



THERESE'S TIMES

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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Celebrating 200 years in Catholic Education

2021 is the year Catholic Education celebrates 200 years in Australia, marking the bicentenary of the first Catholic school established in Parramatta in October 1820. A national theme, "Faith in the Future" has been developed for the bicentennial anniversary. Catholic schools over the last 200 years have developed to become the largest provider of schooling in Australia (outside government) with one in five school age students attending a Catholic school.

This represents some 768,000 students in 1,751 schools across the country and employing 98,000 teachers and staff. Nearly 40 per cent of Catholic schools are located outside of metropolitan cities in regional, rural and remote communities.

First Catholic school

The first Catholic school in Australia was founded in October 1820 by Irish Catholic priest Fr John Therry and run by convict and lay person George Marley. The school, which Catholic historians believe was in Hunter Street, Parramatta, taught 31 students. By 1833, there were 10 Catholic schools in the colony.

Text and image sourced from <https://200years.catholic.edu.au/> slightly modified. 30th December, 2020

St Therese's Catholic School Monto

St Therese's Catholic Primary School Monto was founded in 1940 on the charism of the Presentation Sisters 1940. Nano Nagle, Cork, Ireland in 1775 founded the Presentation Sisters. Nano was a strong woman of great courage and drive who established secret schools for the Catholic children barred from education by British authorities. She was devoted and taught long days. Then at night she would carry her lantern through Cork attics and alleyways to bring hope, compassion and love to the city's poor, elderly and ill.

Text sourced from <https://www.presentationisters.org/who-we-are/history/> slightly modified. 22nd January, 2021

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I look forward to celebrating with the community, 200 years of Catholic Education at St Therese's Catholic Primary School this year.

Welcome to Fr Simeon Uchendu

The St Therese's Catholic School community welcome Fr Simeon Uchendu. Today, Renee Maliborskij (Acting APRE) organised Beginning of the Year Mass. Fr Simeon delivered the Homily to our students about the light that shines in all of us and how we need to make sure our light is on in everything we do. The students were complimented by the parishioners on their reverence during the Mass.



Have a great week everybody.

Kind regards, Doiya



Catholic Education
CELEBRATING 200 YEARS
Faith in the future

From the APRE

Dear Families and Friends,

MJR Shirts



Front



Back

Last year students across the diocese were given the opportunity to design an MJR shirt. The competition was won by a student from St Mary's in Macquarie. A final order of these shirts will be made in early February. These shirts can be worn by students and staff in 2021 on Wednesday's.

Sacramental Program 2021

Reconciliation, Confirmation and Communion Sacrament preparation for children in Year 3 and older will begin in this term. If your child is interested in participating in the Sacramental program for 2021, please email me to confirm numbers as soon as possible.

Weekly Awards

This year there will be a change to the weekly awards. These presentations will now be fortnightly to align with the class prayer assemblies.

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Kind Regards,

Renee Maliborskij

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BIRTHDAYS

Oliver Larsen—Yr 5—2 February

FROM THE APC

NAPLAN ON-LINE

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

This year at St Therese's students in Year 3 and Year 5 will do NAPLAN on-line. More information will be shared with parents and carers during the term.

Click [here](#) for parent/carers information

Click [here](#) for dates.

Text is sourced from <https://nap.edu.au/docs/default-source/resources/naplan-online-information-brochure-for-parents-and-carers.pdf> not modified. 1st February, 2021.

FEELING UNSAFE

FEELING UNSAFE?

RECOGNISE

- Awareness
- Clues in the environment
- Body clues

REACT

- Becoming safe as quickly as possible

REPORT

- Must tell an adult

TELL AN ADULT YOU TRUST
Some of the people you might choose could include:

- A Parent
- A Teacher
- A Counsellor
- The Principal
- Student Protection Contact

PERSISTENCE
If you don't get the help you need at first, don't give up. Keep reporting your concerns until something is done and you feel safe again.

Mrs Lorraine Muller—Administration Officer
Ms Doiya Knapman—Principal
Miss Renee Maliborski—APRE

Catholic Education
Diocese of Rockingham

2021 Student Residential Address and Other Information Collection



Student residential addresses are collected annually by the Australian Government and used to inform school funding calculations.

CEO staff will collect the data requested by the Government from TASS on behalf of St Therese's Catholic Primary School Monto.

