



90 Seconds with the Principal

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"Only God knows our true needs."

St Teresa of Kolkata

A reminder about our school Christmas Concert—Wednesday, 13th December

Just a reminder that we are asking **all students to be at school by 5:45pm** so we can commence our concert on time. The concert will be in our school grounds (weather permitting). If it is raining, the concert will be cancelled and parents will be notified via Skoolbag. You will need to bring blankets/chairs for seating. The students will be sitting in front of the stage throughout the concert.



End of Year Thanksgiving Mass

We will be celebrating our End of Year Thanksgiving Mass on Tuesday, 12th December at 10:00am in the Morley Centre. All welcome.



Finding the meaning – follow the Star.

Don't be dazzled by the tinsel, don't get lost in the consumer hype. The joy of Christmas is to be found in the stillness of a silent night, in the smile you put on another's face and in the love you give to those around you, the helping hand to those in need. Then the wisdom of the Magi will fill your heart and the blessing of the Christ Child will fill your life. [Enjoy this clip!](#)

Maria Boyd REC

School Safety Reminder:

Just a couple of reminders about safety on school grounds:

- Please drive to the speed limits shown
- Please **STOP** prior to the red zone marked to enable buses to safely depart

Congratulations to Miss Ata

Miss Ata will be getting married on Saturday, 16th December. We wish her all the best on this special day.

Sporting Schools Grant

Mother Teresa Primary has taken part in the Sporting Schools program - an Australian Government initiative that aims to get more children playing more sport and to help schools and communities work closer to grow sporting interactivity in primary schools. The grant received in Term 4 allowed students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, to engage in Volley Ball and Rugby Union Coaching.

Important Dates:

- **Thursday, 7th December**
Year 6 Reflection day—
Parramatta Park
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.

Mr Borgs — Farewell Speech

My heart is full of gratitude at the moment because of the number of generous and passionate people who made the establishment of MTP such a joy and adventure

To my beautiful family who supported me through the good times and the tough times. In particular I thank my darling wife who had to be the sounding board to all my crazy and wild ideas in the early years.

To the wonderful parish priests, Fr Dado & Fr Walter who continually supported our Mission to bring quality Catholic education to the Westmead Parish.

To the leadership from CEDP who had faith in my abilities and supported our school from day one.

To the pioneer staff, Tania Geracitano, Margeret Hopley, Violet Rawlings and then our second year pioneers, Natalie Mifsud, Maria Boyd and Natalie Jackson. Thank you for your undying faith that we could bring to life a unique place for learning.

To all the staff who have walked through the doors at MTP. You make it a complete joy being a principal knowing that you work tirelessly to make our vision a reality in each and every learning & admin space. In particular I would like to thank two assistants principals, Marissa Zadro and Megan Baird. Your support, skill and humour made the impossible possible.

I am ever grateful to our generous parents...generous in resources and generous in your faith that we will support the growth of your child's spiritual and learning journey. You continue to be the greatest partners in our Catholic adventure here.

Now to the most important people to thank....our amazing and talented students. On a daily basis you showed me how confident and competent you are....always ready to learn, unlearn and learn again. In your heads, hearts and hands you shared with me your passion, creativity, collaboration, reflectiveness and in particular your compassion- Mother Teresa I'm sure is smiling down from heaven with a big thumbs up!

I look forward to following the new chapter in the life of Mother Teresa Primary. This has been a special and extraordinary time in my journey as a Catholic educator.

God bless you all and thank you.



Stage 2 Volleyball Clinics

Students from Years 3 and 4 have been participating in a volleyball clinic run by Shielah from Volleyball NSW during their PE lessons. The students have learnt the basic skills of serving, forearm passing, setting and spiking to use in a modified game. The students have been working very hard to master such difficult skills.



Stage 3 Rugby Union Clinics

Students from Years 5 and 6 have been participating in a rugby union clinic held by Dalahoya from NSW Waratahs Rugby Union during their PE lessons. Students have participated in many games that allow them to learn the skills of passing, kicking and evasion.

Stage 3 Oz Tag Gala Day

On Wednesday the 29th of November, Stage 3 represented Mother Teresa at the first Oz Tag Gala Day in the Parramatta Diocese. Both the boy and girl teams represented our school with great sportsmanship, respect for the game, opponents, referees and the grounds. They were both successful with the girls winning 2, drawing 2 and losing one game. The boys team won one, drew 2 and lost 2 games on the day. Overall they were fantastic representatives of our school and ensured they played each game with passion and determination.

