

17th March 2017



"Let us be very sincere in our dealings with each other and have the courage to accept each other as we are."

St Mother Teresa

Important Dates:

- Saturday, 25th March & Sunday, 26th March forms available *from* this weekend for <u>Sacrament of</u> <u>First Ecuharist</u> More details on Parish website
- Wednesday, 29th March Celebration of Learning
- Friday, 31st March School Photo Day

Save the Date:

 Friday, 12th May Comedy for a Cause (further details to follow)

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, <u>cancellations</u> can be made through the Tuckshop-2-U website by **8:00am** the day of.

90 Seconds with the Principal

Watch Video





90 Seconds with the MTP leaders



Enrolments for 2018

We are currently accepting enrolments for 2018. If you are a family with children enrolled at the school and you have a child starting in 2018, you must also complete an enrolment application. **Enrolments close 31st March 2017**.

LENT - A time to FAST



Fasting - To abstain, or give up something for a period of time. Typically we hear, "I've given up chocolate, sugar, alcohol, meat etc for Lent. In a society of plenty, where appearance seems to matter so much, these things have side benefits. Lent is about changing our HEARTS not our body shape or dental health. To deny the things that make us less of what God wants us to be, in order to grow as fully human, fully alive, children of God.

"So, if we're going to **fast** from anything this Lent", Francis suggests "that even more than candy or alcohol, we **fast from indifference** towards others". In his annual Lenten message, the pope writes, "**Indifference** to our neighbour and to God also represents a real temptation for us Christians." 18Feb 2015 Maria Boyd REC

Congratulations to Cianah (Year 6) and Kynan (Year 5) on making it through to the Parramatta Diocesan Netball and Rugby League teams. These students will be participating in a gala day on the 5th May in Canberra which will also act a trial for the Mackillop teams. We wish them the best of luck.

Just a few reminders

- If you arrive at school 8:35am or later and the student access gate is closed, parents MUST walk their child / children into the school office to sign a 'partial absence slip'.
- Smoking is prohibited on all school premises, including school buildings, car parking areas and school ovals. This ban covers staff, students, parents, contractors and visitors.
- The schools visitor carpark is only to be used for temporary parking related to school events.
- The schools staff carpark is to only be utilised by teaching staff from the 3 surrounding schools (except for special events).



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NSW Premier's Reading Challenge for MTP Students-2017

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools.

The 2017 Challenge kicks off **Monday, 6th March** and closes **Friday, 25th August** (midnight) for MTP **students**. *How can my child get involved*?

Just click on the link at <u>NSW PRC</u> and just log on to begin (New Kinders will receive their log in details in the coming week)

Check out the amazing 2016 statistics!

In 2016 the Premier's Reading Challenge had an amazing **277,098** students complete the PRC! There were **7,492,209** books read by our participants in 2016. Thanks to the **2,488** schools who took part in the Challenge last year. **Encourage your child to grow in their love of reading!**

