



Heartlinks Highlights Video

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MTP Heartlinks Highlights Video - Celebration of Learning

Our final Heartlinks Highlights video for this term is the compilation of the 'Celebration of Learning' videos. Each grade received their individual videos yesterday and this compilation is a snapshot of some of the learning that has been happening in every grade this term. Thank you to Mr Scott Mortimer for your assistance in putting each grade video together.

Holy Week and Easter

This week every grade has participated in leading us all in prayer as we remember the events of Holy Week. Thank you so much to the parents who were able to join us in prayer.

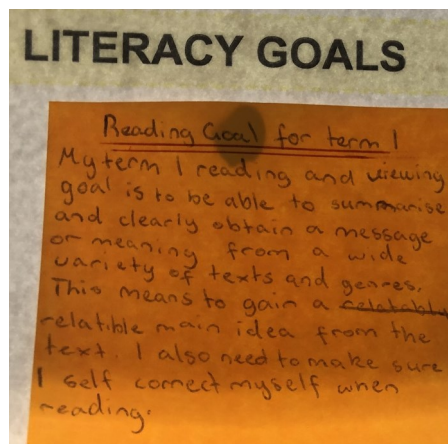
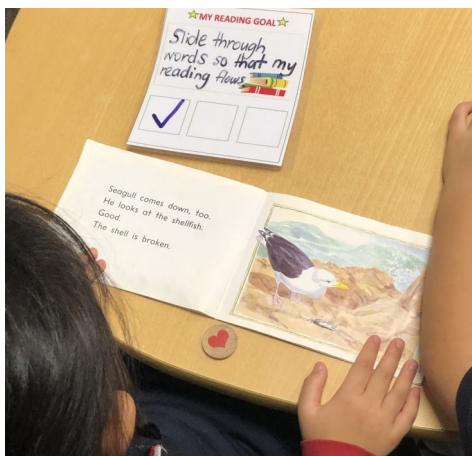
I would also like to wish all of our MTP families a very happy and Holy Easter. May the joy of the Risen Christ fill our hearts with joy and peace. You are warmly invited to join us for a whole school Mass on Thursday 22nd April at 9am in the Morey Centre to celebrate Easter. (If current COVID restrictions apply on this date, we will ask parents to scan in using our QR code when they attend Mass).

Kindergarten Enrolments MTP 2022

Thank you to all the families who submitted applications for younger siblings for Kindergarten 2022. Emails have been sent out this week with invitations to interview early next term. Our first round letters of offer will be sent out shortly after the interview process is complete.

Readers and Writers at MTP

We have fantastic readers and writers at MTP - The Premier's Reading Challenge is a great way to encourage reading over the school holiday period. Our goal this term as a school was that every student knew their individual reading goal and made growth over the term. Below are a couple of examples of students being able to identify their next step in their learning.



"Only God knows our true needs."

St Teresa of Kolkata

Important Dates:

- **Thursday, 1st April**
Last day of Term 1 (Holy Thursday)
- **Monday, 19th April**
First day of Term 2
- **Tuesday, 20th April**
Kindergarten Excursion—Sydney Zoo

• 20th March to 24 April 2021.

Sacramental Program at Sacred Heart Parish for the Preparation of First Eucharist:

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Enrolment forms are not available from the schools or the Parish Office.

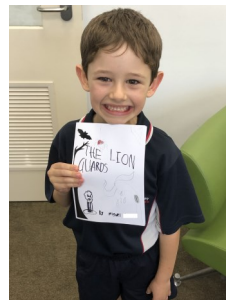
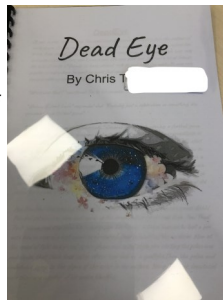


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"In purchasing your child's tuckshop order online through Welcomeasy, you are contracting directly with the supplier. You are responsible for checking that the ingredients of what you order are not incompatible with your child's sensitivities or health issues. Please ensure you check the disclaimers in the supplier's website.

