

Dear Parents,

Thank you for all your support in 2015. This has been another amazing year of learning and community building at MTP. A special word of thanks to our teaching and administration staff who have worked tirelessly to help our school grow into a very compassionate and outstanding learning community. We sadly say goodbye to our Japanese Teacher Anne Buttigieg who has been with the school for over 4 years. She has instilled in our students a great love for Japanese culture and language. We wish her well as she commences teaching at St. Olivers, Harris Park in 2016.

Next year we continue to grow and change as 5 new staff join our school; Mark Bennett, Benjamin Horne, Kate Stennett, Vanessa Holland and Michelina Micallef. I know you will welcome them to our school community.

Staff for 2016

Kinder : Kim Burton — Mark Bennett

Year 1: Louise Desira — Benjamin Horne

Year 2: Jennifer Wheeler — Elizabeth Younes (M-Th) / Natalie Jackson (Fri)

Year 3: Vicki Morgan — Melissa Staunton

Year 4: Greg Egan — Maria Boyd / Kelly Pisani (Fri)

Year 5: Julie Hooper — Katherine Stennett

Year 6: Chris Maguire / Adele Violaris (Fri)

Assistant Principal: Megan Baird

Learning Support: Gaye Dennis (M-W)

Learning Support / Reading Recovery: Katarina Tomasic

Creative Arts: Kimberley Law

Physical Education: Vanessa Holland

Japanese Teacher: Michelina Micallef

Teacher Assistants: Violet Rawlings — Louise Bucholtz

School Support Officers: Judy Attard — Leslie Halligan

Grounds Maintenance: Rob Stewart

Looking forward to seeing you all at our Christmas Concert next Tuesday. On behalf of the staff we wish every family a safe and relaxing Christmas vacation.



“Never let anyone come to you without coming away better and happier.”

Mother Teresa

Important Dates:

Friday, 11th December

Year 6 Graduation Mass & Supper

Tuesday, 15th December

Christmas Concert—6:00pm

Wednesday, 16th December

Last Day of School

Are you Listening?



Jingles and bright lights, shopping queues and wrapping paper, food preparation and party planning; the noise inside and out can be deafening! Two millennium ago, the soft voice of an angel spoke to the heart of a young girl asking her to carry the salvation of the world. She heard, she said yes. Months later in a lonely field, shepherd, often the outcasts of society, heard the voice of angels calling them to come and see the saviour of the world, lying in a feeding trough amongst farm animals. They were the keepers of the sacrificial lambs for the temple, now they knelt before the Lamb of God. Why was it only shepherds heard the host of angels singing out for joy that the Messiah had been delivered? I wonder if they were the only ones listening. What is God whispering to your heart today?

Will you hear it? Are you listening?

May the Christ Child fill your homes with love, joy and mercy this Christmas Season and the message of salvation be born again in your hearts.

A reminder about our school Christmas Concert

Just a reminder that we are asking **all students to be at school by 6pm** so we can commence our concert on time. The concert will be in our school grounds (weather permitting) and you will need to bring blankets/chairs for seating. The students will be sitting in front of the stage throughout the concert.

We look forward to a wonderful evening fun and Christmas spirit.





SCHOOL FEES SCHEDULE - 2016

Mother Teresa Primary School is a Parish school under the support of the Catholic Education Office, Parramatta Diocese (CEDP). **School Fees** must be charged in order to meet the cost of wages and general recurrent costs entailed in administering schools. Fees are set by the Diocesan Schools Board and are reviewed each year. There is a likelihood of an increase approximately in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) each year.

DIOCESAN FEES

Catholic Schools aim to keep their fees as low as possible and can provide flexible payment arrangements for families. Students who meet enrolment criteria will not be refused enrolment due to families' genuine inability to afford school fees. There are **very significant discounts** for the second (25% reduction) and third (50% reduction) children enrolled from one family where a full fee is being paid for the eldest child. There are no Diocesan fees for the fourth and subsequent children.

Kindergarten

First child **\$1098** per year (**\$366** for Terms 1, 2 and 3)
Second child **\$ 825** per year (**\$275** for Terms 1, 2 and 3)
Third child **\$ 549** per year (**\$183** for Terms 1, 2 and 3)
Fourth and subsequent children are free.

