Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

This is a tremendously busy term with so many wonderful events and opportunities for all of us! Just a few include:

**A FANTASTIC BINGO NIGHT**  A big thank you to all involved especially to the parents who assisted in sourcing and sorting out the prizes for the night, the generous donations from families and the teachers who helped (our two bingo callers were fantastic!). A special mention to Alliance Landscapes, Bunnings, Calmsley Farm, Captain Cook Cruises, Clowntown, Downtown Bar & Grill, Eataliaana Restaurant, Enchanted by Christine, KC candles, Featherdale Wildlife Park, Fully Tabooly, J-Lee Hair Boutique, Parramatta Leagues Club, Powerhouse Museum, Stufflers and Taronga Zoo. The feedback I have received has been so positive from all concerned. The night was a community building event but we also made over $1300 which will be used to purchase literacy resources for our school.

**CELEBRATION OF LEARNING THIS FRIDAY**  Just a reminder from 4.30-6pm you will have the opportunity to share in your child’s learning this term. At 5pm there will be a short presentation by the teachers & students sharing some of the learning highlights of this term. The Celebration of Learning allows your children to share with you all their wonderful achievements. We will also be distributing your child’s half yearly Learning Reports at this event.

**ARE YOU A CYBERSMART PARENT?**  On June 26, 6 – 7.30pm there will be an informative meeting focusing on:
- the ways children use the internet & emerging technologies
- the potential risks of cyberbullying and unsafe content
- tips and strategies to keep your child stay safe online

Thankyou to everyone for working so hard to support our wonderful learning community at Mother Teresa Primary. From this Friday I will be on leave and will be back at school on August 12.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on my return,

**Gary Borg**

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**FRIDAY 28TH JUNE- NO CANTEEN**

There will be no canteen on Friday 28th June. Please do not send any lunch orders, as we are unable to provide any lunch for children.

**EARN & LEARN**

As you know, our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school. We are now at the important stage of the program where Points Sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn & Learn claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. So this week please send in your Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheets and any loose Earn & Learn Points Stickers you may have. Remember to check your handbag, the car glove box or they may be stuck on the fridge. Every little bit helps. Thanks again for all your support!
WINTER APPEAL - Please remember that Thursday 27th June is Wear Your Pyjamas to School Day. We have organised this to raise money for St Vincent de Paul Society to assist those in need. We are collecting non-perishable foods for hampers for the needy and collecting new or near new winter clothing for all ages and sizes from infant to grandparents.

Mrs Boyd REC

CAPTIVATE MASTERCLASS

Terra Sancta College, Nirrimba Campus-Eastern Road, Quakers Hill

The 2013 Captivate Dance Masterclass is a workshop that will expose students to a wide variety of dance styles and working professionals and should not be missed. It is a great way to extend students appreciation of dance, meet professional dancers and choreographers. For more information click on following [link].

WESTERN SYDNEY WANDERES FOOTBALL HOLIDAY CLINICS

The super successful and highly reviewed Wanderers FC Holiday Clinics will be operating again next holidays. Our clinics are intended to show a NEW STANDARD in Holiday Clinics for their quality and experience. Each clinic includes:

• Training of the Highest Quality
• Wanderers FC Player Visits
• Free WSW Clinic Jersey
• World Cup on the Final Day
• For Advanced Clinic – Technical and Tactical Training which will let them take their game to another level

They will also get to meet the Western Sydney Wanderers FC players.

Times: 9am – 12pm
Beginner/Intermediate – 4 to 12 year olds - 3 Days $149, 1 Day $60
Advanced – 9 to 15 year olds - 3 Days $199

To register your details CLICK HERE.

National Solar Schools Program

The National Solar Schools Program provided funding to primary and secondary schools to install other renewable power systems, rainwater tanks and a range of energy efficiency measures. Our school received $55,000 to install A Solar Power System. Through this funding, we have received a range of benefits including: improving our energy efficiency, educating students about renewable energy through using real data from our solar power system and reducing our electricity costs. Videos that showcase environmental activities being undertaken in solar schools across Australia available online at: [link].

The Australian Government’s Living Greener website also provides some great tips for households to reduce their energy consumption. For further information go to [Link].