



Heartlinks Highlights Video

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MTP - Heartlinks Highlights - Religious Education at MTP - Helping my child to follow in the footsteps of Jesus

In the Heartlinks Highlights video this week Mrs Maria Boyd, our Religious Education Coordinator and Mrs Gaye Dennis, our assistant REC explain how we teach RE at MTP and ways to help your child follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Some of our students discuss at the end of the video, some insights into their RE learning this term.

Year 6 Alternative Camp Day

This year our Year 6 students were scheduled to attend an overnight camp in May. Due to COVID restrictions this needed to be cancelled for 2020 - the teachers came up with a way to participate in some 'camp like experiences' today and this evening for our Year 6 students. It looks like they're having a great time and I am very proud of the students who were appreciative of the opportunity to participate today.



PBS4L Celebration Friday 27th November - Dress Up Day

The students at MTP are very excited to see that they have reached the line on the playground heart token box. We will be celebrating their great choices by inviting students to dress up as something they would like to be when they grow up. The date for this celebration is **Friday, 27th November**. Children are encouraged to be creative by using and creating their costume using materials they already have at home.

Congratulations to our fantastic MTP students on reaching the black line of heart tokens for demonstrating their gentle hearts and following our three school rules on the playground.



"Be kind to each other—I prefer you make mistakes in kindness, than that you work miracles in unkindness.."

St Teresa of Kolkata

Important Dates:

- **Friday, 27th November**
PBS4L Dress up Day
- **Monday, 14th December**
Colour Challenge / Creative Fun Day
- **Wednesday, 16th December**
Last Day Term 4
- **Friday, 29th January 2021**
First day school—Yrs 1—6
- **Monday, 1st February 2021**
First day school—Kindergarten



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Celebration of Learning and MTP Christmas Concert

Whilst the NSW Government have announced some easing of restrictions for Parent Gatherings on school sites, after careful consideration of the implications for following the restrictions, we will not be having the whole school community gathering together on site for the Celebration of Learning or for a whole school Christmas Concert on the 2nd of December. As a school, each grade will still be performing songs, which will be recorded and compiled into a digital presentation which will be shared with our extended community. While it is disappointing to not all be able to gather together, the restrictions included registration of a limited number of attendees and following a COVID safety plan, including the strict adherence to the four [square metre rule](#). The 'Celebration of Learning' will again be recorded, as it was last term, and shared with families via the usual channels. We are certainly very hopeful that, excluding a spike in numbers or a local outbreak, we will be able to return to parents being invited onto site next year without restrictions.

Year 6 Graduation Mass

We are going ahead with the Year 6 Graduation Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on **Friday 11th December, 6.30pm (students arriving at 6pm)** under COVID19 restrictions for places of Worship. The Year 6 parents and carers will receive a hard copy of the note on Monday, indicating that unfortunately due to COVID restrictions, each child will be allowed a maximum of two pre-registered guests. Staff from St Patrick's Cathedral have indicated this number will be strictly monitored. Further details about the Graduation Mass will be shared with Year 6 families closer to the date.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Every year students are invited to join the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge. On Monday at our school assembly all children who completed the challenge this year will be presented with their certificate. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Violet Rawlings for the coordination of the students involved and the purchasing of books and other resources for our school, in order for us to be involved in the PRC. This summer, the Executive Director of Education for the Parramatta Diocese, Mr Greg Whitby will again be running the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge for all students enrolled in Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Parramatta - more details on how your child can get involved in the 'Summer Reading Challenge' will be shared with the community soon.

Very Hot Weather & Water Bottles

Due to ongoing restrictions related to COVID19 and sharing water bubblers, we have been requesting students bring in their own reusable water bottles, with their names clearly labelled. As the weather is now very warm, it would be greatly appreciated if you could send in two bottles of water for your child. Children who forget their water bottles are sent to the office where they will be provided with a cup of water and of course if children run out of water in their bottles we send the children to the office to have their water bottles topped up.

Colour Challenge Creative Fun Day

Due to restrictions about parents gathered on site, we have postponed our Colour Challenge Fun Day to Week 10, Monday 14th December. As we can't have parent helpers and different stages of students gathered together for the whole day, we have changed the activities to rotations of fun creative activities indoors and outdoors. We will provide further details closer to the date about the activities planned for the day.

Changed Procedures and Protocols due to COVID19 - continue in Term 4

We will continue to practice our COVID safe procedures and protocols until we receive notification from the NSW Government and the CEDP that restrictions have been eased. I will communicate information about any changes in procedures and protocols as soon as possible.

