

11th May 2018



90 Seconds with the Principal

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How do we assess your child?

In this week's 90 seconds with the Principal we look at the subject of assessment, discussing some of the ways we know your child as a learner. If you would like to discuss general assessment at Mother Teresa Primary please feel free to contact me. If you have a specific question about your child and assessment of their learning please feel free to contact your child's teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet.

Congratulations Mrs Baird!

As notified to the community last week, we congratulate Mrs Megan Baird on her appointment to Acting Principal at St Bernadette's Dundas for a period of 12 months beginning in Term 3, 2018. We thank Mrs Baird for her great leadership at Mother Teresa Primary over the past four years and wish her well as she leads the St Bernadette's community.

Happy Mother's Day

We wish all of the wonderful Mums, Grandmothers and maternal figures in our life a wonderful Mother's Day this Sunday. It was an amazing response from the community for you to join us for our liturgy on Wednesday, followed by a walk through of our learning studios and a picnic with the students of Mother Teresa Primary. I would like to thank Mrs Maria Boyd, our Religious Education Coordinator and the Year 1 team for their time and efforts in preparing this liturgy. We also marked Wednesday as the Bishop's Day of the Family with our red, white and blue mufti day so it was great that we could celebrate this day with our own families. Funds raised on this day will go to support the work of CatholicCare.

NAPLAN

Next week the students in Years 3 and 5 at Mother Teresa Primary will participate in NAPLAN testing, as with every student across Australia. The **National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)** is a one off test of aspects of literacy and numeracy. It provides some evidence of your child's strengths and areas of challenge in literacy and numeracy. The teachers have prepared the students to participate in the procedures associated with these tests, without diverting attention away from quality teaching and learning. I thank the teachers for their professionalism and wish the students well.



Mother's and other Heroes

This Sunday's Gospel is the story of the Ascension. This is moment when Jesus, having completed his mission, is reunited with the Father. What is there in this reading to inspire us on Mother's Day. Our mothers and those who love with generosity, humour, acceptance and steadfast devotion to us, are mirrors of God in our lives. God is love, and God introduces us to his love at the time of our birth, as we gaze into our mother's eyes. St Francis of Assisi is credited with saying, 'Preach the gospel at all times and when necessary, use words!' Our mothers live this out every day, showing us through their actions their love for us as they carry out their mission from God. May all mother's receive the love and appreciation that they deserve. Thank God for our mums. God bless our mums. Enjoy this [link](#).
 Maria Boyd REC



"I never will understand all the good that a simple smile can accomplish."

St Mother Teresa

Important Dates:

- **Friday, 11th May**
Comedy for a Cause fundraiser
- **Monday, 14th—Friday, 18th May**
NAPLAN—Yr 3 and Yr 5
- **Friday, 18th May**
School Photo Day—Full Winter Uniform
- **Monday, 21st—Friday, 25th May**
School Dental Clinic
- **Thursday, 7th June**
Police Liason visit—Cyber Safety talks—1:35pm
Years 5 & 6—parents welcome
- **Friday, 8th June**
Staff Development Day (no students on this day)
- **Thursday, 14th June**
Police Liason visit—Cyber Safety talks—1:35pm
Years 3 & 4—parents welcome

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."

Feedback from parents & thank you!

I would like to thank the parents who were able to join us for a 'cuppa with the principal' last week. It was great to share ideas and thinking about our focus on teaching and learning at Mother Teresa Primary. It was also wonderful that Fr Walter was able to join in on the conversation this time. Several ideas were discussed including having a social support group for any families who would like to meet for a cuppa and a chat - this could include new families or existing families at Mother Teresa. Jasmine Issa (Kindergarten parent - 0405 399537) and Kirsty Mendis (Year 4 and Kindergarten parent - 0431 160 954) would be very happy to talk to you to discuss options if you would like to talk to other parents in our community. I thank them for their offer to be a social contact for the parent community. Our Diocesan Parent Representative Council parent reps, Anna Nicholas (Year 4 parent) and Jodie Skinner (Year 2 and Year 5 parent) can also be contacted through the office, regarding the work of the PRC. A calendar of Diocesan PRC events are attached to this newsletter.

Thank you also to the families who are able to join us tonight for Comedy for a Cause. It will be a great night of fun supported by families, staff and friends of our community in order to raise funds for St. Vincent de Paul and for literacy at Mother Teresa Primary.

