



90 Seconds with the Principal

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90 Seconds with the Principal - What is Inquiry Learning

As you know, at Mother Teresa Primary School, we use an Inquiry framework for our learning from Kindergarten to Year 6. In 90 seconds with the Principal, Mrs Katherine Stennett explains our approach to Inquiry learning.

School attendance is important

I hope all families had an enjoyable holiday. It has been great to share the excitement with the students upon their return to school. This term promises to be another exciting and busy one. I thank all families for making regular attendance at school a priority as we know missing school, even for a short time, impacts student learning outcomes.



Bingo/Disco Evening - Friday 10th August 6pm - 8pm - Theme: Colour!

Next Friday night we look forward to some dancing fun with families at our Bingo/Disco evening. Thank you so much for the generous support of families who have sent in donations

for prizes. It is not too late to send items in which can be added to the prize baskets. We are very excited about seeing some fabulous dance moves from students, parents and teachers on the night! A copy of the note sent out last term is attached to this week's newsletter.

Book Week Celebrations - Thursday, 9th August

This year's **Book Week theme is 'Find your treasure'**. We hope every child has found a book in their life which has become their 'treasure'. Next week the students at MTP will celebrate Book Week 2018 by viewing a presentation called 'Treasure Hunt' on **Thursday, 9th August**. The focus of this presentation will be on the natural environment and sustainability. On Thursday 9th August the students may come dressed as a character from a book or text. The outfit should reflect creativity rather than an expensive purchase or creation. In line with the sustainability theme your child may like to use what you already have at home to dress up. Students may also wish to wear their normal sports uniform underneath, especially if this is the day they normally participate in their sports lesson with Mrs Thompson. Participating in the dress up is optional. Any outfits need to be comfortable and safe. The students will have the opportunity to discuss their outfit and share their favourite book with the other students in their learning studio but there will be no whole school parade on the day, no competitions and no prizes except for the love of reading!

NAPLAN Online - School Readiness Testing

Later this month Year 5 and Year 3 students will be participating in NAPLAN online trial testing to determine readiness when all Parramatta Diocesan schools go online for NAPLAN assessments from 2019. Year 3 and 5 students will complete two tests including a generic omnibus test and a writing assessment. These tests are trials and the school readiness test results are not provided to schools or families.

House of Welcome

At the end of last term, during Refugee Week, the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta shared a video resource which highlights the work of the St Francis House of Welcome project. A video link can be sourced [here](#). Further information about this important support service for refugees can also be found at <https://www.stfrancis.org.au/house-of-welcome>.

Parenting Webinar

A webinar is coming up in August which will focus on winning children's cooperation. Please see the information about registering for this webinar later in the newsletter.



"All words will be useless unless they come from within"

St Teresa of Kolkata

Important Dates:

- **Wednesday, 8th August**
Scarf and Beanie Day

Feast of St Mary of the Cross
MacKillop Liturgy Assembly at 8.35am
ALL WELCOME
- **Thursday, 9th August**
Book Week presentation—optional dress up
- **Thursday, 25th October**
Kindergarten 2019 Parent Information Evening—6:00pm
- **Friday, 26th October**
Staff Development Day—No students
- **Wednesday, 19th December**
Last school day for students

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."



“A life not lived for Others is not a life” Mother Teresa

This quote from Mother Teresa may well have been inspired by the life of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop who spent her life serving others. From supporting her family, caring for children as a governess, to establishing education for the children of the poor, this tireless, joyful young woman went to the streets to find those in need. Her incredible love drew others to her to join in her extraordinary mission. We too are called to live out her mantra, “Never see a need without doing something about it.” [Let you heart listen](#), and your hands act with love.

Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop – **8th August – Scarf and Beanie Day – Liturgy at 8.35** -Assembly – ALL WELCOME

Donate from the heart. Any Warm clothing, blankets you may still have to give.

Food for families who cannot put food on the table for their children in our own neighbourhood. Be generous as your God is generous with you.

- **Kindergarten:** Pasta- spaghetti or Penne, toothpaste, biscuits,
- **Year 1:** Tinned Tuna, (smaller tins preferred), shampoo, dried lentils, instant noodles.
- **Year 2:** Cooking oil, sugar, salt, flour, soap.
- **Year 3:** Basmati Rice, toothbrushes, kidney beans, tinned corn
- **Year 4:** Instant coffee, Long life Milk, tea bags
- **Year 5:** Tinned vegetables, curry powder, spices, tinned chickpeas
- **Year 6:** Deodorant, sanitary pads or napkins (no tampons) razors and shaving foam, tinned fruit.

We thank you for your generosity and love.

Maria Boyd REC

Meet the Artists of MTP!



This week we launched the **Mother Teresa Primary School Art Gallery!** Twelve students from across the school have had their artwork displayed in the parent foyer of the school. Mrs Wilkes and Mrs Devlin selected these artworks for our first display and throughout the year the display will change to reflect a variety of student work. Our community are very welcome to spend some time in the parent foyer at school to appreciate the products of our **fabulous and creative MTP students**. Thank you Mrs Wilkes for sharing your knowledge and skills! Congratulations to **Chloe** in MLS2, **Raylene** in JLS2, **Maddysen** in JLS3, **Alyssa** in SLS4, **Anyka** in MLS3, **Elyse** in MLS3, **Jacob** in MLS1, **Oliver** in MLS2, **Isabelle** in SLS1, **Francis** in MLS1, **Andrew** in SLS1 and **Elijah** in SLS4.

Headlice

Please be advised that we have had a case of head lice within the school community. We are asking ALL parents to do a check of their child’s hair.

