



## 90 Seconds with the Principal

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## 90 Seconds with the Principal - Meet the CAPTIVATE team

Last Tuesday and Wednesday night our school choir, lead by Mrs Maria Boyd and Miss Kirstie Hull, performed with over 1000 other students from across the Diocese at the 10th Anniversary CAPTIVATE spectacular at Homebush. In this week's 90 seconds you can hear some reflections from our students about the performance experience. I would like to thank Mrs Boyd and Miss Hull for their outstanding dedication to our students and the performing arts.

## The Feast of Mother Teresa of Kolkata - Wednesday 5th September

Next Wednesday we celebrate the feast day of St Teresa of Kolkata, the patron of Mother Teresa Primary. Our school community will be travelling to the Cathedral in Parramatta for our Feast Day Liturgy. This opportunity to pray together at the heart of our Diocese, reminds us that we are part of a bigger church. We warmly invite parents to join us for the liturgy. Following our return to school, families are very welcome to join us for a picnic lunch.

*"Peace begins with a smile" Mother Teresa*

## Exciting Focus on Learning - Literacy and Numeracy Week at Mother Teresa Primary

As indicated in our communication through skoolbag and notes sent out this week, next week at our school we are having a week long focus on literacy and numeracy. We look forward to sharing the excitement of learning through skoolbag notifications throughout the week. Come along and join us next Friday, afternoon 7th September at 1.45pm in the undercroft for our "Poetry Slam" presentations.

## Happy Father's Day

A huge thank you to all the Fathers and Grandfathers who were able to join us on Wednesday morning for our Father's Day BBQ breakfast. Thank you also to our Year 4 team who prepared our whole school liturgy for Father's Day. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of the Fathers in our community a very Happy Father's Day this Sunday - we are grateful for all you do in our lives.

## Parents Representative Council - Keynote Speaker

Last Monday night I was joined by a group of parents from MTP at a keynote presentation at Corpus Christi Primary School at Cranebrook for a Workshop on raising happy and resilient children lead by Dr Justin Coulson. This was a very informative evening with lots of great tips on emotion coaching and providing ways of helping our children to negotiate relationships. Some of the valuable tips shared included:

- Always **start with success** - focus on what is working - ask your child what was something great that happened each day. Things will always go wrong and siblings (and school friends) will always have difficult times but always begin with the success and spend less time on the dramas.
- Emotions are contagious - **our children 'catch' our feelings** so if we are anxious they will catch our emotion, conversely if we are calm, even in difficult situations, our children will 'catch' our calm.
- When children present challenging behaviours we can react three ways; 1) turning away and ignoring behaviour, 2) turning against and reacting negatively toward the child or more helpfully, 3) turning toward and assisting the child to acknowledge feelings and assisting them to restore relationships and complete consequences once emotions have calmed down - **connect before we correct**.

Thank you to the parents who were able to join me and I would recommend the PRC gatherings which are held every term.



*"Do the humble things with love  
and it will open the door for  
others."*

St Mother Teresa of Kolkata

## Important Dates:

### • Saturday 8th September / Sunday 9th September

First Reconciliation Enrolment forms can be collected from the Parish Church while attending Mass from weekend commencing 8th-9th September 2018.

### • Wednesday, 5th September

St Mother Teresa Feast Day  
11:00am St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta  
Followed by picnic lunch on school grounds

### • Wednesday, 12th September

Stage 2—Year 4 Lake Parramatta Excursion

### • Thursday, 13th September

Stage 2—Year 3 Lake Parramatta Excursion

### • Wednesday, 19th September

Celebration of Learning  
4:30pm—6:00pm

Parent University  
6:00pm—7:00pm

## 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."

## Give us this day our daily bread

We say these words so often; do we think about what we are asking. Jesus in his compassion fed the 5000 from the little He was offered, through the generosity of a boy. This was only the beginning of what Jesus offers us. Jesus assures us that He is the Bread of Life. Whoever eats this bread will have life, everlasting. This is a call to deep faith, believing that God, through our relationship with Jesus, especially in the Eucharist, is what we need to feed us in our spirit and to nourish us in the journey of life. Bread was provided in the desert for God's people, but it was there when needed. It could not be stored, or hoarded, or put away as insurance for the future. The people had to trust God, each day. When we pray, let us have that same faith in our loving God, that what we need today will be provided, if we only ask in faith. That the bread Jesus gives is his flesh for the life of the world. Maria Boyd REC



## WORK, HEALTH & SAFETY - Mother Teresa Primary

### 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.

### Parking Safety

As you know, our school site is a shared site with two large High Schools. Please DO NOT park on the pedestrian crossing in the visitor car park as this presents a significant safety issue for children crossing the road.

