

**6th April 2018**



**90 Seconds with the Principal**

[Watch Video](#)

**School Attendance**

In 90 seconds with the Principal this week we address the important issue of attendance. Every child, every day is crucial to creating our optimal learning conditions for each child.

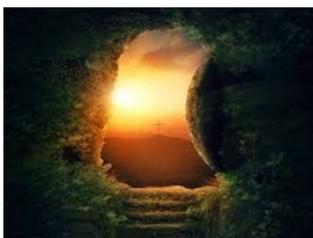
**Thank you**

Thank you so much to all in our parent community who were able to attend both the Celebration of Learning and Parent University on Wednesday evening. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our hard working staff for their time and commitment in providing this opportunity to share the exciting things happening at Mother Teresa Primary. I would like to thank Mrs Maria Boyd for leading us through both of our Easter Celebration liturgies and the Parent University this term exploring our Religious Education goal. In the coming terms we will be running Parent Universities focussing on our numeracy goal on multiplicative thinking and our literacy goal on writing.

We look forward to sharing more of our learning with you in Term 2, beginning with our Mother's Day liturgy and picnic lunch. On this day, Wednesday 9th May we will be marking the International Day of the Family, a day the Bishop has encouraged all communities to celebrate. A copy of the Bishop's letter to the students in our school is attached to this week's newsletter. There are many other dates and events listed here in Heartlinks which can also be found on the parent calendar available through our skoolbag app.

**Holiday learning at home**

During the upcoming school holidays we strongly encourage all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 to continue learning and inquiring. Reading every day is essential. Students are encouraged to join local libraries as well as take opportunities to borrow from our Learning Studio libraries. Providing your child with lots of opportunities to write is also a great way to develop their writing skills. An informative letter to a grandparent, a thank you card, a shopping list, a persuasive letter to a parent are just a few ideas! Looking for patterns in nature and in numbers is also another way of keeping up the inquiry in Mathematics. Ask your child about patterns they can see in the environment, if you buy 2 dozen eggs at the shop how many is that altogether? How did you work that out? Ask your child if they can solve a problem a different way or a faster way. Happy holiday learning!



**The MIRACLE of EASTER**

Victor Hugo wrote in *Les Miserables*, "The true division of humanity, is between those who live in light and those who live in darkness". Here is the essence of the Easter message. This moment of looking in amazement into an empty tomb is about our life's course. Roll away the stone at the entrance to your heart. The Resurrection does not mean a life free of pain, loss and death. No, the resurrection shows that we

have everlasting life, despite pain, loss and death. Knowing that the god of creation is the God of Light and Life. We can find meaning in Christ's sacrifice of love. We are to BE the light of the empty tomb to those who have lost faith, lost hope, lost direction. Life is a feast of God's grace to be fulfilled in the banquet of eternity. We are called to live in the light.



*"Love is a fruit always in season, and no limit is set. Everyone can reach this love."*

**St Mother Teresa**

**Important Dates:**

- **Friday, 13th April**  
Last day Term 1
- **Monday, 30th April**  
First day Term 2
- **Thursday, 3rd May**  
Cuppa with the Principal  
8:45am—9:45am
- **Wednesday, 9th May**  
Mother's Day Liturgy  
11:15am—Morley Centre  
Followed by Picnic Lunch on school grounds
- **Friday, 11th May**  
Mother's Day Stall
- **Friday, 11th May**  
Comedy for a Cause fundraiser
- **Friday, 18th May**  
School Photo Day—Full Winter Uniform
- **Friday, 8th June**  
Staff Development Day (no students on this 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."

## Parent Links

### Second Hand Uniforms - Trial Facebook Group

In response to parent requests for a communication channel for parents to sell or donate second hand uniforms, Jodie Skinner has volunteered to organise a trial closed Facebook group in order to facilitate this request. Jodie and myself will be the regulators of the group with conditions of use detailed below:

- This is to assist parents in buying/swapping/selling second hand uniforms only. **No school discussions** and will be a trial only at this stage.
- Uniforms must be clean, no stains, holes or fraying and in good condition. No socks, shoes, hats or hair items.
- MTP or Admin of this page are in no way responsible for purchases
- No money is to be transacted via children.
- Please arrange collection/payment from Parent to Parent. Suggest direct deposit.
- Please add a photo of uniform (**no photos of children wearing**), with size of item.
- Please keep prices realistic. No "make an offer" listings.
- Please comment sold if you would like to purchase. Please comment sold pending if you would like to ask a question.

