



## 90 Seconds with the Principal

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### 90 Seconds with the Principal - our 2018 Learning Goals evaluation

In 90 seconds with the Principal this week, we reflect on the school goals for Religious Education, Literacy and Numeracy - what have been our successes and what are our new challenges at Mother Teresa Primary?

### Excursions

In the past few weeks students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 have participated in excursions to the farm and to the Blue Mountains respectively. These excursions provide a great opportunity for our students to inquire about the world beyond Mother Teresa Primary. I would like to thank our staff and our many parent helpers for their contribution to making these occasions a wonderful success.

### Staffing News

I would like to announce to our school community that Miss Louise Desira has accepted a teaching position at St Anthony's, Girraween, commencing 2019. Louise has been a member of staff at Mother Teresa Primary for many years and she will take a great deal of skill and expertise as a teacher with her to her new school. Mr Mark Bennett has also been successful in securing a promotion position at St Luke's, Marsden Park as the Kindergarten to Year 4 Numeracy Leader. I wish to congratulate both Mark and Louise on their next move in their careers.

I am delighted to announce that we have several new staff joining us next year. Mrs Maree Grainger will be joining us as Year 1 support, Reading Recovery and EMU (Maths) Intervention teacher. Maree has over 30 years experience as a teacher across the Diocese and her skills and expertise across literacy and numeracy are a wonderful addition to our staff. Miss Madeline McCrabb and Mrs Aimee Antoun will also be joining our teaching staff from 2019. Maree, Madeline and Aimee are both experienced teachers, bringing great skill and enthusiasm to our Mother Teresa Community.

Mrs Rachael Thompson will continue as our Physical Education teacher in 2019 and Mrs Joanne Beamish from Good Shepherd School, Plumpton will be joining us as the Creative Arts teacher for 2019, as Mrs Crystal Wilkes who is our current Creative Arts teacher has time off with her new baby.

Staff for each grade for 2019 will be announced later in the year.

### Congratulations Anabelle and Oindrila!

Wow - we have amazingly talented students at Mother Teresa Primary. Recently Anabelle (Year 4) was notified she was a finalist in the 'Write 4 Fun' competition and several other of our students were highly commended. Anabelle has written a poem that you are invited to read in the newsletter this week - I'm sure you will be impressed with the quality of this amazing poetry. I would also like to congratulate these students whose writing was commended in the competition: Johan (Year 5), Julia (Year 4), Arav (Year 4), Danijela (Year 4), Eleni (Year 6), Irena (Year 4), Celine (Year 4), Rhianna (Year 5), William (Kindergarten) and Nyssa (Year 5).

Also, many students from Kindergarten to Year 2 participated in the Julie Owens Christmas Card Art Design competition. Oindrila from Year 2 was selected as the representative from Mother Teresa Primary and many other schools in the Parramatta Area also had representatives in the competition. We are very proud to announce that Oindrila placed second in this competition and there is a copy of her design in the newsletter this week. Congratulations Oindrila, we are very proud of you!

Congratulations to all students who participated in both the art and the writing competitions.



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

St Mother Teresa of Kolkata

### Important Dates:

- **Tuesday, 13th November**  
Kindergarten 2019 Orientation Session—8:35am-10:30am
- **Wednesday, 14th November**  
Kindergarten 2019 Orientation Session—8:35am-10:30am
- **Thursday, 15th November**  
Kindergarten 2019 Orientation Session—8:35am-10:30am
- **Tuesday, 20th November**  
Kindergarten 2019 Orientation Session—8:35am-10:30am
- **Thursday, 22nd November**  
Kindergarten 2019 Orientation Session—8:35am-10:30am
- **Wednesday, 28th November**  
Kindergarten 2019 Orientation Session—8:35am-10:30am
- **Wednesday, 5th December**  
Celebration of Learning  
4:30pm—6:00pm  
  
Parent University  
6:00pm-7:00pm

### Save the Date:

- **Monday, 3rd December**  
MTP Colour Challenge Fun Day
- **Thursday, 6th December**  
Year 6 Graduation—St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta
- **Thursday, 13th December**  
MTP Christmas Concert

### 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."

## Welcome Kindergarten 2019!

Next week we begin to welcome our new Kindergarten 2019 students as they come for their Orientation Sessions at MTP. Our current Year 5 students are very excited to be taking on the Buddy Role for all of our Kindergarten students next year, as they continue their student leadership at MTP. Thank you to the generous parents who have hosted morning tea for the new families to our school whilst their child participates in the Orientation Workshops. This is a great way for our 'old' families to get to know our new families in our community.

## WHS - Evacuation Drill for whole site

On Wednesday 21st November, the Mother Teresa community will be participating in a whole site evacuation drill with Parramatta Marist High and Catherine McAuley High School. We have participated in previous evacuation drills as a school but on this day we will have the opportunity to practice safe and orderly procedures for the three schools to safely move away from the school buildings.

## GENIUS HOUR

During weeks 6-10 of this term, we are initiating a new 'special interest' learning opportunity for all students in the school. Each week for an hour on Monday afternoons students will be able to explore an area of their choice with support from staff. It became apparent during our Student Forum at the end of term 3 that students would like the opportunity to explore an area of their own choosing. After further investigating this idea and evaluating the success students have in the skills of inquiry we believe that this is a fantastic opportunity not only for students to dive deeper into a topic of their own choosing but to also spend this time collaborating with students from different grades. Students will create their own driving question, research their topic and share their findings with an audience.

