



Acting Principal's Message

Dear Parents & Carers

Lenten Season

While we traditionally see Lent as a time of fasting and "giving up" something such as chocolate, I encourage you all to engage in a spiritual Lenten journey as well. We are all so busy in our lives with work, taking our children to sport and looking after family and friends, that sometimes it is difficult to nourish our own souls and our relationship with God. Spending time in quiet reflection, will allow us to open our minds and hearts to how we may interact with others and may help us to see how we can reconcile with others as well as with struggles.

Adult Density for Learning

Week 5 has started with the introduction of flexible Maths groups and literacy groups in Years 1-6. This term we are trialling an "Adult Density Model" to target student learning in reading, during the literacy group block which occurs 3 times per week for 20 minutes. This model places 2-3 adults in a classroom at targeted times during the English block, where children are placed in small groups of up to 10, to complete a variety of activities, such as:

- Reading development with their teacher
- Comprehension strategies with another adult, such as learning support teacher, Mr Konik, Mrs McNeil or a learning support assistant (LSA)
- An independent task, such as handwriting, spelling tasks (e.g. find a word, dictionary meanings) etc.

Each day, the children rotate to another activity. I visited all the Years 1-6 classes over the past two days, and they were a hive of activity, with the children enjoying learning in this new model. We will trial this for the remainder of the term, then review this gauge its effectiveness and adjust as needed.

Successful Foundations

Our Kindergarten students continue with Successful Foundations, where they are engaged in deliberate play each morning for 1 hour. All the children enjoy this time, where they explore their surroundings and make new friends. It is so wonderful to see the happiness in their faces, and to listen to their excited conversations. This program will continue for the next 2-3 weeks.

Dates to Remember

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

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Open Classrooms

As we now have three assemblies per term, rather than every week, we would like families to join us for an "Open Morning" in the classrooms once per term. We have scheduled these in Week 7 of each term, which is also faith Community Week. On this morning, we will start with a short liturgy in the Hall at 9:30am, where the band will also perform. Following this families are invited into your child/ren's classes to see their work and share in their learning. The Open Morning will conclude after fruit break at around 10:30am when children will return to class. Our first Open Morning is on **Monday 11 March**.

Kaylene Maretich

Acting Principal

Acting Assistant Principal's Message

Adult Density in classrooms

This week Year 1 to Year 6 started our adult density program in classrooms. This means that there are more adults in the classrooms (other than the class teacher) for a part of Literacy lessons, particularly rotations. During rotations one group will be working with the classroom teacher, another group will be working with the other adult (LSA or teacher) and a third group will be working independently. It means that more explicit instruction can occur in smaller groups in the classroom. This program has been used successfully in other diocese and will be trialled for the remainder of Term 1.

Mark Konik

Acting Assistant Principal

School Community News

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.

External Providers with the school

If your child receives services from external providers such as a speech pathologist, occupational therapist, or from another provider at school such as piano, chess or guitar, please ensure you complete the 'Application-access 3rd Party contractor' attached to this newsletter and return to the office as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Advertising in the Newsletter – If your business is interested in advertising in our newsletter, please contact the school via email - admin@newlambton.catholic.edu.au. We will then provide you more details such as cost and advertisement size requirements.

Sport

On Monday 26th we had several students compete at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival to represent not only St Therese's but also Central Region. We would like to congratulate them on their efforts.

