



90 Seconds with the Principal

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90 Seconds with the Principal - Thank You Mrs Baird!

This week we have a special feature 90 seconds with the Principal as we farewell Mrs Baird (for now) as she leaves us to lead St Bernadette's, Dundas as acting Principal. Thank you Mrs Baird for your enthusiasm and passion for learning at Mother Teresa Primary. See you in 2019!

Parent University (Bonus presentation)

Last Wednesday night, Ms Voda guided us through a Parent University session on our school writing goal. I would like to thank the enthusiastic group of parents who were able to join us for the evening. At a previous 'cuppa with the principal' some parents suggested that these events be shared online and as a result we now share a digital version of the Parent University on writing with some tips for helping your child at home [click here](#) to see presentation. Another "cuppa with the principal" is scheduled for early next term and it would be a great opportunity to come along and meet Mrs Katherine Stennett, our acting Assistant Principal from Term 3.



Thank you teachers and parents

It has been such a pleasure to meet so many parents during this week as we complete our three way parent-student-teacher conferences. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our very hard working teachers for their continued determination to meet our school learning goals and facilitate individual student improvement. I would also like to thank our fabulous and supportive parents - we know from research when home and school share the same values and value the work of the other, the result is resilient and confident learners. Thank you parents and carers, we couldn't do this without your support. Thank you also for respecting the hard work our staff put into every day at Mother Teresa Primary.



We become rich through our generosity.

"You always have the most of everything - of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection - so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too."

2 Corinthians. St Paul reminds us of God's unfathomable generosity to us. God, in the person of Jesus, became poor in Spirit to give his very life for us. How generous are we with our time, our compassion, and our worldly goods? During the holiday break give time to being with those you love, not through devices, but through the sacrament of conversation and sharing. In the end, all we have are relationships with others, all else fades. In relationship with one another we build our relationship with God. Be generous with the most precious thing you have, your time.

REMINDER



We will be wrapping up our 2018 Winter Appeal on the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, **Wednesday, 8th August** with a Scarf and Beanie Day - Wear your **SPORTS UNIFORM** with your most colourful and creative beanie and/or scarf combo. Bring along your donation of money, or winter clothing, or non-perishable food by that day. Don't forget, you can donate your money via this [link](#).

6th July 2018



"In these times of development everybody is in a hurry and everybody's in a rush, and on the way there are people falling down, who are not able to compete. These are the ones we want to love and serve and take care of."

St Teresa of Kolkata

Important Dates:

- **Friday, 6th July**
Last day Term 2
- **Monday, 23rd July**
First day Term 3
- **Saturday, 28th July—Sunday, 29th July**
Confirmation—Enrolment forms can be collected from the Parish Church while attending Mass during the period 28th-29th July
- **Wednesday, 1st August**
Cuppa with the Principal
8:45am-9:45am
- **Wednesday, 8th August**
Scarf and Beanie Day
- **Thursday, 25th October**
Kindergarten 2019 Parent Information Evening—6:00pm
- **Friday, 26th October**
Staff Development Day—No students
- **Wednesday, 19th December**
Last school day for students

Tuckshop-2-U

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Staffing Updates

As you know, Mrs Megan Baird leaves us for 12 months to lead St Bernadette's at Dundas. As previously notified, after a process of advertisement and interview, Mrs Katherine Stennett has been appointed as acting Assistant Principal to Mother Teresa Primary for this same period. As a result, Mr Mark Bennett has been appointed as Lead Numeracy Teacher and Coordinator. Mr Owen Wallis has also joined our leadership team, assisting Mr Bennett in leading numeracy and also leading our staff with technology support. Mrs Maria Boyd remains as the Religious Education Coordinator and Ms Karen Voda remains as our Lead Literacy Teacher and Coordinator. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank the leadership team and all of our staff at Mother Teresa, for their hard work and focus on teaching and learning.

Bingo/Disco Night 2018 - Friday 10th August - Theme: Colour!

As mentioned in last week's Heartlinks, we have our school Bingo/Disco night coming up early next term. Thanks to the parents who were able to join us for the planning meeting. This week you will have received a note inviting parents to donate items which will form part of the prize baskets for the Bingo/Disco night. I thank all families for any way they can help with our school fundraising - money raised will contribute towards school resources for the students at Mother Teresa.



Vinnies Winter Sleepout

I would like to thank the amazing and generous Year 6 team for giving up their time on Friday 22nd June. Mrs Boyd, Mrs Dennis and Mr Wallis supervised some of our Year 6 students throughout a long, cold night in order to raise funds for the Vinnies Winter Appeal. We are so lucky to have such compassionate and caring students, willing to raise funds for this cause and also wonderful teachers who gave up a night with their own families to sleep at school overnight.

WORK, HEALTH & SAFETY - Mother Teresa Primary

New Red Zone Safety - Thank you so much to all our parents and carers collecting students in the afternoon at Kiss and Ride for your cooperation with our safe collection of students. We have the teacher at microphone duty stationed in a high visibility vest at the beginning of the 'red zone' and ask all cars to wait until directed to move to the pick up zone. The reason behind this new safety measure is to ensure clear visibility for all drivers moving up towards the pedestrian crossing. Please do not stop your vehicle on the pedestrian crossing. We ask all parents who have collected children to remain vigilant around the crossing once they have collected their children.

