



90 Seconds with the Principal

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90 Seconds with the students of MTP reflecting on our teachers!

In recognition of World Teachers Day this week, I asked the students to reflect on the great work our teachers do at MTP. As always I was delighted by how articulate our students are in sharing their thinking about the staff at MTP. Thank you also to the parents who sent in donations and joined us for morning tea on Tuesday. We, the staff of Mother Teresa, truly appreciate this acknowledgement of the work we do together, parents and teachers, in educating your children.

Parent Forum/Cuppa with the Principal

On Tuesday morning a group of parents met with Mrs Stennett and myself for our Term 4 'Cuppa with the Principal and Parent Forum'. It is always great to listen to each other and share ideas of what is working well at our school and plans and visions for the future. Several parents raised important issues related to our core business of providing a quality Catholic education for all. We discussed ideas raised from our last student forum, such as an extended quiet play area, which we be trialled this term.

Issues regarding the high demand for places at our school, traffic congestion and parking difficulties were discussed honestly. Again I ask all parents to follow the speed limit on school grounds. As a shared site, with three schools, it is imperative everyone takes responsibility for following speed limits and follow the parking and traffic flow guidelines, which are observed by the vast majority of our parents. Please do not overtake in the Kiss and Drop line. Please do not enter the staff car park; this is for the staff of Marist and McAuley as well as Mother Teresa Primary. Please do not smoke in the car park. If parents or carers need to use a toilet, you are welcome to park in the visitor car park and use the facilities located in the school office. Please do not park on the pedestrian crossing.

NAPLAN data 2018

At the end of last term, parents of students in Years 3 and Year 5 received their NAPLAN results. NAPLAN (National Assessment Plan for Literacy and Numeracy) developed by ACARA (Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority) is a snapshot of our students areas of strength and challenge in some aspects of literacy and numeracy. This information forms part of the picture of your child as a learner. The data also provides patterns of success and challenge as a whole school. The Year 3 assessment is a reflection of our progress in achieving outcomes from Early Stage One and Stage One, the Year 5 assessment reflects our progress in achieving outcomes from Stage 2. We also receive results from our students, now in Year 7, on the progress they made in achieving the Stage 3 outcomes.

Generally, as a school, we were above State average for reading and writing in Years 3 and Year 5. Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation were areas of strength for Year 3 and Year 5, where we were well above State average. An area of strength in our numeracy results indicated we performed better in simple addition and subtraction problems in Year 3 and Year 5, than for problems related to measurement and describing chance events.

As always, if you would like to discuss your child's results, please feel free to make an appointment with your child's teacher at a mutually agreeable time. We respond to individual results by reviewing support for those students requiring help in literacy and numeracy. We respond to whole school data patterns by using these results, in combination with other assessments, to develop whole school goals for literacy and numeracy for 2019.



"Let us be very sincere in our dealings with each other and have the courage to accept each other as we are."

St Mother Teresa of Kolkata

Important Dates:

- **Thursday, 25th October**
 Kindergarten 2019 & New Families
 Years 1-6 Parent Information
 Evening—6:00pm
- **Friday, 26th October**
 Staff Spirituality Day
 No Students at school
- **Tuesday, 30th October**
 Year 1 Excursion
 Blue Mountains Botanic Gardens—
 Mt Tomah
- **Thursday, 1st November**
 Year 2 Excursion
 Blue Mountains Botanic Gardens—
 Mt Tomah
- **Thursday, 8th November**
 Kindergarten Excursion
 Calmsley Hill Farm

Save the Date:

- **Monday, 3rd December**
 MTP Colour Challenge Fun 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."

New Date - MTP Colour Challenge Day

It was disappointing to have to postpone our Colour Challenge Day due to the wet weather last week. The good news is we now have a new date - Monday the 3rd of December. If you volunteered as a parent helper for the initial date, we will be in touch with you shortly to determine your availability to support us in the running of the Colour Challenge Day in December.