***This is a closed group and parents will need to request access to become a member. Search facebook MTP - Second Hand Uniforms.*** <https://m.facebook.com/groups/230475380863221>

I thank Jodie for volunteering to run this parent group.

### Message on School Safety Zones from the CECNSW

*A reminder to all our parents ahead of the break at the end of Term 1 that school zones remain in place for the safety of our children and families.*

*School zones operate on all gazetted schools days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil free days.*

Should you have any queries or require clarification of this advice, please contact Mr Peter Grace, State Co-ordinator – Student Wellbeing and Mission, at CECNSW on [peter.grace@csw.catholic.edu.au](mailto:peter.grace@csw.catholic.edu.au) or 9287 1583.

Blacktown City Council is having Car Seat Checks for families these school holidays. Now is a good time to ensure child car seats are fitted correctly. No booking required.

**Where:** The Ponds Shopping Centre

**When:** Tuesday, 10th April

**Time:** 8:30am - 1:30pm

### Parent Reflection Day - Diocesan retreat for parents

As one of the Diocesan initiatives to provide faith formation in our school communities, the Mission Team are hosting a **Parent Reflection Day** early in Term 2.

This is a free event with morning tea and lunch provided.

**When:** 9.30am - 2.00pm, Thursday, 3 May

**Where:** Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents, 8 Greyfriar Place, Kellyville

**RSVP:** Tania Melki by email to [tmelki@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:tmelki@parra.catholic.edu.au) or phone 0429 375 226

Please see attached flyer.



### NSW Premier's Reading Challenge for MTP Students—2018

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools.

The 2018 Challenge kicked off **Monday, 5th March** and closes **Friday, 31st August** (midnight) for MTP students.

**How can my child get involved?** Just click on the link at [NSW PRC](#) and log on to begin (Kindergarten and new families) should have received their log in details in the past few days.

If you have any questions, please see either Mrs Rawlings or Mrs Halligan.

### Winter School Uniform

A reminder that students are required to wear full winter uniform in Term 2. We are conscious that the weather can be unseasonal, so we will allow a grace period of 2 weeks. All students must wear full winter uniform from **Monday, 14th May**. If families require uniforms, you need to purchase them directly from [OZ Fashions, 115-127 Parramatta Road, Granville](#). Uniforms are available 6 days per week during the following hours: **Monday to Friday 9:00am–5:30pm and Saturday 9:00am–4:00pm**





16 March 2018  
*Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent*

Dear Students,

In May we celebrate International Family Day in every country in the world.

Here in our community we have families of every kind. Some families have a mum and dad and children living in the same house; some families have a mum or dad living with children. Some families have grandparents in Sydney while some grandparents live in another part of Australia or overseas. My mum lives in Melbourne. We all belong to a family somewhere.

Sometimes families need a bit of help. Grown-ups, teenagers and primary school children like you need someone to talk to, to help them when things get tough. Maybe the mum or dad has died or someone in the family is very sick, parents have broken up, or refugee families need help to settle in. In our community we have a group called CatholicCare who offer help to families.

Every year as part of our celebration of International Family Day, every school will have a fund-raiser and the money will be sent to CatholicCare to help them help our families.

If you want to know more about CatholicCare, you can log onto our website:  
<http://www.ccss.org.au/>.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

**Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv**  
**Bishop of Parramatta**

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# Comedy for a Cause



In support of:  
**Mother Teresa  
Primary School  
Literacy**  
&  
**St Vincent de  
Paul's Winter  
Appeal**



## Dave Williams

- Edinburgh, Melbourne and Sydney Comedy Festivals.
- Rove, Headliners, David Williams Live
- 4.5 stars - Adelaide Advertiser

*"brings the house down" - USA Today*

*"Williams is the Best Live Stand up Working... Accept No Substitutes" - Rip It Up*



## Seamus McAlary

- Sydney & Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- Writer - 'Good News Week' and 'You're Skitting Me'
- One of Sydney's most sort after Emcees

