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### Heartlinks Highlights Video

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#### MTP Heartlinks Highlights Video - Student Reflections

Very soon parents will be receiving their child's half-yearly report. As part of our reports, every child has the opportunity to reflect and communicate the learning they are proud of so far this year and also what aspect of learning they have found the most challenging. In our Heartlinks Highlights video this week, our MTP students get to share some of these reflections on their learning.

#### Farewell to Mrs. Maria Bovd

Earlier this term, Mrs Maria Boyd 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. Earlier this year 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 prayer to be celebrated on Friday, 18th June at 9.30am - all parents and carers are welcome to join us for this prayer in the Morley Centre.

#### Parent Reading Helpers at MTP

On Tuesday, 22nd June at 8.40am we will be running a Parent Reading Helpers course for any parents willing to help out at school with reading support. The content is also suitable for parents who are just interested in supporting their own child with reading. The content will be very similar to the content covered in our Term One Parent University on Reading. If you are interested in signing up as a Parent Reading Helper and you have been a reading helper in previous years, we would love to have you back for this refresher course before we begin support in school next term.

#### TTFM (Tell Them From Me) - closes Friday, 25th June

Every year, every school in the Diocese invites students, staff and parents to provide feedback to each school about their school community. The TTFM (Tell Them From Me) survey is voluntary but it would be greatly appreciated if as many parents as possible participate in this survey. The TTFM survey period is Monday 31st May to Friday 25th June. Parents are asked some questions which are rated on a scale and there is also an optional open ended response available for parents to provide feedback. Whilst the responses are anonymous, please note that the open text question in the surveys is read by principals only. Any detailed information in the open text could potentially identify the respondent so generic comments are recommended. I thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this once a year survey. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL here: http://tellthemfromme.com/ zpnts



"Hunger is not only for a piece of bread. Hunger is for love".

St Teresa of Kolkata

#### **Important Dates:**

- Saturday, 12th—Sunday, 13th June to Saturday, 17th - Sunday, 18th July Enrolment forms for Confirmation can be collected from the Parish Church while attending Mass. Please see attached information.
- 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
- Monday, 21st June Year 1 & Year 2 Excursion
- Wednesday, 23rd June Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day
- Thursday, 24th June Last day—Term 2
- Friday, 25th June Staff Development Students at school

Day—No

 Monday, 12th July First day—Term 3

## **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."

#### Term 2 Parent University - Mathematics - Wednesday, 16th June—6:00pm

We will be running an 'in person' Parent University this term, as we did last term. As Parent University is an indoor gathering, parents will need to be registered to attend to ensure we can follow the COVID safety plan and current restrictions on physical distance. Parents can register by either emailing the school office (<a href="mailto:motherteresa@parra.catholic.edu.au">motherteresa@parra.catholic.edu.au</a>) or by phoning the school office 8841 2600. The evening will be an opportunity to share ideas on ways to assist your child with Mathematics knowledge, skills and understanding at home. We will also be discussing the importance of our attitude and approach to Mathematics with an open mind. We look forward to seeing you there.

#### Term 2 'Celebration of Learning' - Wednesday 16th June in 3 sessions (4:30pm or 5:00pm or 5:30pm)

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 <u>timed and registered</u>, as with all grades and Learning Studio spaces, the COVID restrictions about physical distancing will need to be maintained. We are holding three time slots for the Celebration of Learning on Wednesday 16th June at 4.30pm, 5pm or 5.30pm. Letters and codes for booking into one of these sessions have been shared in previous weeks, and another copy of this letter with booking codes for the Celebration of Learning has been attached to this copy of the school newsletter.

#### Midyear Parent-Student-Teacher interviews - zoom or online

Earlier this week, every family received an information letter about the Parent-Student-Teacher interviews coming up at the end of the term. The information letter contained a code for parents to book online. Please note, JLS3 (Year 2) parents have already had their interviews before Mrs Vella left on Maternity leave, so you are not required to book in for another interview.

#### Last Day of Term 2 - Thursday, 24th June

As advertised previously in our school newsletter, our last day for Term 2 will be <u>Thursday the 24th June</u>. The MTP staff will be joining staff from Sacred Heart Primary, Westmead, and Fr Walter for a combined Spirituality Day on Friday 25th June. The first day of Term 3 is Monday 12th July.

Winter can be brutal. Whilst many of us have the comfort of warm homes, safe families, and hearty meals to look forward to during the long cold dark season, many Australians are not so fortunate.

Homelessness is a grim reality for so many in our community. This year Mother Teresa Primary, led by the Mini-Vinnies Team, are focussing on supporting the Vinnies Van.

The Vinnies Van provides friendship, compassion and dignity to those experiencing homelessness and social isolation in the Parramatta area. It operates 364 days per year and provided 8,790 meals last year. Our donations will help to stock their supplies and create ready-made snack packs to give out to the most vulnerable.

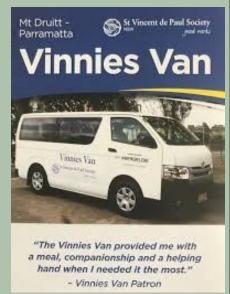
Items needed are...

