

1st April 2022



## Heartlinks Highlights Video

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### MTP Heartlinks Highlights Video - Celebration of Learning - Term 1

In our video this week, our Year 6 Technology Team has put together a short video highlighting every grade's "Celebration of Learning." It was great to see so many families come along on Wednesday afternoon to look through the Learning Studios, and in the video today, we can see highlights of the learning from every grade this term. Don't forget to check out the other Facebook videos posted this week by our Year 6 technology team - one video has highlights of the recent school cross-country, and the other video outlines an invitation to pray with our community next week as we prepare to reflect on the events of Holy Week.

### Staffing News

#### *Congratulations to Mrs. Emma Marongiu and Mrs. Natalie Sassine.*

Mrs. Emma Marongiu has announced her pregnancy, and we congratulate her and her husband, Luca, on the arrival of their first child. Unfortunately, Emma is experiencing significant medical complications with her pregnancy and, following medical advice, has decided to commence her parental leave beginning Term 2 this year.

Mrs. Natalie Sassine and her husband are expecting their first baby very soon. Mrs. Sassine has been at Mother Teresa Primary for several years, and we thank her for her years of dedicated service. This year, Mrs. Sassine has been supporting the Diversity Team and teaching Creative Arts.

I know you will join me in congratulating both Emma and Natalie and wishing them every blessing for the future.

#### *Welcome back, Miss Madeleine McCrabb*

I am delighted to announce that we have a teacher returning to Mother Teresa Primary, Miss Madeleine McCrabb, who will be taking over as the classroom teacher of MLS2 for the remainder of the year. Miss McCrabb taught at Mother Teresa Primary in previous years before moving interstate. She returns to us after extensive experience in Catholic schools in Victoria. Miss McCrabb is familiar with Mother Teresa Primary and the learning program.



### SAVE THE DATE - Mother Teresa Primary Bush Dance - Friday 27th May 6 pm to 8.30 pm - ALL welcome!!!

In previous years, Mother Teresa Primary has run a Bingo-Disco evening in Term 3. Due to increasing numbers and logistical problems with planning and hosting in Term 3, our whole school community event will be held in Term 2, and we will be having a Bush Dance on the evening of Friday the 27th of May. The Bellbird Bush Band will be performing and calling some simple dances where everyone can join in. Save the date - more details about this fun community event will be shared with families soon.

#### *Can you help?*

Many thanks to the parent volunteers who came along last Friday afternoon for a meeting at school - it was great to see so many enthusiastic volunteers! If anyone has a contact who would be able to offer a coffee van or food van service (like popcorn or fairy floss) for the evening, could you please contact the school (8841 2600) or Najeeba (0407 111 475).



"Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible poverty."  
St Teresa of Kolkata

### Important Dates:

- Saturday, 12th March and Sunday, 13th March until Saturday, 30th April and Sunday, 1st May  
**Sacrament of 1st Eucharist**  
Enrolment Forms for 1st Eucharist can be collected whilst attending Mass during the above weekend Masses.
- Further information can be found on the Sacred Heart Parish Website: [Click here](#)
- Friday, 8th April  
Last day of Term 1
- Tuesday, 26th April  
First day of Term 2  
Winter Uniform
- Thursday, 28th April  
Easter Mass  
Morley Centre, 9:00am  
Parents Welcome
- Friday, 29th April  
Easter Hat Parade  
1:00pm  
Parents Welcome
- Friday, 20th May  
School Photos

Save the Date:

## Dr. Justin Coulson - MTP Happy Families Subscription

Mother Teresa Primary has connected with Dr. Justin Coulson and his Happy Families resourcing for the past few years. We have a school subscription that allows any Mother Teresa Primary family to join for free. There are great online workshops and webinars available as part of this subscription. Common family and parenting issues are covered, including building resilient children, supporting children with anxiety, sibling rivalry, etc.

Happy Families Premium Memberships are usually \$180 per family per year, but each family has full access to the membership for the next 12 months for **FREE**. Register for your Premium Membership using your school's unique link for our school below, and begin accessing the Happy Families library and resources right away!

