



Heartlinks Highlights Video

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MTP Heartlinks Highlights Video - RE Captain and RE Team - Reflections on prayer

This week our Religious Education team provides us with a reflection on prayer. Our 2022 Formation/RE goal is focussed on student engagement with prayer and in our video this week, students from across the school discuss their thoughts and reflections on prayer.

Important notice for enrolment into the Westmead Catholic Community for 2023

2023 Enrolment at Parramatta Marist High School

Parramatta Marist High School is 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. <u>Applications close at 2:00 pm on Friday 25 March 2022</u>.

2023 Enrolment at Catherine McAuley High School

Catherine McAuley High School is currently accepting applications for year 7, 2023. <u>Applications close on Friday 25th March.</u>

2023 Enrolment in Kindergarten at Mother Teresa Primary

If your children currently attend Mother Teresa Primary and you have a younger sibling ready to start school in 2023, it is important that application <u>forms are</u> <u>lodged by Wednesday 30th March</u> to the school office. Many thanks for your cooperation with this process.

SAVE THE DATE - Mother Teresa Primary Bush Dance - Friday 27th May 6:00pm to 8.30pm - 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, this year our whole school community event will be held in <u>Term 2</u>, and we will be having a Bush Dance on the evening of Friday the 27th May. The Bellbird Bush Band will be performing and calling some simple dances where everyone can join in. <u>Save the date</u> - more details about this fun community event will be shared with families soon.

<u>Friday 25th March 2 pm</u> - Parent Planning meeting: Can you help? We know many parents are keen to offer their support for school community events. This is a great way to get to know other parents and families in our school community. All parents are invited to come along to a planning meeting in the Staffroom next Friday afternoon where you can offer your time, skills, and support to planning and running our MTP 2022 Bush Dance. All welcome!

18th March 2022



"Love cannot remain by itself – it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action, and that action is service." 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: <u>Click here</u>

- Wednesday, 30th March Celebration of Learning 3 Sessions—4:30pm / 5:00pm / 5:30pm
- Wednesday, 30th March Parent University—Maths 6:00pm
- Friday, 8th April Last day of Term 1
- Tuesday, 26th April First day of Term 2

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Dr. Justin Coulson - MTP Happy Families Subscription

Mother Teresa Primary has had an ongoing connection with Dr. Justin Coulson and his Happy Families resourcing for the past few years. The school subscription we have 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 and more.

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.

Celebration of Learning - Wednesday 30th March 4:30pm OR 5:00pm OR 5:30pm

In previous years our practice has been that towards the end of every term, we invite parents in for a "Celebration of Learning" - this is an opportunity for your child to take you on a tour of their Learning Studio, look around the room at the displays and be an audience for the culmination of the Inquiry PBL for the term. In order to assist in limiting large numbers of parents mixing in Learning Studios, we will again provide an opportunity for parents to book into one of three sessions, 4:30 pm, 5:00pm, or 5:30pm. We will share the links for booking into a session shortly.



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

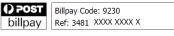
This year we are able to offer our Term 1 Parent University as a face-to-face opportunity. The workshop will be led by Mr. Owen Wallis(Numeracy Coach) and Mrs. Melissa King (CEDP Numeracy Teaching Educator). The focus will be on our school learning goal for 2022 which is about students developing number sense and using this number sense to justify their mathematical thinking. All parents (Kindergarten to Year 6) are invited to attend - you may like to stay after the final Celebration of Learning session!! No booking is required.

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.



Pay in person at any Post Office, by Phone by calling 13 18 16, or go to postbillpay.com.au







The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools.

The 2021 Challenge kicked off **Monday, 28th February** and closes **Friday, 19th August** (midnight) for MTP students. *How can my child get involved*? Just click on the link at <u>NSW PRC</u> and log on to begin (Kindergarten and new families) should have recently received their log in details. There is also a new student portal which allows students to look for books that are on the challenge list and add them directly to their reading log once read.

If you have any questions, please see either Mrs Rawlings or Mrs Halligan.



This week we celebrate the Feast Days of two important Catholic saints. On Thursday we recognised St Patrick who brought the Good News of Jesus to the people of Ireland. I Tomorrow, Friday 19th March, we celebrate St Joseph. St Joseph was chosen by God to be the protector and carer of Mary and Jesus. He was a hard working man who listened to God's call and followed in His ways. Please take some time to watch this <u>St Joseph Prayer</u> and reflect and pray together with your family.

Dear St Joseph,

Teach us to listen to the voice of God in our lives and to always welcome His love into our hearts. Amen.

