



## Heartlinks Highlights Video

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### MTP Heartlinks Highlights - The 2022 MTP Bush Dance

In our video this week, we have compiled a presentation of the 2022 MTP Bush Dance. Thanks so much to the families who shared their photos from last Friday - thanks also to Mrs. Mardini and Mr. Mortimer who have created our video for this week.



### Thank you, thank you, thank you!

What a fun night we had last Friday night - it was great to be able to have a face to face community event this year. The dancing was great and the children all had the opportunity to use up a lot of energy - well done to the brave parents who gave the bush dancing a go as well! There are so many people that put a lot of work into making the night work so well.

Thanks to our parent volunteers who participated in the planning sessions learning up to the Bush Dance.

Thanks so much to the parents who helped us out on the night.

A special thanks to Mrs. Mardini for coordinating the prizes and the setup for the evening.

Thanks to Mrs. Nakad for her generous support and hard work on the evening.

Thanks to Mr. Sherif Gorgi who took the role of MC for the evening and did a great job.

Thanks to Sam the Coffee Man.

Thanks, so much to Sydney Zoo and to Woolworths for their donations of prizes for the evening.

Thanks so much to the MTP staff for their generous support in the preparation and clean-up following the event.

Already looking forward to our 2023 community event.



"I am not sure exactly what heaven will be like, but I know that when we die and it comes time for God to judge us, He will not ask, 'How many good things have you done in your life?' rather He will ask, 'How much love did you put into what you did?'"

St Teresa of Kolkata

### Important Dates:

- **Friday, 17th June**  
MTP Writer's Festival  
1:15pm  
Parents Welcome
- **Wednesday, 22nd June**  
Celebration of Learning  
4:30pm-6:00pm
- **Wednesday, 22nd June**  
Parent University—Religious Education  
6:00pm
- **Thursday, 23rd June**  
Vinnies Winter Appeal  
Pyjama Mufti Day
- **Thursday, 30th June**  
Final Day of Term 2
- **Monday, 18th July**  
First Day of Term 3

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# MTP WRITERS' FESTIVAL

**ALL WELCOME !**



## **ALL Parents and Carers invited!!!**

This week all students, from Kindergarten to Year 6, have been participating in daily writer's workshops with a variety of famous Australian authors and illustrators. Following this intense week, the children will write, illustrate and publish their own books or texts. The culmination of our Writers' Festival will be the final presentation of the published books to parents and carers.

*We would love you to come down to school on Friday 17th June at 1.15 pm.*

*Some of our most outstanding student writing will be presented to the whole school. Then every child will have an opportunity to present their own book to you in a book reading in the playground. We are so excited that we have so many talented authors at our school and we hope very much that you can join us for this special Writers' Festival event.*

## **Term 2 "Cuppa with the Principal"**

Thanks so much to the parent group who were able to join us for the parent forum yesterday morning. It was great to reflect on our learning and community events so far this year and to discuss plans and ideas for the next two terms. One of the issues that came up for discussion again this term was parent concern about road safety and congestion in the afternoons. We know that most people are very cautious about road safety on this site and follow the rules and expectations for safety and courtesy. Please drive slowly and carefully - please hold your child's hand when crossing the road and moving through the car park.

## **Canteen Update**

Good news! We have been able to secure the services of an online canteen provider, Claudia's Kitchen, for Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays each week, beginning next Wednesday, 8th June. Claudia's Kitchen also services several other schools in the Diocese. Attached to this newsletter are instructions on how to order online and a copy of the menu available for our school. Please note that orders need to be placed 24 hours in advance and they will be delivered to the school at lunchtime on the relevant days.

## **Tell Them from Me - Parent Survey**

This week students in Years 4,5 and 6, teachers and parents are invited to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite you to complete the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at Mother Teresa Primary, Westmead. Please note that the open ended responses at the end of the parent survey are only visible to myself.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

[www.tellthemfromme.com/MTPW22](http://www.tellthemfromme.com/MTPW22)

Survey is open between 31st May - 1st July 2022

## **Congratulations Mrs. Sassine**

Congratulations to Mrs. Natalie Sassine who gave birth to beautiful baby Jeremy James Sassine on Monday. Mrs. Sassine and the baby are doing well and she is looking forward to bringing Jeremy in to meet us all soon. May God bless them all.