If in doubt you should contact the supplier."

Every week at assembly I get to promote a great book and share with the students of MTP our 'pass-it-on' books. Writing at MTP is also VERY important and our students are encouraged to use their 'creative minds' to publish their own great ideas into books. Throughout this term there has been an **amazing** number of students, some individually, some working in collaboration, who have had their books published and a copy of their book presented at our Monday morning assembly as the 'pass-it-on' book of the week. Keep up the great work MTP students and keep those creative writing juices flowing over the holidays. We are very excited about a week long 'Writer's Festival' to be held at MTP later this year as well as some Book Week related celebrations. More details will be shared with families next term.



Holy Week is the most important celebration of the Church.

It remembers how Jesus loved us so much that He gave His life for us.

It helps us recall the journey towards the most important celebration of our Faith.

Every morning this week we have been led in prayer by each grade. This representation of the story has helped us to visualise the events and challenged us to reflect on the Lenten Promises we have made. Thank you to those who have been able to pray with us.

All parents are welcome to join us for our celebration of Easter with a whole school Mass in the Morley Centre on Thursday 22nd April at 9am.

Thank you to our generous and kind Mother Teresa Community for the donations that have been sent to be distributed to our friends at JRS. This is truly a sign that we are following in the way of Jesus.

Easter Blessings to you all. Stay safe and enjoy the break with family and friends.

Gaye Dennis (Acting REC)



Important Dates:

- **Last day of Term 1**—(Holy Thursday) 1st April
- **First day of Term 2**—Monday, 19th April
- **Whole School Mass**—Easter - Thursday, 22nd April 9am
- **Year 6 camp**—Thursday, 29th and Friday, 30th April

WHS - Site safety

- Thank you for your cooperation with the Kiss and Drop in the mornings and afternoons - the use of the second 'Kiss and Drop' zone has helped alleviate traffic in the mornings.
- A reminder that the use of the Staff Carpark in the afternoons requires ALL MTP families using this facility in the afternoons to be vigilant about safety - this means **holding your child's hand** whenever you are in the staff car park. Please be respectful of the High School staff as this is a shared facility.

Mindquest 2021

Glenwood High School
Cnr Forman Ave and Glenwood Park Dr

Saturday, 22nd May & Sunday, 23rd May

On Saturday, 22nd May and Sunday, 23rd May 2021 the NSW Talent Enrichment Weekend MindQuest will be held for primary students from Years 1-6 at Glenwood High School. These include gifted and high potential students, gifted underachievers and students with above average ability with a special interest. They will have an opportunity to participate in over 37 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, 3D printing, lego robotics, art and much, much more. Most of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students' evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience. The cost of the weekend is \$210 (including GST).

Contact your school for a brochure or Shelagh Poray—02 4959 7148

Closing Date: Friday, 23rd April 2021

Sporting News

End of Term Wrap Up

What an amazing beginning for our sporting year this term has been! There have been many things going on throughout the term including our selected year 5 & 6's bravely participating in Diocesan Sporting trials, our mighty swimmers in the Diocesan swimming events, our very own MTP school Cross Country Carnival as well as trials for MTP Stage 3 Soccer teams ahead of the upcoming Diocesan Gala Day to be held in the later half of term 2.

I am proud to announce the 2021 MTP Cross Country Team:

Oliver M, Elias S, Aaron K, Joseph A, Giovanni B, Lilliana N, Caitlin R, Evie H, Marcus S, Christopher N, Anthony H, Cooper S, Dean S, Aayushi G, Victoria A, Logan S, Charbel S, Phoenix S, Jacob B, Alessia M, Monique D, Isabell K, Eve R, Alex N, Lucas J, Sebastian H, Jacob N, Joseph R, Jarod D, Sienna M, Auriella E, Alexis B, Ella S, Jheszrean M, Issac B, Austin S, Hunter P & Willan G, Aarohi G, Marcella R.

Congratulations to those students! Notes will be sent home closer to the event which will be held Wednesday Week 3 Term 2 (weather permitting) at Eastern Creek Motor Sport Park.

