



Heartlinks Highlights Video

[Watch Video](#)

MTP Heartlinks Highlights Video - Parent University - Reading

On Monday night, we had our first face to face parent meeting for a long time! Mrs Maree Grainger and myself presented our first Parent University for 2021 on reading. In the Heartlinks Highlights video this week we present a synopsis of the main ideas shared on the night - we hope you enjoy this presentation.

Kindergarten Enrolments MTP 2022

A friendly reminder that any family wishing to enrol any siblings into Kindergarten for 2022 need to submit the application by **Friday, 26th March**. Shortlisting, interviews and letters of offer will be completed early in Term 2.

Harmony Day—Monday 22nd March

All students are invited to wear a national costume, significant to their culture to celebrate Harmony Day on Monday, 22nd March. If your child does not have a national costume, please do not purchase one. If your child does not have any culturally significant dress, they are asked to wear their normal Monday school uniform with a touch of orange - perhaps an orange ribbon or hat with their uniform. *'Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Day. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the encouragement of mutual respect.'*

We will start the day with a short liturgy at our 8.35am assembly. Then throughout the day, the students will partake in a variety of experiences to observe and enjoy other cultures represented in our school community. We look forward to celebrating with the students our rich and diverse cultural backgrounds at Mother Teresa Primary.

One of my favourite prayers, the Peace Prayer of St Francis is a very appropriate prayer to share on Harmony Day.

*"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.*

*O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen."*



*"Prayer makes your heart bigger,
until it is capable of containing the
gift of God himself."*

St Teresa of Kolkata

Important Dates:

- Monday, 22nd March
Harmony Day
- Wednesday, 24th March
PBS4L Mufti Day
- Friday, 26th March
School Photo Day
- Thursday, 1st April
Last day of Term 1 (Holy Thursday)
- Monday, 19th April
First day of Term 2
- 20th March to 24 April 2021.
Sacramental Program at
Sacred Heart Parish for the
Preparation of First Eucharist:
Baptised Catholics who have
celebrated the sacrament of
Penance (Reconciliation) are
eligible to prepare for First
Eucharist. Enrolment forms for First
Eucharist can be collected from the
Parish Church while attending
Mass during the period 20 March –
24 April 2021.

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



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."

Information regarding NAPLAN online for our Year 3 and 5 students this year from ACARA (Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority)

"The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process – it does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.

On its own, NAPLAN is not a test that can be studied for and students are not expected to do so. You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and by reminding them on the day to simply do their best. ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of services by coaching providers."

Our MTP Year 3 and 5 students will be participating in practice NAPLAN online tests in the coming weeks as a way of preparing students and ensuring appropriate technology support is available. The official NAPLAN online testing period is a 9 day window in weeks 4 and 5 of next term.

PBS4L - Whole school celebration - Mufti Day Wednesday, 24th March

The students at MTP have been working hard and using their creative minds and gentle hearts - the heart tokens they have received as acknowledgment of their behaviour and learning have now been combined and they are 'at the black line' in our school token box - well done! The students voted that as a whole school celebration they would like a mufti day. We will be having the mufti day next Wednesday - students do not have to wear their school uniform but can wear casual clothing. As the students may be involved in sport activities, they should wear appropriate covered shoes on the day. As this is a day of celebration in recognition of our students reaching the goal line in the heart tokens box no donations of money are required.

New "Kiss and Drop" zone - open in the morning

The second 'Kiss and Drop' zone is now open for use in the mornings. I appreciate that if you have young children, you would still prefer to use the old 'Kiss and Drop' zone but it would be great if you have older children, you may consider using the new zone - the children have a fenced off footpath they can use to walk around to school. I have requested through the High Schools, that their families also utilise the new 'Kiss and Drop' zone in the morning. Please find attached [HERE](#) a short video from the Westmead Catholic Community Coordinator on the use of the new 'Kiss and Drop' zone.

PRC - CEDP Parent Representative Council - MTP School Reps requested!

The PRC is a volunteer parent organisation that has proudly served the Diocese of Parramatta continuously for more than 30 years. The PRC work closely in collaboration with Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv, CEDP Executive Director Greg Whitby and the CEDP Executive Team, Parish Priests, Principals and schools in providing additional support to families throughout their child's learning journey within the Catholic education system. Our schools' involvement in the PRC is important to its continued success and our Parent Representatives contribute in an authentic and meaningful way to the Diocesan PRC's work.