### Child Safe Environment

A friendly reminder that toilet facilities for adults are available in the school office for adults waiting to pick up students from our school.

## PRC - next meeting

PRC - next meeting Term 4 at St Luke's Marsden Park - Schools for the 21st Century, Monday 19th November, 7pm, Marsden Park.

## Important Dates:

- Mother Teresa Primary, **Literacy & Numeracy Week Celebrations** and Writers Festival - 3rd to 7th September
- Last day of the year for students in 2018 will be Wednesday 19th December.

*In preparation for our Poetry celebration next Friday I would like to share with you a wonderful poem written by Sofia in Year 4 - great work Sofia!*

Based on the "Wing of Fire" series by Tui T. Sutherland

### Darkstalker

Darkstalker, Darkstalker you bring us peril,  
Animus magic made you feral.  
Darkstalker, Darkstalker, you killed your dad,  
You went from good to very, very bad.

Clearsight had to put you asleep,  
In 2000 years, you're still a creep.  
Challenged Glory to become NightWing king,  
And they await the danger that you bring.

You mourn for Clearsight who left you alone,  
It left a chill that went right through the bone.  
Fathom was sent to help you with power,  
Instead he left you bitter and sour.

*By Sofia, Year 4*

## COSHC—Spring Vacation Care—September 2018

Vacation Care forms are now available for the September 2018 School Holiday program at COSHC. Please see Skoolbag app for more information or contact COSHC.

## World Youth Day - Raffle Tickets

Last term raffle tickets to raise funds for World Youth Day in 2019 to Panama were distributed to some of our families. Please return any sold tickets (with money) or unsold tickets to the school office by **Friday, 14th September 2018**. We thank you for your support of this Diocesan appeal.

# Mother Teresa Uniform Pricelist

Effective: 1st September 2018

<b>Unisex</b>	
Bomber Jacket	\$65.00
Poly/Cotton Jumper	\$60.00
Red Long Sleeve T-Shirt	\$13.00
<b>Boys Summer</b>	
Short Sleeve Shirt	\$25.00
Navy Short	\$30.00
Navy Sock	\$4.00
<b>Boys Winter</b>	
Short Sleeve Shirt	\$25.00
Navy Trouser	\$43.00
Tie	\$18.00
Navy Sock	\$4.00
<b>Girls Summer</b>	
Summer Dress	\$50.00
White Sock	\$4.00
Scrunchie	\$5.00
Soft Headband	\$5.00
Hard Headband	\$5.00
<b>Girls Winter</b>	
Winter Tunic Incl. tab tie	\$55.00
White Long Sleeve Blouse	\$25.00
Navy tight	\$15.00
White sock	\$4.00
Tab Tie	\$5.00
Scrunchie	\$5.00
Soft Headband	\$5.00
Hard Headband	\$5.00
<b>Sports</b>	
Polo Top	\$30.00
Navy Shorts	\$25.00
Tracksuit Jacket	\$55.00
Tracksuit Pant	\$45.00
White {GIRLS} & Navy {BOYS} turnover sock	\$4.00
<b>Accessories</b>	
Unisex Navy Scarf	\$6.00
School Back pack	\$45.00
Bucket Hat	\$15.00
Lice off kit	\$6.00





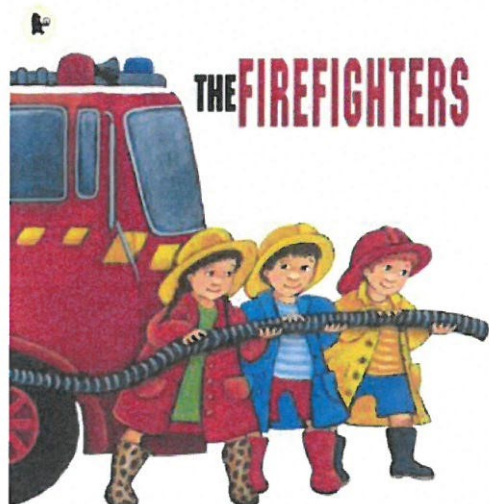
**Mother Teresa Primary**  
creative minds - gentle hearts

