



Heartlinks Highlights Video

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MTP - Heartlinks Highlights - Helping My Child with Maths

In the Heartlinks Highlights video this week Mr Wallis, our Maths Lead Teacher and coach explains how to help your child develop number sense, including in counting and place value.

Kindergarten 2021 Orientation sessions

This week we commenced our Orientation program for students commencing Kindergarten at Mother Teresa Primary in 2021. This will continue with more sessions in the next few weeks. We were very impressed with our first groups of visitors and the Preschoolers were very excited to meet and spend some time with their Year 6 Buddy for next year.



Congratulations Mrs Maree Grainger!

This week, Mrs Grainger, our Lead Literacy teacher and literacy coach became a Grandmother for the first time. We would like to congratulate Mrs Grainger, her family and beautiful baby Ellie, we wish them all the very best for a wonderful future ahead!



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 begins to warm up 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.



"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:

- Wednesday, 11th November
- Friday, 13th November
Kindergarten 2021 Orientation Mornings
- Thursday, 12th November
Yr 7 Marist Orientation
- Friday, 13th November
Yr 7 McAuley Orientation
- 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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MTP Swimming Trials Postponed to early 2021

The NSW Government and CEDP will allow swimming trials to go ahead this term, however given the very strict COVID19 restrictions imposed, including no parents or carers as spectators in the pool area, we have made the decision to postpone our school swimming trials to early next year. Mrs Rachael Thompson, our Sport Coordinator will provide more information about the trials to be held very early in the school year 2021. As always, we will follow the relevant restrictions and guidelines of both the Government and the CEDP.

Information updates for families of students in Kindergarten to Year 5

This week all families received a form asking them to update any changes to their enrolment at MTP for 2021. As we have long waiting lists for every year, if your child will not be returning to Mother Teresa Primary for 2021 please contact the school office as soon as possible to let us know. Thank you for your cooperation.

Westmead Catholic Community Announcement

On Wednesday, Mr Greg Whitby, Executive Director, Diocese of Parramatta shared a communication with Parents, Students and Staff of the Westmead Catholic Community, including Mother Teresa Primary, indicating there will be a 12 month delay to the building project for the proposed new Primary School on the Darcy Rd site. The proposed opening for the new Primary School will now be 2024. Please find attached the letter shared with families on Wednesday.

Year 6 Mathematics Inquiry Project

This year, a group of our Year 6 students have been engaged in a Mathematics Inquiry Project under the guidance of CEDP Secondary Mathematics Teaching Educator, Mr Michael Dennis. It has been a great opportunity to engage in some very challenging mathematical problem solving and we thank Mr Dennis, the staff and students for the active engagement in this inquiry.



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.



LET the Children Come

But Jesus said, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not."

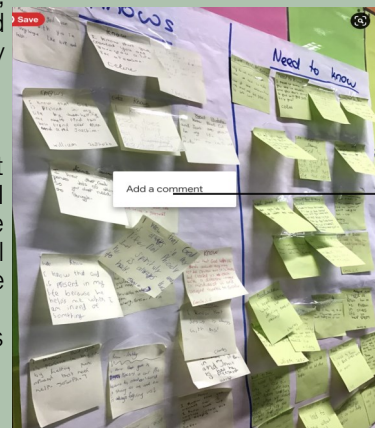
Our children's hearts seek and speak the truth.

Some of the inquiry questions examined by children from Primary this year: Yr3 & 4 "How is God present in my life?" "How am I merciful in my daily life?" "Why do people sometimes do the wrong thing?" "Why are people hungry in a world of plenty?" Year 5 & 6 have explored: "Why do bad things happen to good people?", "What is the nexus between prayer and Christian discipleship?" "What is my existential purpose in life?" "How do we find hope and joy?"

