

6th May 2016

## 90 Seconds with the Principal

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### Winter Uniform 2016

There has been some confusion regarding some items of our school winter uniform.



#### Boys Uniform

Boys are to wear **Navy socks** all year round including sports uniform days. Boys have the option to wear navy shorts or navy trousers. They must wear a tie on Mondays & Fridays. (If you are interested in your son having a white *long sleeve* school shirt, with the school crest please contact the school).

#### Girls Uniform

Girls are required to wear **navy tights** (or plain white socks on warmer days and sports days), winter tunic including the tab tie.

Just a reminder that the school hat is expected to be worn each day.

During winter, both boys & girls can wear a red long sleeve t-shirt **under** their sports shirt.

Tracksuit tops are **only to be worn** on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays. Our school jumper should be worn on Mondays & Fridays. Bomber Jackets can be worn on any day of the week.

Thank you for all your hard work and effort to ensure your children are suitably dressed in our school uniform.

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

*Mother Teresa*

### Important Dates:

#### • Monday, 9th May

A reminder that students are required to wear full winter school uniform **from today**. If families require uniforms, you need to purchase them directly from:

**OZ Fashions,**  
115-127 Parramatta Road,  
Granville.

Uniforms are available 6 days per week during the following hours:

Monday to Friday 9:00am–5:30pm  
Saturday 9:00am–4:00pm

#### • Tuesday, 10th, Wednesday, 11th & Thursday, 12th May

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#### • Friday, 13th May

Comedy for A Cause Fundraiser  
(tickets still available)

#### • Monday, 16th May

School Photo Day



### **POVERTY is NOT a Laughing Matter**

Jesus said the poor are always with us. That does not mean he approved. It was a sad indication of how easily we can turn off, turn away or turn around. 61% of Australians who are unemployed and 40% of people on social security payments are living below the poverty line. Poverty is higher among adults born overseas. 27% of people with a disability live in poverty. One any

given night in Australia one in every 200 people are experiencing homelessness. That is a disgrace and something needs to change. Change starts in the heart; the gentle heart, the compassionate heart, the heart of justice. **Poverty is NOT a laughing matter! Or is it?** On Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> May Mother Teresa is holding a Comedy event. The money raised will go to the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal, as well as the school. \$30 a ticket, a night spent with family and friends in LAUGHTER, could make a difference for so many and maybe put a smile on someone else's face as well. Buy your tickets now for COMEDY for a CAUSE and let's laugh our way to a better world.

Maria Boyd—REC

### Keeping everyone safe

Just some important reminders to every driver when entering our school grounds:

- Keep to the speed limit 15km/h
- Follow all signs and road markings
- Be very aware of people crossing on the designated pedestrian area.

It is everyone's responsibility to keep our children and families safe.

**Canteen Price List**

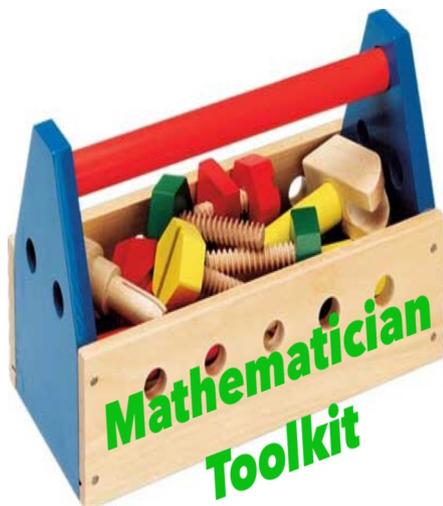


## NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Just a reminder that the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge has started for 2016.

There have been some issues regarding logging in. We have contacted the appropriate department and the issue has been logged. They are expecting this issue to be fixed shortly.

### How can I support my child's mathematical development?



This year our MTP numeracy goal is focussed on developing Addition and Subtraction strategies. To support this goal the *MTP MATHEMATICIAN TOOLKIT* was created as a parent resource to find ideas and activities to further develop number sense. The toolkit includes learning at home ideas, activities with instructions and video clips.

