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Heartlinks Highlights Video

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This week our video highlights our 5 learner qualities: Creative, Reflective, Collaborative, Compassionate and Passionate.

Book Week - "Dreaming with your eyes open"

This week all students engaged in a number of activities focused on books and reading. The week began with a Book Week performance that brought this year's shortlisted books to life. Throughout the week all students have focused on the enjoyment of books both reading and writing them. Today the week finished with a Book Week parade. We were delighted to see so many creative book characters being brought to life. Thank you to all those who joined us for this celebration in the Morley Centre.

<u>Tell them from me - Survey Feedback</u>

Thank you to all parents who completed the online Tell Them From Me survey last term. The feedback that this survey provides is primarily about our core business of learning, however other aspects of life at Primary School are also surveyed. The student, staff and parent questions are slightly different, given the different perspectives of each group.

Our students in years 4, 5 and 6 were very positive about their experience of school, with a sustained number of students who stated they were both challenged and engaged in their learning. The students felt that their teachers were supportive and they could go to them for support and guidance. An area of continued development from our student data was the number of girls in Years 5 and 6 having feelings of anxiety, which may be a result of the impact of COVID19 on their feeling of security and certainty about what is happening in their lives. We will continue to work with our school Counsellor on developing strategies to support our girls in Stage 3 with managing their feelings and emotions. With the easing of restrictions in school settings it has also been wonderful to see the many different extra curricular activities students can once again participate in, including Choir, representative sports and public speaking events such as Voice of Youth.

Our staff data was also positive. Teachers felt that the school has a very strong focus on learning with challenging and visible school goals. They feel supported by the Leadership Team and are encouraged by the increasing opportunities to stay connected with parents about student learning.

As parents you were very positive about your experience of our school with an increased number of families feeling well informed about school life and upcoming events. Your acknowledgment of how our school supports each child's learning development and wellbeing, as well as our continued focus on positive behaviours for learning (PBS4L) was most welcome. We are excited about the increasing ways we can include our community for school events now that covid restrictions continue to ease.

As always, if you have any questions or issues you wish to discuss with myself or Mrs Devlin when she returns in term 4, please feel free to contact the school office to make an appointment for a mutually convenient time to meet.

Congratulations Miss Cassar!

Last weekend, Miss Stephanie Cassar, our Year 1 teacher, was married. We congratulate Stephanie and Mark all the very best for a lifetime of love and many blessings! Miss Cassar will return to school in Week 7 of Term 3 as Mrs Stephanie

Father's Day Stall

All children will be provided with the opportunity to purchase gifts for Fathers Day during school hours on Friday, 2nd September.

This year payments for Fathers Day gifts will only be accepted by Qkr. There will be a <u>limit of 2 gifts per student</u>. Please remember to send a plastic bag with your child to be able to bring the gift/s home.

When purchasing through QKR ensure that you have created a profile for all of your children individually and attach them to their correct Learning Studios. Please purchase a gift under your child's profile so that their name can appear on the class list when lining up to select their gift.

26th August 2022



"True love is love that causes us pain, that hurts, and yet brings us joy. That is why we must pray to God and ask Him to give us the courage to love."

St Teresa of Kolkata

<u>Important Dates:</u>

- Friday, 26th August School Book Parade
- Thursday, 1st September
 Father's Day Liturgy
 9:45am
- Friday, 2nd September Father's Day Stall
- Monday, 5th September
 Feast of Mother Teresa
 Morley Centre
 1:30pm
- Tuesday, 6th September
 Confirmation Mass—Sacred Heart
 Parish—7:00pm
- Thursday, 15th September
 Cuppa with the Principal
 8:45am
- Monday, 19th September
 MTP Colour Challenge Fun Day
- Sacrament of Penance –
 1st Reconciliation
 (must be 8+ years old)

10th—11th September 2022 until 15th—16th October 2022

Extra-curricular Creative Arts for MTP 2022 - Choir

Our school choir will be participating in the Diocesan Primary Eisteddfod through the Diocesan Creative Arts team called CAPTIVATE on Thursday 1st of September. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Grainger, Mrs Antoun and Mrs Hanna for preparing the students for this event.

Father's Day celebrations

Thursday 1st September, we will be celebrating Father's day as a school with a liturgy at 9:45am. All parents, carers and families are warmly welcome to help us celebrate.

We wish all of the Dads, Stepdads, Uncles, Grandfathers, and Great-grandfathers in our MTP community a very Happy Father's Day 2022 next Sunday. We appreciate your wisdom, guidance, love, care, and support. Thank you for being crucial role models in the lives of our children. May God Bless you and keep you safe.

