



**90 Seconds with the Principal**

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**A few minutes with Dr Justin Coulson - Dealing with 'big' emotions**

Earlier this year, Dr Justin Coulson worked with students, parents and staff at Mother Teresa Primary. In the video this week, Dr Justin provides some ideas on helping children deal with big emotions.

**Happy World Teachers Day - Friday, 25th October**

In Australia, World Teachers Day is celebrated on the last Friday in October. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the amazing and hard working staff at Mother Teresa Primary. The teachers spend a great deal of time and energy on designing, developing and assessing engaging and comprehensive teaching and learning programs. They work hard behind the scenes to ensure students are achieving their best. The theme this year focuses on young teachers as the future of the profession - we have great young teachers at MTP and it is a joy to work and learn with them. Perhaps, one day, your own child would like to join the profession (maybe even return to Mother Teresa Primary!) and I know you would like them to be treated with the respect we demonstrate for all of our teachers at MTP.

*'In 2019, World Teachers' Day will celebrate teachers with the UNESCO theme, "Young Teachers: The future of the Profession." The day provides the occasion to celebrate the teaching profession worldwide, to take stock of achievements, and to address some of the issues central for attracting and keeping the brightest minds and young talents in the profession.'* PTA NSW

**MTP Colour Challenge Fun Day - Parent volunteers required!**

Last year we had a 'Colour Challenge Fun Day' at MTP. Each child was placed into a colour team and participated in a variety of fun team challenges throughout the day. We are again having a colour challenge fun day on Friday, 22nd November. The success of last years fun day was due in large part to the hard work of staff and a band of volunteer parents. This year we would love your support again - a note will come out shortly seeking nominations from parents to help out with the running of small team games throughout the day. The more support we have the better and I thank you for considering this request for parent help.

**NRMA Science and Road Safety Week**

During week 3, MTP will focus on Road Safety as part of the PD/H/PE syllabus and on Thursday 31st October, NRMA representatives will be running workshops for each stage. The NRMA science and Road Safety program is a free and innovative touring program for primary schools in NSW and the ACT that aims to instil good road safety behaviours in children from the offset. This highly successful in-school program is now entering its 7th season having already visited 666 schools and directly educated over 250,000 students since its launch in 2014.

The program aims to work with schools to educate not only their students but the wider school community on road safety best practice. Please visit the program [webpage](#) for more information on what the program includes in terms of elongated learning and community engagement support.

Parents are invited to attend the workshops that their children will be involved in.

**Thursday 31st October:**

- Year 3 & 4 = 8:35am - 9:35am
- Kindy, Year 1 & 2 = 9:35am - 10:35am
- Year 5 & 6 = 11:05am - 12:05pm



*"How many things we own that we do not give away because we feel so attached to them. It is better to have less in order to give it all to Jesus."*

St Teresa of Kolkata

**Important Dates:**

- **Thursday, 31st October**  
NRMA Science & Road Safety Week
- **Friday, 1st November**  
Staff Development Day  
No students at school
- **Tuesday, 5th November**  
Westmead Catholic Community Parent Engagement Session  
7:00pm
- **Thursday, 7th November**  
Kindergarten 2020 Parent Information Evening  
6:00pm
- **Friday, 22nd November**  
MTP Colour Challenge Day
- **Wednesday, 4th December**  
Celebration of Learning  
4:30pm—5:45pm
- **Wednesday, 4th December**  
Christmas Concert  
6:00pm—7:30pm

**DON'T FORGET!**



**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club**  
 orders are due:

**Wednesday, 30th October**

## Parent University Term 4 - Religious Education and Inquiry Learning

This term our Parent University will focus on Religious Education and our approach to RE through inquiry learning. We are planning our Term 4 Parent University earlier in the term than usual to allow for the busy end of year activities. Save the date and time in your calendar: Parent University - Religious Education on Wednesday, 20th November at 6:00pm.



## Westmead Catholic Community - Parent Engagement Session MTP Tuesday, 5th November at 7:00pm

On 20 September, the Westmead Catholic Community project was launched by Bishop Vincent Long, Bishop of Parramatta; Brother Peter Carroll FMS and Sister Mary-Louise Petro RSM.

Subject to planning approval, a new Parish church and contemporary school facilities for Sacred Heart Primary, Mother Teresa Primary, Catherine McAuley Westmead and Parramatta Marist High School at a central location in Darcy Road will better support the local community through faith, learning and outreach. A new Catholic Early Learning Centre and a learning centre for students with high support needs and a moderate intellectual disability are also proposed.

The identities and traditions of all four Westmead Catholic schools will remain strong and vibrant within the Westmead Catholic Community: Sacred Heart Primary Westmead will cater for students from Early Learning to Year 2 and Mother Teresa Primary Westmead will serve students from Year 3 to Year 6.