The following protocols will continue until further notice:

- The gates will open at 2.30pm each day for parents to collect their children - teachers will send down the students nominated by parents as requesting early collection to the area near the school office. Staff will supervise the dismissal of students to parents and carers. All remaining students will be collected via the normal 2.45pm Kiss and Drop arrangement.
- If you would like your child to continue to bring in their own pencil case they may do so however we will have school equipment available in each learning studio.
- We continue to encourage social distancing, particularly between adults, wherever possible - PLEASE remember to remain 1.5 metres apart from adults, including our staff, when dropping off and picking up your child.
- We will continue to strongly encourage all students to wash their hands with soap and water before eating and after playing.
- We encourage the children to cover their face with their elbow if they cough or sneeze and to avoid touching their faces.
- If your child is sick, particularly if they have a fever, sore throat or cough, ***please do not send them to school.***
- We will continue to ask students to bring their own water bottle each day with their name clearly labelled. As the weather is getting warmer it would be great if your child could bring two water bottles.
- We will continue to engage in additional cleaning of student desks each day.
- It is the responsibility of all of us to strictly follow Government directives about who needs to be tested and who needs to self-isolate.
- NSW Health have established a [website](#) to inform the community of actions they should take if they have been in a location where there has been confirmed cases of COVID-19 within NSW. It is important that parents, staff and students comply with public health advice which includes the requirement to self-isolate for the required period if they have been at any of the locations published on this website on the specified dates and times.

Defibrillator available in the MTP School Office

This year, our staff received further training in the use of a defibrillator. Our school has a defibrillator and in the event that one is required, it is kept in our school administration office. All CEDP (Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta) schools now have a defibrillator.

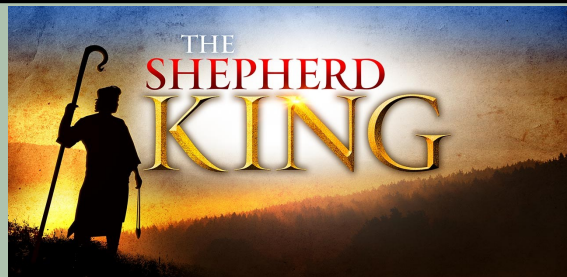
Jesus - The Shepherd KING

Jesus was known by the image of the Good Shepherd until the year 313, when the emperor, Constantine had the image dressed in royal robes and crowned a king. His vision of a leader was very much shaped by his image of himself as emperor. So what are the contradictions in this image? Jesus came to serve, to sacrifice and the lead us to the Father. Jesus taught and lived the message of healing, forgiveness, acceptance and salvation. He was the King who washed the grimy feet of the lowly. The king who turned his other cheek, when assaulted and abused. The king who spread his arms in love on a cross, for his enemies to nail him down. The king who accepted the cup of suffering out of love for us and love of the Father.

Fr Richard Leonard reminds us;

"On the last day of the Church's year, we are challenged by Christ our King to give our true allegiance to what really matters. Not ambition, greed, status and power, but the quiet revolutionary work of making the world a more just and peaceful place for everyone to live."

Maria Boyd REC



Important Dates:

- Last day of Term 4 for students—Wednesday, 16th December
- First day of school for students 2021 **Years 1-6**—Friday, 29th January
- First day of school for **Kindergarten** 2021—Monday, 1st February 2021

WHS - Safety for all at Mother Teresa Primary

- Please maintain social distancing at all times and do not congregate around the school gate or in the parent foyer at school.
- **Please do** hold your child's hand when walking across the road and until they enter the vehicle when your car is parked safely in the visitor car park.
- Please drive to the speed limit at all times, especially when on the school site to ensure the safety of all members of the Westmead Catholic Community
- Please do not stop on top of the pedestrian crossing and let your children out - please wait until you have moved to a bay in the Kiss and Drop zone.
- Please do not stop on the **red zone** as you approach Kiss and Drop area.

School Uniform

Please note that the following uniform items can be purchased from the school office:
student hats, girls and boys ties and girls school hairbands and headbands.

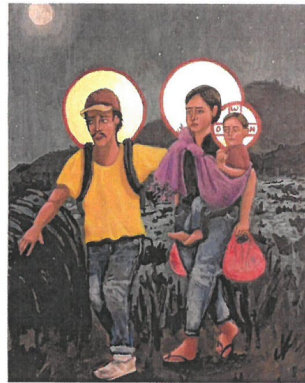
Second Hand Uniforms - Facebook Group

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>

There in a stable – no bed to lie in, Mary trusted in the kindness of strangers that first Christmas.



A Christmas without you is NO Christmas at all!

The reality is that without your gentle hearts and generosity 90 families in our community will have no Christmas Dinner.

Christmas Appeal–Donation and/or Assigned Grocery items for your class

All Classes – can bring toy donations as well – Please DO NOT wrap them – for easy identification. – PLEASE NO NUTS

KLS – Kindergarten	Tinned fruit, non- perishable food eg rice, Bon Bons
JLS - Year 1	Tinned Ham, Meat, tuna, Rice, Soft Drinks
JLS - Year 2	Chips, biscuits Sweet and Savoury, Juice
MLS - Year 3	Coffee, tea, Long life milk, milo, sugar
MLS - Year 4	Christmas cake/pudding, Lollies, jellies
SLS - Year 5	Long life custard/cream, Ladies' Sanitary products
SLS - Year 6	Toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, body wash, Shampoo & conditioner, deodorant (roll on)

Send donations to your child's Learning Studio.

LAST DAY for donations Wednesday 9th December

Your generosity is the best preparation to receive God's blessing and welcome His Son this Christmas.

Thank you
Maria Boyd REC

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