



Acting Principal's Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a busy couple of weeks at school, while the weather has been a bit miserable, all the children have been working hard and enjoying spending time with their peers.

Catholic Schools Week Liturgy & Open Classrooms

It was wonderful to see so many parents/carers, grandparents and family here on Monday, for our Liturgy to celebrate the start to Catholic Schools Week. The children were so excited to show their loved ones their work, as well as around our beautiful school. We will hold our next open classes and liturgy on Monday of Week 7 **next term**, as the Monday of Week 7 this term is the Long Weekend.

Congratulations

The Aspire Young Writers Competition has taken place over the past few weeks, congratulations to Maeve H who won the Primary Category. The topic was communication, and Maeve composed and sang a song about this topic. Maeve was a bit nervous on the day and she did an amazing job in front of a packed theatre. You are a talented writer Maeve, and we are very proud of you.



Line Marking

This week, work started on marking out play spaces in the Catherine McAuley Courtyard and Infants Courtyard. When it is all completed, we will have lots of handball courts, Snakes and Ladders, Hopscotch, Chess Board, 100s Chart, Sight Words and Activity Track. I'm sure the children will love using our new games areas. While the rain is slowing the work down, we hope to have everything completed by the end of next week.

Pupil Free Day

Monday 17 June is a Pupil Free Day, which is a staff development day. Please contact the St Nicholas OOSH if you require care for your child/ren on this day.

Dates to Remember

22/23 & 24 MAY – YR 6 SCHOOL CAMP

24 MAY – KINDER ENROLMENTS DUE

26 MAY - RITE OF COMMITMENT MASS

28 MAY – PEG ENVIRONMENT 5PM

30 MAY – PEG 2PM & 6PM
AFL GALA DAY

31 MAY – FUTSAL COMPETITION
WEAR YELLOW DAY – GOLD
COIN DONATION

3RD JUN - WHOLE SCHOOL
ASSEMBLY

10TH JUN – PUPIL FREE – PUBLIC
HOLIDAY – KING'S BDAY

13TH JUN – REGIONAL ATHLETICS
CARNIVAL
CONFIRMATION 6.30PM
DIO SOUNDS

17TH JUN – PUPIL FREE – STAFF
DEVELOPMENT DAY

26 JUN – 100 DAYS OF KINDERGARTEN

27/28 JUN – SCHOOL PHOTOS

3 JUL – KINDER SCIENCE MORNING
BUSKING FOR VINNIES

5 JUL – PYJAMA DAY GOLD COIN

5 JUL – LAST DAY OF TERM 2

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Parent Engagement Group

Thank you to the parents/carers that were able to join us for the Fundraising and Sport Subcommittees. At the Fundraising Subcommittee we discussed having a Black-Tie Ball either at the end of Term 3 or early Term 4. A form will go out in the coming days, so please complete the survey, so that we can ensure the Ball is a success. The Ball is an adult only event for parents/carers of St Therese's to raise money for the shade sails in the McAuley Courtyard. We have received two quotes for the sails, which will cost \$39 000. We also discussed holding a disco for students early in Term 3, which will be held in the evening. We have some parents that have started to look into the organising of these events but are looking for volunteers to assist. Please email kaylene.maretich@mn.catholic.edu.au if you would like to assist.

School Camp

Today, our Year 6 students headed away to Collaroy for their camp. There were many very excited children, who will have a marvellous time, and will come back with stories that they will remember forever. I thank our teachers Mr Konik, Mrs Pyers, Mr Paton, Miss Mortimer and Mrs Kellaway for taking the children to camp. All the teachers love camp as much as the children, they also give their own time away from their families to make the experience so wonderful for the children.

Kaylene Maretich
Acting Principal

Acting Assistant Principal's Message

Tell Them From Me Survey

The Tell Them From Me survey will occur again this year. The survey allows staff, students and parents the opportunity to have a voice about our school. The survey results will give us valuable data from which we can use to further improve our school.

In the coming days you will receive a link via Compass from the Catholic School Office that will take you to our survey. The Compass notification will have all the details about the survey as well as the closing date for the survey.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Mark Konik
Acting Assistant Principal

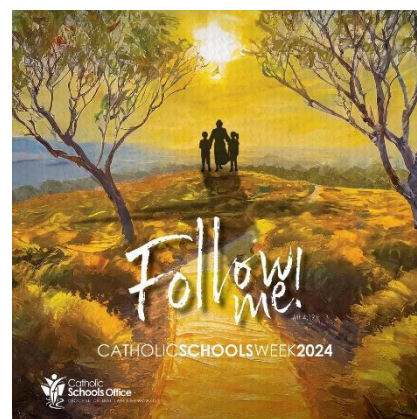
Catholic Culture News

Faith Formation

Catholic Schools Week 2024 – This week, we celebrate the contribution that Catholic schools make to the lives of students and families around Australia. Catholic schools educate over 805,000 students (one in five Australian students) and employ over 109,000 staff. For over 200 years, Catholic schools in Australia have provided a choice to Australian families for the education of their children, that reflects their own beliefs and values.