The planning application for the new Sacred Heart Parish and primary school facilities is expected to be lodged with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment in late 2019. The plans will be on public exhibition in early 2020.

Community engagement will include information sessions, workshops and the formation of a Community Advisory Panel. Parents and community members are encouraged to attend community drop-in sessions to be scheduled for Tuesday, 5th November at 7:00pm to learn more about the proposal. A website with more information about the project is also available at: [www.westmeadcatholiccommunity.org](http://www.westmeadcatholiccommunity.org).

## Kindergarten 2020 Parent Information Evening

There will be a Parent Information Evening for Kindergarten 2020 parents (not children) on Thursday, 7th November at 6:00pm.

### Hanging in there- together.



How hard can it be some days to keep the faith and hold on to hope? None of us can really do it alone. Last week's 1<sup>st</sup> reading from the book of Exodus, spoke of Moses holding out his staff as he prayed for victory for God's people. His body grew weak, his arms ached, yet he knew he needed to persevere to succeed. His companions provided the support he needed. Seating him on a rock, holding his arms when the were failing. This is how we too are called to sustain each other in faith and hope. Being in community and there for one another.

*"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."*  
Mother Teresa

Maria Boyd REC

### WHS—Kiss n Drop / Kiss n Ride Zone

You may have noticed that this week new yellow lines have been painted on the road to clearly mark the set down and pick lane. There are also adjacent shorter yellow lines to indicate where each vehicle should stop. We encourage all drivers to move forward and stop your car in each bay so that the maximum number of students being picked up can occur at any one time. When dropping students off please be advised that students should not be going to the boot to collect bags as it is not safe practice. We suggest students travel the short distance to school with their school bag at their feet or on the lap ready to exit the vehicle at school. A reminder that this is a **NO PARKING** zone at all times. Thankyou in anticipation for your cooperation and support in these practices.

### Important Dates:

- NRMA Science & Road Safety workshops — Thursday, 31st October
- Term 4 Staff Development Day (Pupil free day) - Friday, 1st November
- **Tuesday, 5th November WCC Parent Drop-in information session—7:00pm**
- Kindergarten 2020 Parent Information Evening - Thursday, 7th November 6:00pm
- Parent University - Religious Education - Wednesday, 20th November 6:00pm
- MTP Colour Challenge Fun Day - Friday, 22nd November
- Last day for students Term 4 - Wednesday, 18th December

## Sports News

### Stage Three Touch Football

On the 27th of September we had a number of children from Stage 3 represent MTP at the Stage Three Touch Football Gala Day. They displayed a great deal of enthusiasm, sportsmanship and talent on the day. Special mention needs to go to the Boys team as they were winners of their pool and came away from the day as undefeated. Congratulations to all the children involved:

### Stage 3 Girls

Annalise (Yr6), Akshara (Yr6), Isabelle (Yr6), Lori (Yr6), Sammi-Lee (Yr6), Alannah (Yr6), Eloise (Yr6), Giselle (Yr6), Georgia S (Yr6) & Daniella (Yr6).

### Stage 3 Boys

Ethan (Yr5), Joel (Yr5), Rakshaan (Yr5), Christian (Yr5), Max (Yr5), Jackson (Yr5), Michael (Yr5), Kailan (Yr5), Andrew (Yr6), Nicholas E (Yr6) and Jean (Yr6).

A massive thank you goes to all our helpers who gave up their time - parents who were coaches and managers, the students from Marist who refereed and all those parents who cheered the teams on throughout the day.



### 2020 Parramatta Diocesan Trials:

On the 24th October the information and nomination forms for the 2020 Parramatta Diocesan Trials will be made available and can be viewed on the [PDCPSSC web page](#) and by following the links to the Representative Selections tab. Nominations will be open for ALL sports but please note that the trials for Basketball and Tennis will be held in Term 4 ONLY. More information on other sports will be made available as the term unfolds.

Mrs Thompson PE Teacher



## Catherine McAuley Westmead Enrolments for Year 7 - 2021

Catherine McAuley Westmead is now accepting enrolments for Year 7—2021. The closing date for Year 7 - 2021 applications 1st round offers is Friday, 27th March 2020.

Parents and their daughters have the opportunity to tour the school campus at one of our upcoming school tours specifically for Year 7 - 2021 applicants, but open to any year group.

Tuesday 12th November

9:15am – 11:00am

and

Thursday 5th December 2019

9:15am – 11:00am

These mornings will provide parents and students with the opportunity to tour our school on a normal school day. You will be able to view our school grounds and facilities, go into classrooms and meet our students and teachers. Enrolment packs will be available on the day.

Contact our School Reception on 9849 9100 to book a place on a school tour.

*Please note that following these tours there will be no other school tours held until our Open Afternoon in early March 2020 (date still to be confirmed).*