



90 Seconds with the Principal

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90 Seconds with the Principal - Celebrating literacy and numeracy at MTP

In 90 seconds with the principal this week we have a review of the variety of whole school literacy and numeracy activities we achieved in one week - just a short showcase of the learning that is always our focus at Mother Teresa Primary.

"Tell Them From Me" - Community survey feedback

In May this year parents were invited to complete a survey called "Tell Them From Me". This survey allowed parents to describe their own involvement in their child's learning at home as well as rate their perceptions of the school across various sub-categories. This was the first year that all Catholic Primary Schools in the Diocese of Parramatta participated in this particular survey and parents will be invited to participate in future surveys. The TTFM survey allows us to celebrate what we're doing well and discuss perceived challenges to our school. Students in Years 4,5 and 6 were also surveyed about their perceptions of the school, learning and wellbeing. Teachers were surveyed about their perceptions regarding our areas of strength and challenge as a learning community.

Parents were very positive in their responses to open ended questions regarding the school and in ratings for particular sub-categories such as inclusiveness and safety. Parents were most positive in the rating of their own interactions at home in support of their child's learning. We received positive feedback on inclusiveness and a sense of welcome in the school and on parents being informed about learning at school. An area of challenge identified by some parents related to the school supporting learning. We accept this challenge and always hope to convey to you our core business which is education in faith, a focus on teaching and learning and the provision of a quality Catholic education for all.

As always, parents are welcome to contact the school at any time in regards to feedback, commendations and suggestions for the future. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning please make an appointment to speak to your child's learning studio teacher at a mutually convenient time. If you feel you would like any further clarification or to discuss other general issues please feel free to contact myself through the school office.

Parent University

Next Wednesday evening at 6pm all parents are invited to attend our Parent University. In Term 1 we had this information session on our Religious Education goal for 2018 on the application of the Scriptures in our lives. In Term 2 the session focussed on our school literacy goal for 2018 on writing. Next week the focus is on Mathematics, our goal of multiplicative thinking and a discussion on how we teach Mathematics at school. Invitations were sent out several weeks ago and we have had a strong response from parents - thank you for your enthusiastic response. If you haven't already sent in your acceptance you are still very warmly welcomed to attend.



Celebration of Learning

Next Wednesday afternoon from 4.30pm to 6pm you and your child are invited to visit our learning studios and 'celebrate our learning'. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our teachers for their continued hard work and dedication to teaching and learning.



"The less we have, the more we give. Seems absurd, but it's the logic of love."

St Mother Teresa of Kolkata

Important Dates:

- **Wednesday, 19th September**
Celebration of Learning
4:30pm—6:00pm

Parent University
6:00pm—7:00pm
- **Friday, 21st September**
Drought Fundraiser
Jersey day, come dressed in your favourite jersey
- **Friday, 28th September**
Last day Term 3
- **Monday, 15th October**
First day Term 4
- **Monday, 15th October**
Summer uniform
- **Wednesday, 17th October**
MTP Fun Day
- **Friday, 26th October**
Staff Spirituality Day
No Students at school

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."



Come, Be my Light

Last week our Mother Teresa Community travelled to the heart of our Diocese, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta for our Feast Day. After a tour of the cathedral our Kindergarten children joined us in prayer and song. The message from this event is far more than a pleasant experience. It reminds us that we are part of a larger mission and a larger Church. We have all been commissioned by Christ to be not only His light but His hands, voice and feet in the world. Called to see and hear the suffering of others. Called to speak out against injustice and to love everyone, every day. This is not a mission for the feint hearted, it is a call to courage, selflessness, awareness and faith. Inspired by the incredible life's work of St

Teresa of Kolkata, we are people of hope, living and bringing joy to the world, for indeed the Lord has come and lives among us. *"Peace begins with a smile" Mother Teresa*
Maria Boyd REC

WORK, HEALTH & SAFETY - Mother Teresa Primary

Child Safe Environment

A friendly reminder that **toilet facilities** for adults are available in the school office for adults waiting to pick up students from our school who need to use these facilities.

