



Heartlinks Highlights Video

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MTP Heartlinks Highlights Video - Genius Hour

As you know, an important part of our approach to learning at Mother Teresa Primary is allowing students to participate in inquiry - inquiry learning is a part of our approach to Investigative Play in Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2 however our Primary students from Years 3 to 6 also have the opportunity to participate in an inquiry of their choice during *Genius Hour*. The video this week has been prepared by Mrs Katherine Stennett and explains the history of genius hour and our planning for genius hour this term.

Congratulations Mrs Maria Boyd - Invitation to Liturgy of the Word - Friday, 18th June—9.30am

As announced last week, Mrs Maria Boyd has announced her retirement effective from Term 3, 2021. Mrs Maria Boyd is the REC (Religious Education Coordinator) at Mother Teresa Primary. This year, Mrs Boyd has taken terms one and two as long service leave. Mrs Boyd has made the decision, after many decades of loyal service to Catholic Education in the Diocese of Parramatta, to move into retirement. Last term Mrs Boyd was very proud to welcome her first great-grandchild into the family and whilst she will miss her vocation to Catholic Education she is very much looking forward to having more time to spend with her own family.

As Mrs Boyd was a foundation member of Mother Teresa Primary we will have the opportunity to acknowledge the service of Mrs Boyd at a whole school Liturgy of the Word to be celebrated on **Friday 18th June at 9.30am - all parents and carers are welcome to join us for this liturgy.**

Whilst Mrs Boyd has been on long service leave this year, Mrs Gaye Dennis has been our acting REC. Now that Mrs Boyd has made the decision to retire, this position will be publicly advertised and a short-listing and interview process will take place during this term. Once a permanent REC has been appointed for Mother Teresa Primary, the information will be conveyed to the community.

Mary Our Mother/Mother's Day Liturgy of the Word and Stall

On **Friday 7th May at 9am** we are inviting parents and carers to join us for a Liturgy of the Word to celebrate Mary Our Mother and acknowledge all of the Mums in our MTP community. Parents are asked to email the office to indicate their attendance at the liturgy. It is essential that any parents attending sign in using the QR code which will be made available at the entrance. Physical distancing guidelines will also need to be followed during the liturgy. Following the liturgy, all parents and carers are invited to read a book with their child in the playground and have recess together with your child. All students will then return to their normal learning blocks following recess at 11.05am, so we ask that no student be taken home early unless of course there is an important prior appointment. The Mother's Day Stall will also be operating on this day and the children will have the opportunity to purchase a small gift for Mum on this day.



"God is a father who forgives. His mercy is greater than our sin. He will forgive our sin-but let us try not to commit the sin again.."

St Teresa of Kolkata

Important Dates:

- **Friday, 7th May**
 Mary Our Mother / Mother's Day Liturgy—9:00am
- **Friday, 7th May**
 Mother's Day Stall
- **Wednesday, 16th June**
 Celebration of Learning—3 time slots—4:30pm / 5:00pm / 5:30pm (Registration required)
- **Wednesday, 16th June**
 Parent University—Mathematics—6:00pm (Registration Required)
- **Friday, 18th June**
 Farewell Liturgy—Mrs Maria Boyd 9:30am
- **Thursday, 24th June**
 Last day—Term 2
- **Friday, 25th June**
 Staff Development Day—No Students at school



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Kindergarten Enrolments MTP 2022

It has been a pleasure to meet new and existing families at Mother Teresa Primary through our Kindergarten enrolment interviews over the past two weeks. Letters of offers will be issued shortly and acceptance of these offers need to be received at school by the 14th May. Our current Year 6 student leaders have once again done an outstanding job of welcoming our new families and talking about our approach to Catholic Education at Mother Teresa Primary - thank you Year 6!

Congratulations Miss Gabriella Oliveri

Miss Gabriella Oliveri will be married this weekend and will be returning to Mother Teresa Primary in 2021 as Mrs Gabriella Patane. From Friday 30th April until Friday 14th May KLS2 will be taught by Miss Jacinta Dagher. Miss Dagher will continue with the normal Kindergarten teaching program and will of course continue to work closely together with Miss Elise Sherry in KLS1. The Kindergarten Coordinator, Mrs Gaye Dennis will also continue to work with Kindergarten students and teachers as usual during this time. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Miss Oliveri and her fiance, Ricardo on their upcoming wedding. We wish them both a lifetime of love and happiness.

