Message from the Principal

Dear parents,

This is my last week here at Mother Teresa and I thank you, your children and the school staff for making me welcome over the last four weeks. The school is a credit to you, the dedicated staff and Mr Borg’s inspiring leadership.

Mr Thanh Nguyen went on leave last week. He is going to Cracow, Poland to discern his calling to priesthood with the St Paul the First Apostle order. Thanh will spend time in contemplation and asks that you also keep him in your prayers. We Welcome Mrs Sue Graham who will replace Mr Nguyen as Music teacher at Mother Teresa Primary.

Mrs Crystal Wilkes leaves us next Friday 16th August to prepare for the birth of her first child. Miss Ashleigh Harrold has been appointed to replace Mrs Wilkes. I’m sure you join me in wishing Mrs Wilkes and her husband well at this wonderful time in their lives and also in welcoming Miss Harrold.

This Thursday we celebrate the feast of Australia’s first saint, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. “Never see a need without doing something about it” was her mantra. How fitting that is for us today in creating a just world. Our learner quality of Compassion, here at Mother Teresa Primary, keeps that mantra alive.

Next Thursday, 15th August, we celebrate the feast of the Assumption of Mary. Mary has many titles and feasts in our church, to inspire us and bring us closer to Jesus her son. Make time to attend mass on this special day.

Again, thank you accepting me into your community over the last four weeks.

Blessings to you all,

Fran Jackson

LEAVING STUDENTS

If your child will be leaving school you must advise the office as soon as possible of the last day of attendance and the new school your child will be attending. Please note, we require at least one full term’s notice, otherwise a full term’s fees will be due and payable.
Attention Starwatchers

Dear Students and Parents

On the 27th August 2013 it is a special day for Star Watchers. On that night you will be able to see the Moon and Mars next to each other. Be sure to see it because no-one living today will ever see this again.

By Am Hekeik & MLS

Let’s all lead
Extraordinary Lives

August 8th is the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, an extraordinary Australian. She came from an ordinary family with very common problems of money and poor choices. She endured hardship and had to take on responsibility at an early age. She took on the role of a governor to help support her family. So why is she remembered? Mary had two gifts – Sight and Fight. She had her eyes and her heart open to the people around her. She did not turn her head, or excuse away her responsibility as a Christian. When Mary saw a need, she did something about it. She didn’t call on the government, blame those in need, wait for ‘someone’ to do something. No, she did something herself, and in so doing, inspired many more to follow her example. Secondly Mary had fight. Not aggression or rudeness or arrogance, but real grit. She took the bad with the good, knew when to stand her ground and had the courage to pursue her goals despite the influence of those who did not agree with her vision. She knew her heart, she knew her God, she knew her calling. In these everyday responses, she became extraordinary and she had left an amazing legacy. May we never see a need without doing something about it. Let’s all strive to live extraordinary lives!

Maria Boyd REC

“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.” Mother Teresa

Premiers Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the students who have already completed the Reading Challenge. To all those who haven’t quite completed the challenge, we only have weeks left. If you are having any difficulties entering your books, please come and see Mrs Rawlings or Mrs Halligan this week.

Thank you

Happy Birthday to the following children who will be celebrating their birthdays in AUGUST

Shivali Sujeevan
Dwayne Gollez
Peter Rahme
Renika Marcelene
Johan Araullo
John Watters
Danielle Abdo
Anabelle Jaure
Neha Mehta-D’Souza
Om Chaudhary
Makayla Mathie
Srimegana Dunna
Alexandra Spencer
Jordyn Devasahayam
Josh Singh
Bettyna Mostoles
Arabella Crisafulli
Adi Shah
Srikrishna Katakam

“Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible poverty.”