## Primary Choir Opportunity

In the coming weeks, Mrs Grainger and Mrs Antoun will be auditioning students who would like to be a part of the Mother Teresa Primary School Choir. In previous years, our school choir has participated in CAPTIVATE choral eisteddfods. This year, the Diocese has invited Primary Schools to participate in a Choral presentation in Term 3, with other Catholic Primary schools in the Diocese at Blacktown. Many thanks to one of our Mums, Mrs Rebecca Romanous, who is supporting us with the preparation of the music for our school choir.

## Half-yearly reports and Parent-Teacher Interviews

The teachers are currently writing the Semester One (or half-yearly) student learning reports. These reports indicate student progress and achievement in Key Learning Areas for the first semester, as well as indicating the qualities your child displays at school as a learner. You will receive these reports on Thursday, 23rd June. In the final week of this term, parents and children will also have the opportunity to book in a time, either via zoom or face to face, to meet with your child's teacher. A letter outlining how to book in for an interview will be shared with families next week.

## Skoolbag to Compass

Our school will be changing the way we distribute our written communication in the coming weeks. Currently we use this Skoolbag platform. Mother Teresa Primary will be gradually moving our communication platform over from Skoolbag to the Compass Parent Portal. Compass is a web-based system allowing you to access important information about the school. Most schools in the Parramatta Diocese already use the Compass platform for operations like student attendance and record keeping. If you have daughters at Catherine McAuley High School you will already be using this platform for communication. Parramatta Marist High will also be shortly moving to the Compass parent portal.

All parent communication will be shared electronically via email and the Compass app. It is very important that we have your latest contact information updated in our records. We do ask that if you have recently changed your email address or phone number and have not already notified the office, that you do so by emailing your new contact information and your children's name to [motherteresa@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:motherteresa@parra.catholic.edu.au). This will ensure we have the latest information and you do not miss any important messages from the school.

Please note, as we are gradually moving to the Compass parent portal, we will be using our **existing booking system for our half-yearly parent teacher interviews**. *Our Mother Teresa Primary school reports are formatted differently to the Compass Student Learning Reports, so you will not be able to access Compass Student Learning Reports through Compass at this stage.*

## Term 2 - Celebration of Learning and Parent University (Religious Education)

Our Term 2 "Celebration of Learning" will be held on Wednesday 22nd June between 4.30 pm and 6 pm. This is an opportunity for your child to show you around their Learning Studio and discuss the learning they have completed in Term 2. Following our "Celebration of Learning," we will have our Term 2 Parent University. Last term our focus was on Mathematics, this term our focus will be on Religious Education, led by Fr Walter and Mrs Gaye Dennis (REC). All parents and carers are welcome to come along to our Parent University for Term 2.

## Staff Development Days 2022

Each year, all schools in NSW are allocated 6 Staff Development Days (SDD) to use for teacher professional development and learning. This year, the Government and CEDP (Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta) have allocated one additional SDD due to the fact that a new syllabus is being phased in to all Primary Schools in NSW over the next two years. We have already used our first two SDD at the beginning of the year for teacher professional learning and for the MAI (Mathematics Assessment Interviews).

In Term Two we will be using the final day of term to work with the Staff of Sacred Heart Primary and Fr Walter on formation and spirituality. This means that the final school day of Term 2 for the children will be Thursday 30th June.

In Term Three, the staff will have a day focussed on literacy. This SDD will be a pupil-free day and will be held on Friday of Week 5, the 19th of August.

In Term Four, the first day of term will be a SDD focused on the new NSW syllabus for Primary Schools. This means the first day of Term 4 for children will be Tuesday 11th October. The final day of Term 4 (and the final day of the year for students) will be Friday 16th December (Friday, Term 4 Week 10). The following week MTP staff will be gathering with the other schools in the Westmead Catholic Community for Mass and further professional learning and planning for 2023.



This Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost! An exciting time in our church where we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. The birth of the church - when the disciples were filled with the Gifts of the Spirit and went out to preach the Good News of Jesus to all.

Thank you for joining us during these days of waiting and praying for the Spirit to come. It has been lovely praying together and knowing that, we had formed our own little "upper room" community! We pray that the wind will blow through our eaves, tongues of fire will ignite our passion for possibility and the Spirit will disturb us with gifts such as joy... strength... peace ...patience ...courage ...reverence ...deep listening ...wisdom...just to name a few!