Please read attached file by clicking [link](#).



AGM AND P&F Meet

**Monday 1st Feb
6pm
Albert Hotel**

Click [HERE](#) for nomination form for position of

PRESIDENT

TERM PLANNER

Term One 2021

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	25 th Jan John Campbell PFD	26 th Jan Australia Day Holiday	27 th Jan Start of Term 1	28 th Jan	29 th Jan	30 th Jan	31 st Jan 4 th Sunday in ordinary time
2	1 st Feb 9am Opening School Mass P & F AGM & Meeting	2 nd Feb Jo Gills Visit Board Meeting	3 rd Feb	4 th Feb Spelling zoom – new teachers to our diocese. Stephen Dale visit	5 th Feb	6 th Feb	7 th Feb 5 th Sunday in ordinary time
3	8 th Feb	9 th Feb	10 th Feb	11 th Feb	12 th Feb 4/5 Assembly	13 th Feb	14 th Feb 6 th Sunday in ordinary time
4	15 th Feb Bishop's Inservice Day Pupil Free Day	16 th Feb Shrove Tuesday	17 th Feb Ash Wednesday Stephen Dale Visit	18 th Feb	19 th Feb	20 th Feb	21 st Feb 1 st Sunday of Lent
5	22 nd Feb	23 rd Feb	24 th Feb Principal's meeting - Bilo	25 th Feb Leadership Meeting with Stephen Dale	26 th Feb 2/3 Assembly	27 th Feb	28 th Feb 2 nd Sunday of Lent
6	1 st Mar	2 nd Mar	3 rd Mar APRE meeting - Renee	4 th Mar Teaching Prep Zoom	5 th Mar	6 th Mar	7 th Mar 3 rd Sunday of Lent
7	8 th Mar	9 th Mar	10 th Mar	11 th Mar APC meeting	12 th Mar 6 Assembly	13 th Mar	14 th Mar 4 th Sunday of Lent
8	15 th Mar	16 th Mar	17 th Mar	18 th Mar	19 th Mar National Day of Action against Bullying	20 th Mar	21 st Mar 5 th Sunday of Lent Harmony Day
9	22 nd Mar	23 rd Mar Principal's Gathering - Doiya	24 th Mar Principal's Gathering - Doiya	25 th Mar Principal's Gathering - Doiya	26 th Mar Prep/1 Assembly	27 th Mar	28 th Mar Palm Sunday
10	29 th Mar 9am Palm Sunday/ Easter Mass	30 th Mar	31 st Mar Stations of the cross Stephen Dale visit	1 st Apr Holy Thursday End of Term 1	2 nd Apr Good Friday	3 rd Apr	4 th Apr Easter Sunday



Swimming commences this week

Wednesday 3rd February

P- 5 in morning session

Yr 6 after lunch—middle session



Wellbeing

Wellbeing lessons have been timetabled in every Friday for P-6. Half hour lessons— ie Zones of Regulations and other social activities.

Kind Regards, Kiara-Che Geddes

ESAFETY—ON-LINE SAFETY

ICT Code of Practice

Information and Communications Technologies Code of Practiced

There are two booklets Early Learning—Yr2 and Primary Yr 3—Yr 6. These documents are important documents that parents and students (Yr 3-Yr 6) sign off on enrolment. These documents are also to be signed off by parents/carers and students at the beginning of each year to ensure everybody is aware of the responsibility of using ICT with schools—being safe, being responsible, legal, appropriate and for educational purposes and becoming good digital citizens. Guidelines from these booklets are to be followed.

Booklets will be emailed out for each class during the week for parents/carers to read through with their child/ren. Your child/ren will bring a form from school for parents/carers are to sign. Thank you, Doiya



LEVEL 1

COVID FRAMEWORK PRACTICES TO FOLLOW

Schools must maintain appropriate health and hygiene measures, including:

- **Staff and students MUST NOT attend school if sick**
- Regular **handwashing and hand sanitising**, particularly before and after eating, and after going to the toilet
- increased cleaning of school classrooms, particularly high-frequency touch points such as water fountains or bubblers
- regular cleaning of playground equipment and play materials
- physical distancing of adults.



Year 2/3



We were all **super excited** to begin school and see all of our friends again. Here are some things that we **love** about our class!