

17th August 2018



## 90 Seconds with the Principal

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### 90 Seconds with the Principal - Helping my child with reading at home

Our school literacy goal for 2018 is focussed on writing but there is a strong relationship between reading and writing. This week we discuss ways parents can help their child at home with reading.

### Bingo/Disco Evening - Thank you!!!

What a night - I would like to thank all in our community who were able to join us for our Bingo/Disco night. We were delighted with the response and the enthusiastic participation in all the fun of the evening. Thank you to all who donated items which became prizes on the night. We would like to thank our fantastic parent helpers who were part of the planning, preparation and celebration of the evening. I would like to thank our wonderful staff at MTP who ensured the evening ran so smoothly. We would like to acknowledge the sponsors and companies who donated gifts which were used as prizes on the night:

- Captain Cook Cruises
- Taronga Zoo
- Oz Fashions
- Mia's Deli Café
- Lovinda Hair
- LeMono Restaurant
- Sonyla's Beauty Spot

Thank you also to Maurice and Melissa from Bam Bam Music for their support and the Sleiman family who supplied the coffee cart.



### Voice of Youth

Every year, Year 6 students in the Parramatta Diocese participate in a public speaking competition call "The Voice of Youth". This year Mother Teresa Primary School was represented by Alyssa and Makayla. I would like to thank Mr Owen Wallis and Mrs Maria Boyd for their help in the preparation of our students for this competition.

Alyssa and Makayla competed against students from St Oliver's Harris Park, Sacred Heart Primary, Westmead and St Patrick's Parramatta. The standard of our

Year 6 speeches this year was outstanding. Alyssa spoke on "The Power of a Smile", and Makayla gave her speech on "The Shattered Glass". Both of our students represented their school proudly. Our future is in good hands judging by the passionate, compassionate and creative speeches our students prepared this year.



*"All words will be useless unless they come from within"*

St Mother Teresa of Kolkata

### Important Dates:

• **Wednesday, 22nd August**  
Stage1 Kaleidoscope Science Incursion

• **Thursday, 23rd August**  
Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival

• **Tuesday, 28th August**  
Stage 3 Girls Netball Gala Day

• **Wednesday, 29th August**  
Father's Day Breakfast  
8:00am—8:45am

Father's Day Liturgy—all welcome  
9:00am  
Morley Centre, Parramatta Marist

• **Friday, 31st August**  
Father's Day Stall

• **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

"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."



## The Power of Love

On Monday Mrs Attard and myself delivered a ute load of groceries to the Jesuit Refugee Service in Parramatta. The sister who greeted us, exclaimed, "Oh, God is so good!" We were a little taken aback with her enthusiasm, but then heard how desperate they were for food. They were down to their last packet of pasta. The few young families that were present were so grateful. Whilst helping to unpack onto the shelves the reality of the situation for these families was stark. In order to stretch their supplies, families receive a small zip lock bag of instant coffee, or salt. They are allotted one deodorant per family. The donations of non- perishable food, \$20 Coles or Woolworth vouchers that you so generously give, really can mean the difference between children having a meal or not. Your love can and does change lives. Thank you for your continued support of the Social Justice initiatives our school promotes. "When I was hungry you gave me food".

Maria Boyd REC

## WORK, HEALTH & SAFETY

### No Smoking Zone

Our school is a no smoking zone. Please do not smoke on school grounds - this includes the roads and parking areas of the three schools on this site of the Westmead Catholic Community.

## PRC - next meeting

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**.

## Important Dates

- NAPLAN Online - School Readiness Testing for Years 3 & 5 - 27th and 30th August
- Australian Girls Choir auditions at MTP - Tuesday 28th August
- Mother Teresa Primary, **Literacy & Numeracy Week Celebrations** and Writers Festival - 3rd to 7th September
- Last day of the year for students in 2018 will be Wednesday 19th December.

*Are you interested in reading about sharks? All students have been working on their writing this year for a variety of purposes and audiences. Jonathan from Year 4 is publishing an excellent (and scary) story about sharks.*

### Sharks

By Jonathan, Year 4, MLS4

Deep Beneath the ocean floor is a very hungry shark hunting for food. Anything that gets in its way it will devour it. This cold blooded predator is fearless. Some live in rivers and lakes, some live near the ocean surface, some live in the deep waters and some on the ocean floor. If you get attacked you will most likely to be missing an arm or leg and sharks can kill you.