For all the latest dates and information for diocesan sports and gala days please check the [PDCPSSC website](#).

Rachael Thompson Sport Coordinator & PE teacher.



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12 March 2021

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 who received Eucharist when they were baptised, for example within the Melkite or Coptic Rites, are welcome to participate in the Sacramental Programme as a form of catechesis. They are welcome to attend the First Eucharist Mass but as one who has already received Eucharist, therefore they will not be celebrating their First Eucharist.

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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 (10am-4pm Tuesday – Friday).


Yours in Christ,



Fr Walter J Fogarty
Parish Priest

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Parents Representative Council
Diocese of Parramatta
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Parent's Representative Council School Representative

Role of the PRC School Rep and Alternate Rep

The Parents Representative Council (PRC) is the peak parent body that represents and supports parents, families and caregivers of students enrolled in all Primary and Secondary Catholic Schools within our Diocese.

The PRC works in collaboration with the Bishop, the Executive Director of schools, Parish Priests and Catholic School Principals and School Parent Bodies in providing additional support to families throughout their child's learning journey within the Catholic Education System.



Every Primary and Secondary Catholic School in the Diocese of Parramatta can have one PRC Parent Rep and an Alternate Parent represented. These Representatives speak on behalf of their School's Parent Body and community representing their Parents within the PRC. This provides the important two-way communication between local school parent communities, their local school and the greater Diocesan Parent body of the PRC.

The appointment of School Reps and Alt Reps is the responsibility of the school principal or their delegate. The appointment of roles should be made with consultation of the school parent body.

The School Reps and Alt Reps primary role is one of communication and building close partnerships with School leadership team and school parent body and PRC cluster leaders and executive.

The PRC School Representative are encouraged to:

- When available attend the PRC General Meetings held once a Term. PRC meetings are held in each Term on Monday Week 6 of the School Term. These meetings consist of Executive Committee Members reports by the President, Treasurer, Secretary and the Council of Catholic School Parents Representative. Guest speakers with relevant up to date educational issues are provided. These speakers will range from a keynote presentation of a Professional Academic, Wellbeing Subject Expert, Educational Leader, Psychologist and/or an Educational Leader within the Catholic Education Office Parramatta.
- Liaise with their school community about the work of the PRC – report back to their parent bodies on the term meetings, content, speakers and issues that were raised.
- Liaise with their Cluster leader and attend Cluster Meetings if necessary. Cluster meetings/gatherings are held prior to the PRC Term Meeting or via zoom. These meetings are led by a Parent Cluster Leader. School Reps have the opportunity to network with other parent reps within the geographical area of their own school. Hear about the work of other parent bodies and parents in your area.
- Disseminate information to their school about upcoming meetings, speakers etc. and encourage other parents to attend with them. Information should be disseminated through their school's parent meetings, newsletter, website and social media site etc.
- Provide feedback to the PRC on type of presenters, topics and relevant educational and parenting issues that they or their school may want to hear about.
- Nominate to become further involved in parent leadership and collaboration by becoming a member of the Executive Committee of the PRC.





Festival of Democracy at
the Parliament of NSW
these April school holidays

Friday 16 April

9 am – 10.20 am

10.30 am – 11.50 am

12 pm – 1.20 pm

1.30 pm – 3 pm

(book for an 80 minute session)

Celebrate democracy in Australia's
oldest Parliament with free, fun
activities for children and their
families from 4 to 12 years.

- Vote in an election
- Make a speech in the historic
Parliamentary chamber
- Play democracy hopscotch
- Listen to storytellers
- Make craft animals and objects
- Enter the mystery object competition
- Visit the historic rooms
- Chat with Henry Parkes

This is a COVID-safe event.



FREE ENTRY (timed)
Activities 9 am to 3 pm

LOCATION
Parliament of New South Wales,
6 Macquarie Street
Opposite Martin Place

The public café will be open.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL



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E: communityengagement@parliament.nsw.gov.au