FIAT lead us in celebration

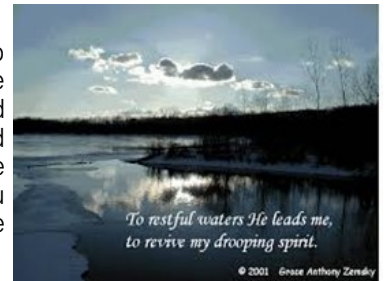
Last Wednesday, our FIAT team (Faith in Action Team) led us in a whole school liturgy, celebrating our faith. We were also joined by Josh Sly, an Indigenous artist, who has been working with our students to create a mural depicting elements of our local land. Josh explained the significance of the Parramatta river and our students were excited to see the completed mural displayed. We thank Deacon Jack for joining us for our liturgy. It was also great to share the celebration of this liturgy with the Principals of Catherine McAuley, Miss Teash Richmond and Parramatta Marist, Mark Pauschmann.

Refresh yourself in the waters of life.

Holidays! We long for them, not because what we do is unworthy, but because what we do is the Lord's work and it deserves our best efforts. Each day we strive to follow Jesus in the way so truth and love. Like Jesus, we sometimes need to retreat to a quiet place. To be led beside restful waters and to lie in green pastures. We all need to be refreshed and revitalised to return with new energy and joy in this adventure that is life and education. We ask God to bless all of our families and may you enjoy and appreciate the extra time you have together over the next 2 weeks. Pray, love and laugh, for our God is good and his love is everlasting. Peace be with your spirits.

Maria Boyd REC.

"Peace begins with a smile" Mother Teresa



Celebrating more great writing!

This week we have another example of great writing from one of our Year 2 students, Osarieme Edbor

Magical World

By Osarieme Edbor

Twilight Sparkle, Pinkie Pie, Applejack, Rarity, Rainbow Dash and Fluttershy lived altogether in a far away forest in an enchanted secret wood.

In the middle of the day, as it was a hot sunny day, the snake ate Pinky Pie's lunch. Also the King of Snakes ate the rest of the fairies food. The fairies were very hungry. The fairies were looking for food. While they were looking, they found a little wooden home and an old Unicorn Lady welcomed them all to have some pizza with hotdog. Suddenly, a deadly snake came slithering slowly around them. She hissed LOUDLY opened her jaw and scared the fairy away.

Fluttershy screamed: "Don't go away, she has a splinter in her tail!" All the fairies came back and helped the deadly snake to take the splinter out of her tail.

After, they became friends and played together forever in their Magical World.

PRC - next meeting

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- Mother Teresa Colour Challenge Day (new date) - Monday 3rd December
- Last day of the year for students in 2018 will be Wednesday 19th December.

CELEBRATE PARRAMATTA'S BIRTHDAY

PARRAMATTA FOUNDATION DAY

— Sunday 4 November 2018 —

11am to 5pm

Heritage Precinct
Fleet St, North Parramatta



FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT

**Live Music + Parravision Talent Contest Auditions - Food Stalls
- Kids Workshops - Heritage Crafts - Historic Tours - Classic Cars -**



**CITY OF
PARRAMATTA**

CELEBRATE PARRAMATTA'S BIRTHDAY

PARRAMATTA FOUNDATION DAY

Sunday 4 November 2018 | 11am to 5pm
Heritage Precinct, Fleet Street, North Parramatta

FREE FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Horse and cart rides, games, hands-on art and crafts, weaving, pottery, peg-doll making, story-telling.

LIVE MUSIC

Andy Gollidge band (alt-country), The Vegetable Plot (music for children) and the Parravision talent contest auditions.

HISTORY, SKILLS, STORIES & DISPLAYS

Parramatta Men's Shed Open Day, audio tour of the Female Factory grounds, classic cars display, Lancer's Museum military vehicles, stonemasonry, pickling, beekeepers' display, solar telescope viewing, natural dye and embroidery workshops.

GREAT FOOD!


Gatehouse Tea Rooms' Devonshire Tea, Waroo Lamb, Bar Coco's Gelato and coffee, Koshari Korner's Egyptian vegetarian street food.



More info:

www.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/events/foundation-day

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GETTING THERE

Public Transport

Free Parramatta Shuttle (aka The Loop) every 10 minutes from 10 stops including Parramatta Wharf, Centenary Square and Prince Alfred Square. Alight at the Parramatta Leagues Club and take a 10 minute stroll through the Heritage Precinct to the Foundation Day event site.

Drive or Cycle

From Fleet Street, North Parramatta turn into the little road heading North West for 100 metres to the Fleet Street Heritage Precinct. Bicycle valets will look after your bike and do free bike check-ups.

Parking

Limited parking is available within the precinct.