Staffing Updates

MLS1 - As you are aware, MLS1 is taught by Mrs Jody Sultana (3 days a week) and Ms Annmaree Hudson (2 days a week). Ms Hudson has taken up a position on the Diversity team at St Francis of Assisi, Glendenning commencing Week 5 of this term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Hudson for her hard work with Year 3 (MLS1) so far this year and I wish her all the very best in her new role at Glendenning. Mrs Jody Sultana has accepted the offer to teach MLS1 for another day each week and her new days will be Monday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday. Mrs Rebecca Eid will be taking MLS1 every Tuesday for the remainder of the year. Mrs Eid is an experienced teacher in the Diocese and I am very grateful to her for joining us in this capacity for the remainder of the year.

JLS3 - Maternity Leave - Congratulations Mrs Melissa Vella - Mrs Melissa Vella will be eagerly awaiting the birth of her first child later in Term 2. Mrs Vella will commence her Parental leave beginning Week 4 of this term. I am delighted to announce that Miss Jennifer Younes has been appointed as the class teacher for JLS3 for the remainder of the year. Miss Younes will have the opportunity to work closely with Mrs Vella over the next week as she takes over this role. Our Year Two teachers also work closely together and Miss Lo Giudice in JLS4 will also continue with the normal Year Two program. Our Learning Support teacher, Ms Joanne Beamish and Literacy Leader/Stage Coordinator, Mrs Maree Grainger will continue to support students in their literacy learning. Mr Owen Wallis, our Numeracy Leader, will continue to support the students with their numeracy.

Welcome back Mrs Rita Ghaby and Mrs Kirstie Edwards

We are delighted to welcome back to MTP Mrs Ghaby and Mrs Edwards who have both had time off with their new babies. Mrs Ghaby and Mrs Edwards will be taking on some casual and temporary teaching roles over the next few months.

Celebrations and community gatherings moving forward

It was great to have so many parents and carers join us last week for our Easter Mass in the Morley Centre. I'm sure everyone who was part of our community for this Mass would agree that the singing was outstanding and the children were very reverent and respectful.

As the current COVID19 restrictions in relation to school gatherings allow 100 external visitors indoors and 200 visitors outdoors, we are hoping to return to 'in person' *Celebration of Learning and Parent University* this term. As *Parent University* is an indoor gathering in one place, parents will need to be registered to attend to ensure we can follow the COVID safety plan and current restrictions on physical distancing. Information about registering for the Parent University will be shared closer to the date.

The 'Celebration of Learning', where parents are invited to see their child's Learning Studio and are led on a tour of the studio by their child, will also have to be **timed and registered**, as with all grades and Learning Studio spaces, the COVID restrictions about physical distancing will need to be maintained. More information about registering for the 'Celebration of Learning' and the 'Parent University' will be shared with parents soon.

At this stage we plan on holding three time slots for the Celebration of Learning on Wednesday 16th June at 4.30pm, 5pm or 5.30pm. The Parent University for Term 2 will focus on Mathematics and will be at 6pm, also on Wednesday 16th June, for those parents interested.

Winter School Uniform

A reminder that students are required to wear full winter uniform in Term 2. All students must wear full winter uniform from **Monday, 3rd May**. If families require uniforms, you need to purchase them directly from [OZ Fashions, 115-127 Parramatta Road, Granville](#). Uniforms are available 6 days per week during the following hours: **Monday to Friday 9:00am-5:30pm and Saturday 9:00am-4:00pm**





We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song! It has been some time since Easter Sunday but we are still in the season of Easter. Easter is a time of great joy, and indeed the signs of joy abound at Easter Sunday – white vestments, an abundance of flowers, joyful singing of the Alleluia. But we sometimes forget that, liturgically, the feast of Easter lasts for 50 days, and that, practically, we are called to be an Easter people every day of our lives. People should be able to see in our words and actions the joy and happiness that goes with this title

This term we are focussing on the following Cycles in Religious Education:

Kindergarten - How is God the Father present to all in our world?

Year 1 and 2 - How can I show love towards my neighbour?

Year 3 and 4 - How do we live on prayer?

Year 5 and 6 - What does it mean for humans to think about their thinking?

In each Heartlinks Newsletter we will shine a spotlight on what is being discussed in each stage and how this learning is bringing us closer to Jesus.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like further clarification on what your child is learning in Religious Education.

Alleluia!

Mrs Gaye Dennis

Acting REC

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- Friday, 7th May 9am - Mary Our Mother/Mother's Day liturgy
- Friday, 7th May - Mother's Day Stall for students
- Last day of Term 1 - Thursday, 24th June (SDD on Friday 25th June - no students)
- Farewell liturgy for Mrs Maria Boyd - Friday, 18th June 9.30am
- Celebration of Learning - 3 time slots - Wednesday, 16th June (4.30pm or 5pm or 5.30pm) - registration required
- Parent University - Mathematics - Wednesday, 16th June 6pm - registration required

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.