

18th March 2016

90 Seconds with the Principal

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Staffing Update

- Katarina Tomasic will be leaving our school at the end of Term 1. She has accepted a new position at St. Marys Primary, Rydlamere. Katarina has been one of our foundational staff members and has generously shared her passion, expertise and skills with staff, students and parents. She has contributed significantly to the amazing caring and learning culture at MTP. We wish her every blessing and happiness.
- Natalie Jackson will be going on Maternity Leave at the end of Term 1. We wish Natalie all our best wishes as she awaits the arrival of her first child.
- Benjamin Horne, our Year 1 teacher, will be getting married during the last 2 weeks of this term. We wish Benjamin and Tahlia a life of love and happiness together. During Benjamin's absence Adline Viranian will be teaching JLS1.



"We know that if we really want to love we must learn to forgive."

Mother Teresa

Important Dates:

- **Monday, 21st March**
Year 3 / 4 Pilgrimage Walk—
Sacred Heart Church
- **Tuesday, 22nd March**
Year 5 / 6 Pilgrimage Walk—
St Patricks Cathedral, Parramatta
- **Wednesday, 23rd March**
K, Year 1 / 2 Pilgrimage Walk—
Catherine McAuley Chapel
- **Wednesday, 30th March**
PRG Breakfast Meeting
7:30am—8:30am
- **Friday, 1st April**
Share The Dream Mufti Day



Counting the cost.

We are so careful today about the decisions we make. Governments, corporations, families, all weigh up the options and balance the pros and cons before making a commitment. After all, no one wants to overcommit themselves. Well, our ways are not God's ways. Our God is a God of extravagant and reckless love. Look at the price of our redemption. God's only, beloved Son to be abused, tortured and murdered on a tree. Humanity using God's creation as an instrument of death. Jesus embraced this death with open arms, out of love for us. This great love did not stop to count the cost. Do I live my life fully appreciating what was done for me? Let's stop counting the cost of loving others and rejoice in the love of God for us.

Maria Boyd REC

Enrolments for 2017

We are currently accepting enrolments for 2017. If you are a family with children enrolled at the school and you have a child starting in 2017, you must also complete an enrolment application. **Enrolments close 31st March 2016.**

Just a few reminders

- A reminder that parents are **not to walk** through the grounds of our Catherine McAuley and Parramatta Marist High Schools. As protection to all students on the site, parents must only access schools through their respective school administrations.
- If you arrive at school 8:35am or later and the student access gate is closed, parents **MUST** walk their child / children into the school office to sign a 'partial absence slip'.

Canteen Price List

On Monday 14th March, the students at Mother Teresa Primary had a visit from the illustrator Sarah Davis. Sarah discussed the process of illustrating a picture book, showing drafts and works in progress, and the basic principles of character design, composition, and constructing a visual narrative.

For our students in Kindergarten to Year Two, the focus was on having fun, thinking about telling stories with pictures, and learning about how books are made.

For our students in Years Three and Four, Sarah introduced some more technical ideas about the process of illustration, and Sarah gave them handy drawing tricks they can use in their own work.

For our Year Five and Six Students, Sarah discussed how visual narratives work and the students explored how some of the formal elements of design such as shape and composition help enhance the emotional impact of images, again giving them a range of strategies they can use in their own drawing.

During the last 15 mins of each session, the students invented a story and they illustrated it with Sarah's help. We have some of Sarah's work displayed outside the staff room. Be sure to check them out.

Here is what some of our students thought about Sarah's visit...

"I like how Sarah thought about her ideas before she drew her creative drawings." Chloe Skinner (Year 3)

"I was amazed at how she entertained us, I learnt that when I draw a stick figure it is a good base for me to start my drawings." Rupali Jhawar Year 4.