*The Paschal Pentecost*

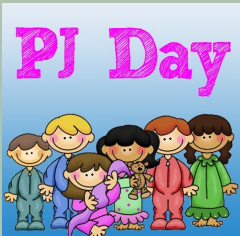
*May we be inspired to live out the fulfillment of the Easter Mystery —the giving of the Spirit of God—as we joyfully celebrate the Fifty Jubilee Days of Easter.*

*Each time we see the dancing flame atop the tall, white Paschal Candle, may it enkindle within us the fire to go forth with Pentecostal zeal, aflame with the Spirit of Love.*

Let us use the gifts of the Spirit to support those in our community who are less fortunate than ourselves. We can give generously to our Vinnies Winter Appeal - either food items (as pictured) or new/near new winter accessories. These will be given to Vinnies and they will distribute them via the Vinnies Van to people in our community. If you prefer to give a monetary donation to support the Winter Appeal, this event is open on the QKR! App.



*As a school community, we will be supporting the Winter Appeal with a "Pyjama Day" Fundraiser on Thursday, 23 June. Students may wear sensible/warm pyjamas to school when they make a donation of food/winter accessories or money via the QKR App. Please ensure that "outdoor appropriate" footwear is worn on the day.*



Thank you for your continued support and generosity.  
God Bless,  
Mrs Gaye Dennis (REC)

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**WHS - Site safety**

- Thank you for driving safely and holding your child's hand when moving in and around the Westmead Catholic Community, Darcy Rd site.

## Second Hand Uniforms - Facebook Group

### "MTP—Second Hand Uniforms"

For the past few years, a private facebook group has existed for MTP parents who wish to donate or buy 2nd hand uniforms. This group exists under the following conditions;

- This is to assist parents in buying/swapping/selling second hand uniforms only. No school discussions.
- Uniforms must be clean, no stains, holes or fraying and in good condition. No socks, shoes, hats or hair items.
- MTP or Admin of this page are in no way responsible for purchases
- No money is to be transacted via children.
- Please arrange collection/payment from Parent to Parent. Suggest direct deposit.
- Please add a photo of uniform (no photos of children wearing), with size of item.
- Please keep prices realistic. No "make an offer" listings.
- Please comment sold if you would like to purchase. Please comment sold pending if you would like to ask a question.

*This is a closed group and parents will need to request access to become a member. Search facebook MTP - Second Hand Uniforms. <https://m.facebook.com/groups/230475380863221>*

# SPORTS NEWS

Lucas J (Yr 5) recently participated in the Parramatta Diocese McKillop team Soccer competition held in Goulburn NSW. Lucas's team held their own with 3 spectacular wins against the other Diocesan teams. We are very proud of Lucas and his selection into the McKillop team this year and he should feel proud of his accomplishments. We also wish him well for the 7th June, as Lucas is to take part in the NSWCPSS Cross Country Carnival at Eastern Creek.



As advised earlier in the term, the Stage 3 girls Soccer gala day has been postponed due to poor field conditions. Parents and students will be advised when a new date has been selected. In the meantime, the girls will continue training for this event and we appreciate our families' understanding.

As part of the Sporting Schools program, MTP will be holding AFL clinics for the next four weeks with stage 1 and 2 during their regular sport lessons. These clinics will be run by coaches from the Greater Western Sydney Giants (GWSG) and students will have the opportunity to learn skills such as passing, kicking, game sense and team work. The students started this week with much excitement and we look forward to seeing students have fun and engage in this program.



### **Congratulations Cooper**

This week Cooper S in Year 6 has been participating in the NSWPSA Basketball, representing Catholic Schools in NSW from a very cold Tamworth! We congratulate Cooper on this amazing achievement and look forward to hearing about his experience next week when he returns to school.





The last 2 events  
**SOLD OUT**

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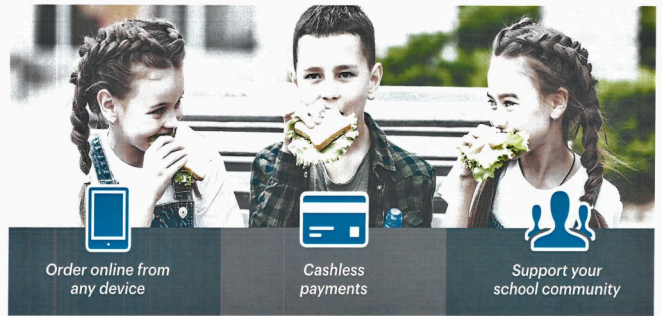
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Jam/Vegemite.....	\$3.00 E
Cheese.....	\$4.00 E
Cheese & Tomato.....	\$4.50 E
Ham, Cheese & Tomato.....	\$5.00 E
Chicken & Salad.....	\$5.50 E
Egg, Lettuce & Mayo.....	\$5.00 E
Tuna, Lettuce and Mayo.....	\$5.00 E
Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo.....	\$5.00 E
<b>OR Cheese sandwich &amp; fruit cup &amp; water.....</b>	<b>\$7.00</b>