Some of our previous MTP PRC representatives are no longer available to be our school reps as their children have now moved onto High School. We would warmly welcome any parents who are prepared to represent Mother Teresa Primary on this parent council to nominate as our 2021 school reps. If you have previously held this position you are still very welcome to nominate yourselves again! The commitment is in attending meetings once a term, in the evening and there are usually presentations or workshops of interest to parents by experts in varying fields. Nominations for parent reps close on the 24th March. A more detailed role description is attached to this newsletter. If you are interested in nominating please contact me (Mrs Devlin) via the school office.



The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools.

The 2021 Challenge kicked off **Monday, 1st March** and closes **Friday, 20th August** (midnight) for MTP students.

How can my child get involved? Just click on the link at [NSW PRC](#) and log on to begin (Kindergarten and new families) should have recently received their log in details. There is also a new student portal which allows students to look for books that are on the challenge list and add them directly to their reading log once read.

If you have any questions, please see either Mrs Rawlings or Mrs Halligan.



This week we celebrated the Feast Days of two important Catholic saints. On Wednesday we recognised St Patrick who brought the Good News of Jesus to the people of Ireland. ☐ Today, Friday 19th March, we celebrate St Joseph. Pope Francis has declared 2021 "The Year Of St Joseph" and as such, we honour him here today. St Joseph was chosen by God to be the protector and carer of Mary and Jesus. He was a hard working man who listened to God's call and followed in His ways. Please take some time to watch this [St Joseph Prayer](#) and reflect and pray together with your family.

*Dear St Joseph,
Teach us to listen to the voice of God in our lives and to always welcome His love into our hearts.
Amen.*

6 WEEKS OF LENT GIVE 6 THINGS

This Lent, donate 1 item each week to give to refugees living in this community.

WEEK 5: Lentils/ Chickpeas/
Red Kidney Beans



Your donation goes to the Jesuit
Refugee Service's (JRS) COVID- safe
Refugee Foodbank.

6 WEEKS OF LENT GIVE 6 THINGS

This Lent, donate 1 item each week to give to refugees living in this community.

WEEK 6: Pasta or Spaghetti



Your donation goes to the Jesuit
Refugee Service's (JRS) COVID- safe
Refugee Foodbank.

We will continue our commitment to supporting families in need through the local refugee service, with our "Be more" campaign. *We will aspire not to have more but to be more. This is where we ask you to add ONE extra grocery item every week to your shopping to help desperate families - This week's items are Lentils/Chickpeas/Red Kidney Beans and/or Pasta or Spaghetti. **Project Compassion** will provide another opportunity for generosity of heart and spirit.*

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

Baptised Catholics who have celebrated the sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) are eligible to prepare for First Eucharist. Enrolment forms for First Eucharist can be collected from the Parish Church while attending Mass during the period 20 March – 24 April 2021. Enrolment forms are not available from the schools or the Parish Office.

God Bless.
Gaye Dennis Acting REC

Important Dates:

- **Harmony Day**—Monday, 22nd March - School Uniform with a touch of orange OR National Costume
- **Mufti Day - PBS4L Celebration**—Wednesday, 24th March - students may wear casual clothing with clothed in shoes for students participating in sport
- **School Photo Day**—Friday, 26th March
- **Last day of Term 1**—(Holy Thursday) 1st April
- **First day of Term 2**—Monday, 19th April

WHS - Site safety

- Parents and carers are reminded not to drop off children on Darcy Road to walk into school. This is dangerous and local Police have been and will be doing increased patrols in the morning along Darcy Rd.
- Please do not use the bus bay to drop off and collect your children in the mornings or the afternoon.

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

Mother Teresa Primary School—School Photography Date: 26/03/2021

Dear Parents,

School photography day is coming up soon. Group and portrait photographs can be purchased by following the link below or by returning the order envelope with your payment to our photographer on school photo day.

