



**90 Seconds with the
Principal**

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Dear Parents,

On behalf of Mr Borg and myself, thank you for your support in 2017. This has been another amazing year of community building and terrific learning at MTP. A special thank you to all of the staff at MTP for their tireless and outstanding work to help our school become such a wonderful learning community, filled with such compassionate and thoughtful members.

Sadly, we say goodbye to some students and the following staff members: Miss Jennifer Wheeler, Mr Benjamin Horne, Mrs Vanessa Holland, Mrs Kerry Valensizi, Mrs Rosanna Iuliano & Miss Danielle Hartley. Mrs Natalie Jackson will be taking 12 months Parental Leave in 2018. Next year we continue to grow and change as we welcome the following staff to the MTP community: Mrs Elizabeth Devlin as Principal, Rachael Thompson, Gabriella Oliveri, Melinda Callaghan and Natalie Warden. I know that you will join with us as we welcome them to MTP.

Please see over for 2018 Staffing details.

Wishing you all a very holy and safe Christmas and we look forward to learning with you in partnership in 2018.

Megan Baird
Acting Principal



Peace

Time, time, I haven't got enough time!

It's the cry we hear daily. Time poor, time short, timed out, out of time. We live at a fast pace, propelled forwards by commitments and obligations, expectations and demands. Let's stop! God is timeless, God's plan is timeless. When we stop to pray time no longer exists. Minutes spent in meditation can give us a glimpse of God's heartbeat. God's voice telling us to slow down and

prepare to receive Jesus and his love into our lives. Stop the rush, stop the whirring images of life and sit and be. Be with God and let God BE with us, and within us. It's the time of Advent – our lives are in good hands, God's hands. Enjoy every moment of life, be ready for Jesus.

Maria Boyd REC

Digital Child Safety Handbook—Summer Edition 2017/2018

The *NSW Police Legacy Child Safety Handbook* is now available in digital format with expanded safety and content videos. The **summer edition** of this valuable safety resource is now valuable online with updated safety content. All parents are invited to download this handbook and discuss the safety content with your children. The safety content will be updated each July and January and is now available across 3 digital platforms.

[Digital Handbook](#)
[IOS App / Android App](#)
childsafetyhub.com.au



"Only God knows our true needs."

St Teresa of Kolkata

Important Dates:

- **Tuesday, 30th January 2018**
EMU Maths Testing
Years 1 –6 by appointment
- **Wednesday, 31st January**
Years 1-6
1st school day for 2018
- **Wednesday, 31st January**
EMU Maths Testing
Kindergarten by appointment
- **Thursday, 1st February**
Kindergarten staggered start
1st school day for 2018
- **Thursday, 8th—Friday 9th**
February
Stage 3 Teen Ranch camp

Tuckshop-2-U

"In purchasing your child's tuckshop order online through Tuckshop2U, you are contracting directly with the supplier. You are responsible for checking that the ingredients of what you order are not incompatible with your child's sensitivities or health issues. Please ensure you check the disclaimers in the supplier's website. If in doubt you should contact the supplier."

Lunch Order Cancellations

If your child is absent from school on a day that you have ordered lunch, cancellations can be made through the **Tuckshop-2-U** website by **8:00am** the day of.

2018 Staffing

Principal

Mrs Elizabeth Devlin

Assistant Principal:

Mrs Megan Baird

Religious Education Coordinator:

Mrs Maria Boyd

Leaders of Learning:

Mrs Katherine Stennett

Ms Karen Voda

Mr Mark Bennett

Kindergarten Learning Studio teachers:

Miss Rita Ata & Miss Melissa Staunton

Year 1 Learning Studio teachers:

Mr Mark Bennett & Mrs Kimberley Burton 1/2 day Fridays & Miss Natalie Warden

Year 2 Learning Studio teachers:

Mrs Julie Hooper and Miss Gabriella Oliveri

Year 3 Learning Studio teachers:

Ms Karen Voda & Mrs Kimberley Burton on Thursdays and Mrs Melinda Callaghan

Year 4 Learning Studio teachers:

Mr Scott Mortimer & Miss Louise Desira

Year 5 Learning Studio teachers:

Mrs Vicki Morgan & Miss Kirstie Hull

Year 6 Learning Studio teachers:

Mr Owen Wallis & Mrs Maria Boyd, Mrs Gaye Dennis Fridays

Learning Support:

Mrs Katherine Stennett

Mrs Gaye Dennis (T, W & Th)

Japanese:

- Mrs Michelina Micallef

School Counsellor:

- Ms Kara Choi

EMU Early Years (Year 1):

- Mr Mark Bennett

Reading Recovery (Year 1):

- Mrs Katherine Stennett

School Support Officers:

- Mrs Judy Attard
- Mrs Leslie Halligan

Teachers Aide's:

- Mrs Violet Rawlings
- Mrs Louise Bucholtz
- Mrs Siham Sande-Hashim

Grounds & Maintenance:

- Mr Rob Stewart
- Mr Ron Howarth

Reminder:

A reminder to all our parents ahead of the Christmas holiday break at the end of Term 4 that school zones remain in place for the safety of our children and families.

School zones operate on all gazetted schools days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil free days.