Jye Bown

Teacher



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**APPLICATION FOR A CATEGORY 5 CONTRACTOR TO
PROVIDE SERVICES TO A STUDENT IN A DIOCESAN SCHOOL**

1. Details of responsible adult and student			
1.1 Responsible adult's name			
1.2 Mobile		1.3 Email	
1.4 Relationship to student			
1.5 Student's name			
1.6 Grade			
1.7 Class teacher			
2. Details of category 5 contractor and requested access			
2.1 Contractor's name			
2.2 Trading or company name			
2.3 Address			
2.4 Mobile		2.5 Email	
2.6 Contracted service to be provided			
2.7 Frequency / duration	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday <input type="checkbox"/> Friday <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Fortnightly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly Other: _____ Start time for service: _____ Duration of service: _____		
2.8 Start date of service		2.9 Review / end date of service	

3. Declaration and consent for the contractor to provide the contracted service to my child

I, _____ am the responsible adult
Name of parent / guardian
making this application for a third-party contractor to provide a service in St Therese's Primary
School

By signing this document, I:

- State that I have used reasonable care to ascertain that the Contractor has the appropriate qualifications, licences, certifications and professional memberships necessary to provide the contracted service to my child, as listed in section 2.6 of this application.
- State that I have used reasonable care to ascertain that the Contractor holds public liability insurance.
- Consent for the Contractor to have unsupervised access to my child for the purposes of conducting the contracted service.

I confirm that I have advised the Contractor that:

- Prior to being given access to the School, the Contractor must show their current WWCC status, using the *Service NSW* application. Being unable or refusing to do so will result in the Contractor being refused entry.
- The Contractor will be required to complete a *Safeguarding Commitment for Contractors Working with the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle* form and submit it to the School.
- The contractor is granted access to the School for the singular purpose of providing my child the contracted service and should minimise contact with any other child.
- He/she will consult with my child's class teacher or the School leadership about any relevant information that the Contractor may have in relation to my child and will share information about my child.

Signed:

Date: _____

Canteen

Mon 4/3	Tues 5/3	Wed 6/3	Thurs 7/3	Fri 8/3
Leonie Nancarrow	Simone Slamet	Erin Kenneally	Luke Wilson	Sarah Hughes
Neroli Moran	Teigan Jobbin			Sara Lee
	Jo Lowndes			

Playgroup

Playgroup is on 9.30 in the school hall. All welcome. Please bring your own snacks, and a gold coin donation. Last week we had a blast bringing out the jumping castle.



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PUPIL FREE DAY
NEW LAMBTON
JUNKYARD BEATS
FRIDAY 12 APRIL

Using recycled materials and music as our main focus, we introduce students to the world of Junkyard Beats. Our creative workshop is a one-of-a-kind experience where environmental education becomes playful and interactive.

[REQUEST A BOOKING](#)



3 DAY VIP EVENT



20% OFF EVERYTHING*

March 6th 7th & 8th



INSTORE & ONLINE

*T&C's apply, no rainchecks, savings off original prices.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Overview

St Nicholas OOSH provides details of the calculation and operation of its fees and charges in the Fee Policy. The following fees and charges are effective 5 February 2024.

	Permanent	Casual
Before School Care	\$29.00	\$34.00
After School Care	\$34.00	\$39.00
Vacation Care - Day Camp	NA	\$75.00
Vacation Care - Incursion	NA	\$90.00
Vacation Care - Excursion	NA	\$105.00

Miscellaneous Fees

Missing Child Fee

Administered to the families account when OOSH staff are not notified that a child will be absent from after school care	\$50.00 (per child) This fee does not attract the <u>Child care</u> Subsidy
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Late Collection Fee

From closing time up to 15 minutes	\$15.00 (per child)
For each additional 15 minutes (or part thereof)	\$15.00 (per child)

One-Off Enrolment Fee

Enrolment fee	\$25.00 per family
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Direct Debit Fees

Direct debit transactions – from bank account	Nil
Direct debit – from Visa/Mastercard credit card	1.54% of transaction amount
Direct debit – from Amex	4.40% of transaction amount
Direct debit transaction – failed payment	\$11.90