A sharks sense of smell is 10,000 times better than a humans. Imagine if you could smell like that, that would be the best because you could smell a T-bone from miles away. A shark's sense of smell is that good that it can sense a drop of blood from kilometres away.

Did you know that the biggest shark ever was called a Megalodon? Their teeth were absolutely humongous measuring a whopping 17.5 cm. They grew up to 35 metres long and a normal shark is only 3 to 6 metres. You can't compare it, it's too big. The Megalodons bite force is 10,900 to 18,100 kilograms. That's more powerful than a Tyrannosaurus Rex! Now that's a dangerous shark!

Do you know what a shark's favourite meal is? Well I do, it's an Elephant Seal. The Elephant Seal lives on rocky beaches resting in the sunshine but when the Great White Shark comes it springs into action. It swims away rapidly until it can't swim anymore. The Great White shark catches it and clamps it's jaws down on to the seal's tail creating a frenzy of jaws, blood and foaming water, all that is left of the seal is unspeakable.

Sharks are very mysterious predators you never know what could happen next. Today sharks still hunt and kill for there food. These predators come in a variety of shapes and sizes, and they can be found in every sea and ocean. There's over 2 million sharks in the world.



## 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. If you have sold your tickets could you please return the stubs, money and any unsold tickets to the school office. We thank you for your support of this Diocesan appeal.

## Sporting News:

27 students from Mother Teresa participated in the Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival on Tuesday, 7th August at Blacktown Sportspark. It was a fabulous day with all students doing their very best and supporting others along the way demonstrating true Mother Teresa spirit.

All those who participated should be proud of their efforts. We have 11 students who have made it to the next level and will participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Carnival held in week 5. A special mention to two students who were awarded Age Champions for the under 11's category - Sally and Samuel both from Year 6. Well done!



This week, stage two and stage three participated in a NRL coaching clinic run by McAuley year 9 PASS classes. Feedback from both the year 9 McAuley Students and our students was very positive. It is wonderful to see the collaboration between the two schools. Excellent effort all round.

Mrs Thompson



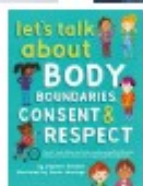
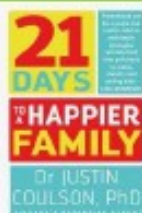




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Our guest speaker for the evening is:

**Dr Justin Coulson**

Author, Parenting Expert, International Speaker and Father of six (Yes, 6!) beautiful girls

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**Monday, 27 August 2018**

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

**Term 3 – PRC General Meeting will be held prior to our speaker session**

**at Corpus Christi Catholic Primary, 90 Andromeda Dr, Cranebrook NSW**

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

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### **Information required to determine the *Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage* (ICSEA) for schools**

This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to advise you that ACARA has requested your child's school to provide ACARA with information about you and your child. Your school may disclose to ACARA information such as your child's gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, residential address, parental occupation and parental education.

This information is disclosed to ACARA under the *ACARA Act 2008* for one or both of the following purposes:

- formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance; and
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# Mother Teresa Uniform Pricelist

Effective: 1st September 2018

Unisex	
Bomber Jacket	\$65.00
Poly/Cotton Jumper	\$60.00
Red Long Sleeve T-Shirt	\$13.00
Boys Summer	
Short Sleeve Shirt	\$25.00
Navy Short	\$30.00
Navy Sock	\$4.00
Boys Winter	
Short Sleeve Shirt	\$25.00
Navy Trouser	\$43.00
Tie	\$18.00
Navy Sock	\$4.00
Girls Summer	
Summer Dress	\$50.00
White Sock	\$4.00
Scrunchie	\$5.00
Soft Headband	\$5.00
Hard Headband	\$5.00
Girls Winter	
Winter Tunic Incl. tab tie	\$55.00
White Long Sleeve Blouse	\$25.00
Navy tight	\$15.00
White sock	\$4.00
Tab Tie	\$5.00
Scrunchie	\$5.00
Soft Headband	\$5.00
Hard Headband	\$5.00
Sports	
Polo Top	\$30.00
Navy Shorts	\$25.00
Tracksuit Jacket	\$55.00
Tracksuit Pant	\$45.00
White {GIRLS} & Navy {BOYS} turnover sock	\$4.00
Accessories	
Unisex Navy Scarf	\$6.00
School Back pack	\$45.00
Bucket Hat	\$15.00
Lice off kit	\$6.00



# C.A.R.E.S OPEN DAY



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**2nd Oct 2018 - 10am to 2pm**

**Come along during the school holidays and  
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