*"An astute and insightful writer... His material is superb" - The Daily Telegraph*



## John Cruckshank

- Sydney Comedy Festival Showcase Tour
- Sydney Fringe Festival
- Legend of the Australian Comedy Scene
- Comedy Central's 'A Night of Stand Up'

*"Spectacularly funny" - Herald Sun*



## Umit Bali

- 4 stars Perth & Adelaide Fringe Festivals 2015.
- 2015 Melbourne International Comedy Festival.
- one of the rising stars of Australian Comedy

*"I saw Umit Bali and was blown away. Equal parts edgy and silly, but both hilarious. Catch him while you can still afford it." Wil Anderson*

**BOOK  
NOW!**

7:30pm - Friday May 11, 2018  
Mother Teresa Primary School  
2A Darcy Rd, Westmead

Tickets: \$30 at  
[comedyforacause.net/MTPS](http://comedyforacause.net/MTPS)  
18+ Only

A SPECIAL DAY FOR PARENTS  
ACROSS PARRAMATTA CATHOLIC  
SCHOOLS

LAUGH  
PRAY  
REFLECT

TAKE TIME  
OUT FOR  
YOURSELF

FREE  
DAY SPA  
FOR THE  
SOUL

*Bring a friend!*

**BOOK NOW!  
LIMITED SPACES  
AVAILABLE**

**Thursday 3rd May  
9:30am-2 pm**

**MORNING TEA AND  
LUNCH INCLUDED**

Enquire and register  
by 12 April with Tania  
Melki via email:  
[tmelki@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:tmelki@parra.catholic.edu.au)  
Ph:0429375226

The Franciscan Shrine of  
The Holy Innocents  
8 Greyfriar Place Kellyville

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## Mother Teresa Primary School

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON:

**Friday 18 May**

**ORDER NOW go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) and enter the code  
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Dear Parents,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by **advancedlife**. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for photography packages can be placed securely online at [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) using our school's unique **9 digit Online Order Code**. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please direct them via email to [enquiries@advancedlife.com.au](mailto:enquiries@advancedlife.com.au)



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### 2018 Calendar of Events

ALL PARENTS AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME!

Term	Meeting Date & Time	Venue	Presentation Topic	Presenters
1	Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 7:00pm Annual General Meeting	Patrician Brothers College Flushcombe Road Blacktown	#Parents Matter	Danielle Cronin Chief Governance & Strategy, CEDP
2	Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 7:00pm	Diocesan Assembly Centre, Cnr Marian Street & Flushcombe Road Blacktown	Preparing Your Child for Future Pathways I.e Vocational Education & Training, Trades and/or University High School Students Welcome to attend with parents/carers	Di Mills Expert in VET, & Educational Pathways
3	Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2018, 7:00pm	Corpus Christi Primary School, 90 Andromeda Drive Cranebrook	Raising Resilient Children 8 Steps to Resilience	Dr Justin Coulson Family Psychologist & Parenting Expert Keynote Speaker Event
4	Mon 19 Nov 2018 7:00pm	St Luke's Catholic College Lot 1104, Frontier Avenue & Northbourne Drive Marsden Park	Education for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	Mr Greg Miller College Principal St Luke's Marsden Park

**The PRC General Meetings are conducted prior to the keynote presentations. Doors Open at 6.30pm for 7:00pm start.**

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**HEALTHY  
DIGITAL DIET**

**HURRY! LIMITED SEATS!**

HOW TO TACKLE EXCESSIVE GAMING, SOCIAL MEDIA  
USE & INTERNET ADDICTION IN YOUR CHILD

*...and get back a more balanced family life!*

PRESENTED BY:

**Dr Philip Tam**



**Dr Philip Tam**

- Child Psychiatrist
- NIIRA President –  
*Network for Internet  
Investigation &  
Research in Australia*
- Media Commentator
- Father of 2 children



**Thursday May 31st**

5:45 for a 6:00pm start

**Parramatta Marist High**

2 Darcy Road, Westmead. Entry via Gate 3

RSVP Via Google Form  
by 28/5/18



**BOOK YOUR SEAT NOW!**

<https://tinyurl.com/yatblpqt>