Order school photos here

Or visit: www.advancedlife.com.au

And enter online order code: **XLN XJ6 XX2**

School photography information:

- **Online orders** - *do not* require an envelope returned to your school
- **Sibling Photos** - Don't forget to pre-order your sibling photos online up to 24 hours before photo day. We provide your school with a list of sibling orders right up to the day of photography, so no one misses out. If you miss the online order deadline, you can submit a completed sibling order envelope first thing in the morning of the day of photography, so your school is aware you want the photo taken and can bring your children together in time for it. Sibling photographs only apply to children enrolled at your school. Please note not all schools offer sibling photos
- **Late fees** - a late fee will be applied to each package purchased after photo day due to the additional cost of producing these packages separately
- **Package delivery** - photographic packages will be returned to your school for distribution approximately six weeks after photos are taken
- **Previous Years' photos** - Past years' photographs including sports, co-curricular and representative groups are also available to order under the 'previous years or group photo' tabs at your school's **advancedorder** site when you click on the 'Order School Photos Here' button above. You can also order past packages, portrait images and gifts from your child's unique, individual and secure **advancedyou** image archive site using the unique 9 digit image code found on packages you have ordered in the past.

Please remember we offer a 100% money back guarantee on our products to ensure your peace of mind. We would also love to receive your feedback or resolve any issues you may experience as fast as possible, to ensure your satisfaction. If you have any questions, comments or feedback relating to your **advancedlife** experience please contact us at: www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

Sibling Photo forms can be collected from the school office.

Sporting News



Last Tuesday our five representing students; Aaron K, Joshua P, Jordan S, Michael A & Charbel S travelled to Blacktown swimming pool to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Swimming carnival. It was a wonderful experience for all swimmers to participate in their respective events and swim alongside some amazing swimmers! Well done boys!

Aaron K has once again qualified as member of the 2021 Parramatta Diocesan Swimming Team who will compete at the NSWCPSS Swimming Trials on Monday, 22nd March at SOPAC, Homebush - an amazing effort Aaron. A special thank you goes to the parents for taking them to the event and for their understanding with the late Covid -19 restrictions.

Cross Country- 15th March 2021

With the weather forecast looking a tad gloomy for Monday, we did what any Cross Country runners do – we readied ourselves, prayed for the rain to move on before the start and braced ourselves. Lucky for us, the sun came shining through and we completed the event as planned!

Our Cross Country event began with our 3km age groups; 12B, 12G, 11B & 11G. It was then our juniors job to set the pace for the 2km events.

Well done to all students that gave it their best and pushed themselves over their respective 3km or 2km course. Those that meet the qualifying time for each age group (results to be announced in the next few weeks) will represent our school in Term 2 at the Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country event held at Eastern Creek MotorSport Park.

Thank you to all the staff for your assistance in making the event a success.

For any updates on Diocesan Sports please refer to the website [Parramatta Diocese Catholic Primary School Sports Council \(PDCPSSC\)](http://ParramattaDioceseCatholicPrimarySchoolSportsCouncil(PDCPSSC))

Mrs Thompson
PE/ Sport Coordinator.





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.

Baptised Catholics who have celebrated the sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) are eligible to prepare for First Eucharist. **Enrolment forms for First Eucharist can be collected from the Parish Church while attending Mass during the period 20 March – 24 April 2021.** Enrolment forms are not available from the schools or the 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 (10am-4pm Tuesday – Friday).

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walter J. Fogarty".

Fr Walter J Fogarty
Parish Priest

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:

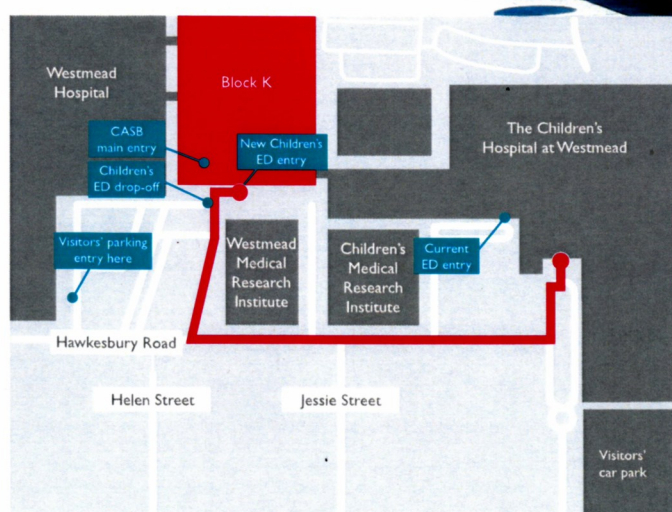
- When available attend the PRC General Meetings held once a Term. PRC meetings are held in each Term on Monday Week 6 of the School Term. These meetings consist of Executive Committee Members reports by the President, Treasurer, Secretary and the Council of Catholic School Parents Representative. Guest 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.

