



## 90 Seconds with the Principal

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### 90 Seconds with the Principal - Parent University Mathematics

In our edition of 90 seconds with the Principal this week we outline some of the ideas shared in last week's Parent University on Mathematics. We had excellent attendance at the workshop discussing ways we can help our children with Mathematics - especially with their ability to **work mathematically**. This includes your child's ability to communicate, problem solve, reason, understand and demonstrate fluency with their mathematical thinking on a variety of tasks and number problems. I would like to thank Mr Bennett and Mr Wallis for their preparation of this parent workshop.

### Thank you MTP community

As we move towards the end of Term 3, I would like to thank our fantastic students at MTP who are always willing to share their ideas and be challenged to do their best. I would like to thank our hard working teachers who are open to being lifelong learners in order to improve our student learning outcomes. Thank you to our parents who support our core business at school, which is learning. It has been great to have parents in as helpers for reading, representative sport days and library borrowing, as always this is greatly appreciated. Next term there will of course be other opportunities to work with teachers in support of our learning, including volunteers required for the Colour Challenge Day and for the Kindergarten Gymnastics program.

### Reading at Home

Last Monday evening several teachers joined me for more professional learning with teacher and academic Donalyn Miller, author of 'The Book Whisperer'. Donalyn was inspirational and emphasised the importance of reading every day. Reading to your child is encouraged, even after your child becomes an independent reader. Providing your child with a wide variety of books also helps them to develop into life long readers. Research proves students given daily opportunities to read have broader vocabularies and achieve improved academic outcomes. So...over the holidays we strongly encourage visits to the library to borrow books and lots of discussions with your child about the book they are reading every day.

### Celebration of Learning

Last Wednesday it was again fantastic to see so many families join their child so they could 'Celebrate their Learning'. We would like to thank you for joining us to provide an audience for your child to share their learning from this term.

### Welcoming new families to Mother Teresa Primary, 2019

During November our new Kindergarten students for 2019 will be attending one orientation session for 2 hours on a nominated date which has been shared with these families. During the time the Kinder 2019 students are in the Learning Studio a group of Mums from our current Kindergarten cohort have volunteered to provide a cuppa and a chat about school life. If you would like to volunteer your time to assist in hosting one of these morning teas for our new families please contact Jasmine Issa on 0405 399 537.

### Farewell Mrs Ghaby and welcome Miss Sherry

Today we said farewell to Mrs Rita Ghaby as she prepares for the birth of her child. We wish Mrs Ghaby and her family every blessing for the future. Next term we will welcome Miss Elise Sherry to our staff at Mother Teresa Primary. Miss Sherry will be teaching Kindergarten (KLS2) for Term 4 of this year.



*"Do not love yourself to be disheartened by any failure as long as you have done your best."*

St Mother Teresa of Kolkata

### Important Dates:

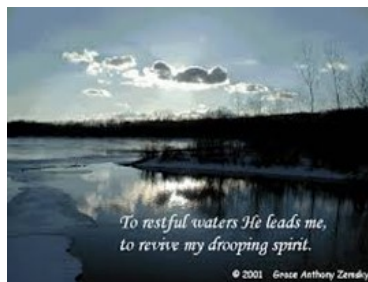
- Friday, 28th September  
Last day Term 3
- Monday, 15th October  
First day Term 4
- Monday, 15th October  
Summer uniform
- Wednesday, 17th October  
MTP Colour Challenge Fun Day
- Tuesday, 23rd October  
Cuppa with the Principal  
8:45am—9:30am
- Thursday, 25th October  
Kindergarten 2019 & New Families  
Years 1-6 Parent Information  
Evening
- Friday, 26th October  
Staff Spirituality Day  
No Students at school

### Important Information:

[Parent Guide to the NSW Syllabus](#)

### 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."



## 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*

## World Teachers Day

Next term, Friday 26th of October is World Teachers Day. As a staff, we are using one of our allocated staff development days (student free days) to participate in a Spirituality Day. Some parents have approached me about organising a morning tea for our teachers on Tuesday 23rd of October. *If you are interested in coming along to help prepare the morning tea for our teachers please contact Mrs Devlin through the school office where further details can be provided.*

## MTP Colour Challenge Day - 17th October

This week all families received a note informing them about a very exciting event early next term - our very first MTP Colour Challenge Day. Every student in the school has been placed into one of four teams. On the day, students will participate in a variety of sport activities where they can earn points for their team. Miss Hull has spent a great deal of time and effort in preparing this day and is looking for parent helpers to come along and join in the fun by supervising at one of the activities. The day will commence with an unveiling of our recently painted mural, depicting part of the history and culture of the Darug people of our local area. Our FIAT team (Faith In Action Team) will lead us in a liturgy to celebrate our culture and diversity. We then move to a day of fun with all members of our community. Please feel free to come along and join us.

