



Acting Principal's Message

Dear Parents & Carers

This week starts Lent, which commemorates the 40 days that Jesus Christ spent in the desert, in prayer and fasting. This Church season begins on Ash Wednesday, which we celebrated today with a parish Mass in our school hall. Traditionally, we have "given up" treats for Lent such as chocolates, but I would like us all to focus on the practice of Catholic traditions such as saying a prayer of thanks before a meal, or on acts of service or kindness towards others. As we enter this very special time in our Catholic year, we also look inwards to ways we can connect more deeply with God, through prayer and reflection. We also invite families to attend Mass at St Therese's Church on Sundays at 9:15am.

Opening School Mass

We invite all families to join us at our Opening School Mass next **Monday 19 February** at 9:30am. Our student leadership will be presented with their badges at this Mass.

Newsletter

We will be sending the Newsletter out on Wednesdays this year, as we have had some changes to staff rosters this term.

School Assemblies

This year, we will continue with three assemblies each term, at 2:30pm in the school hall. At each assembly, a grade will present a short performance of either a song, poem etc. For Term 1, the assemblies will be:

- Week 6 – Monday 4 March (Year 6 performance)
- Week 11 – Monday 8 April, due to the Easter Monday public holiday in Week 10 (Year 5 performance)

Each term, we will also have an open classroom where families are invited to have a look at students work, and the exciting things that are happening in our school. These mornings will begin with a liturgy in the school hall. The Open Classroom for Term 1 is **Monday 11 March from 9:30 – 10:30am**.

School Uniform

We have noticed that many children are wearing incorrect shoes with their formal uniform. All children should have black leather footwear, black joggers and skate shoes are not acceptable. A reminder that sport uniform is only to be worn on sport days. Please ensure your child is in their correct uniform each day.

To bring Christ and His message, in all its richness, into the hearts and lives of all.

Dates to Remember

**28TH FEB - PEG MEETING 2PM & 6PM
MCAULEY CENTRE**

**11TH MAR – OPEN CLASSROOMS
9.30-10.30AM**

22ND MAR – YEAR 6 RETREAT

28TH MAR - HOLY THURSDAY

29TH MAR - GOOD FRIDAY

11TH APR - LAST DAY OF TERM 1

12TH APR - PUPIL FREE DAY



As you may be aware St Pius X High School, Adamstown will become Trinity Catholic College from the commencement of the 2025 school year.

Planning for the launch of Trinity Catholic College has continued, following feedback and consultation about the new name from the school and wider community across 2022 and 2023.

St Pius has now shared its new motto and crest for the school with the community. As a pathway primary school for St Pius, Adamstown we wanted to share this information with you.

[There is a video and more information available on the St Pius website here.](#)

Kaylene Maretich
Acting Principal

Acting Assistant Principal's Message

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be held from the 13 March – 25 March this year. All students in Years 3 and 5 complete the NAPLAN in the following areas:

- Reading
- Writing
- Conventions of Language
- Numeracy.

Children complete NAPLAN online, except for the writing test for Year 3, which is completed in a booklet. The results of the tests allow us to identify and celebrate student achievement, and additionally we use the data to identify where we as a school are using effective strategies and programs in our teaching of English and Mathematics. Parents in Years 3 & 5 will receive a parent letter about NAPLAN in the coming days.

Caritas Diocesan Launch: Project Compassion

On Tuesday, the School Captains and Councillors, along with Mrs Maretich and Mr Konik, went to the Caritas: Project Compassion launch at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Hamilton. The theme for Project Compassion this year is 'For All Future Generations' and money raised will specifically go towards projects in Australia, Samoa and Malawi. The school leaders were excellent school ambassadors at the launch and enjoyed some delicious pancakes after Mass. Have a good week.

Mark Konik
Acting Assistant Principal



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School Community News

Fees – We are in the process of completing the 2024 billing. You will start to see items appear on your Compass app. If you are a family that holds a health care card or a pension card, please contact the office by email (admin@newlambton.catholic.edu.au) for the documentation to complete so the discount can be applied.

If your family is experiencing financial difficulty, please contact us on the same email address so we can work out how best to assist you.

Fee statements will be distributed from the beginning of March.

School Medication

Please ensure that any changes to your child's medication is notified in writing and that you receive a reply from the office within 48 hours. If you don't hear from us please contact us immediately. We are in the process of updating our Administration of Medication procedures and this will be communicated to the school community in due course.

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.

