



Acting Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers
Well, what a start to Week 5!

Staffing Changes for Term 4

As Mr Rufo has been asked to step in as Acting Principal at St James Kotara South, there have been some changes to staff for the remainder of 2023, here at St Therese's.

- Acting Principal – Kaylene Maretich
- Acting Assistant Principal – Ben McCarthy

The St Therese's Leadership Team and staff will continue to support all students, parents and the wider community. We know that the remainder of the 2023 school year, will be a positive one, with many exciting events ahead.

Colour Run

Thank you to all the parent/carers that helped to organise and facilitate the Colour Run today – it was a HUGE success. The children all had a wonderful time, as did the staff and volunteers. I'm sure Year 6 enjoyed throwing colour at the staff, with some staff almost unrecognisable at the end of the day. To see the excitement on the children's faces and to hear the laughter of everyone, highlighted the importance of days such as these, that bring our community together.

Orientation Day

This Thursday morning, we welcome the kindergarten children of 2024 and their parents/carers. I know our Year 5 students are eagerly waiting to meet their buddies. It is such an exciting time welcoming new students to the school. Our current kindergarten children will spend the morning with their Year 6 buddies, engaging in fun activities the Year 6 children and teachers have planned.

FACE Information Sessions

This week, The Federation of Parents & Friends Associations, will present information session on transition from a P&F/PEG (Parent Engagement Group) to a FACE (Family and Community Engagement).

There will be two sessions that will take place in the Catherine McAuley Centre (Session 2 is a repeat of Session 1):

- Session 1 – Thursday 9 November at 2:00pm led by Federation president, Bev Bailey and supported by Chelsea Maxted (the Diocese's Legal Information Officer)
- Session 2 - Thursday 9 November at 6:00pm led by Federation vice president, Cheryl Murphy and supported by the Diocese's manager of Legal, Katy Mooney.

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Dates to Remember

9 NOV – KINDER ORIENTATION 9.30

**9 NOV - FACE/PEG SESSIONS
2PM & 6PM**

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

Safeguarding **SchoolTV**

This week we focus on safe use of social media. Social media is important to keep us connected with friends and family that may be far from us, or this we do not get to see often. Children need to be supported and educated on the safe use of social media, and parents/carers need to ensure children are supervised on social media and use only age appropriate sites. The link may provide you with advice on the use of social media, in particular influencers.

https://newlambton.catholic.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-social-media-influencers-au

Kaylene Maretich
Assistant Principal

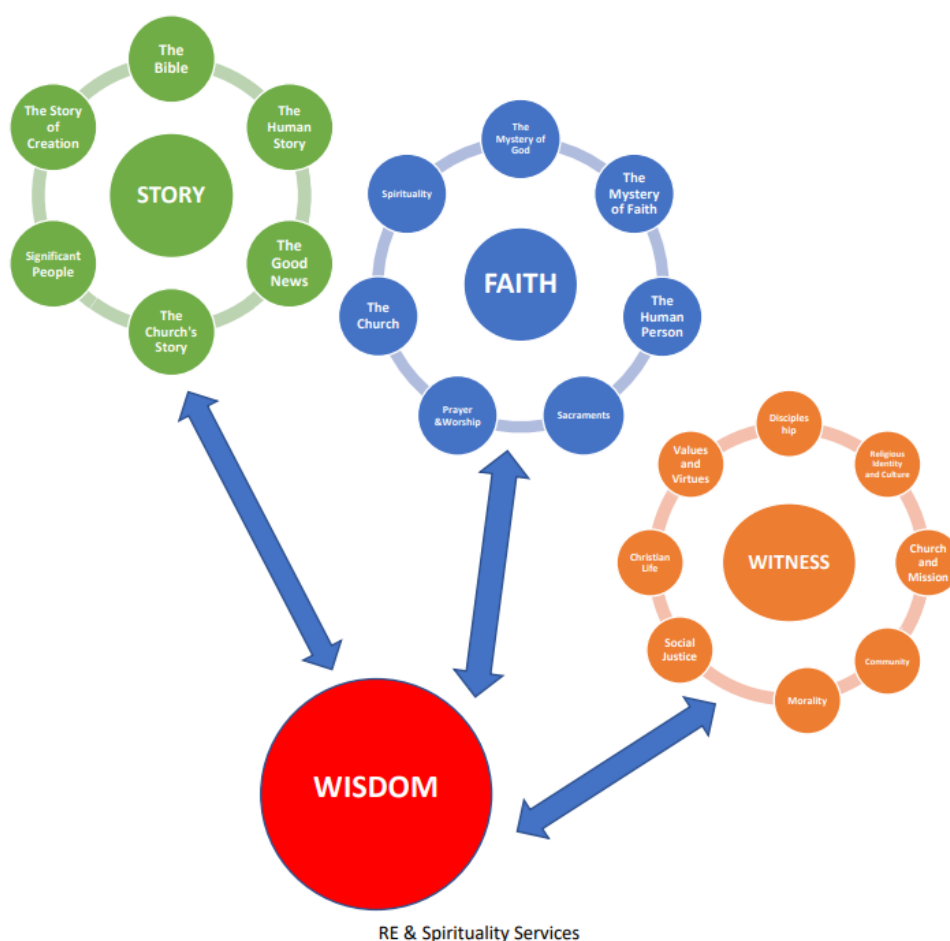
Religious Education

First Reconciliation – Please pray for all the candidates as they receive the sacrament next week on either Wednesday 15th Nov. OR Thursday 16th Nov.

