



Heartlinks Highlights Video

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MTP - Student created video - Safety at Kiss and Drop!

In the video this week our Year 6 MTP students have used their creative minds to create an informative video for all in our community about our safety in our high traffic zones, like Kiss and Drop. Thanks to our MTP students for sharing this important safety message with all of us.

Thank you

I would like to thank three parent representatives who have been participating as the Mother Teresa Primary Parent Representatives in the Westmead Catholic Community Advisory panel. Mr Sherif Gorgi, Ms Kirsty Mendes and Mrs Rhonda Fares have been a part of this panel throughout 2020 and attended evening zoom meetings to discuss concerns and share ideas in relation to the proposed developments in the Westmead Catholic Community. I would like to thank them for their time and enthusiasm in participating in this important process moving forward.

I would also like to thank the parents who joined Mrs Stennett and myself yesterday morning for our online [Parent Forum/Cuppa with the Principal](#). Even though we are restricted by meeting face to face due to COVID19 it was great to 'meet' online and discuss our school learning goals and other issues related to the life of the school.

Changed Procedures and Protocols due to COVID19 continue in Term 3

As you are all very well aware, we continue to receive guidance about COVID19 restrictions from both NSW Health and CEDP (Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta). As expressed in many communications, we ask parents, staff and students to remain vigilant. Whilst the number of cases in Victoria and New South Wales remain concerning, we will continue to follow the following guidelines:

- We will continue the practice of the school gate opening at 2.30pm for early collection and to ease the concentration of children gathering together at the Kiss and Drop zone. We will continue this practice until further notice.
- 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.
- With positive cases of COVID19 being transmitted in communities close to our own recently, 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.

31st July 2020



"We should go out to meet people. Meet the people who live afar and those who live very close by. Meet the materially poor or the spiritually poor."

St Teresa of Kolkata

Important Dates:

- Friday, 7th August
Census Day
If you child/children are absent on this day, please advise the school via Skoolbag / email ASAP.
- Saturday, 25th July—
Sunday, 16th August
Confirmation Information
Please see attached letter
- Monday, 24th August
School Photo Day
- Monday, 7th September
MTP 10 Year Celebration

Save the Date:

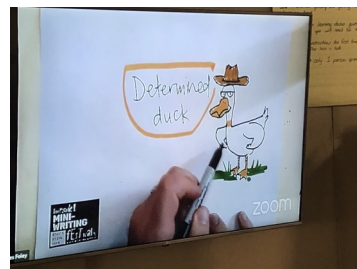


Welcomeasy

"In purchasing your child's tuckshop order online through Welcomeasy, 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."

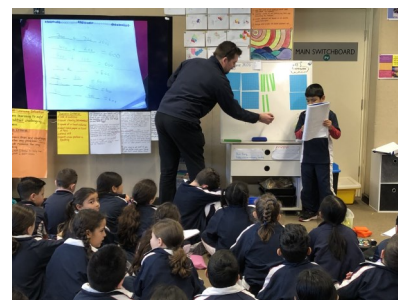
Mini-Writer's Festival at MTP this week

What a great week at MTP for all of our student authors and illustrators, Kindergarten to Year 6. As a school, we are participating in the 'Littlescribe Writers Festival'. Throughout the week, all grades participated in live webinar workshops with award winning Australian authors, such as **Jackie French, Stephen Michael King, Deborah Abela and Andrew Daddo** and **illustrator James Foley**. In these workshops the authors and illustrators provided a guide for our students through some tips and tricks they implement and the children are invited to copy these traits in their own writing. Thank you so much to Mrs Jody Sultana and Mrs Maree Grainger for organising this exciting opportunity to work with great authors at our school.



Instructional Coaching at MTP

As you are aware, Mrs Maree Grainger and Mrs Kate Stennett are the Literacy Instructional Leaders for our school, and Mr Owen Wallace is the Numeracy Instructional Leader. As part of their roles, they work closely with teachers, analysing student data and determining next steps, planning teaching and learning cycles, working shoulder to shoulder with teachers, coaching in the Learning Studios and helping teachers to gather and analyse data about student growth. It is wonderful to have the opportunity to work with such outstanding professionals and if your child talks to you about working with these teachers during the day, this is the reason why.



Investigative Play

It has been wonderful to return to Term 3 with our Investigative Play program continuing in full for Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2. During these play sessions children develop a wide range of skills, knowledge and understanding in both subject content knowledge but also with developing social skills, like how to share, how to negotiate and how to interact - as you would agree, important skills for life! Below are some of the Investigations our students have been participating in this week.



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

This term, our last day for students will be Thursday 24th September. On Friday the 25th of 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.



Hospitality- How are we the face of Jesus to others?

Hospitality is more than merely serving food. The essence of hospitality is presence. The truly hospitable person is one who offers the gift of their time, attention and interest. Can we find time in our busy lives to be present to others? To sit, to be still, to open our eyes and hearts and be truly interested in what they have to offer in this moment?

Help me, Lord, to become more conscious of your presence. Teach me to recognise your presence in others. Fill my heart with gratitude for the times your love has been shown to me through the care of others.

Thank you to all the MTP community for the very generous donations to our Vinnies Winter Appeal last Friday. Donations of blankets, warm clothing and \$963.05 will help keep others warm as our chilly winter progresses. Many thanks for your kindness.

Important Dates:

- School Photos—Monday, 24th August
- Last day of term 3—Thursday, 24th September

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 PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON:
Monday 24 August 2020

advancedlife
photography & print specialists

**ORDER NOW go to www.advancedlife.com.au and enter the code
XLN XJ6 XX2**

Dear Parents,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by **advancedlife**. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at www.advancedlife.com.au using our school's unique **9 digit advancedorder code**. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please contact us at www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

Medication at School

If your child needs to take prescription medication, apply cream for a skin condition or use any over the counter medication, parents must ask the doctor to fill in Form 2 and parents must complete Form 1 and return to the school before the child is allowed to take / use.

