



90 Seconds with the

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90 Seconds with the Principal - 2019 MTP School Goals

In the 90 seconds with the Principal video this week we introduce our school learning goals for 2019 in Religious Education, literacy and numeracy. These goals will be explored in further detail in future episodes of 90 seconds with the Principal.

Dr Justin Coulson - Visit to MTP Tuesday, 5th March - Parent only Workshop 7:00pm

On Tuesday, 5th March Dr Justin Coulson will be working with the students in Years 4-6 during the day, the staff of MTP in the afternoon and the parents and carers of our community at 7:00pm. These workshops aim to provide insights and strategies for dealing with anxiety and building resilience in children. This is a fantastic opportunity for all parents and carers K-6 from Mother Teresa Primary to be a part of this informative and interactive workshop.



"Dr Justin Coulson is one of very few people in Australia with a PhD in Positive Psychology - and the ONLY person in the country (and almost the world) whose PhD includes a careful look at the intersection of Positive Psychology and relationships, particularly in family life. One of Australia's most respected and popular corporate and education keynote speakers, facilitators, authors, and researchers, he has spoken to and worked with tens of thousands of people aiming to improve relationships, meaning, and wellbeing in leadership, education and especially in family life. Addressing the issues that matter most, Justin uses his

analytical and practical approach to address challenges facing today's workplaces and educational institutes. "

Opening School Mass

It was great to celebrate the start of the school year with the celebration of Mass yesterday morning. Congratulations to our Kindergarten students who were supported by their Year 6 buddies at their first Mass at Mother Teresa Primary. We would like to thank Fr Walter for leading this Eucharistic Celebration and thank you to Mrs Maria Boyd, our Religious Education Coordinator for the preparation of our Opening School Mass.



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

St Mother Teresa of Kolkata

Important Dates:

- **Wednesday, 27th February**
Kindergarten and new families welcome BBQ
5:00pm—6:00pm
- **Kindergarten and new families to MTP**
Information evening
6:00pm—6:45pm
- **Tuesday, 5th March**
Dr Justin Coulson
Parents only workshop
7:00pm

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."

Home/school communication guidelines and Seesaw

It was great to meet with parents and introduce our Seesaw app which will come into use from next week. As you know there are regular forms of communication between home and school, notably the **MTP Skoolbag app** and the fortnightly **Heartlinks school newsletter** which contains a lot of information in regards to events coming up in the school. These two forms of communication will remain the main channels of communication regarding school events in 2019.

The Seesaw app has been introduced to MTP as a means for your child to develop a digital portfolio of their work across the year. It is not a means of communication about other issues that arise from day to day with your child's teacher, e.g. my child lost their hat. All of our teachers have families and as you would understand they will not be responding to late night messages.

If anything does need to be communicated you are very welcome to call the school and a message will be passed onto your child's teacher, who will return your call as soon as possible. If you wish to come up for an interview with your child's teacher you are very welcome to do so by calling the school office and arranging a mutually convenient time to meet. **Teachers will not be responding to questions and messages through Seesaw.** You are very welcome to contact the school via email listed below if you wish to make an appointment or speak with a teacher.

School email: motherteres@parra.catholic.edu.au

I thank you for your understanding on this matter and for respecting the professional boundaries of the staff at Mother Teresa Primary. Mrs Devlin

Cuppa with the Principal - Parent Forum

Last week Mrs Stennett and myself had the pleasure of meeting with an enthusiastic group of parents for our first 'Cuppa with the Principal/Parent Forum' for 2019. It was a chance to discuss issues pertinent to the sharing of goals and visions for our school and to acknowledge what is working well. Our next parent forum in Term 2 has been scheduled for Thursday, 2nd May at 8:35am. At this gathering a representative from Parramatta Development and Traffic Services will be providing a short presentation and information session on Road Safety and keeping our students safe around schools.

Welcome BBQ - Kindergarten and New Families to Mother Teresa Primary AND Kindergarten/New Families Parent Information Session

As outlined in the previous Heartlinks we look forward to meeting our Kinder families and families new to MTP at the Welcome BBQ on Wednesday, 27th February at 5:00pm. Following the BBQ at 6:00pm there will be another Kindergarten Parent Information Session and an additional session for new families. All families old and new are welcome to join us for the BBQ and we kindly request you return the slip indicating the numbers attending to help us with catering on the night.

"What makes Catholic education distinctive and worthwhile for us to dedicate ourselves to it, I believe, is the formation of our students and communities into people and places *that embody the Reign of God*".