Click on the following link for further information <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/default.aspx>

PRC - next meeting

Next terms Key Speaker will be Dr Justin Coulson a family psychologist and parenting expert - this event will be held on **Monday, 27th August**, 7pm at Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School, 90 Andromeda Drive Cranebrook. The presentation topic is on raising resilient children.

WORK, HEALTH & SAFETY - Mother Teresa Primary

Red Zone Safety - Thank you so much to all our parents and carers collecting students in the afternoon at Kiss and Ride for your cooperation with our safe collection of students. We have the teacher at microphone duty stationed in a high visibility vest at the beginning of the 'red zone' and ask all cars to wait until directed to move to the pick up zone. The reason behind this safety measure is to ensure clear visibility for all drivers moving up towards the pedestrian crossing. Please do not stop your vehicle on the pedestrian crossing. We ask all parents who have collected children to remain vigilant around the crossing once they have collected their children.

No Smoking Zone

Our school is a no smoking zone. Please do not smoke on school grounds - this includes the roads and parking areas of the three schools on this site of the Westmead Catholic Community.



2018 Calendar of Events

ALL PARENTS AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME!

Term	Meeting Date & Time	Venue	Presentation Topic	Presenters
1	Mon 5 th March 2018 7:00pm Annual General Meeting	Patrician Brothers College Flushcombe Road Blacktown	#Parents Matter	Danielle Cronin Chief Governance & Strategy, CEDP
2	Mon 4 th June 2018 7:00pm	Diocesan Assembly Centre, Cnr Marian Street & Flushcombe Road Blacktown	Preparing Your Child for Future Pathways i.e Vocational Education & Training, Trades and/or University High School Students Welcome to attend with parents/carers	Di Mills Expert in VET, & Educational Pathways
3	Mon 27 th Aug 2018, 7:00pm	Corpus Christi Primary School, 90 Andromeda Drive Cranebrook	Raising Resilient Children 8 Steps to Resilience	Dr Justin Coulson Family Psychologist & Parenting Expert Keynote Speaker Event
4	Mon 19 Nov 2018 7:00pm	St Luke's Catholic College Lot 1104, Frontier Avenue & Northbourne Drive Marsden Park	Education for the 21 st Century	Mr Greg Miller College Principal St Luke's Marsden Park

The PRC General Meetings are conducted prior to the keynote presentations. Doors Open at 6.30pm for 7:00pm start.

Mother Teresa Primary has a school subscription to 'Parenting Ideas'. This is a resource which offers help, support and ideas with parenting. If you are interested in participating in a webinar on the 14th August at 7.30pm about 'Win kids' cooperation without fears, tears and cauliflower ears', you can register using the following link <https://www.parentingideas.com.au/product/win-kids-cooperation-without-fears-tears-cauliflower-ears/> and follow the instructions below.

- ⇒ add to cart
- ⇒ click on view cart
- ⇒ enter coupon code - GREATKIDS
- ⇒ apply coupon (this will reduce the full cost)
- ⇒ click on proceed to checkout to finalise
- ⇒ in order to proceed and watch the webinar, you must complete all sections using your details
- ⇒ place order
- ⇒ an email will be sent to you with instructions on how to join in the webinar.

Your Parenting Ideas Webinar Voucher

Webinar: Win kids' cooperation without fears, tears and cauliflower ears

Guest Speaker: Michael Grose
14 August 2018 - 07:30pm



FAMILY BINGO/DISCO NIGHT

Theme: 'Colour' – come dressed in your favourite team colours, rainbow colours.

Mother Teresa Primary School is excited to be holding our annual social/fundraising event for 2018. The event is to bring the families within our school together so that we can encourage and grow our sense of community. In addition, this lends a great opportunity to raise funds for our school as a part of our plan to improve the learning resources available to our students.



WHEN: Friday, 10th August 2018
6.00pm – 8:00pm (Doors open from 5.45pm)

WHERE: Morley Centre
(Hall on the grounds of Parrematta Marist. Entrance from our school's visitor parking)

WHAT TO BRING: Snack food to share on your table.
Coffee, hot chocolate and fairy floss will be available for purchase.

COST: \$ 10 per family (this will cover the cost of Bingo cards)

In order to have prizes for this evening we would greatly appreciate if each student would donate items from the categories listed below. These donations will be packaged in hampers and used as prizes on the night for winning games.

Below is a list of hamper categories with some ideas you might like to donate. Please don't feel restricted to the suggestions as you are welcome to donate another prize of your choice. It would be appreciated that all donations could be at the school by **Wednesday, 1st August 2018** to allow time for packaging the prizes.

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| • KLS | New Books | <i>Reading (ages 5-8) and (ages 9-12), colouring, etc</i> |
| • Year 1 | BBQ | <i>BBQ tools, sauces, marinades, aprons, bbq cook books, etc</i> |
| • Year 2 | Pamper items | <i>Soaps, candles, bubble bath, hand creams, shower gel, etc</i> |
| • Year 3 | Stationery | <i>Pens, pencils, crayons, paints, colouring books, notebooks, etc</i> |
| • Year 4 | Family Movie Night | <i>Pringles, chips, peanuts, popcorn, M&M's, pretzels, etc</i> |
| • Year 5 | Fancy Pantry items | <i>(non-perishable) jams, mustards, balsamic vinegar, spices, etc</i> |
| • Year 6 | Gardening | <i>Gloves, seeds, hand tools, bulbs, etc</i> |

Looking forward to a fantastic night!

Elizabeth Devlin

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BINGO NIGHT

Family Name: _____

No. Adults: _____ No. of Children: _____ Paid: \$ _____ (\$10 per family)

NB: Please enclose correct money with return slip in a clearly marked envelope by Friday, 3rd August 2018