This year's theme for our **JRS collection** is "The Gift of Giving". Over the next 6 weeks, 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.

Milk

Dried Lentils & Chickpeas



We are asking you to add ONE extra grocery item every week to your shopping to help desperate families - This week's items are <u>Dried Lentils and Chickpeas</u> and/or <u>Coconut</u> <u>Milk</u>. These can be brought to our school office. Thank you for your generosity - the storeroom is filling up because of your gentle hearts.

Project Compassion will provide another opportunity for generosity of heart and spirit. We are going ahead with donations via the QKR app. Directions of how to do this are attached in PDF form in this Newsletter. Mother Teresa tells us: **"Together we can do great things**."

Thank you SO MUCH for your wonderful generosity so far. As a community we were able to raise <u>\$1,639.65</u> for Flood Relief via the QKR app. GIVE LENT UO078 We card to be a feature

God Bless. *Gaye Dennis REC*

Important Dates:

- Celebration of learning Wednesday, 30th March 4:30, 5:00pm and 5:30pm Booking information coming soon
- Parent University Mathematics Wednesday 30th, March 6:00pm
- Last day of Term 1—Friday, 8th April
- First day of Term 2—Tuesday, 26th April
- Year 6 Camp 5th and 6th May
- MTP Bush Dance Friday, 27th May 6:00pm—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

Hello again parents and caregivers. I am so pleased that despite the rain there have been so many accomplishments taking place in our MTP sporting community.

Congratulations to our swimmers who took place in the Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival in week 6. The results are in and are as follows:

Jordan S: 10 yrs boys 50m freestyle-8th 51:77, & Junior boys backstroke 6th 1:01:62, Junior boys breaststroke 6th 1:13:32 Joshua P: 10 yrs boys 50m freestyle-11th 1:07:48 & 15th Junior boys backstroke 1:13:66

Vivien S: 10 yrs girls 50m freestyle-9th 1:01:96

Mia Joy G: 10 yrs girls 50m freestyle-10th 1:17:85

Arthur R: 11 yrs boys 50m freestyle-12th 1:05:29

Alessia M: 11yrs girls 50m freestyle-5th 48:11, 11 yrs breaststroke participation

Isabelle K: 11yrs girls 50m freestyle-9th 53:18, 11 yrs breaststroke 3rd 1:11:12

Dean S: 12yrs boys 50m freestyle-11th 1:02:05

Victoria A: 12 yrs girls 50m freestyle-9th 48:55, Senior Backstroke 4th 53:13, Senior breaststroke participation.



Two of these participants, Victoria A and Isabelle K went on to represent the Cumberland Zone at the Diocesan Carnival held at Blacktown Aquatic Centre on Friday, 11th March. Both girls were very excited to attend and have done well in their respective events. Well done!

We are proud to announce that Alessia M is off to Yass on Friday, 18th March to represent Parramatta at the Mackillop trials for touch football. I caught up with Alessia this week and this is what she had to say - "I feel excited, but will be nervous when they announce the team. It would be one of the highlights of my year to make it because I finish year 6 this year". We are all wishing Alessia the best of luck at this event.

Congratulations Lucas - In another first for MTP, Lucus J (Yr 5) has also made it to the MacKillop Trials for Soccer, as he represents the Dioccese of Parramatta in soccer. He is the first student at our school to be able to achieve this and we are looking forward to following his journey to the next level. Amazing news Lucus!





Congratulations Cooper - An amazing year of sports achievements for MTP. Cooper was recently selected to represent the Parramatta Diocese in Basketball. Cooper did a great job representing our Diocese playing against other NSW Catholic Diocesan schools. As a result, Cooper has now been selected to represent the Combined Catholic School Diocese, as part of the MacKillop Team NSW. Cooper will spend a week in Tammowrth later in May, representing the MacKillop NSW Team - good luck Cooper!

Coming Up....MTP Cross Country - watch out for more information soon!!

Rachael Thompson PE Teacher



School Holiday Camps are BACK!!!

Last day for your EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT is Tomorrow 15th Marchs DON'T MISS OUT

> Week 1 - 11th April to 15th April Week 2 18th April to 22nd April 9 am to 3 pm Monday to Friday

No Experience Required Booking Required Active Kids Voucher Accepted

We have partnered up with Playpoint to put together one of the most exciting camps your child can experience. They will learn new games, new skills, make new friends while learning to play as team, develop confidence, discipline and improve their focus.





OUR TICKET

ONLY COSTS \$10

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