

23rd February 2018



90 Seconds with the Principal

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"Do not allow yourself to be disheartened by any failure as long as you have done your best."

St Mother Teresa

Dear Parents and Carers

Sharing the Learning at MTP

All families are warmly invited to our Opening School Mass which will be celebrated in the Morley Centre on Wednesday the 28th February at 10am. The theme this year at MTP is "Learning to Love - Loving to Learn". I have been excited to see our students and teachers at MTP so engaged in their learning and also living by our school motto of **creative minds and gentle hearts**. *We would love for you to join us after Mass for a 'walk through' of our learning studios where you can share with your child some of their learning so far this year. Please bring along your healthy, litter free lunch box and join your child for morning tea at approximately 11:30am. At 12 noon you are welcome to join in with a Christian Meditation session in one of the Learning Studios. Regular learning will resume for all students at 12.15pm and this will be your opportunity to say goodbye to your child.*

Kindergarten and New Families Welcome BBQ and Information Session

On Wednesday 28th February at 5:00pm our Kindergarten and new families to Mother Teresa Primary are warmly invited to join us for a welcome BBQ. This will be a great way to get to know other families in our Mother Teresa community. Following the BBQ there will be an information session to assist in communicating our day to day procedures and learning goals at school.

Lent - A Season of compassion

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Lent



This week Mrs. Boyd launched our social justice initiative for the liturgical season of Lent. Every week the students are encouraged to show compassion to some of the most vulnerable in our society through the work of the Jesuit Refugee Service, by donating a different food item each week. Lent is a time to stop and reflect on how we show compassion and kindness to others.

Last Wednesday I was able to join Mrs. Boyd and some of our student leaders for the Ash Wednesday Mass at our Sacred Heart Church, celebrated by Fr Walter. It was inspiring to hear Fr Walter's words of hope and encouragement as we make a new start with new hearts. It was a wonderful opportunity to join in prayer with staff and students from all of the schools in the Westmead Catholic Community. Mrs Boyd returned to our school with the ashes to lead liturgies with the ashes prepared by Fr Walter. Our 90 seconds with the REC and Principal this week highlights the crucial leadership of Mrs. Boyd as a leader in our Catholic community.

Catholic Schools Week - 4th - 11th March 2018

Catholic schools week will be celebrated across the Diocese during the week March 4th to 11th, 2018. On **Thursday 8th March** we invite prospective new families in our school community for 2019 to an information session and school tour from 9:30am until 10:30am. Please contact the school office to register your interest in this session.

Important Dates:

- **Wednesday, 28th February**
Beginning Year Mass
10:00am—Morley Centre
- **Wednesday, 28th February**
Kindergarten & New Families
Welcome BBQ and Information
Session
5:00pm-6:30pm
- **Friday, 2nd March**
Love In Action Mufti Day

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."



'Love in Action' On the 2nd of March, MTP will be having a Heart Themed Mufti Day. Considering Valentines Day fell on the same day as Ash Wednesday, for Lent this year, we want to spice things up a little bit. Students are asked to wear something related to Valentine's Day, which involves pink or red, maybe even wear your heart. BE CREATIVE! If you would like to dress up, we ask that you donate **Gold or Fold** money, which will go to Caritas Australia for Project Compassion. Do not buy new clothes just to fit this occasion, we are simply asking for students to use their creative minds and come up with an outfit using their own clothing.

Mini Vinnies Team -2018



2018 Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival

This year, 7 Mother Teresa students competed in the Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival at Mount Druitt pool: Samuel, Jessica, Christian, Tobias, Charlize, Lilliana and Aaron. Congratulations to Samuel, Christian, Tobias and Aaron who will be representing Mother Teresa Primary and the Cumberland Zone at Parramatta Diocesan Swimming Carnival on Friday 23rd February. We wish them the best of luck.

A special thank you to the parents who assisted with jobs on the day and those who attended as spectators. Your assistance and support was truly appreciated.

Coles—Sports for School program

We're excited to announce that Mother Teresa Primary are participating in the Coles Sports for School program. This program allows schools to swap vouchers for sports gear. You can support this program by collecting any vouchers from Coles and placing them in the school collection box located in the student foyer or simply placing them in store at the Westmead Coles. We thank you for your support.

Mrs Thompson

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2019

We are currently accepting enrolments for 2019. If you are a family with children enrolled at the school and you have a child starting in 2019, you must also complete an enrolment application. **Enrolments close 31st March 2018.**

Just a few reminders

- **Smoking is prohibited on all school premises, including school buildings, car parking areas and school ovals. This ban covers staff, students, parents, contractors and visitors.**
- During school hours, no parents or visitors are allowed inside school premises without first signing in at the office.



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How can our parents really engage with our schools and our teachers?
Parent involvement vs. Parent engagement – how this helps your child

Our guest speaker for the evening is:

Mrs Danielle Cronin

Chief Governance and Strategy at Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

Register FREE now: www.prc.catholic.edu.au

Monday, 5 March 2018

Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm start (approx. 2 hours)

**(Term 1 - PRC Annual General Meeting will be held prior to our speaker session)
at Patrician Brothers College, 100 Flushcombe Rd, Blacktown**

Tea, Coffee and light snacks will be provided and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!



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YEAR 7 2019 INFORMATION EVENING

WEDNESDAY 14TH MARCH 2018

6:00PM FOR 6:15PM - 7:00PM

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL VIA WWW.PARRAMARIST.NSW.EDU.AU

LIMITED PARKING AVAILABLE VIA GATE 3, 2 DARCY ROAD (OPPOSITE WESTMEAD PRIVATE HOSPITAL)

ENROLMENT INFORMATION

Information will be provided by staff on current offerings at Parramatta Marist High School.

Enrolments Open: Monday 19th March - Close: Friday 6th April

ENROLMENTS RECEIVED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE WILL BE PLACED ON A WAITING LIST

WE OFFER TOP QUALITY, AFFORDABLE CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOR BOYS

Over the past 10 years, Our HSC Results have placed us in the top 100 schools in NSW.

A significant achievement was made in all courses in 2017. Mathematics Extension 1 and Extension 2 were ranked 8th in the state, Mathematics General 2 ranked 56th, English as a second language and English Standard ranked 39th and English Advanced, Extension 1 and Extension 2 ranked 51st in the state.

Parramatta Marist High School has been both Nationally and Internationally recognised as High Quality Innovators in 21st Century Education

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2019



Catherine McAuley is a Catholic girls' secondary school, located at Westmead. Our broad curriculum encourages young women to pursue independent lifelong learning.



OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 13 March 2018 4.00pm - 7.00pm

This school open event will give visitors the opportunity to tour the school and view facilities as well as meet our School Principal and School Leadership Team

CONTACT OUR SCHOOL ON 9849 9100 FOR AN ENROLMENT PACK. APPLICATIONS CLOSE 6TH APRIL 2018

Catherine McAuley, 2 Darcy Road, Westmead | www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au

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COLLEGE



OAKHILL COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Sunday, 11 March 2018

11.00am – 3.00pm

423 – 513 Old Northern Rd, Castle Hill

Inspiring students to aspire to greatness

www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au



You're welcome here

College Open Day

Sunday 4th March 2018

11.30am to 2.00pm

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