#### Where can I start?

##### Infants

A great starting place for parents with children in the infant years (but not limited to) would be the *2-min Drill*. This activity allows children to explore quantities of numbers whilst adding to a total.

##### Primary

A great starting place for parents of primary students would be *Headache*. This allows students an opportunity to add varying numbers or find an unknown number. Students will focus on utilising efficient MENTAL strategies to solve various problems and verbalise or represent their thinking on a number line.

Click on the link for more information.

[MTP Mathematician Toolkit](#)

### Mother Teresa Cross Country Team 2016

Congratulations to the following students who represented Mother Teresa Primary School at the Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country event:

Priaav, Samuel, Rudra, Gabriel, Lucy, Stuwini, Christian, Luke, Aadi, Shivali, Emica, Antonios, Neel, Anthony and Cianah.

These students are not only to be congratulated on their efforts on such a physically demanding event, but also on their sportsmanship and representing Mother Teresa with pride. A big thank you to Mrs Rawlings for taking the students as team manager on the day and also to Mrs Mardini for marshalling the students to the starting line. Your help was greatly appreciated.



### Principal's Holiday Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Principal's Reading Challenge over the school holidays. It was impressive to see the students approach the challenge with great energy and enthusiasm. Over 100 students participated in the reading challenge!

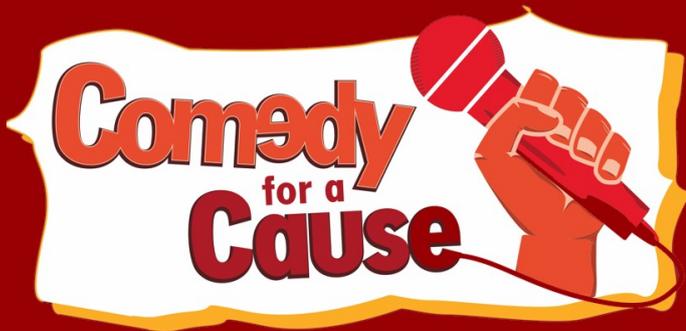
All children who completed the challenge will receive a certificate in the coming weeks. We will also be drawing out a \$20 Book Club voucher for a lucky child in each grade that participated in the challenge!

Well done to all of our passionate readers!



### Complaint Handling Policy

If, at any time, you find that you have a concern with the school, you are encouraged to come to the school and speak with the teacher/s and/or Principal, to find a resolution for your concern. It is our aim to work with all members of our school community to ensure that we do the very best we can to provide a productive, safe and enjoyable learning experience for our students and professionally fulfilling experience of our staff. If you would like to raise a concern formally, the Catholic Education Office has procedures for ensuring that complaints are handled fairly. Information about how to lodge a complaint and a complaint form are available from the school. These documents can be accessed on the school website or the Catholic Education website [www.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au)



In Support of:  
**Mother Teresa Primary  
School's Literacy Program**  
&  
**St Vincent De Paul's  
Winter Appeal**



### **Gary Eck**

- Edinburgh, Melbourne and Sydney Comedy Festivals.
- Rove, The Footy Show, Spicks & Specks
- Tropfest Winner, Aria Nominee, Writer of Happy Feet Two

*"Spellbinding charm, sharp-witted lines coupled with an out-of-the world sense of humour" - Time Out*

*"Totally original and clever...funny till it hurt" Daily Telegraph*



### **Bruce Griffiths**

- Tripple J Comic of the Year Winner.
- Triple-M, Live At Jongleurs (UK)
- Aria Award winning writer for Good News Week & The Glasshouse
- Gold Medal in the New York Festival Film & TV Awards

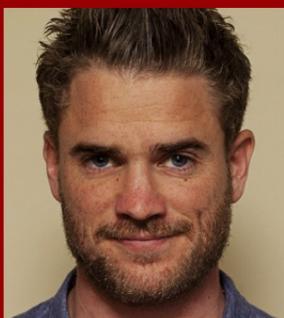
*"The best one-liner comic in the business".*