**- WRAPS -**

Grilled Fresh Chicken.....	\$6.00 E
Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Cheese, Mayo	
<b>Kafta &amp; Salad.....</b>	<b>\$6.00 E</b>
Hummus, Lettuce, Tomato, Mixed Pickles	
<b>Falafel &amp; Salad.....</b>	<b>\$6.00 E</b>
Hummus, Lettuce, Tomato, Mixed Pickle	
<b>Chicken &amp; Cheese Roll BBQ Sauce.....</b>	<b>\$5.50 E</b>
<b>Tuna &amp; Salad Wrap.....</b>	<b>\$6.00 E</b>
<b>Cheese &amp; Salad Wrap.....</b>	<b>\$5.50 E</b>
<b>OR 1/2 wrap of choice, juice box &amp; popcorn.....</b>	<b>\$6.50</b>

**- HEALTHY PACKS -**

<b>Lge Graze Pack (a mix of fruit, veggies, crackers, cheese and yogurt or hummus).....</b>	<b>\$6.00 E</b>
<b>Zaatar Pack (small zaatar pizza, veggies &amp; yogurt).....</b>	<b>\$6.00 E</b>
<b>Sml Graze Pack (ham, carrots, cheese, apple slices).....</b>	<b>\$4.00 E</b>
<b>Plus Water &amp; Sea Salt Chips extra.....</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>



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**2022 CANTEEN PRICE LIST**

**- DRINKS & SNACKS -**

300ml Water Bottle.....	\$2.00 E
Juice Box.....	\$2.50 E
Apple Blackcurrant, Orange, Apple	
Juice Bombs Various Flavours.....	\$3.00 E
Oak Milk 300ml - Strawberry/Chocolate.....	\$3.00 E
Plain Popcorn.....	\$1.60 O
Mamee Noodles.....	\$1.60 O
Corntos.....	\$1.60 O
Red Rock Deli Sea Salt.....	\$2.00 O
Fruit Piece.....	\$1.20 E
Hummus/Yogurt & carrot sticks.....	\$2.60 E
Cheese Stick.....	\$1.20 E
Corn Cup.....	\$1.20 E
Single Fruit Cup.....	\$2.60 E
Cheese & Crackers.....	\$3.20 E

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## Qkr! mobile phone app

Dear Parents and Carers,

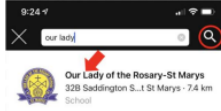
As previously advised, *Mother Teresa Primary* is now offering an online payment service through *Qkr!*. *Qkr!* (pronounced 'quicker') is designed for busy parents and carers, this easy-to-use mobile phone application is suitable for both iPhone and Android Smartphones. This service is currently available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

### How to get started with Qkr!:

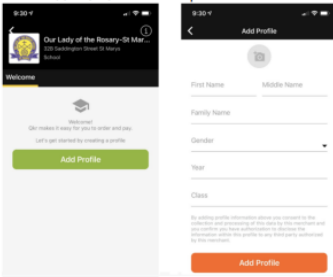
1. Install the **Qkr!** app on your smartphone.



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.

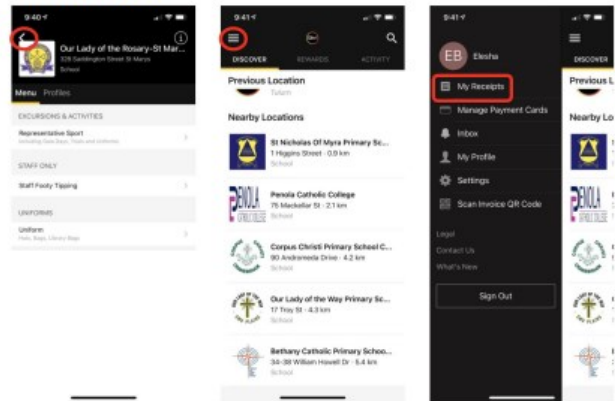


4. Once you have created a profile, you may view available items and purchase them.
5. Please note as purchases are made, a digital receipt will be stored within the app under **My Receipts**.

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## Donating to St Vinnies Winter Appeal

1. Log in to your Qkr app
2. Select Mother Teresa Primary
3. Use any profile
4. Scroll all the way down to – Fundraisers (select)
5. Select – Winter Appeal-Friday 24 June 2022
6. Select QTY
7. Add to cart
8. Check out (you may be asked for the password you used to create the account)

Please do not hesitate to call the School Office if you need further assistance or do not feel comfortable using this app.