



## Heartlinks Highlights Video

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### MTP - Formative Assessment

How do teachers determine student progress in learning? How do students know how they are going with their learning and know their own next step? Formative assessment is the way teachers observe and record evidence of student learning and give feedback to students daily. At MTP we aim to make the learning clear for every student so they themselves know how they are going and know their next step - we achieve this aim by providing daily verbal feedback to students and guidance in their learning. In the Heartlinks Highlights this week we explore the role of formative assessment in the teaching and learning cycle.

### School 10 Year Anniversary Celebration Cancelled & COVID19 Restrictions

As you are aware from previous communication, our 10 Year Anniversary Celebration has been cancelled as a whole school community gathering due to COVID19 restrictions.

The students will be participating in an abridged Liturgy of the Word to mark this very important milestone in the history of our school. The students will be participating in their Learning Studios via video. A copy of this liturgical celebration will also be shared with the wider community.

In addition, we have created a short reflective video with key stakeholders from the school's history to acknowledge the 10 years of MTP and this video will also be shared with the school community on Monday the 7th September, the day we were intending to have our Celebration liturgy.

### Congratulations MTP students!

We were very excited today to be celebrating reaching the black line in the token boxes at MTP. This means that the tokens the students earned for demonstrating their creative minds and gentle hearts and following our three school rules:

- I care for myself
- I care for others
- I care for the environment, were collected and we were able to reach our goal!

The students in the school voted as their whole school celebration this time they would like to have additional play time. Twice today they were free to play with their friends and with their teachers before recess and lunch. There were some great games of handball, chess, checkers, creative play, connect four, hoops, skipping and the teachers were exhausted! Well done MTP students - we are really proud of you and keep up the great work.



*"How do we love? Not in big things but in small things with great love."*

St Teresa of Kolkata

### Important Dates:

- Thursday, 24th September  
Last day Term 3
- Friday, 25th September  
Staff Development Day  
No students
- Monday, 12th October  
First day Term 4  
Summer Uniform



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## Congratulations to our Voice of Youth Winners!

Last week our MTP Year 6 finalists for the 'Voice of Youth' Public Speaking competition presented their speeches in front of their Stage 3 peers, teachers and a panel of judges. Congratulations to the Year 6 students who were outstanding in their preparation and presentation. We witnessed speeches which informed us, challenged us and entertained us! The results were as follows:

Finalist - [Akira J](#)

Finalist - [Angelina S](#)

Third Place - [Elyse D](#)

Second Place - [Luanda L](#)

First Place - [Anyka C](#)

Social Justice Award - [Christian T](#)

## Father's Day Liturgy and Stall

COVID19 restrictions will now also have an impact on our planned Father's Day liturgy, as we cannot invite groups of parents onto our school grounds. Again, as with our 10 Year Anniversary Celebration, we will create a video to share with the community which celebrates the gift of our Fathers.

We do plan to go ahead with the Father's Day stall and this will be run with the help and support of our school staff. Again, unfortunately we cannot invite parent volunteers onto the site but we plan to run the stall with the help of our wonderful Teacher Aides. The stall will operate for students to purchase a small gift on Friday, 4th of September. All gifts will be \$5 each.

## Cancellation - School Bingo Disco evening for 2020

COVID19 restrictions on large social gatherings mean that we have to cancel the 2020 Bingo-Disco evening. As stated on the NSW Government website "P&F social events or functions are no longer permitted." This is one of our annual events where families come together to dance and celebrate our great school community. We usually hold the Bingo-Disco in Term 3 every year. We hope and pray for a solution to the COVID19 impact on all of our lifestyles and look forward to celebrating the Bingo-Disco evening together again in 2021.

## Changed Procedures and Protocols due to COVID19 continue in Term 3

The following guidelines will remain in place for the remainder of Term 3. I thank parents and carers for your ongoing support and for the smooth transition to the new collection at the gate procedure which began this week:

- 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.
- 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.

## Staff Development Day - Friday 25th September - Pupil Free Day

This term, our [last day for students will be Thursday, 24th September](#). On Friday, 25th September our staff will be working with Fr Walter on developing a deep knowledge of the Sacraments and also be spending time on our own spiritual formation.

## Defibrillator available in the MTP School Office

Last year, our staff received 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.



Congratulations to those students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. For those students who are yet to finish, you have until **midnight on Friday, 28th August 2020**

If you have any questions, please contact either Mrs Rawlings or Mrs Halligan.



Sunday of next week, 6th September, will be Father's Day. The man nearest to Christ Jesus was His foster father, Joseph the carpenter. Little did he dream as he visited the synagogue on the Sabbath that someday he would be the protector of the synagogue's God. Without knowing what it was that he was getting ready for, he gave to his simple jobs the full devotion and the full strength of character of a simple, honest man. Imagine the conversations he had with the boy Jesus as they worked side by side in his carpentry workshop. As Jesus learned the trade from Joseph, he also learned gentleness, kindness, commitment and love. As we honour our fathers this Father's Day, may we think of Joseph, the foster father of Jesus and ask his intervention for us.

*Heavenly Father,*

*you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary,  
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.*

*Bless all fathers as they care for their families.*

*Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do,  
protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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- First day of Term 4—**Monday, 12th October**

## 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.





# Catherine McAuley Westmead

## Enrolling Now for Year 7 2022



Contact the school on 9849 9100 or visit our website for an enrolment pack. Applications close end of March 2021.  
For enrolment criteria please refer to our school website.

Tours of the school campus will be held in Term 4 - Tuesday 10th November & Friday 4th December 2020.

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