### **Sam Bowring**

- Opening Act - Arj Barker 2015
- Raw Comedy National Finalist
- Nominee: Best Newcomer and the Piece of Wood Award - MICF
- Rove Live; Stand Up Australia

*"His jokes are like ninjas quietly sneaking up on you ... undeniably funny." - Adelaide Advertiser*



### **Mat Wakefield**

- Sydney Comedy Festival - Sold Out
- Sydney Fringe Festival - Sold Out

*"one of the rising stars of Australian Comedy" - The Laugh Garage*

*"a genuine alternative way of thinking, reminiscent of comedy legend Doug Stanhope... (Weekend Notes)*

**7:30pm - May 13**

**The Morley Centre - Gate 3, 2A Darcy Road, Westmead 2145  
(Entrance opposite PRIVATE hospital Westmead)**

**Tickets \$30 at [comedyforacause.net/MT](http://comedyforacause.net/MT) 18+ Only**

29 March 2016

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Dear Staff & Students of Mother Teresa Primary

Thank you so much for your recent donation of Easter Eggs to The Children's Hospital at Westmead!

Your support for the Hospital and its endeavours is greatly appreciated and gives renewed hope to the sick children and the families we care for. Our mission is to give the 80,000 sick children we care for each year the best possible chance to grow up strong and healthy;

On behalf of the patients, their families, the medical team and all staff at the Hospital I would like to thank you for your contribution, your eggs were delivered over Easter Weekend to bring smiles to the many children who stayed with us.

Chances are the life-saving work we do directly affects some of your students and their families, making your support even more vital.

Thanks again for your continued support and I look forward to working with you again in the near future.

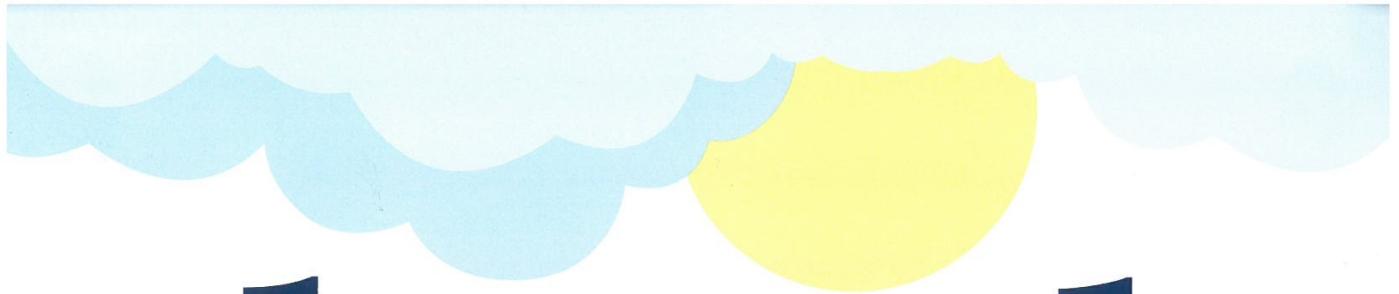
Best Wishes,



**Courtney Golding**  
Education Liaison Officer  
Public Relations

the children's hospital at Westmead





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## Mother Teresa Primary School

For your generous support of  
The Children's Hospital at Westmead

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 The Sydney children's  
Hospitals Network



**Michael Brydon**  
Acting Chief Executive  
Sydney Children's Hospitals Network





## **Catherine McAuley Westmead School Open Morning**

9.15 – 11am

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016

### **Enrolments for Year 7 2018**

Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2018. Each year the demand for places at Catherine McAuley exceeds what is available. Join us on our upcoming school tour especially for Year 7 2018 applicants but open to any year group.

Our Open Morning is a great opportunity to tour around our school grounds, view our fantastic facilities and meet our students and teachers. You will have the opportunity to go into classrooms and see them in action. Both children and adults are most welcome.

Please contact School Reception on 9849 9100 if you would like to attend. Our school tours will leave at 9.15am and car parking will be available in the visitor's car parking area via Gate 3 from 9am onwards. Ask for details when making your booking.