

28th May 2021



Heartlinks Highlights Video

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MTP Heartlinks Highlights Video - Maths Games at Home

Coming up later this term (Wednesday 16th June 6pm) our Term 2 Parent University is focussed on supporting your child with Mathematics. In preparation for this event Mr Wallis and our teachers would like to provide some examples of quick and easy 'Maths Games' you could play with your child at home to assist in developing a deep and flexible understanding of how numbers work. Thanks to the MTP students who volunteered to help us out by demonstrating the games in our Heartlinks Highlights video this week.

Parent Forum - Cuppa with the Principal

It was great to meet up with some of our parents face-to-face yesterday to discuss our learning focus and reflect on community issues. We discussed current and future events planned for our school. We got an opportunity to introduce Mrs Sharon Duff, our consultant Occupational therapist and discussed a little about her role in the school. We went over our school goals in both Religious Education and our learning focus. We discussed the attempt to re-introduce Parent Reading Helpers with a refresher course on Tuesday 22nd June at 8.40am for any parents who would like to volunteer to assist with reading support at school - as with all future events we will need to follow NSW Government and CEDP guidelines about COVID safety at the time. We discussed our plans to offer Parent/Teacher interviews for the half-yearly as either face-to-face or zoom options - more details about booking in will be shared with the community shortly. We are planning on running our Colour Challenge Fun Day in Term 3 on the McAuley Ovals (dates to be shared when confirmed) and this will be another opportunity where we will require parent helpers to assist in running the activities on the day. Some concerns and questions were raised about the quality of school uniforms and this will be discussed with our supplier, Oz Fashions as soon as possible - once I have spoken to Oz Fashions I will communicate to parents the outcome of this meeting. Ideas moving forward include establishing a Parent Library where books focussed on learning, wellbeing and our approach to teaching and learning will be made available for parents to borrow from the school. We plan to hold our next Parent Forum - "Cuppa with the Principal" in Week 6 of Term 3, Friday 20th August at 8.40am in the staffroom.

TTFM (Tell Them From Me) - Monday 31st May to 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. Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 participate in a student survey during school time during the survey period. Staff also participate in the survey and provide feedback on different aspects of our school. 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.** There will be further reminders for parents through Skoolbag throughout the survey period. I thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this once a year survey.

This week all parents of students in Years 4, 5 and 6 have received an information letter regarding student participation in TTFM. If you do not want your Year 4, 5 and 6 child to participate, please return this form to school.



"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless".

St Teresa of Kolkata

Important Dates:

- **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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Term 2 Parent University - Mathematics - Wednesday 16th June 6pm

We are hoping to run an 'in person' *Parent University* this term, as we did last 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 distance. Information about registering for the *Parent University* will be shared closer to the date.

Term 2 'Celebration of Learning' - Wednesday 16th June in 3 sessions (4.30pm or 5pm 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 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.

Before School Supervision

School begins each day at 8.35am. Supervision of students on the playground begins at 8.05am. Please note that children are not supervised before this time and no child should be left at school before 8.05am. There are before and after school safe and supervised options through COSHC (Catholic Out of Schools Hours Care). Our current COSHC manager is Danielle and she would be more than happy to speak to you about options available for supervision (COSHC Mother Teresa 0418 153 894).

Dr Justin Coulson - Happy Families - Anxiety Webinar

As you know, for the past few years MTP has been working with Dr. Justin Coulson and 'Happy Families'. All MTP families can join the 'Happy Families' membership for free through the school. I have attached a flyer with details about how to join.

Last Monday night, Justin presented what, I believe, was one of his best webinars on the topic of anxiety. If you were not able to join us for the webinar it is available through our school membership as well (view in the library section). There was lots of great information on the causes of anxiety and some really practical strategies for supporting children dealing with anxiety.



200 Years of Catholic Education in Australia

On Monday, Mrs Dennis, Mrs Kisrwani and Chloe in Year 6 joined me in representing Mother Teresa Primary School at our Diocesan Mass to mark 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia. Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv DD STL concelebrated this beautiful Mass with other clergy from the Diocese. Parramatta is known as the 'Cradle of Catholicism' as the first Catholic school was established in Hunter Street, Parramatta in 1820.

Sports News

Our long awaited gala days have begun in spectacular form with our stage 3 girls leading the way at Jamisontown soccer fields on Wednesday 26th May. The sun was shining and so were our athletes who started off very successfully winning their first game, drawing on the second and winning the next two in a row. With just two games lost across the day the girls were placed third in their pool of nine. The students returned to school beaming and rightly so, as they played their best and as always were fantastic sports. Congratulations and well done girls! Thank you to Miss Sherry for leading the team on the day and to all of the parents who make the commitment to ensure these events are possible.

Next up we look forward to our stage 3 soccer boys who play at Jamisontown on Wednesday 23rd of June!



Rachael Thompson PD/H/PE Teacher



Image: Alfonso Garcia

Pentecost

This week we celebrated Pentecost - The birthday of the Church.

We are standing before the miracle of Pentecost. The word "Pentecost" means "the fiftieth day". A time to take courage with a renewed sense of the Holy Spirit and share the Good News of Jesus through our words and deeds.

A time to appreciate the delicate touches of the Spirit. In order to be aware of these, we must slow down, be still more often. In the stillness we hear and feel the delicate touches of the Holy Spirit and we can be grateful for all that we have and for all that is to come.

May we be bathed in the gifts and grace of the Spirit, today and everyday.

*Your Spirit Lord is truth:
may it make us free.*

*Your Spirit Lord is fire:
may it enkindle us with your love.*

*Your Spirit Lord is gentleness:
may it bring us peace.*

*Your Spirit Lord renews the face of the earth:
may it renew the depths of our hearts.*

*Your Spirit Lord is prayer:
may it open our hearts to give praise.*

*Your Spirit Lord fills the whole universe:
may it live among us forever.*

Amen.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love Amen.

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 5pm 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)

WHS - Site safety

- 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.
- If parents choose to use the Staff Carpark in the afternoons, please do not double park and block movement of traffic.
- The staff car park is currently being used for MTP students to be collected by MTP parents. If you need to wait to collect older siblings from Marist and McAuley, please do not use the Staff car park - please use the visitor car park if you are waiting for High School students.
- 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.

Justin Coulson's happy families

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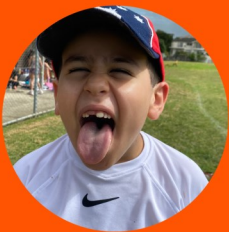
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