Our Diocesan theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is "*Follow me*" (Matthew 4:19). In this story from the Gospel of Mathew, Jesus invites Simon, Peter and Andrew to place their trust and confidence in Him and to follow Him on a journey as His disciples (*followers or students*). For disciples, to '*follow-me*' meant that they became like an apprentice to Jesus, to learn His ways, to love like He does, and to serve the poor and outsider like He does. To 'be' Good news to all the earth!

This invitation continues to this day as Catholic schools help fulfill the mission given by Jesus, to "*Follow me!*" Working alongside our parishes and other agencies to love and serve those in our communities. This attitude of service and caring for the whole person, flavours our Catholic schools' approach to everything! From striving for excellence in learning, to dedicated pastoral care and wellbeing, to faith formation opportunities for every child, we work hard to help each child to flourish in life. Thank you for trusting our Catholic school with the care and education of your child.



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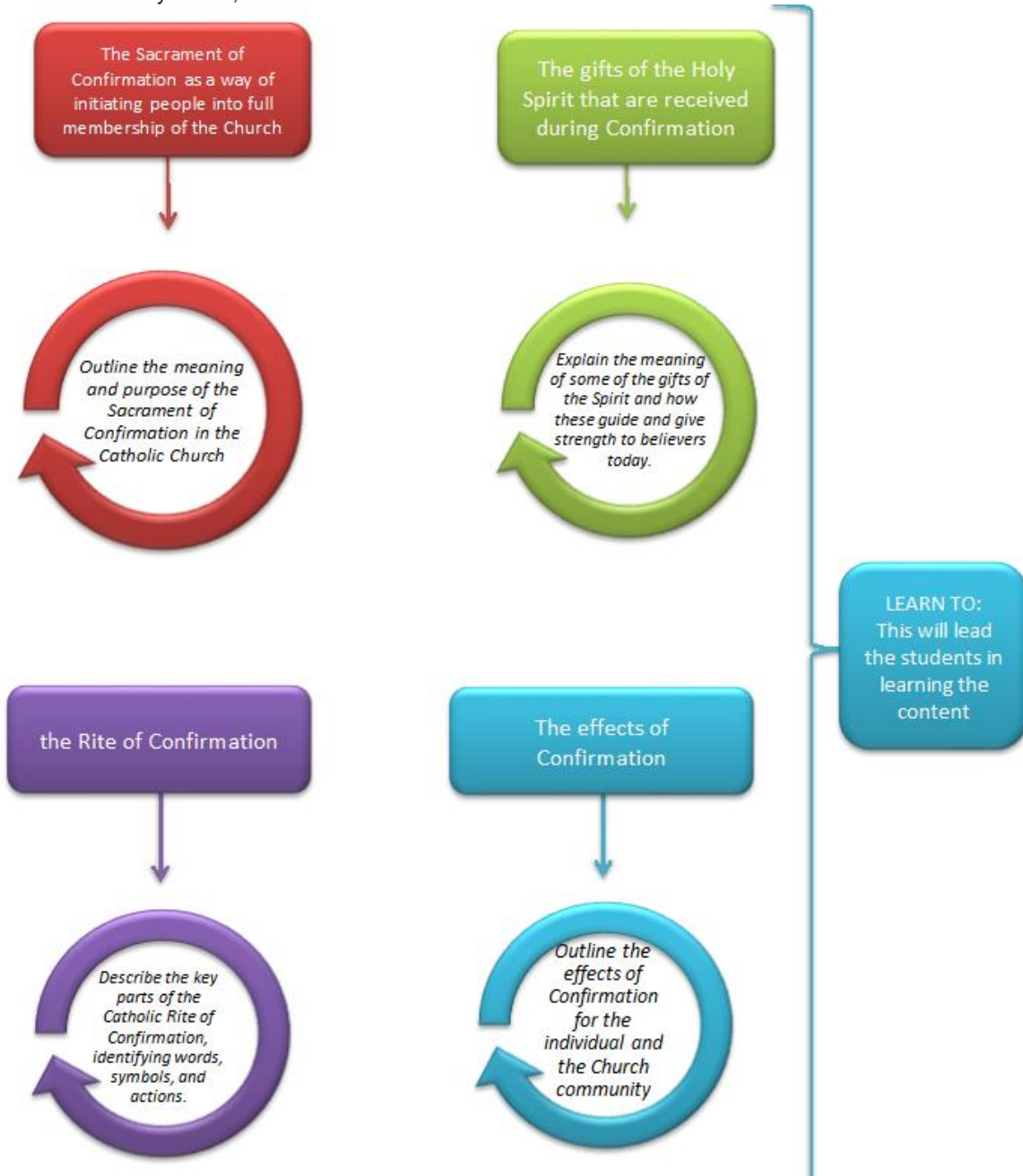


Religious Education

This week, we look at the learning in Year 4:

Year 4 – Topic: Sacrament of Confirmation

In this unit students will explore the sacrament of Confirmation, its importance as a Sacrament of Initiation and its symbols, words and rituals.