OUR EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT HAS MOVED

The Children's Hospital at Westmead's Emergency Department has moved to the Westmead Health Precinct's newest building.

When travelling down Hawkesbury Road, turn left when you see the Children's Emergency sign. It is also just a 250m walk up Hawkesbury Road from our main entry. You can also access the Emergency Department from inside the Hospital.

Parking is available underneath the building, as well as a 15 minute drop-off and pick-up zone, located outside the front doors.



Walking route from our current Hospital to the new building.





2-DAY SUPER CAMP
April
 WHERE EVERY CAMPER'S TREATED LIKE A ROCK STAR

Duration: 2-days Age: Kindy - Yr 6 Time: 8.30am - 3.30pm daily
 EXPERIENCE: 12 HYBRID SPORTS | 6 SUPER SESSIONS | AMAZING COACHING
 AT A LOCATION NEAR YOU #noonedoesitlikemotiv8sports

GET MOTIV8TED DURING THE APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT THE ONE AND ONLY MOTIV8SPORTS SUPER CAMP.

Held only once each year Super Camp is a sports festival designed just for kids. Super Camp is an energetic mix of sport, music, street culture, art and dance mashed up to create the ultimate atmosphere for kids who love having fun. With a live DJ pumping the beats and multiple prize giveaways, this is an event not to be missed. All camps are 8:30am - 3:30pm daily non-sleep over events.

CAMP 1: 6TH & 7TH-MARIST BROS-WESTMEAD
CAMP 2: 8TH & 9TH-MUIRFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
CAMP 3: 15TH & 16TH-ASQUITH BOYS HIGH

FREE TICKET WHEN USING YOUR CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHER*
*BOOKING FEE APPLIES
DON'T MISS OUT, BOOK TODAY!
 BOOK ONLINE AT MOTIV8SPORTS.COM.AU/LOCATIONS/PARRAMATTA/
 0438 691 279

motiv8sports

BOOK online



GET MOTIV8TED DURING THE APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT THE ONE AND ONLY MOTIV8SPORTS SUPER CAMP.

Held only once each year Super Camp is a sports festival designed just for kids. Way more than a sports dreamland Super Camp is an energetic mix of sport, music, street culture, art and dance mashed up to create the ultimate atmosphere for kids who love having fun. Campers will be treated to an incredible array of our trademark team sports in an environment full of energy, motivation and unbelievable guidance from our professional team of coaches.

With a live DJ pumping the beats and multiple prize giveaways, this is an event not to be missed. Our 4 teams THE ROCKERS, PUNKS, HOPPERS & ELECTRO's will do battle to be crowned the Champions of Super Camp.

At all Motiv8sports events we use sport as a tool to motiv8, inspire, entertain and promote a healthy lifestyle. All camps are 8:30am - 3:30pm daily non-sleep over events.

Motiv8sports camps are designed for all abilities and focus on the energy and effort rather than a child's sporting ability. Children attending in Motiv8sports Super Camp learn about sport, teamwork & sportsmanship in an environment fueled by incredible leadership and constant motivation. Operating for over 17-years Motiv8sports campers keep coming back because no one knows how to entertain like Motiv8sports. Campers are treated like superstars and our safety and supervision is second to none. We take sport, modify to ensure maximum participation then turn up the fun to new levels to create our innovative array of trademark sports.

IT'S OUR FAVORITE CAMP OF THE YEAR. DON'T MISS OUT, BOOK TODAY!

motiv8sports
 MOTIV8SPORTS.COM.AU



ACTIVE KIDS

TIC TAC TOE

INTERESTED?
 1300 00 7874

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN CAMP
APRIL 7TH/8TH & 14TH/15TH 2021

AGES K - YR 7