| 3N | Stanley S Maya J | 3W | Eden C Emily S | 3L | Santiago P Archer R |
| 4N | Samuel S Sienna G | 4W | Jack M Baylen T | 4L | Hunter B Olivia H |
| 5N | Spencer P Elvis B | 5W | Darcy L Miriam G | 5L | Hudson G Eden H |
| 6N | Sam P Tabby K | 6W | Casper H Tilly C | 6L | Hunter C Sophie M |

Principal Awards

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

| Principal Awards | | | | | |
|------------------|-----------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|-------------------|
| KW | Samuel R | KL | Otto B | 1N | Madeline P |
| 1W | Hudson J Camille W | 1L | Emily J | 2L | Michael M |
| 4L | Oliver H | 5N | Luca R | 5L | Indah P Zoey D |

The above students will receive a Principal's Award at their class assembly.

Melissa Pyers
Coordinator

Sport

Martin W, Year 6 at St Therese's, recently competed at the International Sport Karate World Cup in Sydney over a 3-day event, 20th – 22nd October. There were 1600 competitors from 12 countries in attendance including (AUS, USA, UK & India), with the Mayor Ned Mannoun, stating that it was the largest Tournament ever held in the Southern Hemisphere.

Martin's consistency and dedication leading up to the event helped him achieve some fantastic results including:

Runner-Up Champion Koshiki – Silver Belt

Bronze Belt/3rd Place - Traditional Forms

Well done Martin!



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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 22nd 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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Gifted Education News- St Therese's New Lambton
Poetry Club

The Poetry Club are so excited about our Performance Night on:

Monday 27th November at 6-7:30 pm at the Newcastle Comedy Club, 1a Darby St Newcastle.



All in our school community are invited. To assist us with numbers, can you please fill out the following form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/nY8C6nUjgH>

There is no cost for this event. Nibbles and refreshments will be provided.

We cannot wait to see you on the night.

Gingerbread House Fundraiser 2023

The Gingerbread house fundraiser is back again for Christmas 2023. Orders can be placed via flexischools from now until Tuesday 14 November 2023 and are selling for \$40 per kit. When placing your order the flavour choices include Gingerbread, Gluten Free Gingerbread or Chocolate. The kit includes all gingerbread pieces to make the house, baseboard, piping bag with icing, cellophane and ribbon. Lollies are not included. The gingerbread is high quality and information about ingredients can be found at <http://www.gingerbreadfolk.com.au>. All monies raised will go towards resources to benefit students. Thank you for supporting the school. See the flyer further in our newsletter.

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**Thursday 9 November
7.30pm**

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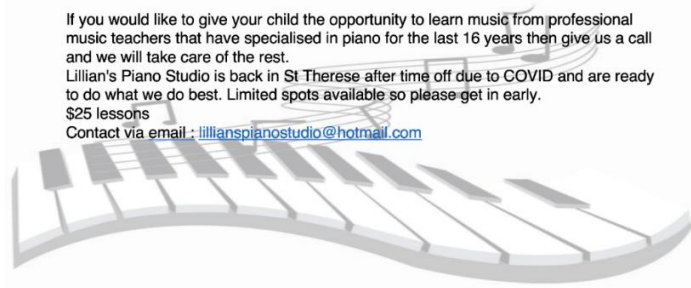
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Behaviour, Big Feelings, and Self-Regulation

TUESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2023

A FREE workshop for parents and carers with guest presenter and internationally respected child development expert and author, Karen Young.



The Federation of P & F Associations is very pleased to provide this opportunity to parents and carers of children and teens enrolled in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle Catholic Schools.

Big feelings are a very normal part of development. For many children and teens, big feelings will drive big behaviour, which can be confusing and challenging for them and the adults who care for them. The more we understand the what, why, and how of feelings and the behaviours they fuel, the more we will be able to respond to teens (and ourselves) more effectively and compassionately. Ultimately, our responses will nurture the vital foundations of self-regulation in children and their capacity to feel and express the full range of human emotions in healthy ways.

DATE Tuesday 14 November 2023

TIME 7pm – 8.30pm

VENUE All Saints College, Maitland
9 Free Church Street

COST FREE

RSVP is essential by
Friday 10 November

www.mn.shor.in/KarenYoung

The session will explore:

- where big feelings come from and why they have an important job to do;
- why children depend on their important adults to provide calm during their emotional storms, and how to do this;
- the four broad reasons for emotional dysregulation and how to respond;
- practical ways to help children and teens understand feelings and why this matters;
- a new way to understand big feelings and the big behaviours they fuel;
- practical strategies to deal with challenging behaviour;
- changing the way we think about discipline - why traditional disciplines don't work and what to do instead;
- how to build relationships with teens that will preserve our connection and influence;
- connection after conflict - how to repair after an emotional or relational 'collision' with children;
- brain to brain - how to use our own capacity to self-regulate as the circuit breaker for big feelings and big behaviour;
- when behaviour is extra big - the common origins of big behaviour, how to respond in the moment, and the practical strategies that will effect lasting change;
- how to establish meaningful boundaries with love and leadership, and how to respond when those boundaries are challenged;
- building their emotional toolbox - the strategies that will build their capacity to tolerate big feelings and respond more effectively.

ABOUT: KAREN YOUNG began her career as a psychologist working extensively with children, teens and families. She is a sought-after speaker and consultant and is the founder of "Hey Sigmund", an internationally popular online resource that provides contemporary, research driven information on anxiety. She is the author of four books, including the bestselling "Hey Warrior", which creatively assist children to understand and manage anxiety.



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- Touch Football
- Hockey
- Tennis
- Swimming
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