Here is a sample response on purpose in life from a Yr 6 student;

"I have come to the conclusion that every moment in my life is a special revelation about God, and the Holy Spirit feeds me with curiosity, understanding, strength, and devotion. I have a binding faith that helps me stay close to God in my everyday life. Living life beside God is my purpose. Showing worthiness to him and respect is the reason why we are all here. To try and move away from sin, and be a better version of myself. God created me for a reason."

I think you will agree that the Holy Spirit is alive in the opportunities this revised Religious Education Curriculum offers our children.



Important Dates:

- Friday, 20th November - Year 6 Camp Replacement day 8.45am - 9:00pm
- 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.

News In Sport

Term 4 PE has been busy, busy, busy. As part of the government Sporting Schools Program students have been participating in a variety of sporting programs during their scheduled PE lessons. Year 6, 5, 4 & 3 have been working with coaches from the Parramatta Eels Game Development team, with a focus on ball handling, scoring, passing/catching, kicking skills and game play.



Years 1 & 2 have been working with Netball NSW on their throwing and catching skill and increasing their knowledge of the game. These lessons will run from weeks 3-8 of this term. The students have had a very positive start to these lessons with smiles all round.

Rachael Thompson
PE Teacher.



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4 November 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Staff

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) is committed to creating more opportunities for local families to access a high-quality Catholic education through the Westmead Catholic Community. This important project will see state-of-the-art new school facilities built on Darcy Road. Sacred Heart Church will also relocate to the site. The new Primary school facilities were scheduled to open in 2023.

In assessing the ongoing financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, CEDP has been reviewing the timelines of all of its major school building projects. We are also aware of the financial challenges that COVID-19 has created for families in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta has responded to more than 2500 requests for financial assistance with school fees and it is anticipated that many families will continue to experience hardship in 2021. Supporting these students will remain a major priority.

With these considerations in mind, I am writing to let you know that there will now be a **one-year hold on the building work associated with this project** as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. While the building project will be on hold for one year, planning for the new facilities will continue according to the current timelines. Early works to support the project including a new three storey car park and pedestrian access upgrades were recently approved by City of Parramatta Council.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused as a result of the delay. The decision to place a temporary hold on the building project will mean that, subject to planning approval, the new facilities for the Primary school at the central location on Darcy Road are now planned to open in 2024. As always, Sacred Heart Parish Westmead and local Catholic schools will continue to work together to support the local community through faith, learning and outreach.

We will keep you updated on the progress of this important project in the months ahead.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gregory B Whitby'.

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2021 Team Sport Trials

Parramatta Diocese 2021 Information For Parents of **current** **Year 4 and Year 5 students**

2021 Registration portal open

Dear Parents,

Parramatta Diocesan Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2021 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term Four in 2020 and in 2021. It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is **strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in years 5 & 6 in 2021 be invited to attend**. To facilitate this, Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports:

PARRAMATTA TEAM SPORT TRIALS

Sport	Age Group	Trial Date	Nominations Open	Registration closing date
AFL	Open boys & girls	Feb 2021	Open 2 Nov 2020	Friday 29 th January 2021
Basketball	Open boys & girls	1 st December 2020	Open 2 Nov 2020	Monday 23 rd November 2020
Cricket	Open boys & girls	Feb – Mar 2021	Open 2 Nov 2020	Friday 5 th February 2021
Diving	10/11yrs & 12/13yrs boys & girls	Term One 2021	Nominations Open in 2021	Registration via CSNSW Sport in 2021
Football (Soccer)	Open boys & girls	Feb – Mar 2021	Open 2 Nov 2020	Friday 5 th February 2021
Golf	Open boys & girls	Term Three 2021	Nominations Open in 2021	Registration via CSNSW Sport in 2021
Hockey	Open boys & girls	Feb – Mar 2021	Open 2 Nov 2020	Friday 5 th February 2021
Netball	Open boys & girls	Feb – Mar 2021	Open 2 Nov 2020	Friday 5 th February 2021
Rugby League	Open boys & girls	Feb – Mar 2021	Open 2 Nov 2020	Friday 5 th February 2021
Rugby League	11yrs boys & girls	Feb – Mar 2021	Open 2 Nov 2020	Friday 5 th February 2021
Rugby Union	Open boys & girls	April 2021	Open 2 Nov 2020	Friday 5 th February 2021
Softball	Open boys & girls	April 2021	Open 2 Nov 2020	Friday 5 th February 2021
Tennis	Open boys & girls	27 th November 2020	Open 2 Nov 2020	Monday 23 rd November 2020
Touch Football	Open boys & girls	Feb – Mar 2021	Open 2 Nov 2020	Friday 29 th January 2021