Pedagogy of Encounter: Further Information – In last week's Newsletter, the 5-step cycle of the RE Curriculum, Pedagogy of Encounter, was explained. This week, we will further explore the new curriculum, looking into the **4 integrated areas of learning**:

- 3 areas of knowledge & understanding – **Faith, Story & Witness**
- 1 area which develops skills & capabilities – **Wisdom**

AREAS OF LEARNING



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

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 13/11	Tues 14/11	Wed 15/11	Thurs 16/11	Fri 17/11
Elesha Finlay	Kylie Marten	Connie Martinelli		Anna Perkins
Catherine Devine	Odette Tonkin			Kareena Gupta
	Sue Jones			Sally Curzi

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.

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PBS

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 cooperative:

School Spirit Award for demonstrating JUSTICE by being cooperative					
KN	Sidak S	KW	Zoe D	KL	Ryder F
	Augusta K		Jules W		Thomas B
1N	Scout M	1W	Annabelle W	1L	Evelyn A
	Declan P		Kai Dingle		Leo G
		2W	Amelia M	2L	Emilie A
			Xavier S		Samuel B
3N	Blake F	3W	Abbey C	3L	Zac H
	Isabella G		Ruby J		Vanessa C
4N	Emilio S	4W	Annabella A	4L	Milla C
	Phoebe B		Georgie A		Jerome G
5N	Lucas O	5W	John D	5L	Rosie S
	Bailey B		Thomas T		Alex J
6N	Emily F	6W	Ivy B	6L	Jayden C
	Tabitha K		Sienna S		Eden H

Principal Awards

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

Principal Awards					
KW	Ashton F	1N	Mailey B	1W	Cillian M
	Mateo S				Elsie R
2L	Matilda D	3N	Jennifer J	3W	Jeno D
	Rio S				Sidney M
3L	Ace C	4W	Francesca R	4L	Tayla A
	Maxwell W		Harry S		Natasha P
5N	Benjamin C	5L	Eamon D		
	Zoe O				

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

Melissa Pyers

Primary Coordinator

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal 2023

It is that time of the year again when Mini Vinnies is asking for your assistance in helping others. Our Christmas Appeal begins this week. Each grade is asked to bring food items allocated to their year group. Students will bring 1-2 food items each that can be donated to the St Vincent de Paul Society, who will make up parcels for the needy in our community. Please help us to help those who are not as fortunate as we are. The Christmas Appeal donations will be collected on Wednesday and Friday each week by the members of Mini Vinnies up until Wednesday 6th December. More information will be given to your child's grade regarding requested items. Thank you for your support,

Year 5 Mini Vinnies

Kinder – sweet biscuits, fruit cakes

Year 1 – lollies, cordial

Year 2 – breakfast cereals, long life custard

Year 3 – chips, nibbles

Year 4 – tinned fruit & vegetables

Year 5 – pasta, spreads

Year 6 – savoury biscuits, spreads

Thankyou, Year 5 Teachers

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Christmas Concert Update

The end of year Carols By Candlelight concert is fast approaching. Here are some more details regarding the night.

- Concert details: Wednesday 22nd November @ 6pm - outside the Catherine McAuley Centre. Gates open at 5.30pm.
- Kinder students - please meet outside the kinder rooms by 5.45pm. You are opening the show.
- Students to dress in a Christmas outfit or Christmas t-shirt.
- Visitors are welcome to bring picnic blankets, chairs and picnic food. Please remember that alcohol cannot be brought onto the premises during the event.
- The expectation is that all students will participate in the concert. Could we please ask that you start making arrangements if your child has any after school activities. Please let your classroom teacher know if your child cannot make due to pre-arranged travels.
- All song lyrics have been sent to parents and carers via Compass. Could we please ask you to help your child with memorisation of the lyrics for the night.

Students are working so hard at creating these fabulously big-sounding choirs. The energy around making music together is positive, contagious, and really good for building our community spirit. We really are very much looking forward to sharing our music with you at the concert.



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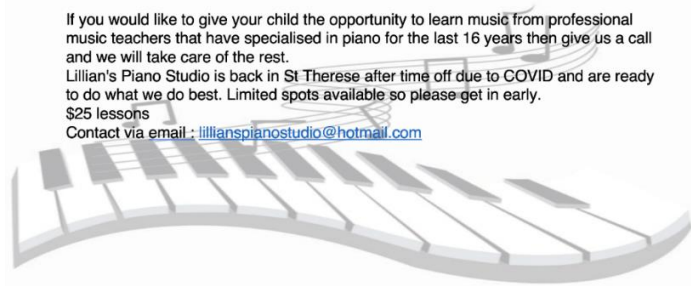
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