## WORK, HEALTH & SAFETY - Mother Teresa Primary

### Child Safe Environment

Please do not smoke on school grounds, including the areas behind the sheds near the Marist Ovals. The school grounds begin at the gate on the driveway into the school from Darcy Road. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

## 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:

- Wednesday 17th October - MTP Colour Challenge Day
- Thursday 25th October, 6pm - Parent Information Evening for all parents of Kindergarten students in 2019 and new families in Years 1-6 for 2019.
- Friday 26th October - Staff Development Day (pupil free day)
- Last day of the year for students in 2018 will be Wednesday 19th December.

## School Sunglasses

The school has received the supply of school sunglasses. Sunglasses will be available to purchase from the school office from the start of Term 4 at a cost of **\$15.00 per pair**.

## Second Hand Uniforms - 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 closed Facebook group. Jodie and Mrs Devlin 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.
- 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>***



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24 September 2018

Dear Parent and Carers

**2018 CEDP School Choice Parent Survey**

The Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) would like to undertake some important research to improve its understanding of what matters most to you when it comes to choosing a Catholic school for your child.

We are working with independent research company, JWS Research (<http://jwsresearch.com/>) to carry out this study which will include a 15-minute online survey for parents and carers.

**The survey will be emailed to you in the week commencing 8 October 2018.**

JWS Research will email you a link to the survey. We are very keen for all parents to complete the survey. Your opinion is very important to us. The survey is *completely anonymous*.

Thank you in advance for your support. It will go a long way to helping schools better understand how we can best support the needs of students.

If you want further information on the survey, please contact Rashid Chaudry, (Project Manager) at [rchaudry@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:rchaudry@parra.catholic.edu.au) or mobile 0434 608 434 or your school Principal.

Yours sincerely

**Gregory B Whitby AM KSG**  
Executive Director  
Catholic Education  
Diocese of Parramatta



## 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](http://parramatta.schoolparking.com.au/schools)

For more information, contact 9806 5050.



**CITY OF  
PARRAMATTA**

## FAMILY FUN DAY at the New South Wales Parliament October School Holidays!

**FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER  
10 AM TO 3 PM**



Sausage  
Sizzle  
**\$3.00**  
per person

Free fun educational activities at Australia's oldest Parliament for children from 4 to 12 years.

Follow the children's trail; enter the guessing competition, participate in the arts and crafts; visit the historic legislative chambers places rarely open to the public. Engage with roving historical characters and celebrate the 100 year anniversary of women becoming eligible for election to parliament and admittance to the legal profession in NSW.



**FREE ENTRY**

Activities  
10.00 am to 3.00 pm

Location  
6 Macquarie Street –  
opposite Martin Place

The public café  
will be open.



FREE ENTRY • All Welcome  
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[www.parliament.nsw.gov.au](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au)  
Parliament of New South Wales,  
6 Macquarie Street, Sydney

GROUP BOOKINGS  
FOR 10 OR MORE  
ESSENTIAL  
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## PCYC Parramatta October Holiday Camps 2018

**Week 1**

**10 days of fun Activities**

### Boxing/Taekwondo

**Mon 1/10**

- Program runs from 9am - 4pm
- \$28 per child

### Brazilian Jiu Jitsu/Multi Sport

**Tue 2/10**

- Program runs from 9am - 4pm
- \$28 per child

### Bollywood/Kick Boxing/ Arts and Craft

**Wed 3/10**

- Program starts from 9am - 4pm
- \$28 per child

### Cricket/ Table Tennis/Cooking Class

**Thurs 4/10**

- Program starts from 9am - 4pm
- \$28 per child

### Soccer World Cup/ Dodgeball

**Fri 5/10**

- Program starts from 9am - 4pm
- \$28 per child

**Bookings Required: [parramatta@pcycnsw.org.au](mailto:parramatta@pcycnsw.org.au)**

- Children to bring water bottle, Morning tea, Lunch & Afternoon Tea
- Programs starts from 9am to 4pm
- \$28 per child
- PCYC Membership required. \$10 for Juniors



Call 02 9635 8242 to register or  
Email us on [Parramatta@pcycnsw.org.au](mailto:Parramatta@pcycnsw.org.au)  
Junior PCYC Club membership costs \$10



## PCYC Parramatta October Holiday Camps 2018

**Week 2**

**10 days of fun Activities**

### Boxing/Taekwondo

**Mon 8/10**

- Program runs from 9am - 4pm
- \$28 per child

### Brazilian Jiu Jitsu/Cricket

**Tue 9/10**

- Program runs from 9am - 4pm
- \$28 per child

### Bollywood/ Kicking Boxing/ Arts and Craft

**Wed 10/10**

- Program runs from 9am - 4pm
- \$28 per child

### Kids Fitness/ Table Tennis/ Cooking

**Thurs 11/10**

- Program starts from 9am - 4pm
- \$28 per child
- Dress up as your Favorite SUPERHERO

### Touch Footy/ Soccer World Cup

**Fri 12/10**

- Program starts from 9am - 4pm
- \$28 per child

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