Please see the medication policy on our school website:

<https://www.moherteresawestmead.catholic.edu.au/Community/School-Notes>



23 July 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Keeping with the policies of the Diocese of Parramatta the Parish's Sacramental Programme is a **parish based, family centred, school supported** programme. This means the programme is run through the parish and is not conducted by the schools. Students enrolled in the programme will have their learning during the preparation sessions supported in their RE and SRE classes at school.

The Sacramental Programme is open to all children baptised in the Catholic Church and whose family have made Sacred Heart Parish their primary place of worship. The school a child attends does not have a bearing on eligibility for participation in the programme. Children baptised in a Protestant, Anglican or Orthodox tradition ought to approach their own denomination for sacramental preparation.

Children baptised in an Eastern Catholic Rite, such as the Maronite or Melkite Rites, received confirmation at baptism. They are welcome to participate in the Sacramental Programme as a form of catechesis but cannot be 're-confirmed'. If they attend the Confirmation Mass, they can receive a blessing.

Baptised Catholics who have celebrated the sacraments of Penance (Reconciliation) and Eucharist are eligible to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. **Enrolment forms for Confirmation can be collected from the Parish Church while attending Mass during the period 25-26 July – 15-16 August 2020. Due to Covid19 the forms will be available also on our website to download for the same time period.** Enrolment forms are not available from the schools or Parish Office.

Important information about the Sacramental Programme is contained in a letter accompanying the enrolment form. This information includes relevant dates that you need to be aware of and to place in your diary.

If you require any further information, please contact the Parish Office during office hours.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walter J. Fogarty".

Fr Walter J Fogarty
Parish Priest



Australian Government

Department of Education, Skills and Employment

Dear parent / guardian / staff member

2020 Non-Government School Census collection notice

The Australian Government provides funding to Australian schools under the *Australian Education Act 2013* (AE Act). The AE Act and the associated *Australian Education Regulation 2013* (the AE Regulation) require that a school authority provides the Australian Government with certain information about the school, its staff, and student body to ensure the school's funding is properly calculated and appropriately managed. This information is collected by the Department of Education, Skills and Employment (the department) on behalf of the Australian Government.

What information does the department collect in the Non-Government Schools Census?

Any personal information collected is protected by law, including the *Privacy Act 1988*, and will be handled in accordance with that Act, the AE Act and the AE Regulation.

The authorities that operate schools, such as a Catholic Education Office or an independent school authority, will provide basic information about the school to the Australian Government. This includes its name, address, contact details and years of schooling offered.

The school authority must provide information to the department about the makeup of the school's staff and student body during an annual school census. This is because Australian Government funding varies according to whether students are primary, secondary, receiving distance education, or are overseas students and is calculated to provide additional funding, called 'loadings', for students at educational disadvantage.

The school authority must provide the department with information about the number of staff and students at the school (no names are provided), including the number of:

- teaching and non-teaching staff
- primary and secondary students
- full-time and part-time students
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff and students
- students with disability
- students receiving distance education
- boarding students
- overseas students.

The department will also collect the name, position and contact details of the staff member nominated as the primary contact for the annual census.

The authority is required to publish some of this information, and it is also published by the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) on the My School website at www.myschool.edu.au.

There may be circumstances in which a school authority will voluntarily provide personal information about individual students to the department. Where a student has not attended a school during the annual Census Reference Period, but the authority wishes to receive funding for them, the authority will provide the department with information about a student showing they meet funding criteria. The department does not require information that identifies an individual student and asks the authority to censor any documents before providing them. The department will destroy any documents it deems sensitive immediately upon receiving them.

Why is this information collected?

The department collects the information outlined above for the purposes of the AE Act, which include:

- calculation of Australian Government funding
- publishing and providing information about schools to the public.

The department also uses the information for research, statistical analysis, and policy development on school education for the Australian Government.

Aggregated information from the annual school census about the school's student body may also be used to validate data from other collections undertaken by the department, such as the Student Residential Address And Other Information Collection.

Who receives this information?

School authorities provide this information directly to the department. The department may in turn pass the information on to ACARA, state and territory education departments and authorities, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), and the Productivity Commission. Information passed to ACARA, state and territory education authorities, the ABS, and the Productivity Commission is used by those organisations for their public purposes. For example, the information collected from school authorities under the AE Act forms part of the national statistical collection maintained by the ABS.

From time to time, the department engages contractors to audit or verify school records to ensure that the information a school authority provides to the department on behalf of a school is accurate. The information previously collected by the department may also be passed onto these contractors for this purpose. When carrying out an audit, the contractors may need to access information about individual students from the school's records. This information may be 'personal information' within the meaning given in the *Privacy Act 1988*.

The contractors may pass this information onto officers within the department if there is a discrepancy in the data provided by the school and the school's records and further investigation is required.

The department will also provide the information to other organisations if required or authorised by law to do so. Other than in exceptional circumstances (for example, investigation of fraud relating to overseas students), the department does not disclose any of the personal information collected to overseas recipients.

Contacts for further information

If you have questions about the collection of information about schools by the Australian Government under the *Australian Education Act 2013*, please contact:

The Recurrent Assistance for Schools team at: schools@dese.gov.au.

You can get more information about the way in which the department will manage any personal information collected, including information on accessing or correcting that personal information, and how to make a complaint, in our full privacy policy at www.dese.gov.au/privacy or by requesting a copy from the department at privacy@dese.gov.au.