Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Last Wednesday we had a wonderful celebration for our school’s Opening and Blessing. It was a real affirmation for the school community to be recognised by our Bishop, our Executive Director of Schools Greg Whitby and both Federal and State government members. I would like to share with you extracts from my Principal’s Address. It was a great privilege to share my speech with one of our students, Natalie He.

‘As we gather today to celebrate our beautiful school building we need to focus on who is at the heart of all we do - our students. As much as we appreciate our architecturally designed learning spaces it is what happens every day within these walls that really makes the difference. Here in this room we see our future bishops, executive directors, members of parliament, future leaders in every area of our society. It seems right that I should share this address with one of our students. Natalie He represents herself and all the students gathered here.

Fr Dado, we acknowledge both your pastoral and spiritual support as well as your wonderful encouragement. In the early days we needed your unwavering determination to bring to life the second Catholic primary school in the Sacred Heart Parish.

To the foundation staff members, Miss Geracitano, Mrs Hopley, Mrs Rawlings & Mrs Mifsud, who said ‘yes’ to being a part of this exciting and daunting adventure. I am personally grateful for all your energy and passion that helped us survive and thrive in our early years.

In starting a new school we have been blessed with a supportive parent community. From the very first days they have championed every aspect of school life with their time and talents.

To our present staff sitting here before me I can never thank you enough for being willing to be of service to this community by being passionate, reflective, compassionate, collaborative and creative educators.

On a personal note I would like to thank my wife and family for supporting me on my professional journey. Your encouragement and patience have been a real blessing over the past years.

My hope and dream is that Mother Teresa Primary continues to encourage students to develop both creative minds and gentle hearts.’

Thank you to all our staff, students and parents who everyday help to build this wonderful school community. It is such a privilege to be the Principal at Mother Teresa Primary. Click here to view images from the Opening & Blessing. Looking forward to seeing at our Feast Day next Friday,

Gary Borg

MOTHER TERESA PRIMARY ON FACEBOOK

For those parents who utilise the social networking site FACEBOOK now you can have another way to keep up to date with different happenings in the school. Click on this link and if you already have an account, like our site and you will get updates sent to your wall.
FATHER’S DAY

Fathers, when I read through the thoughts of the children about their dads, the theme that keeps returning is ‘My Dad spends time with me’. In a world of commercialism, we are constantly told by the media that things will make us happy. Buy this, upgrade that, upsize, outdo, impress. These are empty goals and false promises. Things will leave you poorer in pocket and poorer in spirit.

Relationships, love, shared experience, the making of memories. These are the things that last. The story shared at bedtime, the encouragement on the sporting field, the talks in the garden, painting the model together. It is love and care that endure when the toys are broken, the gadgets obsolete. Your children look to you to be their guide, their strength, their mentor, their hero. Your children will follow the example you set. Happy Fathers’ Day to all our dads, our granddads, and all the gentle men who lead us to live in the light. Maria Boyd REC

‘Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies’
Mother Teresa

INSIGHTS INTO KLS & JLS LEARNING

KLS & JLS have set up blogs to share their learning with the school community and the world. The blogs are located at http://mtpkls.blogspot.com.au/ and http://mtpjls.blogspot.com.au/

Enjoy sharing in all their world of inquiry and discovery!

OUR COMMUNITY GARDEN

Dear Parents, students and families,

Thank you for your support and expertise with the gardens so far. We have six new gardens ready to go thanks to the families who came to the working bee last Saturday. Seven and a half cubic metres of soil was moved by barrow into the gardens, windows were cleaned and the school was given a spruce up ready for our blessing this week. I would like to thank Caitlan Biviano, Nick Biviano and Caitlan’s grandfather Sam Biviano, Natalie Calder, Ross Calder, Luke Calder, Deepana Baskaran, Yashica Basharon, Jhilagawathy Duraisamy, Isaac Toevai, Ebany Toevai, Jada Toevai, Aleta Jagoda, Diella Jagoda, Jamie Miller, Dalreen Jagoda, Prabhask Jagoda, Miss Zadro and Mark Morgan who so generously came and helped with the working bee. The gardens are ready to go and the students are really keen to get their hands into that dirt. I would also like to thank the families who have kindly donated plants and money towards the garden project – the Khattar, Aoun and Miller families - the work of us all together will make our community garden a real success. Thanking you for your generous support, Vicki Morgan

CANTEEN

We are very fortunate to be able to use Catherine McAuley’s canteen to provide nutritious lunch orders for our students. It is very important that your child knows they have a lunch order and that it is sent to the office as soon as they commence the day. If the children forget to put their lunch orders in, we are unable to send them to the canteen at a later time. Thank you for your support.

SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS

School commences at 8:35am. Supervision in the morning is provided from 8:15am until commencement of school. School finishes at 2:35pm. Children will be supervised until 3:15pm. School office hours are from 8:00am to 4:00pm Monday to Friday.