"Sarah is a great illustrator, she taught me how to create a simple image and turn it into a creative picture." Michelle Bellamin (Year 5)

"It was great, it was the first time that I had met an illustrator. It made learning fun. We should have more visits from amazing people. Maybe an author next time!" Neel Darvatkar (Year 6)

"I like the incredible books that Sarah has illustrated. My favourite book that she has illustrated is Marmaduke Duck." Jasmine Khouri (Kindergarten)

"It was so fun! Sarah taught me how to draw! When I got home I showed my mum my drawing and she really liked it." Elias Semaan (Year One)





In Support of:
**Mother Teresa Primary
School's Literacy Program
&
St Vincent De Paul's
Winter Appeal**



Gary Eck

- Edinburgh, Melbourne and Sydney Comedy Festivals.
- Rove, The Footy Show, Spicks & Specks
- Tropfest Winner, Aria Nominee, Writer of Happy Feet Two

"Spellbinding charm, sharp-witted lines coupled with an out-of-the world sense of humour" - Time Out

"Totally original and clever...funny till it hurt" Daily Telegraph



Bruce Griffiths

- Tripple J Comic of the Year Winner.
- Triple-M, Live At Jongleurs (UK)
- Aria Award winning writer for Good News Week & The Glasshouse
- Gold Medal in the New York Festival Film & TV Awards

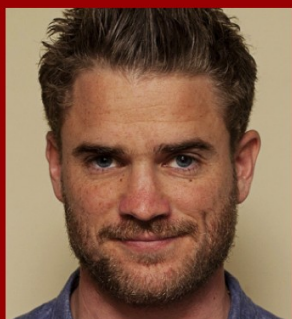
"The best one-liner comic in the business".



Sam Bowring

- Opening Act - Arj Barker 2015
- Raw Comedy National Finalist
- Nominee: Best Newcomer and the Piece of Wood Award - MICF
- Rove Live; Stand Up Australia

"His jokes are like ninjas quietly sneaking up on you ... undeniably funny." - Adelaide Advertiser



Mat Wakefield

- Sydney Comedy Festival - Sold Out
- Sydney Fringe Festival - Sold Out

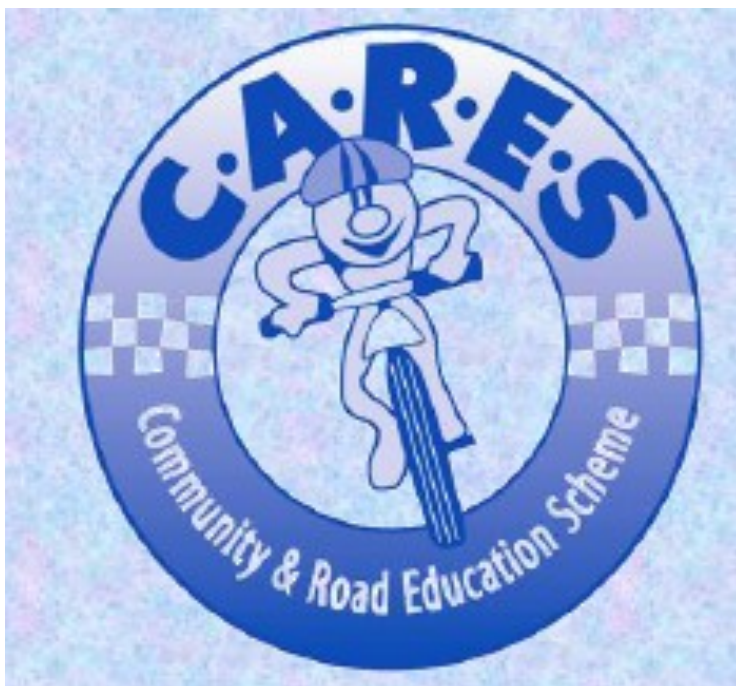
"one of the rising stars of Australian Comedy" - The Laugh Garage

"a genuine alternative way of thinking, reminiscent of comedy legend Doug Stanhope..." (Weekend Notes)

7:30pm - May 13

**The Morley Centre - Gate 3, 2A Darcy Road, Westmead 2145
(Entrance opposite PRIVATE hospital Westmead)**

Tickets \$30 at comedyforacause.net/MT 18+ Only



AUTO PLACE X PETER BROCK DR, PROSPECT

TUESDAY 19TH APRIL 2016

10AM – 2PM

Come along during the school holidays and ride in
a safe environment with real traffic lights.

Bring your own bike and helmet

FREE Face Painting

Parking is on site and free

Bring a picnic

Sausage sizzle and drinks

Adult Supervision required

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