## Jesus is the why.

We are in exciting times when a group of professional educators have been working collaboratively with our Bishop, the clergy, parent representatives and students to co create a new Religious Education Program that is answering the heart questions of our young people from Kindergarten to Year 12. Pope Francis calls us to be a church where everyone feels welcome and valued. Bishop Vincent calls us to take up the challenges and issues that our young people are facing and proclaim the message of Jesus in a personalised encounter with the love of God and the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church. This will be an inquiry-based model of learning about life and faith that will meet the needs of every student in every Catholic school in the Parramatta Diocese. Please pray for us in this great work, that we may serve you and your children better.

Maria Boyd REC



## 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.

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- Mother Teresa Colour Challenge Day (new date) - Monday 3rd December
- Last day of the year for students in 2018 will be Wednesday 19th December.

## Celebrating more great writing!

This week we have another example of great writing from one of our Year 4 students, Anabelle - a finalist in the 'Write-along' 2018 competition.

### 'GROWING UP'

I start at one age  
But end in another  
As I grow older  
I become a grandmother

I see all my memories  
Raining from the sky  
I try to catch them  
But instead I cry

I feel my youthfulness  
Floating around  
I hold onto it  
And wear it like a crown

I turn my frown upside down  
As I delicately whisper in my ear  
My younger self reminding me  
"My dear, there is just as much beauty in the day that is here."

## Celebrating Great Art

Oindrilia (Year 2)





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## NEXT GENERATION SCHOOLS



**What is the new normal for education?**  
Greg is at the coalface of designing and establishing the new normal for preschool to post school learning. He believes we need to adopt a continuum model of education, challenging educators to use time in creative and innovative ways. He'll explain how parents, teachers and enterprise partners can transform learning so that each student understands their strengths and capabilities. Greg is an educational leader with heart. He is passionate about enabling students to discover their strengths and find their purpose in this changing world.

**Our guest speaker for the evening is:**  
**Mr Greg Miller**  
Principal and Educational Leader

Register FREE now: [www.prc.catholic.edu.au](http://www.prc.catholic.edu.au)

**Monday, 19 November 2018**  
**Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm start (approx. 2 hours)**  
(Term 4 – PRC General Meeting will be held prior to our speaker session)  
at St Luke's Catholic College, Lot 1104, Frontier Ave, & Northbourne Dr, Marsden Park  
Tea, Coffee and light snacks will be provided and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!

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### PRC General Parent Meeting Term 4

Dear Parents,  
The Parent Representative Council would like to warmly Invite you to our Term 4 General Parent Meeting on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> November.

Our guest speaker is  
**Mr Greg Miller**  
Principal and Educational Leader  
St Luke's Catholic College Marsden Park

The topic this term is:  
**Next Generation Schools - What is the new normal for education?**  
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**When:** please arrive by 6:30pm for 7:00pm start  
Tea Coffee and light super is served  
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Make sure you register to attend and save time when you arrive. Go to [www.prc.catholic.edu.au](http://www.prc.catholic.edu.au) and click on the register button at the bottom of the page.

PRC Parramatta are proud to provide FREE OF CHARGE this opportunity to engage with our Parramatta Diocese Catholic Schools communities.

Please let us know if there are any topics that you are interested in hearing about  
We would love to see you there on the night  
Many Thanks

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**Earth Ministry Parramatta**  
with Catholic Earthcare Australia

Invites you to a  
**'Laudato Si' in Action' Workshop for Parishes**



*Sowing the seeds of Earth Ministry in parishes, aiming to grow our green hearts!*  
A workshop for parishioners interested in linking, learning and sharing together, sowing the seeds for a green parish.

**Saturday December 1 – get ready for Advent!!**  
Holy Family Parish, 254 Luxford Rd, Emerton  
Schoenstatt Sisters Room (within the Holy Family Parish Centre)  
10:30 – 12:30 (then stay for lunch if you can)

- We hope to inspire participants by breaking open Laudato Si' with Bernard Holland, Director Catholic Earthcare Australia. We will hear from Anne Lanyon who has helped create a landcare group in her parish.
- We would like to show you the "green heart" of Holy Family parish. We will share the Emerton parish Environment Walk, and share tips for creating a walk in your parish.
- We aim to do some Action planning for your parish. We have lots of resources to share.

Cost: \$20 on the day, to assist with catering coming from Baabayn Aboriginal Corp.  
To register visit the link below, or contact Sue Martin – Earth Ministry Project Officer Parramatta Diocese, Phone 0432-716-577 Email [sue.martin@parracatholic.org](mailto:sue.martin@parracatholic.org)  
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*"All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents." (LS 14)*



Catherine McAuley Westmead  
*Educating young women for the future*

### Catherine McAuley Westmead Enrolments for Year 7 2020

Catherine McAuley Westmead is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2020.  
The closing date for Year 7 2020 applications 1<sup>st</sup> round offers is  
Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019.

Parents and their daughters have the opportunity to tour the school campus at one of our upcoming school tours specifically for Year 7 2020 applicants, but open to any year group.

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018**  
**9.15 – 11am**

These mornings will provide parents and students with the opportunity to tour our school on a normal school day. You will be able to view our school grounds and facilities, go into classrooms and meet our students and teachers. Enrolment packs will be available on the day. Please note that following these tours there will be no other school tours held until our Open Afternoon.

Contact our School Reception on 9849 9100 to book a place on a school tour.

**Save The Date** – The Catherine McAuley Westmead School Open Afternoon will be held from 4.00pm – 7.00pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019.