*Please refer to our terms and conditions for more information, available at your local St Nicholas OOSH service

  
stnicholasoosh.org.au

St Therese's Primary School

Canteen Roster 2024

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
Dates	Names	Dates	Names	Dates	Names	Dates	Names	Dates	Names
29/01/24	Amy Stalkos	30/01/24	Alison Shuman	31/01/24		01/02/24		02/02/24	Michelle Randall
26/02/24		27/02/24	Annabel O'Neill	28/02/24	Jacqu Osborn	29/02/24	Sarah Bagnall	01/03/24	Nicole Green
25/03/24		26/03/24	Sarah White	27/03/24		28/03/24		29/03/24	
22/04/24		23/04/24		24/04/24		25/04/24		26/04/24	
20/05/24		21/05/24		22/05/24		23/05/24		24/05/24	
17/06/24		18/06/24		19/06/24		20/06/24		21/06/24	
15/07/24		16/07/24		17/07/24		18/07/24		19/07/24	
12/08/24		13/08/24		14/08/24		15/08/24		16/08/24	
09/09/24		10/09/24		11/09/24		12/09/24		13/09/24	
07/10/24		08/10/24		09/10/24		10/10/24		11/10/24	
04/11/24		05/11/24		06/11/24		07/11/24		08/11/24	
02/12/24		03/12/24		04/12/24		05/12/24		06/12/24	
05/02/24	Leone Nancarrow	06/02/24	Simone Siamet	07/02/24	Erin Kennedy	08/02/24		09/02/24	Sarah Hughes
04/03/24	Nerall Moran	05/03/24	Teigan Jobbin	06/03/24		07/03/24	Luke Wilson	08/03/24	Sara Lee
01/04/24		02/04/24	Jo Lowndes	03/04/24		04/04/24		05/04/24	
29/04/24		30/04/24		01/05/24		02/05/24		03/05/24	
27/05/24		28/05/24		29/05/24		30/05/24		31/05/24	
24/06/24		25/06/24		26/06/24		27/06/24		28/06/24	Kin Jordan odds
22/07/24		23/07/24		24/07/24		25/07/24		26/07/24	Michelle Dickson evens
19/08/24		20/08/24		21/08/24		22/08/24		23/08/24	
16/09/24		17/09/24		18/09/24		19/09/24		20/09/24	
14/10/24		15/10/24		16/10/24		17/10/24		18/10/24	
11/11/24		12/11/24		13/11/24		14/11/24		15/11/24	
09/12/24		10/12/24		11/12/24		12/12/24		13/12/24	
12/02/24	Diane Coyle	13/02/24	Kylie Marten	14/02/24	Cath Oakley	15/02/24	Anthony Hawes	16/02/24	Kristin Seard
11/03/24		12/03/24	Odette Tonkins	13/03/24		14/03/24		15/03/24	Holly Van Schakowsky
08/04/24		09/04/24	Catherine Devine	10/04/24		11/04/24		12/04/24	
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03/06/24		04/06/24		05/06/24		06/06/24		07/06/24	
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18/11/24		19/11/24		20/11/24		21/11/24		22/11/24	
16/12/24		17/12/24		18/12/24		19/12/24		20/12/24	
19/02/24	Elisha Finlay	20/02/24	Lauren Ross	21/02/24	Connie Martinelli	22/02/24	Brittany Baulier	23/02/24	Anna Perkins
18/03/24		19/03/24	Marissa Harvey	20/03/24		21/03/24		22/03/24	Kareena Gupta
15/04/24		16/04/24	Charlene Price	17/04/24		18/04/24		19/04/24	Sally Curzi
13/05/24		14/05/24		15/05/24		16/05/24		17/05/24	
10/06/24		11/06/24		12/06/24		13/06/24		14/06/24	
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30/09/24		01/10/24		02/10/24		03/10/24		04/10/24	
28/10/24		29/10/24		30/10/24		31/10/24		01/11/24	
25/11/24		26/11/24		27/11/24		28/11/24		29/11/24	
CANTEN CLOSED		**Please note: If you are unable to work your day please arrange your replacement with another volunteer or friend							
Canteen Coordinator		Leanne Hardgrove							
As at		05/02/24							
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