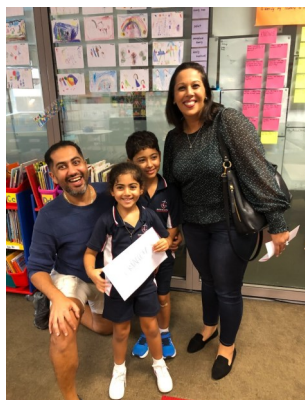
<http://www.happyfamilies.com.au/user/register/code/MS212610/school/MOTHERTERESA>

**Important note: If you are a returning visitor to the Happy Families website, click this link will open their "manage my subscription" page instead of your school registration page. In this case, you should sign out and then click the link again.**

## Thank You for your support - Celebration of Learning & Parent University

It was so good to see so many families on Wednesday evening for the Celebration of Learning and for the Term 1 Parent University on Mathematics at Mother Teresa Primary. Many thanks to the staff for the care in the presentation of learning in every Learning Studio, to the children for the pride they take in their learning, and to Mr. Owen Wallis (Numeracy Coach/Teaching Educator) and to the CEDP Mathematics Teaching Educator, Mr. Michael Dennis. This was a great opportunity for parents to learn about our approach to teaching Mathematics and the new NSW syllabus for Mathematics. We appreciate your help and support with the running of the Parent University this term.

Celebration of Learning



## Parent University



## Easter Hat Parade

As previously advertised, on Friday the 29th of April at 1 pm we will be holding an Easter Hat parade, as a fun way to celebrate the Easter season and gather together as a community. The children will be making the hats at school - all children have been thinking of creative design ideas and collecting recyclable materials to use for their creations. Parents are invited to attend the Easter Hat parade as an opportunity to be an audience for all the creative minds at MTP. The parade will be held on the school playground at 1 pm. Following the parade parents can take their children home. All remaining children will be dismissed at the usual time. As you can appreciate, whilst we will have access to the visitor parking and any overflow spaces in the Staff Carpark, parking remains limited. We suggest carpooling or parking off-site if possible.

## Online Canteen - Update for Parramatta Schools previously using "Welcomeasy"

As you would appreciate, COVID has had a significant impact on many small businesses. Canteen operators in primary schools have not been spared.

Since Welcome Easy ceased operations in the Parramatta area, our schools have made several attempts at attracting a new service provider. This has to date proven challenging, with potential operators citing staffing issues and cost as the key barriers to service provision. Of the few vendors who have expressed interest in partnering with our schools, our principals' collective view is that they are unlikely to meet the standards set by Welcomeasy or Tuckshop2You, the service providers replaced by Welcomeasy.

Whilst we cannot promise a quick resolution to the lunch service issue, rest assured that we are endeavoring to find a suitable replacement.



### Holy Week is the most important celebration of the Church.

It reminds us of how Jesus loved us so much that He gave His life for us.

It helps us recall the journey towards the most important celebration of our Faith.

Every morning next week we will be led in prayer by a different grade. This representation of the story will help us to visualise the events and challenge us to reflect on the Lenten Promises we have made. Please come along and pray with us at 8.35am under the COLA (weather permitting).

Tuesday, 5th April - Palm Sunday - K/1

Wednesday, 6th April - Last Supper - Yr5

Thursday, 7th April - Garden of Gethsemane - Yr6/Yr2

Friday, 8th April - Stations of the cross/Crucifixion - Yr3/4

**Save the Date:** All parents are welcome to join us for our celebration of Easter with a whole school Mass in the Morley Centre on Thursday, 28th April at 9:00am.

This year's theme for our **JRS collection** is *"The Gift of Giving"*.

We can help support people in our community by donating these essential items; Basmati Rice, Cooking Oil, Dried Lentils and Chickpeas, Coconut Milk, Shampoo and Conditioner, Laundry Powder and Dishwashing Liquid.

Thank you to our wonderful community for all your donations so far. The last pick up from our school office will be Tuesday, 5 April. Many thanks for the kindness you continue to show.

Shampoo & Conditioner



Laundry Powder & Dishwashing Liquid



**Project Compassion** Monetary donations can be made through the QKR! app to support *Project Compassion*. Donations can be made via the app throughout Lent. This money goes directly to Caritas to support communities both within Australia and abroad. Thank you for your generosity so far ... Mother Teresa tells us:

**"Together we can do great things."**

God Bless all our families during the Easter Holidays. Wishing you a safe and blessed break as we eagerly await the coming of Our Lord.