Signing up to our school Parent Calendar

To keep up-to-date with events at school, you can find the school calendar https://www.motherteresawestmead.catholic.edu.au/Community/Events (you can also subscribe to this calendar). Events can also be found in the COMPASS app clicking on the home menu and the day's calendar will appear with events.

We wish all of our Fathers, Grandfathers and carers a **Happy Father's Day** next Sunday (4 September). May they be blessed with all things that are "good for their souls"....especially our love and gratitude!

For those of us whose fathers are no longer with us, may this day be one of remembering and gladness as we allow their memory to fill our hearts and make us smile. May they be at peace. This image and caption from WWF Australia...sums up all we are celebrating!

Please join us in the Morley Centre at 9.45am on Thursday, 1s September for a Liturgy led by Yr2, blessing all Fathers and men entrusted with caring for us and following the example of St Joseph.

Heavenly Father,

you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary,

to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.

Bless all fathers as they care for their families.

Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience;

support them in the work they have to do,

protecting those who look to them,

as we look to you for love and salvation,

through Jesus Christ your son.

Amen.



Feast Day and Andrew Chinn Concert: On Monday 5 September we will gather for our School's Feast Day. To help us celebrate, Australian religious songwriter and singer, Andrew Chinn, will be visiting our school to share his songs with our children. Andrew's songs, such as "These Hands", "Rainbow", "An African Blessing" and "Rise Up!" are used in classrooms and liturgies around Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada. The concert will take place in the Morley Centre, and will begin at 1.30pm, finishing by 2.40pm. Parents and carers are welcome to join us as each grade assists Andrew to praise and pray in song. We look forward to seeing you there.

"MY FATHER GAVE ME THE GREATEST GIFT ANYONE COULD GIVE

ANOTHER PERSON,

Mother Teresa asks us to see the face of God in every human being.

When we help one another, we are being faithful to God and following in the footsteps of Mother Teresa. Let us take a moment to think of all the good things in our lives. Our families, our friends, our teachers - all the people who look after us and keep us warm and safe. One of the ways we can show our gratitude for these blessings is to reach out to others. We can collect food and resources for those who need our support. Items in need are Basmati Rice, Cooking Oil, Dried Lentils and Chickpeas, Coconut Milk, Shampoo & Conditioner, Laundry Powder and Dishwashing Liquid. Please give generously if you can. Item s can be given to the school office and I will arrange collection in week 10.

God Bless! Mrs Gaye Dennis—REC

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WHS - Site safety

- Thank you for holding your child's hand when crossing the road and when moving to your car whilst on our school site
- Thank you for ensuring your family number is displayed correctly from when you enter the school site until your child is safely in your car.

Qkr! mobile phone app

Dear Parents and Carers,

As previously advised, Mother Teresa Primary is now offering an online payment service through Qkrl. Qkrl (pronounced 'quicker') is designed for busy parents and carers, this easyto-use mobile phone application is suitable for both iPhone and Android Smartphones. This service is currently available for all non-school fee payments

How to get started with Qkr!:

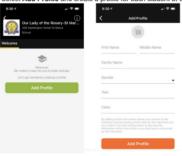
1. Install the Qkr! app on your smartphone



Use the magnifying glass to search for Mother Teresa Primary.
 Touch the school name to select.



3. Select Add Profile and create a profile for each student at the school

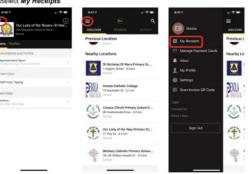


- 4. Once you have created a profile, you may view available items and purchase them.
- 5. Please note as purchases are made, a digital receipt will be stored within the app under My Receipts.

To access My Receipts, select < (top left)

Select <u>=</u> (top left)

Select My Receipts



Donating to Caritas Project Compassion

- 1. Log in to your Qkr app
- Select Mother Teresa Primary
- (Ensure that you have created a profile for all of your children and attach to their correct learning studio. Please purchase a gift under your child's profile so that their name can appear on the class list when lining up to
- Scroll all the way down to Fundraisers (select)
- Select Father's Day Stall 2nd September 2022
 Select the Qty of gifts required.
 (This year payments for Fathers Day gifts will only be accepted by Qkr. There will be a limit of 2 gifts per student. Please remember to send a plastic bag with your child to be able to bring the gift/s home)
- Add to cart
 If you wish to purchase a second gift Select Gift Type Grandma/Step Mum
- Add to cart
 Check out (you will be asked for your password)
- 10. Please call the office on 5th May if you wish to make a third purchase. If stock is available this purchase will be by EFTPOS over the phone or over the counter

Please do not hesitate to call the School Office if you need further assistance.