Year 1-6

First child **\$1419** per year (**\$473** for Terms 1, 2 and 3)
Second child **\$1065** per year (**\$355** for Terms 1, 2 and 3)
Third child **\$ 711** per year (**\$237** for Terms 1, 2 and 3)
Fourth and subsequent children are free.

These concessions only apply while all the children are currently attending a Catholic Systemic School. **Fees are payable in Terms 1, 2 and 3** unless you would rather take up the Flexible Payment Plan (FPP) offered by (CEDP)

School Fees may be paid via credit card, Bpay and eftpos, cash or cheque. A Family Payment Plan (FPP) will be offered by the CEDP. This information will be enclosed in the first statement posted to families in February 2016

ADDITIONAL DIOCESAN FEES

Diocesan Levy

Payable to the school attended by the eldest child. This levy is then forwarded to the CEDP, for building works in the Diocese. (**\$735** per year payable in Terms 1, 2 and 3 at **\$245** per term)

Diocesan Temporary Residents Education Fee (DTREF)

A Diocesan Temporary Residents Education Fee will apply to new families joining the system on the following Visa numbers: 173, 401, 411, 415, 416, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 426, 427, 428, 442, 457, 459, 476, 485, 497, 580, 600, 601, 651, 675, 676, 679, 685, 944, 956, 976 and 977 (including where any of these are the preceding visas for families on Bridging Visas 010 to 090). **The fee for 2016 is \$1,815 per student, payable in three equal instalments of \$605, in Terms one, two and three.** Families charged this fee in 2013 will continue to be charged on a per family basis to the eldest student whilst the family has continuous current students.

SCHOOL BASED FEES

INFORMATION ON SCHOOL BASED FEES 2016

Fundraising Contribution

A fundraising contribution of **\$75** is payable per child in Terms 1, 2 and 3 at **\$25** per term. This is charged in lieu of major fundraising throughout the year.

Technology Fee

A technology fee of **\$75** is payable per child in Terms 1, 2 and 3 at **\$25** per term. This fee allows us to provide children with current technology to support their learning.

Excursion/Incursion Fee

This fee covers most excursions and incursions which take place throughout the year (**\$75**). This fee is payable in Terms 1, 2 and 3 at **\$25** per term per child.

Resource Fee

This fee is payable in Terms 1, 2 and 3 at **\$49** per term per child. This fee covers all books and materials used in the Learning Spaces throughout the year (**\$147** per year per child).

COMBINED DIOCESAN AND SCHOOL BASED FEES TABLE

KINDERGARTEN FEES PER TERM

FIRST CHILD	SECOND CHILD	THIRD CHILD
\$366 School Fees	\$275 School Fees	\$183 School Fees
\$245 Building Levy	\$49 Resource Fee	\$49 Resource Fee
\$49 Resource Fee	\$25 Technology Fee	\$25 Technology Fee
\$25 Technology Fee	\$25 Excursion Fee	\$25 Excursion Fee
\$25 Excursion Fee	\$25 Fundraising Contribution	\$25 Fundraising Contribution
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\$735 per term - \$2205 per annum	\$399 per term - \$1197 p/a	\$307 per term – \$921 p/a

YEARS 1-6 FEES PER TERM

FIRST CHILD	SECOND CHILD	THIRD CHILD
\$473 School Fees	\$355 School Fees	\$237 School Fees
\$245 Building Levy	\$49 Resource Fee	\$49 Resource Fee
\$49 Resource Fee	\$25 Technology Fee	\$25 Technology Fee
\$25 Technology Fee	\$25 Excursion Fee	\$25 Excursion Fee
\$25 Excursion Fee	\$25 Fundraising Contribution	\$25 Fundraising Contribution
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\$842 per term - \$2526 per annum	\$479 per term – \$1437 p/a	\$361 per term - \$1083 p/a

All fees will be reviewed toward the end of the year and may change for 2017.

Scholarships

A Scholarship Fund has been established by Bishop Manning to provide scholarships to eligible students. Catholic Systemic School Scholarships will be granted equitably, based on need and merit. For further information on scholarships, please contact the Fund representative on **9407 7095**.