Bishop Vincent, has shared his vision for Catholic Education in the diocese of Parramatta. Our Bishop wants every student in a Catholic school to:

KNOW CHRIST
LOVE HIS TEACHINGS
FOLLOW IN HIS FOOTSTEPS

As we grow in faith through 2019 we are all called to be the first teachers and the models to our children in our words and in our deeds. Our children look to us to lead them to the light.

Maria Boyd REC

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2020 at MTP

We are currently accepting enrolments for 2020. If you are a family with children enrolled at the school and you have a child starting in 2020, you must also complete an enrolment application. **Enrolments close end March 2019.**

High School Enrolments

Is your child in Year 6 at MTP? Are you looking to enrol your child in either Catherine McAuley High School or Parramatta Marist High School? Please complete the enrolment forms for these respective High Schools as soon as possible. Interviews for Mother Teresa Year 6 students have commenced.

Important Dates:

- Kindergarten and New Families Welcome BBQ and Information Evening, Wednesday, 27th February at 5:00pm
- 'Cuppa with the Principal' - Thursday, 2nd May at 8:35am
- SDD Staff Development Days 2019 - these are pupil free days:
 - ⇒ Term 2 - Friday, 7th June
 - ⇒ No SDD in Term 3
 - ⇒ Term 4 - Friday, 1st November

WHS - Safety for all at Mother Teresa Primary

- Please remember that on the school site there is **no smoking allowed**.
- If parents or carers need to use a toilet facility at school please see our helpful office staff for access to the toilet available in the school office.
- A reminder that parents are not to walk through the grounds of our Catherine McAuley and Parramatta Marist High Schools. As protection to all students on the site, parents must only access schools through their respective school administrations.
- If you arrive at school **8:35am or later and the student access gate is closed**, parents **MUST** walk their child / children into the school office to sign a '*partial absence slip*'.

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2020

Catherine
McAuley



Catherine McAuley is a Catholic girls' secondary school, located at Westmead. Our broad curriculum encourages young women to pursue independent lifelong learning.



OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 12 March 2019 4.00pm - 7.00pm

This school open event will give visitors the opportunity to tour the school and view facilities as well as meet our School Principal and School Leadership Team.

CONTACT OUR SCHOOL ON 9849 9100 FOR AN ENROLMENT PACK. APPLICATIONS CLOSE 22nd MARCH 2019

Catherine McAuley, 2 Darcy Road, Westmead | www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au



Parents Representative Council

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HELPING YOUR CHILD MANAGE ANXIETY



Learn effective way to deal with child anxiety and positive behavior practices

What can you do?

How is the Catholic Education Department Parramatta (CEDP) helping?

Our guest speaker for the evening is:

Anoushka Houseman

Clinical Psychologist

Wellbeing Coordinator - Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP)

Register FREE now: www.prc.catholic.edu.au

Monday, 4th March 2019

Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm (2 hours)

(PRC AGM- will be held prior to guest speaker)

St Patrick's Primary School: 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown

Light supper and refreshments will be provided and
a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!

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Tuning in to Teens

Emotionally intelligent parenting
for parents of 10-16 year olds



When

2 hours per week for six weeks

Dates

Wednesdays,
6 March – 10 April, 2019

Time

10am – 12noon

Where

Parramatta/Holroyd Family Support
37 Collins St, Pendle Hill

Cost

A gold coin donation each week

**FREE childcare and
transport* available**

**Transport only available in certain
areas, and for families meeting specific
criteria — please call for details*

Would you like to learn how to:

- be better at talking with your teen?
- be better at understanding your teen?
- help your teen learn to manage their emotions?
- help to prevent behaviour problems in your teen?
- teach your teen to deal with conflict?

**Tuning in to Teens shows you how to
help your teen develop *emotional intelligence*.**

Adolescents with higher emotional intelligence:

- are more aware, assertive and strong in situations or peer pressure
- have greater success with making and are more able to manage conflict with peers
- are more able to cope when upset or angry
- have fewer mental health and substance abuse difficulties
- have more stable and satisfying relationships as adults
- have greater career success —

Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic
and career success than IQ!

Places are limited, so bookings are essential

To book, return the slip below.

For enquiries, call

Wendy or Robyn on 9636 8437.

PLEASE CUT OFF AND RETURN A.S.A.P TO ENSURE A PLACE

(Post to Parramatta/Holroyd Family Support, 37 Collins St, Pendle Hill, NSW, 2145)

NAME(S) _____ EMAIL _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____ MOBILE _____

Please tick the appropriate boxes

☐ YES, I would like to attend the "Tuning in to Teens" parenting group in Term 1, 2019.

☐ I would like childcare during the group

- For how many children? _____

- What are their ages? _____

☐ I do not require childcare during the group