Congratulations to our Mother Teresa Primary students

Last week I had the opportunity to join our families and students at both the Diocesan Cross Country at Eastern Creek on Tuesday and at the Stage 3 excursion to Cockatoo Island on Wednesday. I was very proud of the way our students participated in these out of school events but I was especially proud of the way they interacted so respectfully with other members of the general public. On more than one occasion last week, members of the public approached me to compliment our students on their behaviour. I received a letter from a fellow traveller on Sydney ferries who went to the trouble of writing to me about our students. I have included an extract from the letter below:

"A quick note to let you know that I had the great pleasure of sharing the ferry to Cockatoo Island with your Y5 and Y6 students earlier today. As an ex-teacher I must confess that I was bracing myself for the trip once I spotted this large group arrive on the wharf. However, that trepidation soon turned to delight when I found myself surrounded by the nicest group of young women I have met in a very long time. They were exquisitely polite, curious, mature and simply a pleasure to chat to.

The entire group behaved beautifully. Well done you and your team! It is a challenge to manage large groups of children at the best of times and more so when on excursion."

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, as parents and carers, for your crucial foundational role in developing our students to be respectful, we appreciate your support.

NSW Premier's Reading Challenge for MTP Students—2018



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 2018 Challenge closes **Friday, 31st August** (midnight) for MTP students.

How can my child get involved? Just click on the link at [NSW PRC](#) and log on to begin.

If you have any questions, please see either Mrs Rawlings or Mrs Halligan.

Police Liaison Visit - Cyber Safety Talks

Constable Chris, our Police Liaison Officer for Mother Teresa Primary will be visiting our school to speak to the Primary Students about cyber safety. Parents are warmly invited to attend these workshops.

Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) - Thursday 7th June, 1.35pm

Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) - Thursday 14th June, 1.35pm

School Photo Day

Next Friday, **18th May** is school photo day. Please make sure that your children are in their full winter formal dress uniform.

If you would like a sibling photo, please pick up the order form from the school office, before photo day as we will only be calling the children who have returned an order form or completed order online.

We encourage parents to complete and pay online. **If you are paying by cash, this must be the correct money given in the sealed photo envelope as no change will be given.**

Winter School Uniform

A reminder that students are required to wear full winter uniform in Term 2. We are conscious that the weather can be unseasonal, so we will allow a grace period of 2 weeks. All students must wear full winter uniform from **Monday, 14th May**. 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 and Saturday 9:00am–4:00pm**



Sports News



It has been a big few weeks in sport for Mother Teresa Primary. Congratulations to all of the students who represented our school at the Zone Cross Country Carnival held at Sydney Motor Sports Park Tuesday 1st May. It was a great day and all the students competed to the best of their abilities. Thank you to the parents who assisted on the day to help make it a success.

24 students from Mother Teresa Primary competed in the Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day on the 13th April. Both teams had to compete in 6 games across the day against other Diocesan schools. Congratulations to the teams for your team spirit and competitive efforts. Also, thank you to the team Manager Mr Wallis for assisting alongside Mrs Mardini.



Another congratulations to Jessica in Year 5 who has been selected to represent the Diocese in Soccer this year.

As part of their ongoing Physical Education Program students in year 5 & 6 will have the opportunity to complete a Soccer clinic lead by the Western Sydney Wanderers. Already there has been considerable excitement and enthusiasm generated from the program. Well done to those students for their continued efforts and success.



Lastly, A huge thank you to the Mother Teresa Community for supporting the Coles vouchers for sport program. We have been inundated with vouchers over the last month. The promotion has now completed and all vouchers are in the process of being sent to be counted. Thank you for your support.

School Fees 2018

School Fee Statements will be posted to all families by the Catholic Education Diocese

Parents should be reminded that **Term 2 fees are due by 6th June 2018**.

Please feel free to contact Judy Attard on 8841 2600 if you have any concerns regarding your school fees.

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 15th May at 7.30pm about developing peaceful sibling relationships, you can register using the following link www.parentingideas.com.au/product/sibling-fighting-what-to-do and follow the Instructions below.

