



Heartlinks Highlights Video

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MTP Heartlinks Highlights Video - Captains and Communications Team School Tour

This week our new Communication Captains and the team have been hard at work preparing a short tour of the school. A great first effort from one of our Year 6 teams - we hope you enjoy their presentation of a glimpse of life at Mother Teresa Primary.

Westmead Catholic Community - Primary School announcement

Earlier this week, all families received a letter from the Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta, announcing that phase 1 of the development has been approved. In 2019, when this proposal was announced, there was an opportunity for Mother Teresa Primary community members, including parents and staff, to participate in information sessions about the proposal. For newer members of the Mother Teresa Primary community, who may not have been with us in 2019, information about the Westmead Catholic Community can be found on the following website: [here](http://westmeadcatholiccommunity.org/)

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COVID Updates

Thank you to all in the community for your continued support in complying with our current COVID restrictions. The NSW Government did announce yesterday some easing of restrictions; once we have confirmation and clarification of possible changes to restrictions in schools, we will communicate these to the community - this may include a return to the normal 2.45 pm finish for the whole school, but any changes will be communicated as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support in monitoring your child for COVID twice a week, using the Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs). As you know from the regular updates, we have had community members in some specific year groups impacted by COVID. Thank you for communicating any positive results to the school as soon as possible. Students learning at home because they are either positive to COVID19 or they are a close family contact can be supported with some online learning activities.

RAT (Rapid Antigen Test) supplies - additional deliveries next week

We have been notified that the school will be receiving another two-week supply early next week. We will collate these into family sets and distribute them to the eldest child in each family. If you would prefer to collect these yourself, rather than being sent home with the eldest child, you can collect them from the school office from next Thursday afternoon. Further communication about this will be sent out via Skoolbag.

Important notice for boys in Year 6 enrolling to Parramatta Marist High next year:

2023 Enrolment at Parramatta Marist High School

Parramatta Marist High School are currently accepting applications for year 7, 2023. Application packs are available for download from the Parramatta Marist website (<https://www.parramarist.catholic.edu.au/>) or can be collected from the school office. Completed application forms can be lodged at the school office between 9:30 am - 2:30 pm on school days, **applications close at 2:00 pm on Friday 25 March 2022.**



"Love begins by taking care of the closest ones – the ones at home."

St Teresa of Kolkata

Important Dates:

- **Saturday, 19th February and Sunday, 20th February**
(This is the 2021-1st Reconciliation catch-up only)
 Enrolment Forms for 1st Reconciliation can be collected whilst attending Mass during this weekend.

Please Note: This is the 2021 Catch-up only.

- **Monday, 7th March**
 'Cuppa with the Principal' Parent Forum online
 9:00am
- **Wednesday, 30th March**
 Parent University
 6:00pm
- **Friday, 8th April**
 Last day of Term 1
 Friday 8th April
- **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](#)

Online 'Meet and Greets'

This week many parents had the opportunity to meet their child's teacher during our online "meet and greets" - thanks for your time in participating in this important information sharing. As always, if you have any questions about your child's learning or general development, feel free to contact the school via email (motherteresa@parra.catholic.edu.au) or phone 8841 2600, and your child's teacher will contact you. Also, a reminder that each Stage in the school has a member of the Leadership Team who, as part of their role, is a Coordinator who supports the children and the teachers in each stage. You can also contact the Stage Coordinators for support.

Stage	Coordinator
Kindergarten (Early Stage One)	Mrs. Gaye Dennis
Year 1 and 2 (Stage One)	Mrs. Maree Grainger
Year 3 and 4 (Stage Two)	Mrs. Katherine Stennett
Year 5 and 6 (Stage Three)	Mr. Owen Wallis

Kindergarten Parent Information Night

It was great to have an opportunity on Wednesday night to share more information about the day to day life and learning at 'big school' with our Kindergarten 2022 parents. If you were unable to join us for this evening, a recording of the session is available on our school Facebook page.

Online "Cuppa with the Principal" - Parent Forum - 9:00am Monday, 7th March

At Mother Teresa Primary each term we hold a 'Cuppa with the Principal' informal parent forum where Mrs. Stennett and myself host a morning tea where parents are invited to share ideas, ask questions and also get to know each other. Last year we had some face-to-face sessions and some online sessions. This term we will be running another 'Cuppa with the Principal' session **online** during the day on Monday the 7th March at 9 am - a zoom link will be shared shortly. All parents are invited to join!

Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge - entries close 25th February

I know we have great readers at MTP and many children have already submitted entries for the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge - a great way to encourage reading over the holidays. The Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge is sponsored by the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta. It is not too late to enter - keep up the great reading MTP!

Who can enter? The competition is open to students in Catholic Systemic Schools in the Diocese of Parramatta. No payment is required.

When? All entries must be received by 5.00 pm 25th February 2022.