Thank you Constable Chris - As you know, our Police Community Liaison Officer, Constable Chris, has recently visited our Stage 2 and 3 students to deliver talks on Cyber Safety. In Term 3, Constable Chris will be speaking to our Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students about following road safety rules and will again be visiting our school to observe the afternoon collection procedures.

Collection Procedures - To ensure safety of both students and staff at Mother Teresa we ask you not to leave your vehicle in the afternoons when you come to collect your child from the pick up zone. A teacher on duty, wearing a high visibility vest will help your child to move into your vehicle, from the gutter side/left hand side of the vehicle only. Please DO NOT direct your child around to the other side of the vehicle for obvious safety reasons. We ask that school bags not be loaded into the back of the vehicle, by parents, staff or students, again for obvious safety concerns.

Bus Lanes - Please do not use the bus bay or the bus lanes to drop off your child in the mornings - please use our regular kiss and drop zone. The bus bay and bus lanes are for the exclusive use of the school buses which service Mother Teresa, Catherine McAuley and Parramatta Marist. Thank you for your cooperation.

PRC - next meeting

Next terms Key Speaker will be Dr Justin Coulson a family psychologist and parenting expert - this event will be held on **Monday 27th August**, 7pm at Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School, 90 Andromeda Drive Cranebrook. The presentation topic is on raising resilient children.

Sports News: Congratulations to our Stage 3 Boys Soccer team who competed in the Diocesan Gala day on the 5th June at Jamison Park. The boys played 8 games in total. The results: 5 wins and 3 draws. The boys were successful in winning the competition in their pool and arrived back to school with smiles and medals. Well done boys.

In other achievements, Samuel in Year 6 recently played alongside those chosen for the MacKillop Diocesan Sydney West football team. They placed joint 3rd overall in a total pool of 12.



Kynan in Year 6 also represented Mother Teresa and MacKillop in the opens boys football competition with an overall result of 5th place from a pool of 13. Well done to the MacKillop teams, Samuel and Kynan for their achievements in these events.

School Holiday Combined Parishes (Westmead, Baulkham Hills, Castle Hill) Winter Camp


Every year in the July school Holidays, students in SLS at MTP have the opportunity to attend a Parish camp. Mrs Wilkes and a team of teachers, social workers and other professionals and volunteers run this camp as part of the Youth Ministry offered by parishes in the Parramatta Diocese. These camps are run in various forms over the past 15 years and are an exceptional opportunity for students to explore their faith, meet new friends and experience the adventure that comes with camp activities! Accommodation will be in heated lodges (no actual 'camping' required).

Registrations are open now. This year, the camp is themed 'The Brave and the Valiant' and will run in the second week of the school holidays for three days/two nights.

We have funds to cover the cost of any student or family (if siblings in school years 5-10 attending other schools wish to attend) who wishes to attend but cannot afford the full price. If this might be helpful for your family, let me know and we can arrange for your children to attend camp anyway! Thanking Fr Walter for his financial support

And of course, you are welcome to invite family and friends! Registrations are open to anyone in School Year 5 - 10. We are always seeking student leaders in Years 11 or 12 (or school leavers) as well.

See the flyer for more details. Register here: <https://goo.gl/forms/4Th3Sh5ux1zTMbjt1>



The Brave And The Valiant

Winter Camp 2018

Mangrove Mountain Retreat


**Monday July 16 -
Wednesday July 18**

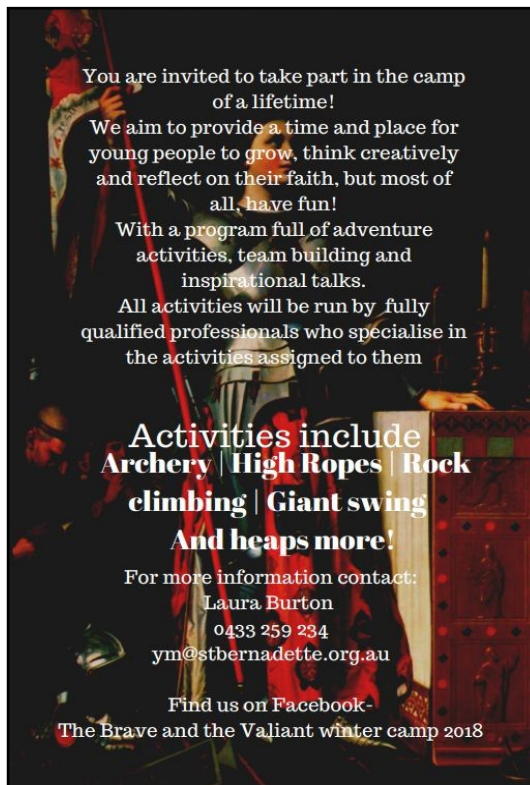
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