Prayer, Celebration & Mission

Below are some of the Faith Life celebrations and events occurring throughout the remainder of Term 2:

- **Week 4:**
 - **Catholic Schools Week**
 - **Rite of Commitment Mass** – St Therese’s Church: Sunday 26th May at 11am. This is a special Mass for the families and their children who are committing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in a few weeks’ time, however, all school and parish community members are warmly welcomed to attend.

- **Week 7:**
 - **Catholic Community Week**
 - **Sacrament of Confirmation** – This will take place on the evening of **Thursday 13th June at 6:30pm** in the church.

- **Week 10:**
 - **Busking 4 Vinnies** – Our Youth Minister, Miss Soo, is coordinating this event to take place at lunch and recess on **Wednesday 3rd July**. Students can perform 1 item (song/dance/etc.), either solo or as part of a group, with all money donated going towards the St Vincent de Paul’s Winter Appeal.
 - **Mission Day: Pyjama Day** – Last day of term: **Friday 5th July**. As part of our support for the St Vincent de Paul’s Winter Appeal, students are invited to come to school dressed in their PJ’s and bring a gold coin donation. All funds will go towards this worthy appeal.

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.

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’ in the link below and return to the office as soon as possible.

https://mncatholic.sharepoint.com/sites/NLTP/_layouts/15/viewer.aspx?sourcedoc={3183748c-779f-433d-878b-c82782e00624}

School Fees

Thank you to those families that have started payments towards this year’s school fees. Our preferred payment methods are BPay, direct debit or credit card. If you choose to use Compass Pay, please double check the amount before you submit the payment. Refunds can no longer be given for incorrect amounts paid unless your account is in credit.

Canteen

Mon 27/5	Tues 28/5	Wed 29/5	Thurs 30/5	Fri 31/5
Leone Nancarrow	Kylie Marten	Erin Kenneally	Luke Wilson	Sarah Hughes
Neroli Moran	Odette Tonkin		Teigan Jobbin	Sara Lee
	Catherine Devine			Sophie Grujevski Kim Jordan Michelle Dickson
Mon 3/6	Tues 4/6	Wed 5/6	Thurs 6/6	Fri 7/6
Diane Coyte	Simone Slamet	Cath Oakley	Anthony Hawes	Kristen Searl
	Jo Lowndes		Pam Carrigan	Renee Feeny
	Marrisa Harvey			Frances McCafferty



Wellbeing - The Resilience Project

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Mindfulness

Did you know ...

We spend 49% of our waking hours thinking about something other than what we're doing!

Regular mindfulness practice can improve our:

- Immune system.
- Energy levels.
- Sleep quality.
- Awareness.
- Memory.
- Productivity.

Why don't you give it a go? Find a mindfulness activity that suits you and that you enjoy, everyone is different. Below are some suggestions:

- Listening to music.
- Exercise (eg: walking).
- Colouring.
- Puzzles.
- Meditation.
- Yoga.

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Why is resilience and wellbeing important?

1. Children who are not healthy emotionally will have difficulty learning. When we are stressed, the part of our brain responsible for learning does not function effectively.
2. Calm children can focus and retain more information.
3. Resilience enables children to take safe risks without fear of failure.
4. The statistics indicate that the number of adults struggling with mental ill health has increased over the years.
5. Statistics also tell us that mental ill health is affecting young people at alarming rates and the onset is getting earlier. Prevention is the key to seeing these figures improve.

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Sport

Cross Country Championships went well and all of the children did their best. We at St Therese's are very proud of how all the students were encouraging and supportive of each other and other schools on the day.

I would like to Congratulate Ciaran M, Lily P, Chase P who all made it to next level down in Sydney.

Special mention of Mary W who came first in her age group.

Well done all.

Jye Bowen
Sports Coordinator



Wear It Yellow Day | Fundraising for Children's Ground this National Reconciliation Week

As part of our National Reconciliation Week this year, on Friday the 31st of May we are encouraging all students and teachers to take part in a yellow-themed casual dress day to raise funds for First Nations organisation, Children's Ground. The National Reconciliation Week theme for 2024, Now More Than Ever, is a reminder to all of us that no matter what, the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will —and must —continue. That is why our school has chosen to participate in Children's Ground's 'Wear It Yellow' day. As part of 'Wear It Yellow Day', students will engage with National Reconciliation Week learning materials and have vibrant discussions about First Nations culture and history. We remind students and teachers who take part to donate what you can to Children's Ground via this link <https://wearityellow.org.au/st-thereses-primary-school-new-lambton> or bring a donation on the day. For more information on Children's Ground, head to <https://childrensground.org.au/> .

Shona Creighton
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Teacher