- ⇒ add to cart
- ⇒ click on view cart
- ⇒ enter coupon code - Harmony
- ⇒ 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

Sibling fighting: What to do

Guest Speaker: Michael Grose
15 May 2018 - 07:30pm

VOUCHER CODE
HARMONY

VALID UNTIL 16 MAY 2018

Valued at \$37

parenting ideas schools

Comedy for a Cause



In support of:
**Mother Teresa
Primary School
Literacy**
&
**St Vincent de
Paul's Winter
Appeal**



Dave Williams

- Edinburgh, Melbourne and Sydney Comedy Festivals.
- Rove, Headliners, David Williams Live
- 4.5 stars - Adelaide Advertiser

"brings the house down" - USA Today

"Williams is the Best Live Stand up Working... Accept No Substitutes" - Rip It Up



Seamus McAlary

- Sydney & Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- Writer - 'Good News Week' and 'You're Skitting Me'
- One of Sydney's most sort after Emcees

"An astute and insightful writer... His material is superb" - The Daily Telegraph



John Cruckshank

- Sydney Comedy Festival Showcase Tour
- Sydney Fringe Festival
- Legend of the Australian Comedy Scene
- Comedy Central's 'A Night of Stand Up'

"Spectacularly funny" - Herald Sun



Umit Bali

- 4 stars Perth & Adelaide Fringe Festivals 2015.
- 2015 Melbourne International Comedy Festival.
- one of the rising stars of Australian Comedy

"I saw Umit Bali and was blown away. Equal parts edgy and silly, but both hilarious. Catch him while you can still afford it." Wil Anderson

**BOOK
NOW!**

7:30pm - Friday May 11, 2018
Mother Teresa Primary School
2A Darcy Rd, Westmead

Tickets: \$30 at
comedyforacause.net/MTPS
18+ Only

— THE —
HEALTHY DIGITAL DIET
 HURRY! LIMITED SEATS!

HOW TO TACKLE EXCESSIVE GAMING, SOCIAL MEDIA USE & INTERNET ADDICTION IN YOUR CHILD
...and get back a more balanced family life!

PRESENTED BY:
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- Child Psychiatrist
- NIIRA President – Network for Internet Investigation & Research in Australia
- Media Commentator
- Father of 2 children



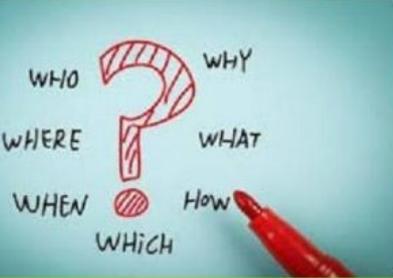
Thursday May 31st Parramatta Marist High
 5:45 for a 6:00pm start 2 Darcy Road, Westmead. Entry via Gate 3

RSVP Via Google Form by 28/5/18

 **BOOK YOUR SEAT NOW!**
<https://tinyurl.com/yatblpqt>

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Early Career Planning & Transition to Work




The WHY to, the HOW to and the WHAT to do when transitioning out of school and into your future. How to choose the correct electives and all the other questions you have in between.

OPEN TO STUDENTS IN YEARS 8-12!

Our guest speaker for the evening is:

Dianne Mills
 Partnership Manager/Career Coach.
 Building Industry, Community, Education partnerships to assist in career transitions

Register FREE now: www.prc.catholic.edu.au

Monday, 4th June 2018
 Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm start (approx. 2 hours)
 Term 2 – PRC General Meeting will be held prior to our speaker session
 Tea, Coffee and light snacks will be provided and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!
 Diocesan Assembly Centre (DAC), Cnr Flushcombe Rd and Marion St, Blacktown NSW
www.prc.catholic.edu.au  @preparra  @prcparra

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 Call Charles Lukasik on 02 9683 1116



Catherine McAuley Westmead School Open Morning

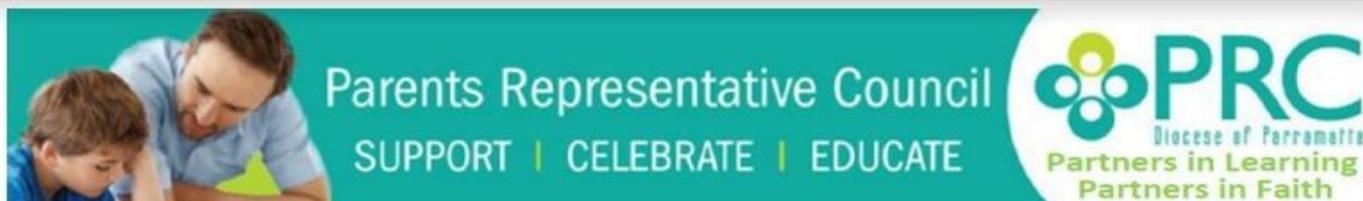
9.15 – 11am
Tuesday 29th May 2018

Enrolments for Year 7 2020

Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2020. Each year the demand for places at Catherine McAuley exceeds what is available. Join us on our upcoming school tour especially for Year 7 2020 applicants but open to any year group. School tours later in the year get very crowded so beat the rush!

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.



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.