

12th August 2016

## 90 Seconds with the Principal

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*“Everybody should see kindness in your face, in your eyes, in your smile, in your warm greeting.”*

*Mother Teresa*

## Important Dates:

### • Friday, 12th August

Family Bingo / Disco Night 6:00pm—8:00pm

### • Thursday, 25th August

Book Week Performance

### • Wednesday, 31st August

Father's Day Liturgy & picnic lunch

### • Monday, 5th September

Mother Teresa Canonisation Mass 10:30am  
Followed by picnic lunch on school grounds

**Canteen Price List**

## Important Dates:

### • **Book Week Performances—Thursday, 25th August**

The theme of this year's Book Week is 'Australia! Story Country.' The children will attend a musical performance entitled "Fair Dinkum." The performance will be held at our school. The musical will highlight a selection of the shortlisted books from the children's Book Council of Australia annual book awards.

On the day of the performance, the children are invited to dress up reflecting the theme around "Australia" for a **gold coin donation**. The students may choose to dress up as an Australian book character, animal, bushranger, a character from a dreamtime story, a hero or something to do with the story of Australia. This will form part of our Mission fundraiser for 2016. All Mission money this year will go to the Missionaries of Charity, (Mother Teresa's order) who are working with the poor in Surrey Hills, Sydney.

We will also have a Book Exchange on the day for Infants and Primary. Students bring in their books in good condition that they are finished with and for a **gold coin** can swap it for another book. This is a wonderful way to help the Missionaries of Charity in their work and encourage reading whilst protecting the environment by recycling our books.

Thank you for your support in advance and we are looking forward to celebrating our love of reading with our students.

### • **Father's Day—31st of August**

We will be honouring our dads with a **12:00pm** Liturgy at the Morley Centre followed by a picnic lunch in the grounds of Mother Teresa. All dads are welcome to join us. Save the date!

### • **What a Celebration of Love—Save the Date—5th September**

September **the 5th** is a day for great celebration. Mother Teresa will be canonised a Saint by Pope Francis on September 4th in Rome. How fitting in this Year of Mercy. On **Monday 5th September, at 8:30am** the Way of Mercy Cross along with a hand written letter by Mother Teresa and an original relic of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, will be received by the community of Mother Teresa Primary.

The Cross will be carried in procession by Year 6 students through the grounds of Catherine McCauley and Parramatta Marist campus. It will then travel to St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta, where our students will gather to celebrate **Mass at 10:30am** with invited special guests, our parent community, and the Parish of Sacred Heart, Westmead. Afterwards, all parents and students are invited to return to school for an extended Picnic lunch.



### LET'S DO SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL FOR GOD

As we approach the canonisation of Mother Teresa of Kolkata, let's think about the making of a saint. So many images show her work with the most rejected and despised of the world and the daily poverty and wretchedness she faced may frighten us off from striving to walk in her footsteps. However, she reminded us to never lose the joy of what we are called to do. Our daily care for others, our challenges and triumphs, can all be met with a joyful heart. What good we do we do for God and it is indeed beautiful. A smile can be the greatest gift you have to give to another and don't forget to give that inner smile to yourself, for no matter what comes, if we live our lives well, we are doing something beautiful for God.

Maria Boyd REC

### Canteen Volunteers

Catherine McAuley canteen (who kindly make up our lunch orders) is looking for parent volunteers to help out. Any day would be very helpful, particularly Fridays. If you can spare an hour or two in the mornings it would be greatly appreciated. They are more than happy for you and a friend to come together. Please contact the office for more information.



### 2016 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to those students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge.

For those students who are yet to finish you have until the end of next week, **Friday 19th August 2016**.

### Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival 2016

Mother Teresa Primary School had 32 students competing at the Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival across numerous track and field events. The team started the day quite successful with all relay teams placing in their events. Students demonstrated good sportsmanship and commitment in their events. The encouragement Mother Teresa students displayed towards their teammates and students from other schools was a pleasure to witness.

I would like to congratulate all students on their participation in the carnival. Overall, we had a successful day with 14 students going through to represent Cumberland Zone at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival this year. Congratulations to those students: Junior Boys Relay team, Junior Girls Relay team, Shihan, Sebastian, Shona, Jasmine, Samuel, Lara, Christopher R, Anthony R. Congratulations to Jasmine on achieving the 11 Years Runner Up Age Champion for the day.

A very big thank you to Mr. Borg for announcing on the day and supporting the students for their events, Mrs. Mardini for assisting with marshaling on the day and to our parents for transporting students to the carnival and supporting the students during their events. It was a great day had by all.

Mrs. Vanessa Holland