- Popper juice
- · Cans of tuna
- Cuppa soup/sachet soup
- Noodles
- Le Snak/Cheese Dippits;
- · Packet of chips;
- Packet of sultanas;
- Fruit cup;
- Packet of biscuits (e.g. single serve Tiny Teddies);
- Muesli bar (nut-free) Please note: muesli bars must be chewy e.g. Uncle Toby's Choc Chip Bars

"I see Jesus in every human being. I say to myself, this is hungry Jesus, I must feed him. This is sick Jesus. This one has leprosy or gangrene; I must wash him and tend to him. I serve because I love Jesus." Mother Teresa

God Bless. Mrs Gaye Dennis Acting REC







#### Important Dates:

- Farewell liturgy for Mrs Maria Boyd Friday, 18th June 9:30am
- Parent Reading Helpers refresher course Tuesday, 22nd June 8:40am
- Celebration of Learning 3 time slots Wednesday, 16th June (4:30pm or 5:00pm or 5:30pm) registration required
- Parent University Mathematics Wednesday, 16th June 6pm registration required please email the school your RSVP if you would like to attend all parents and carers are very welcome to join us.
- Last day of Term 2 Thursday, 24th June (SDD on Friday 25th June no students)
- First day of Term 3 Monday, 12th July

#### WHS - Site safety

- Please DO NOT leave your driver's seat of your vehicle in the "Kiss and Drop" zone a friendly reminder, the "Kiss and Drop" zone in the mornings and afternoons is only for drop off and pick up. If you need to get out of the driver's seat to assist your child in or out of the car, please do not use the "Kiss and Drop" zone you can park in the visitor's carpark and then walk your child across the road. This also applies to students using the boot to retrieve or place bags in the back staff and students have been instructed not to stand in between cars to do this, as it is a very dangerous practice if you need to access the boot of your car PLEASE park your car in the visitor car park.
- Please do not park in the disabled car parking spots in either the staff car park or the visitor car park unless, of
  course, you have a valid disabled parking sticker. We have several families across the site (Mother Teresa, McAuley
  and Marist) whose families require the disabled parking, as they have a student with a disability thank you for your
  understanding with this matter.

#### Sports News

The NSWCPSCCC Cross Country event at Sydney Motorsport Park took place on Tuesday, 8th June with MTP represented by Lucus J (Yr 3) in the 2KM event. Lucus faced some serious competition, but has once again made us very proud. Out of a group of the region's best 60 runners, Lucus placed 12th overall. This is a sensational result and our whole school community applauds! Congratulations Lucus.



#### MTP Athletics

On Monday, 7th June MTP students aged 8-12 participated in our annual Track and Field events on campus to determine the 2021 MTP Athletics team ahead of next terms Dicocesan Carnival. Students participated in the 100m, 800m and the Long Jump. Every group that participated were enthusiastic, excited and some admittedly very nervous! It was a marvellous day with the weather agreeing with us, and all students trying their very best to better their times and jumps. We will continue with the remaining events, Shot Put and Discus during PE lessons with results to come very soon. Many thanks to the staff and helpers on the day who make these events possible.

Coming Up...... Stage three Boys Soccer Gala Day Wednesday, 23rd June at Jamison Park





## **Book Online - Celebration of Learning**

Dear Parents.

This term we are planning on inviting parents into the Learning Studios for our end of term "Celebration of Learning". Our MTP "Celebration of Learning" is an opportunity for your child to showcase their learning throughout Term 2 and show you around their Learning Studio. Due to the need to share out the visitors on site across the 90 minute period we are asking parents to book into one of the sessions for the Celebration of Learning at either **4.30pm**, **5pm** or **5.30pm**. The child-led tours of Learning Studios usually take between 10 and 15 minutes. If you have 1 or 2 children at MTP, booking one session will suffice. If you have more than 2 children at MTP you will need to book into more than one session.

If 2 parents are attending, please choose 2 slots per session/sessions needed.

## Wednesday, 16th June 2021

You can now book Celebration of Learning at times that suit YOUR FAMILY BEST.

BOOKINGS CLOSE: Tuesday, 15th June 2021 at 3:00pm

Looking forward to your continued partnership.

Staff of Mother Teresa Primary

#### Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au:

Enter THIS school event code. Then follow the 3 simple steps.











When you click *finish*, your interview time link will be emailed to you automatically check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email.

You can return to <a href="www.schoolinterviews.com.au">www.schoolinterviews.com.au</a> at any time, and change your Parent – Teacher meetings - until bookings close.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION:-

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If you are having difficulty booking your times or unable to attend your Parent – Teacher meeting, please contact the school office on 8841 2600 or email motherteresa@parra.catholic.edu.au.



# Book Parent – Teacher/Parent/Student Zoom or Onsite Meetings

Dear Parents.

We are organising for families to have 15 minute **Parent – Teacher - Student Conferences** either face-to-face onsite or via Zoom online.

This is also a wonderful opportunity to share your hopes and answer any questions you may have. We will be using an "online" booking system for all our Parent – Teacher - Student Meetings.

Please Note: JLS3 parents do not need to book in for interviews, as these have already been completed.

## Monday, 21st June 2021 - Thursday, 24th June 2021

You can now book Parent - Teacher - Student meetings at times that suit YOUR FAMILY BEST.

BOOKINGS CLOSE: Friday, 18th June 2021 at 12:00pm

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11 July 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 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 12-13 June – 17-18 July 2021. 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,

Fr Walter J Fogarty

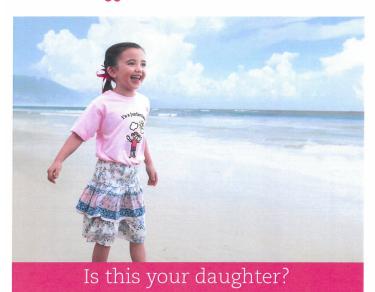
Parish Priest











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## OPEN DAY – Saturday June 19

New venue opening in the Willoughby area!

Also accepting Semester 2 enrolments for our rehearsal venues in Balgowlah, Beecroft Haberfield, Kellyville, North Parramatta, North Ryde, St Ives and Waverley.



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