Compass attendance notes

Please be aware that adding attendance notes in Compass is for WHOLE DAY absences. If you are bringing your child to school late due to an appointment etc, you will receive the text message. Please disregard this if the child is with you. Then upon bringing them into the admin office, you will sign them in through the kiosk. This then adjusts the class roll in real time.

Also, if you are collecting your child early for some reason, please DO NOT add a note in advance, just call into the office and sign them out through the kiosk.

Your help with this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Canteen

Mon 19/2	Tues 20/2	Wed 21/2	Thurs 22/2	Fri 23/2
Elesha Finlay	Lauren Ross	Connie Martinelli	Brittany Boutillier	Anna Perkins
Catherine Devine	Marissa Harvey			Kareena Gupta
	Charlene Price			Sally Curzi

Professional Piano Lessons at School

If you would like to give your child the opportunity to learn music from professional music teachers that have specialised in piano for the last 16 years then give us a call and we will take care of the rest.

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STUDENTS OF ALL AGES



We are excited to continue with the **Poetry Club** at our school for **enthusiastic and passionate writers** in Kindergarten to Year 6.

Susan Sheridan, a parent volunteer is coordinating the Poetry Club which has been enjoyed by students for the last two years. Susan is highly skilled and qualified in teaching Poetry and has previously lectured at universities and organised Poetry Clubs in the United Kingdom. Mrs McNeil will also be assisting Susan in the smooth operation of the Poetry Club.

Each fortnight, starting on **Wednesday 28th February at 8:00- 8:45 am in the library**, students will analyse all different types of poems such as nonsense and shape poems or rhyming couplets. They will produce their own poems and learn techniques of performance as well. We will be showcasing their spectacular work later in the year at a special Poetry Performance Night.

It will be lots of fun and a fantastic opportunity for those that love poetry, words and writing. There is no cost.

If your child is interested, even if they were part of the Poetry Club last year, please complete the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/s3zsWT6Y2Q>

We have a limit of 30 students. All students that were members of the Poetry Club last year will automatically continue if they wish to.

Your child will receive a note to show they have been accepted into the program.

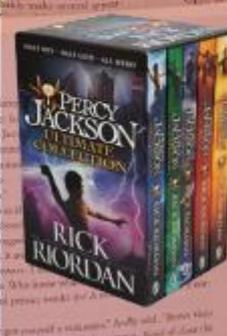
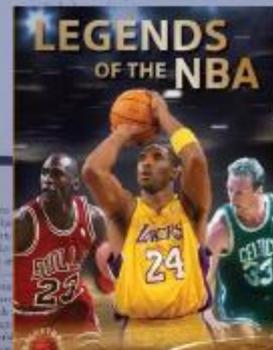
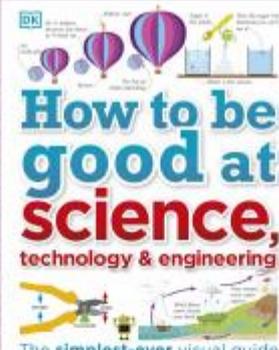
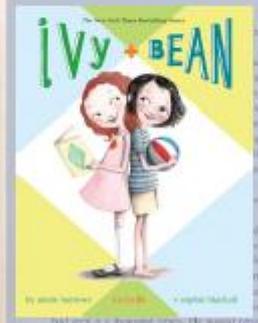
If you have any queries about the Poetry Club, please do not hesitate to contact me at: patricia.mcneil@mn.catholic.edu.au

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1. Apply for NSW Government \$50 Active Kids Voucher at Services NSW for 5-18yrs
To Redeem your voucher number, log into:-

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher>

2. Then log on to Play Football website, follow the prompts & register with Lambton Jaffas Junior Soccer Club

<https://www.playfootball.com.au/>

This Seasons Registration fees to play at the Jaffas are

Category	Age Group	Cost	With Active Kids Voucher
Mini Roo Teams	U/5 to U/7	\$155	\$105
Junior Teams	U/8 to U/11	\$185	\$135
Youth Teams	U/12 to U/18	\$250	\$200

If you have any questions or just wish to meet the Committee, come on down to one of our **INFORMATION DATES** below at Harry Edwards Oval, Lambton.

Day	Time
Wednesday 7 th February, 2024	4.30pm to 6.00pm
Saturday 10 th February, 2024	10.00am to 12.00pm

For any further queries you may have, please email the club at lambtonjaffasjuniors@gmail.com

or

Jump onto our Facebook Page "Lambton Junior Soccer Club" or Instagram Page "Lambton Jaffas Juniors"

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Club Secretary:
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