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au ~ Click on "REP SELECTIONS" tab and scroll down to the **SPORT** you wish to register for and click on the "REGISTER" button below the heading "PDCPSSC Expression of Interest Registration Form". **Each sport has a different registration criteria.**

This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2021 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. You may complete this form to attend a selection trial or if you have been selected in a representative squad or team. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport and when completed, click **SUBMIT**.

Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST be approved by your child's school**. In order for your child to attend the nominated trial or event this may come down to the discretion of your school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated. **Please complete all fields and especially "Representative Experience"**.

Your child's school will notify you one week prior to the trial date if your child is to attend to the Parramatta Diocesan trial for their selected sport by providing a [CEDP Primary Sport Team Sport Trial Information sheet](#).

Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.

\$10.00 trialling fee is payable **to your school if your child has been approved and confirmed to attend the Parramatta Diocesan Trials.**

Tuesday, 3 November 2020



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2021 Team Sport Trials – COVID-19 Information

Parramatta Diocese 2021 Information For Parents of **current Year 4** and **Year 5** students

- The prevailing COVID Safe restrictions regarding school sport events and public gatherings will be observed at the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials
- Parents will be advised of the protocols to be followed according to the public health orders in force at that time of the trial.
- It is possible that this will restrict parent/spectator access to the venues as currently parents/spectators are not permitted at school events. Participating students will then remain in the care of the nominated Parramatta team managers for the duration of the trials.
- Parents/carers will be required to provide a mobile phone number that they will be able to be contacted on should they be required to return to the venue at any time.

Current CEDP Guide for Sport and Physical Activity guidelines that the following advice applies to all CEDP school sport and should be read in conjunction with the current NSW Health guidelines, NSW public health order, venue protocols and CEDP and school specific directives.

- The number of participants including staff and parents/guardians (if permitted) attending a facility must be limited to ensure compliance with external venue restrictions (one person per 4 square metres of space, 1.5m distancing and to a maximum of 500 people).
- Even if sporting competition occur in an external venue, if the sporting activity is held 'non-essential' adults should not attend.
- The use of public change rooms should be avoided wherever possible. Students should come to school wearing their sport uniform and appropriate footwear where possible.
- Shared travel arrangements such as car pooling should be avoided where possible.
- All sports or physical activities conducted must meet all recommendations listed in the [DoE Sport Safety Guidelines](#) including teacher/student ratios.
- Compliance with general COVID-19 restrictions concerning capacity / hygiene etc.
- **Currently, NO parents / spectators are permitted to attend school sport events. More detailed information will be provided for each individual sport trial via the Team Sport Trial Information sheet provided to approved students.**

COVID-19 Safety and Hygiene

The following hygiene measures will continue to apply to all sport and physical activities in schools:

- Practise good hygiene
- Staff and students are required to wash their hands prior to and at the conclusion of sport and physical activities. Encourage hand hygiene practices at regular intervals as required
- Maintain good respiratory hygiene
- Discourage spitting or clearing of nasal or respiratory secretions at all times. No shining of a cricket ball with sweat/saliva
- Do not undertake physical exercise if unwell - students should not attend school if they are unwell. If they become unwell during the day they should be collected by a parent/carer.
- Do not share items such as drink bottles or towels - Students should provide their own personal items such as water bottles, towels, clothing, etc as required for physical activities.
- Implement cleaning protocols - All sport and physical activity equipment (including shared equipment and clothing such as school sporting singlets and bibs) must be cleaned at the end of each session. Equipment and/or clothing that cannot be cleaned after each use must not be shared.
- Cleaning environments - Standard daily cleans as well as the cleaning of high touch areas should occur within sporting facilities, such as change rooms and in accordance with COVID-19 cleaning and sanitation requirements.
- Infection control - Apply standard precautions for infection control.
- Regular protocols for spills of blood and other bodily substances must be followed where any clothing, equipment and surfaces are contaminated by blood or other bodily fluid.
- Physical contact - shaking hands, high fives and hugging are to be avoided. Students must minimise any physical contact with others for the duration of a sport activity.

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2021 Team Sport Trials

PARRAMATTA TEAM SPORT TRIALS

The full day trials will be held for boys cricket, boys soccer, & rugby union.

Due to the popularity of boys cricket, boys soccer and netball a maximum of 2 students only are eligible to trial from each school. Selection of the 2 boys and girls will be made jointly by the school sport coordinator and principal. Discretion can be sought to the CEDP Teaching Educator Primary Sport.

Half day trial for AFL, netball, rugby league opens, rugby league 11 years & tennis

All other sport trials will be held after school beginning at 4pm.

MACKILLOP TRIAL

MacKillop Trials include students from Canberra/Goulburn, Parramatta, Sydney, Wagga Wagga & Wollongong dioceses. It should be noted that the main purpose of the MacKillop trial is to select a team to compete at the NSWPSSA Championships. The Inter-Diocesan MacKillop Trial is not a competition although a round robin format is often used to facilitate the selection procedure.

NSW PSSA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Children who are successful at being selected in the MacKillop team will compete at the NSWPSSA Championships. These championships involve three or four days of competition at various locations in NSW. Children selected in these teams may also be required to attend training sessions. At the NSW PSSA Championships a State team will be selected to participate at the School Sport Australia Inter State Exchange for some sports. Note that Rugby League 11 Years, there is no state team selected.

SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA

To be considered for selection in the NSWPSSA state team for participation at all School Sport Australia 12 Years & Under championships: Students must be turning between the ages of 10 and 12 in the year of competition i.e. Students turning the ages of 8, 9 and 13 in the year of competition are not eligible for NSWPSSA State selection.

Please note the following information:

- Parents are responsible for all transport and supervision arrangements and **must remain to supervise their child at the trial at all times.**
- Children need to generally be of representative standard.
- Attendance at training days, where applicable is compulsory.
- The selector's decisions are final.
- **Parents will need to make their own travel arrangements for children representing Parramatta at Inter-Diocesan MacKillop trials. This may mean travel to Sydney, Wollongong, Canberra, Wagga or Forbes.**
- Please be aware that the teacher conducting the trial and accompanying the team to the venue is a "Team Manager" ~ not a coach.

If you would like your child to participate in one of the Parramatta Diocesan trials **please complete the Team Online Registration Form** that can be accessed via the website www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au ~ Click on "REP SELECTIONS" tab and scroll down to the SPORT you wish to register for and click on the "REGISTER" button below the heading "PDCPSSC Expression of Interest Registration Form".

SUMMER SPORTS NOMINATIONS for the sports of Basketball & Tennis close Monday 23rd November 2020.

AFL NOMINATIONS close Friday 29th January 2021.

ALL OTHER SPORTS NOMINATIONS close Friday 5th February 2021.

Information regarding the Team sport trials can be found on the Primary Sport website please ensure you are familiar with the COVID-19 procedures and protocols www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au and the [Primary Sport Parramatta Diocese Facebook](#).

Good luck to all athletes as they progress through the School Sports Pathway.

Kind Regards,

Margaret Thornton Teaching Educator Primary Sport ~ CEO Parramatta

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