Mrs Gaye Dennis REC



## Important Dates:

- Last day of Term 1 - Friday, 8th April
- First day of Term 2 - Tuesday, 26th April
- Thursday, 28th April - Easter Mass 9:00 am - All welcome
- Friday, 29th April 1:00 pm - Easter Hat Parade - All welcome
- Year 6 Camp - 5th and 6th May
- MTP Bush Dance - Friday, 27th May 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

## WHS - Site safety

- Please DO NOT ask children or staff to step onto the road between cars to access the boot to pack or retrieve bags. This is VERY dangerous and could result in tragedy - we all need to take responsibility for the safety of others on our site.
- Please hold your child's hand when crossing the road.



# Sport News

In a quick dash to beat the rain, MTP students from years 2-6 participated in our annual school Cross Country event. Our junior students participated in the 2km events and the senior students participated in the 3km event. It was so wonderful to see all students enjoying their time together, competing and giving it their best. Plenty of cheering and high spirits made the day a complete success. A special mention to our year 6 Sport Team who were a pinnacle part of the event, working as officials on the day. It was a proud moment to see their enthusiasm and cheering to ensure that our younger students had a day to remember. All students deserve a pat on the back for their hard running. Well done! Thank you to those teachers who assisted on the day and special thank you again to Mrs Mardini for her expertise running the event. The results will be announced very soon!



The Diocesan sporting trials are continuing despite the rain this term and I am pleased to announce that Logan S (Yr 5) has made it through to phase two of the 11yrs Rugby League selections and will participate in another trial scheduled for the 5th April 2022. Well done Logan!

Rachael Thompson PE Teacher

## 2-DAY SUPER CAMP

April

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**CAMP 2: TUES 19- WED 20 APRIL**  
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# FESTIVAL OF DEMOCRACY

**FREE EVENT**

**Friday 22 April**  
9am - 3pm

Celebrate democracy at Australia's oldest Parliament with free, fun activities for children from four to 12 years, and their families.

- Give a speech in the Parliamentary chambers
- Make craft animals and objects
- Learn how to vote
- Visit our heritage rooms
- Participate in a committee role play
- Purchase a Democracy sausage and more...

**MAKE**

**VOTE**

**SHARE**

**SPEAK**

**FREE ENTRY**  
Activities 9am to 3pm

**LOCATION**  
Parliament of New South Wales,  
6 Macquarie Street  
Opposite Martin Place

The public café will be open.

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

P: (02) 9230 2047 or  
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**School Holiday Workshops**  
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**Workshop Schedule**

**Tuesday 19th April**  
9:30-12:30 Biodiversity Under the Microscope  
1:30-4:30 Biodiversity Citizen Science

**Wednesday 20th April**  
9:30-12:30 Biodiversity Under the Microscope  
1:30-4:30 Biodiversity Citizen Science

**Thursday 21st April**  
9:30-12:30 Biodiversity Under the Microscope  
1:30-4:30 Biodiversity Citizen Science

**Biodiversity Under the Microscope workshop**

- Experience our Natural Sciences Laboratory
- Investigate our 'Living World' with microscopes
- Learn scientific illustration techniques
- Learn to identify Australian native plants, fungi & insects

**"I want to be a scientist when I grow up!"**  
Leo (8 years)

**Biodiversity Citizen Science workshop**

- Connect with Nature in our outdoor 'laboratory'
- Discover Australian Biodiversity
- Participate in iNaturalist Discovery Projects
- Investigate our 'Living World' with photography & Nature journaling

**"Pollen grains look beautiful under the microscope"**  
Brooke (15 yrs)

**"I loved seeing the native flowers with the hand lens"**  
Sofia (9 yrs)

**"The Spiny Leaf insects were amazing!"**  
Matilda (10 yrs)

**Meet our Australian Spiny Leaf insect**  
(*Extatosoma tiaratum*)!  
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Location - Ollie Web Reserve Cost - \$59  
Contact - Liam- [Liam.Phillips@cricketnsw.com.au](mailto:Liam.Phillips@cricketnsw.com.au)  
Link - <https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/ad1c14>

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