How to Enter: Read at least one age-appropriate book, e-book, animated novel, comic play or piece of poetry. Fill out the entry form [here](#). Tell them in 50 words or less why you loved what you read. After submitting your entry you will receive one entry for the prize draw. You can enter as many times as you like but you must describe why you liked a different book, e-book, animated novel, comic play, or piece of poetry for each entry.

Prize: The main prize for primary school students is a \$500 JB Hi-Fi voucher. There are also thirty, \$30 vouchers to be won. For any further information regarding the competition, you can contact the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta at promotions@parra.catholic.edu.au

This year, our 2022 RE/Formation Goal is **"Students will meaningfully engage in liturgy and daily prayer"**. All students, across each of the grades, have been focussing on creating and learning about prayer with the emphasis on their own participation. They are discussing ways they can connect with God through prayer and how this prayer leads to a better relationship with Him and with everyone we meet.



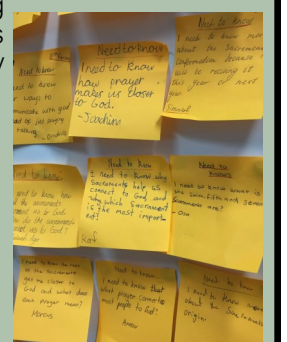
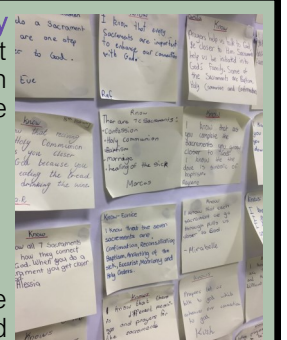
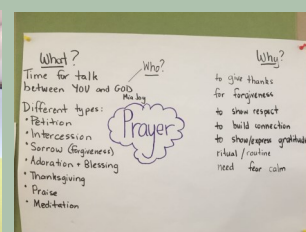
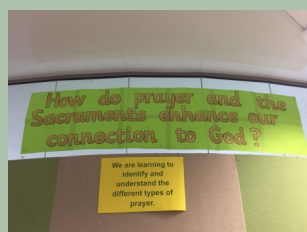
Spotlight on Stage Three RE:



In Stage Three, our Year 5 and 6 students are focussing on Prayer which then leads to Lent and the Holy Spirit. During the first part of this term, they are looking at the various forms of prayer and exploring how each one builds our connection with God. Then, as Lent begins they will be focussing on the gift of the Holy Spirit, bestowed on us during the Sacrament of Confirmation, which guides us in faith and informs our choices. They are challenging themselves to look for examples of the Holy Spirit in their lives and how they can use this gift to be present in the lives of their family and friends.

"Holy Spirit, make my heart open to the word of God. Make my heart open to goodness. Make my heart open to the beauty of God, every day" - Pope Francis

God Bless.
Gaye Dennis REC



Important Dates:

- Zone Swimming Carnival (school representatives from MTP) Monday 28th February
- Ash Wednesday - 2nd March
- Cuppa with the Principal' Parent Forum online - Monday 7th March 9 am
- Parent University - Mathematics - Wednesday 30th March 6pm
- Last day of Term 1 - Friday 8th April

WHS - Site safety

- Thank you for holding your child's hand when walking across the road and when walking with your child in the car parks on site.
- 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.



Parent University - Term 1 - Mathematics - Wednesday, 30th March 6:00 pm

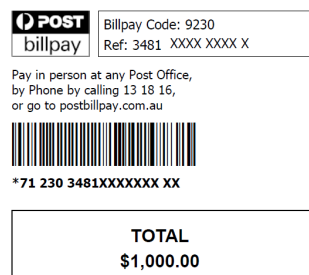
Every term we hold a 'parent university' where we present workshops for parents on different aspects of our school goals. Our Term 1 Parent University will be presented by Mr. Owen Wallis and his team, with a focus on our school goal of developing number sense. All parents are invited to attend. More information about the presentation will be shared closer to the date.

Mother Teresa Primary is going 'cashless' Finance Transformation

CEDP (Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta) is going through a transformation journey, looking at areas of our organisation to improve the way we work collectively. **Cashless/Contactless Journey**

As Mother Teresa transitions with this transformation, payments in cash at the office will no longer be possible, and prefer that payments over the counter be made by Debit or Credit Card. Card payments are also accepted over the phone.

School fees cash payments may be paid via Post BillPay at the Post Office as long as you have your school fee statement with you. Here you will find your unique details on the bottom corner of Page 1 of the statement.



Coming soon!

Mother Teresa is offering an online payment service through Qkr! by Mastercard. Qkr! (pronounced 'quicker') is designed for busy parents and carers, this easy-to-use mobile phone application is suitable for both iPhone and Android Smartphones. This service will be available for all non-school fee payments. When this system is up and running, communications will be distributed as new events and products become available for purchase through the Qkr App

Our first event will be the 'Project Compassion' fundraising event during lent. Attached is information on how to download the Qkr app on your smart phone. Once the event is up and running you will receive an alert to advise that an event is live and ready to receive payment. Notification will also be sent from the school.

