

25th June 2021



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Heartlinks Highlights Video

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MTP Heartlinks Highlights Video - Parent University Mathematics

Last week we held our Term 2 Parent University on Mathematics. We were joined by Mr. Michael Dennis and a very bright group of parents as we looked at our 2021 Learning Goal and also at the teaching of Mathematics and ways to support our children at home - we even got to do a bit of Maths thinking ourselves! In the video this week, you can find a summary of the ideas and information we shared during our Parent University.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of the Mother Teresa Primary students a restful and safe holiday, full of lots of reading, writing and learning. Many thanks to all of the Mother Teresa Primary staff for their efforts again throughout Term 2. See you all back at school on Monday 12th July.

Farewell to Mrs. Maria Boyd

Last Friday we had a beautiful farewell to Mrs. Maria Boyd who is retiring from teaching and farewelling Mother Teresa Primary. It was wonderful to hear the combined school choir of MTP students, Catherine McAuley High School students and Marist students sing some of the songs Mrs. Boyd wrote for our school, including our school song, "In the footsteps of Mother Teresa". The singing of our final song in the prayer service and the waving of ribbons was a fitting tribute to mark the end of a long career and association with Mother Teresa Primary. Many thanks to Mrs. Gaye Dennis for the planning and preparation of this prayer celebration, Mrs. Rebecca Romanous and Mrs. Stephanie Estephan for their arrangement of the music for the school choir and to Mrs. Aimee Anotun, Mrs. Natalie Sassine, Mrs. Louise Bucholtz and Miss Victoria Divine for their support with the MTP school choir. Many thanks to Mrs. Fiona Carroll from Parramatta Marist High for leading the combined schools choir.









"Do the humble things with love and it will open the doors for others!".

St Teresa of Kolkata

Important Dates:

- Saturday, 12th—Sunday, 3th 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.
- Friday, 25th June Staff Development Students at school

Day-No

 Monday, 12th July First day—Term 3

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Congratulations Year 6 - St.Vincent de Paul Winter Sleepout

Last Friday night, our brave Year 6 students participated in the St. Vincent de Paul winter sleepout overnight at school. This was a social justice initiative where the students got to experience, for just one night, what it is like to be homeless. The students also had the opportunity to collate donations for the homeless, which were provided by our MTP students throughout the term for the winter appeal. Thank you all for your generosity. Thank you to Mrs. Gaye Dennis, Mr. Scott Mortimer and Miss. Violet Elkhoury who were also very brave and slept out overnight with our Year 6 students.

Term 2 'Celebration of Learning'

The 'Celebration of Learning', was held last week and it was an exciting opportunity for the students to share their learning and take parents on a tour of the Learning Studios. Thank you all so much for your participation - we were overwhelmed with the response! The students and teachers can feel very proud of the effort they put into presenting their learning.



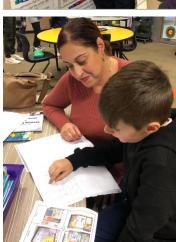
















"Charity isn't about pity, it is about love." Mother Teresa

Last Friday night, Year 6 and some brave teachers spent the night on the cold, hard floor in the Yr6 rooms of MTP to raise awareness for Homelessness. They did not have a soft bed. They did not have a warm house. They had limited access to blankets. They were even a little hungry after only having a meager meal. During the event they explored what it means to be homeless and how we can assist others by sharing what we are lucky enough to have.

Yr 6 spent time putting together all the donations that were generously given for the Vinnies Van Snack Packs. These have been donated and the volunteers were overwhelmed with the generosity of our community.

Thank you to everyone for your tremendous support of this initiative. If there is anyone who would like to make a monetary donation, the link is still open to support this experience.

https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/vinnies-school-sleepouts/mother-teresa-primary-winter-appeal-2021

Dear God, show us all the way forward Into this world you love, To be your hands and heart, To respond with willingness and humility, To love and share as you have loved and shared.

Send us all to the edges, Give us all the grace to stand beside Those who are voiceless, marginalised and rejected, Those who experience pain and hardship, Loneliness and grief, coldness and hunger. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

God Bless. Mrs Gaye Dennis Religious Education Coordinator



Year 6 participating in activities exploring homelessness



Important Dates:

- 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 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.

Congratulations Stage 3 Boys Soccer Teams

This week our Stage 3 Boys Soccer teams travelled to Penrith to participate in the Parramatta Diocese Soccer Gala Day. Many thanks to the parents for their support for the boys and to Miss Sophie Chidiac and Miss Violet Elkhoury for coaching and managing the teams. Many thanks to our volunteer supporters who fulfilled our referring responsibility for the day, including ex-students of Mother Teresa Primary. The boys had a great day and tried their best against some very tough opposition.





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

Sydney Olympic Park would like to notify you of a new program launching Wednesday 30 June to celebrate the 2021 Olympic Games

HAVE A GO – is an Olympic themed multi sports program for children of all abilities aged between 5-12 years. It is a one off action packed day whereby children can 'have a go' at a range of Olympic Sports including Badminton, Table Tennis, Volleyball, Archery, Gymnastics, Hockey and Athletics. They also take part in an Olympic Legacy Tour around the park

For more information or to make a booking, please visit

https://www.sydneyolympicpark.com.au/Things-to-Do/school-holiday-activities/have-a-go-multi-sports-camp

Olympic Boulevard, Sydney Olympic Park, NSW, 2127 sydneyolympicpark.com.au

Cost S75

Session Times

7.30am – 5.30pm Drop off: 7.30am – 8.30am Pick up: 4.30pm – 5.30pm

Age

5 - 12 years

Tickets/Bookings

Phone: 02 9714 7600

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