



90 Seconds with our Mini Vinnies

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This week, instead of 90 Seconds with the Principal we have 90 Seconds with our Mini Vinnies. These students have been very busy of the past few weeks planning ways in which we can reach out in love and service to others, just as Mother Teresa did. This video explains some of their upcoming initiatives.

A huge thank you to our very generous community for farewelling Mr Borg in such a compassionate and passionate way last week.

The Mass was a beautiful start to our celebrations and a lovely way to recognise the outstanding contribution Mr Borg has made of the MTP community. The students (and Mr Borg!) enjoyed a tasty sausage sizzle and ice-block at lunchtime and formed a guard of honour as Mr Borg left for the last time. There was also a special 'flash-mob' presentation for Mr Borg and the students to watch.

There are some very special and significant dates coming up in the next few weeks—as you can see it's a very exciting and busy time! These dates are also on the MTP Parent Calendar available via Skoolbag.

Please save the dates:

Wednesday, 29th November—Term 4 Celebration of Learning—4:30pm—6:00pm

Thursday, 30th November—MTP Choir performing in Parramatta for the Lighting of the Christmas Tree—Time TBC

Thursday, 7th December—Year 6 Graduation, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

Monday, 11th December—Year 6 Student and Family picnic—Parramatta Park—weather dependant

Tuesday, 12th December—10:00am End of Year Thanksgiving Mass in the Morley Centre

Wednesday, 13th December—6:00pm start—MTP Annual Christmas Concert—weather dependant

Friday, 15th December—Last day for student attendance

BE THE GIFT

Over the coming weeks our marvellous Mini Vinnies students will be organising events to make Christmas more meaningful and joyous. Their gentle hearts and creative minds will be working for Social Justice and teaching us to be generous and focused on bringing joy to others. This year we will be collecting 'NEAR New' toys for families at Ronald McDonald House, Writing cards and letters to the homeless, the lonely, the aged and the refugee. We will be making donations and swapping books to read more and share more. We will be collecting for the Vinnies Christmas Appeal and notes will come home soon with specific requests to supply Christmas cheer to families in our community who are doing it tough. We also welcome any donations of recyclable shopping bags to place the groceries in. "For is it in giving that we receive, and in dying to ourselves that we are born to eternal light."

Maria Boyd REC



Mufti Day 'Dreaming of Holidays Mufti Day'

Next Friday, 24th November we will be having a 'Dreaming of Holidays Mufti' to officially launch our Christmas Appeal. Children are invited to wear their holiday play clothes with sneakers. Please remember to be sun safe, covering your shoulders and wear a hat.

On this day we ask you to make a monetary donation which will be shared between the Vinnies Christmas Appeal and Ronald McDonald House.

Children have been invited to bring in books they no longer want to swap them on this day. Great holiday reading. Books are to be delivered to the LEARNING STUDIO, not the office.

The book swap will take place on November 24th—Recess for Infants and Lunch for Primary.



"Only God knows our true needs."

St Teresa of Kolkata

Important Dates:

- **Friday, 24th November**
Mufti-day
Book a buddy theme
- **Wednesday, 29th November**
Celebration of Learning
4:30pm—6:00pm
- **Thursday, 30th November**
MTP Choir performing
Parramatta—Time TBC
- **Thursday, 7th December**
Year 6 Reflection day
Year 6 Graduation
St Patrick's Cathedral,
Parramatta—6:00pm—8:00pm
- **Monday, 11th December**
Year 6 Student and Family
Picnic Day, Parramatta Park
- **Tuesday, 12th December**
End of Year Thanksgiving Mass
10:00am—Morley Centre
- **Wednesday, 13th December**
Christmas Concert—6:00pm
- **Friday, 15th December**
Last day for students

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."

Lunch Order Cancellations

If your child is absent from school on a day that you have ordered lunch, cancellations can be made through the **Tuckshop-2-U** website by **8:00am** the day of.

Road safety



Driving safely near school buses

There is a 40km/h speed limit for traffic passing a school bus that is setting down or picking up school children. This speed limit is for all traffic travelling in the same direction as the bus, whether the bus is stationary or moving.

Lights will flash on the front and back of the bus reminding drivers that there may be children crossing or about to cross the road.

Buses can't stop quickly because they are large and heavy vehicles. So, remember:

- Reduce speed to 40km/h when bus lights are flashing
- Give way to buses
- Watch out for children crossing
- Never park in or near a bus stop or bus zone.

Informal school bus stops

Informal bus stops are not sign posted and are usually found in rural areas. They may be at the front of a property, or on the side of the road, which may make children difficult to see.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on safetytown.com.au