Dear All

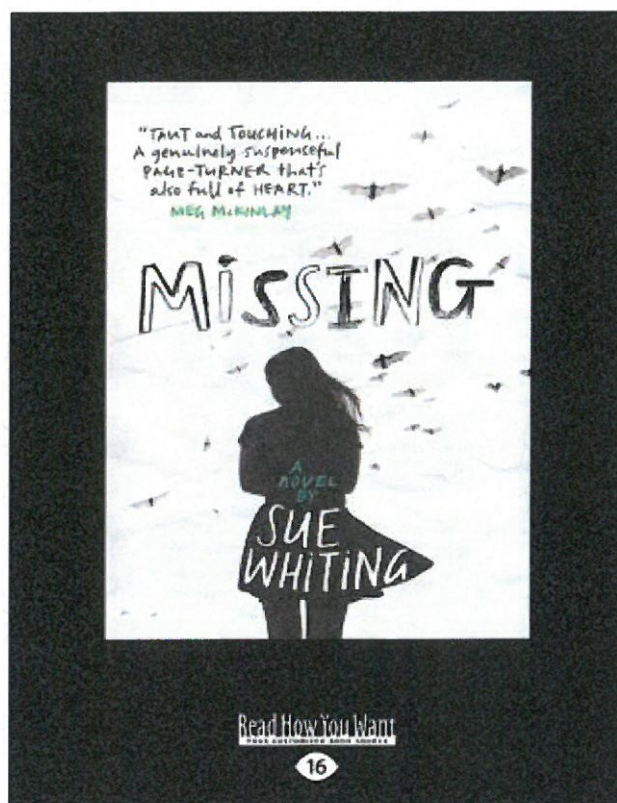
Next week the Mother Teresa School Community will spend a week focussing, as a whole school, on literacy and numeracy activities. These are in addition to Liturgical celebrations and picnic we have on Wednesday 5th September for our Mother Teresa Feast Day celebrations. Outlined below are some of the activities we have planned.

### Literacy Activities

On **Monday 3rd of September** the author **Sue Whiting** will be doing **writing workshops** at Mother Teresa Primary. Sue is an award winning author who will work with our students K-6 on the writing process. This is another way we can help to achieve our school writing goal for 2018.



Sue Whiting PICTURES BY Donna Rawlins



On **Friday 7th September** we are having a **"Poem in your pocket day"**. We would love everybody in our school community, students, teachers, office staff, parents, carers...**EVERYONE** to have a poem in their pocket. On the day our students are invited to share the poem in their pocket with as many other members of the community throughout the day as possible. This can be a poem the students themselves have written OR they could copy a poem, credit the poet and place that in their pocket.

To continue with our poetry theme on **Friday 7th September**, the whole school will be participating in a **"Slam Poetry"** presentation on Friday afternoon from 1.45pm in the undercroft area. Each grade, or a representative from each grade, will perform a poem for the school. All parents and carers are invited to come along and enjoy the poetry presentations at 1.45pm.



### Numeracy Activities

The week will also feature a number of in-class, whole school and community wide mathematical tasks.

On **Monday 3rd September**, we will launch a whole school Arrays Challenge at morning assembly. Students will be encouraged to photograph, record and draw the arrays they come across outside of school. Additionally, students have the option to create a numeracy problem to accompany the array they have discovered. These will be collated and displayed near the school entrance. Students will have the option to continue this multiple times throughout the week. On Monday, all students K-6 will be given two copies of the Arrays Challenge recording sheet in their communication bag and spare copies will be kept by the learning studio teachers. Any completed array challenge sheets to be placed into a collection box in the student foyer.

Years 3-6 will also have access to a pop-up Google Classroom established especially for this week. Students in these grades, if they have access to devices and Google Classroom at home, can respond to the task there.

The code for students to access this classroom is vx9z8s



**Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th** will also be an opportunity for students K-2 to come and try Coding using the Blue Bots and Dash/Dot. Kindergarten can come and try at recess on Monday and Year 1 at lunch on Monday. Year 2 can come and try on Tuesday at lunch time.

On **Tuesday 4th**, Parramatta Marist Year 7 STEM course has invited Stage 3 to engage with gaming projects they have been designing and testing, to teach younger students introductory geometry. The 'Geometry through Gaming' event will occur in the Morley Centre.

On **Thursday 6th and Friday 7th** will be a chance for students 3-6 to come and try Coding using Swift and Scratch Jnr.

On **Thursday 6th**, there will be a whole school numeracy provocation installed on the playground for the entire day. Learning studios will visit the installation and engage by recording, wondering and responding to the prompts to extend mathematical thinking. Parents may also visit and engage with installation after school until 4:30pm.

Many Thanks  
MTP Staff



# C.A.R.E.S OPEN DAY



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