Here's to a SPORT-FILLED, ACTIVE year ahead!

Welcome back to all families and a very special sporty-welcome to our Kindergarten and new families to our school! We are looking forward to a fun year ahead with your children and we have all our fingers and toes crossed for a FULL sporting year program for 2022!

At Mother Teresa we aim to provide various opportunities for our students to participate, accept challenges, develop further skills, try new physical challenges as well as having fun playing games. Students will be provided with opportunities to participate in organised sport events, participate in various sports clinics held in PE lessons and of course there are opportunities via the Parramatta Diocese Catholic Primary School Sports Council (PDCPSSC) throughout the year.

A new addition to our school is the introduction of our Sporting Captains Dean S and Cooper S who will be responsible for all things sport alongside those in the Sporting team including the following year 6 students:

Jamie D, Monique D, Joseph E, Camila C, Joseph T, Jaycob B, Peter E, Andrew S. Congratulations to the Sporting Team.

Some of our best Stage 3 sportspeople have been participating in Diocesan Sporting Trials this term and I am pleased to announce that Cooper S (Yr 6) has made it through to Mackillop Basketball Trials which will be held on the 25th February. When I caught up with Cooper this week he spoke of his achievement: "It was my goal to make it in the team this year as I missed out last year. Nothing is impossible so let's see how I go".

Arnav P (Yr 6) has also made it to the Mackillop trials for Tennis and will heading to Wollongong on the 25th February.

Coming up this term.....

Diocesan swimming: Week 6—Monday 28th February - good luck MTP team!!

MTP Cross Country: Week 8

Mrs Thompson PE Teacher



Qkr! mobile phone app

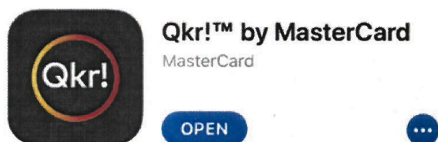
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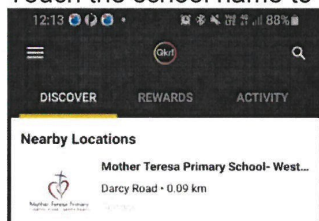
The first event that will be run on Qkr is **Project Compassion**. After creating your account and profiles in the Qkr App, you will receive a notification when the event is ready to be used by parents.

How to get started with Qkr!:

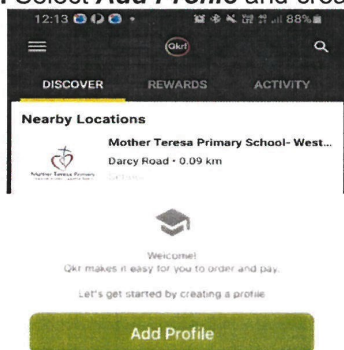
1. Install the **Qkr!** app on your smartphone.



2. 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.



First Name Middle Name

Family Name

Gender

Year

Class

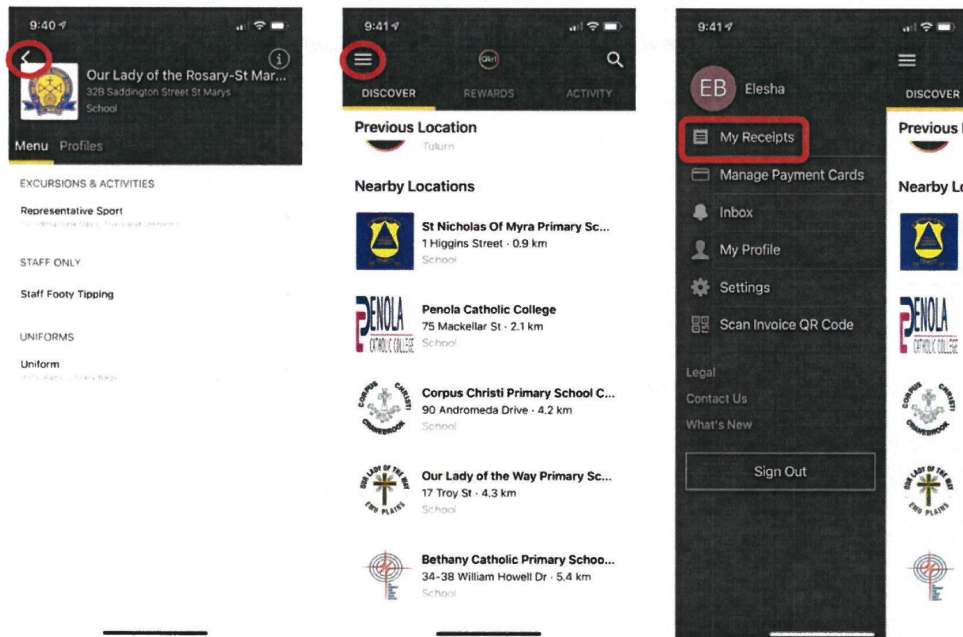
Add Profile

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)

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Please do not hesitate to call the school office if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Elizabeth Devlin

Principal



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