PRC - next meeting

PRC - next meeting Term 4 at St Luke's Marsden Park - Schools for the 21st Century, Monday 19th November, 7pm, Marsden Park.

Important Dates:

- Celebration of Learning - 4.30pm Wednesday, 19th September
- Parent University (Mathematics) - 6pm Wednesday, 19th September
- Friday, 26th October - Staff Development Day (pupil free day)
- Mother Teresa Fun Day - an inclusive, collaborative sports activity day at MTP for all students K-6 on Wednesday, 17th October
- Last day of the year for students in 2018 will be Wednesday, 19th December.

COSHC—Spring Vacation Care—September 2018

Vacation Care forms are now available for the September 2018 School Holiday program at COSHC. Please see Skoolbag app for more information or contact COSHC.

World Youth Day - Raffle Tickets

Last term raffle tickets to raise funds for World Youth Day in 2019 to Panama were distributed to some of our families. Please return any sold tickets (with money) or unsold tickets to the school office by **Friday, 14th September 2018**. We thank you for your support of this Diocesan appeal.

Jersey Day

On Friday, 21st September students are invited to participate in our 'Wear Your Team's colour' mufti day. The aim of the day is to raise funds for drought relief. Please do not purchase a sport jersey just for this day, we would encourage students just to wear any colourful outfit.

MTP Fun Day

On Wednesday, 17th October all of the students at MTP will be participating in our sports colour challenge Fun Day. This day will begin with a short liturgy by our FIAT team followed by lots of activities.

We will be inviting parents to come along and join in the fun day leading some of these activities. More details coming soon.

School Uniform

As the weather can be unseasonal at this time of year, students are permitted to wear either summer or winter uniform for the last 2 weeks of Term 3. Students will return in Term 4 wearing their full summer uniform from Monday, 15th October. 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

News in sport:

It has been another big few weeks for our athletes at MTP. On Thursday 23rd August, 12 students competed at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival at Blacktown Sports Park including 2 of our senior relay teams. All students who attended should be very proud of their achievements and it is wonderful to see our students striving to be their best. A big thank you to Mrs Mardini for being team manager and assisting with the running of the day.

Our stage three girls Netball team competed at the St Nicholas Netball Gala Day at Jamison Park on Tuesday 28th August. The girls played 7 games across the day resulting in them to be placed equal 2nd in their pool with 5 wins and 2 losses. We thank Miss Hull for coaching and managing the team again this year. Your effort and time is very much appreciated. Another thank you to our umpire Ms Divertie for giving up your time to assist in ensuring the day was a success.



Earlier in the year our MTP community rallied behind the Coles Sporting Schools program by bringing in vouchers to swap for sporting equipment. We have now finalised our swap and the sporting equipment has arrived! Thank you to all of the families who supported this program to add to our schools sports equipment. Well done!

Smart City - Safe School Parking in Parramatta

Child safety is greatly affected by speeding and illegal parking around school drop off and pick up zones.



The City of Parramatta teamed up with Sydney start-up Spot Parking to use technology to better educate people driving their children to and from school.

The Safe School Parking Finder is a pre-journey planning tool to show drivers where they can park safely around schools. Parents new to a school, or people who don't normally drive the children will find it extremely useful.

Many drivers do not realise that there are increased fines and demerit points in active 40 km school zones. The Safe School Parking Finder can show busy parents the safe options, and avoid any risks and fines.

The Safe School Parking Finder covers over 60 schools and includes translation in over 15 community languages.

Check out the Safe School Parking Finder online parramatta.schoolparking.com.au/schools

For more information, contact 9806 5050.



C.A.R.E.S OPEN DAY



AUTO PLACE X PETER BROCK DR, PROSPECT
2nd Oct 2018 - 10am to 2pm

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



- Bring your own bike and helmet, a picnic (sausage sizzle and drinks)
 - Kids activities on the day with information and displays by community organisations
 - FREE Parking is on site
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★★★★★

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★★★★★



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