

20th May 2022



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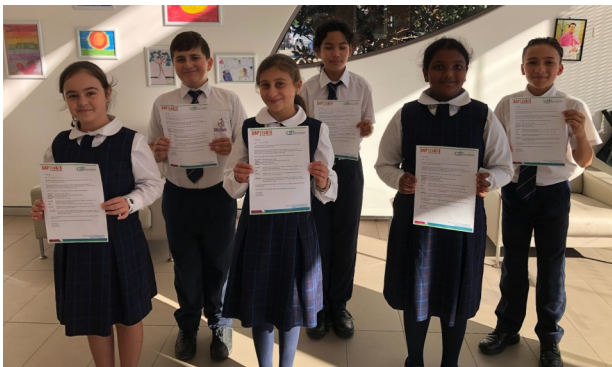
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MTP [Heartlinks Highlights Video](#) - Bush Dance Invitation

In our video this week, our Year 6 Technology Team has put together another short video promoting our MTP Bush Dance next week. Thanks to Mr. Mortimer and the Technology team for sharing your creative skills in producing this video.

Staffing News

In Term 3 this year, I will be taking long service leave to spend time with my family. Mrs. Katherine Stennett has been appointed acting Principal for Term 3 and Mrs. Maree Grainger has been appointed acting Assistant Principal for Term 3. I thank Kate and Maree for taking on these positions during Term 3.



Congratulations MTP students selected for the Diocesan Drama Ensemble

Last week, we were notified that six of our Stage 3 students (Years 5 and 6) had been selected for the CAPTIVATE Diocesan Drama ensemble. These students will learn and perform together with students from other schools in the Parramatta Diocese. We are

very proud of these students and look forward to seeing some very dramatic performances this year. Well done Angelina, Chris, Aurellia, Max, Jane, and Marcus.

Mother Teresa Primary Bush Dance - Friday, 27th May 6:00pm to 8.30 pm in the Morley Centre - ALL welcome!!!

Our whole school community event will be held in [Term 2 for 2022](#), 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. Check out our Facebook video this week, put together by our Year 6 Technology Team.

There will be fairy floss and popcorn, a coffee van, and cold drinks available for purchase. There will also be an opportunity to purchase uniform items from the second-hand clothing pool on the night. There will be lucky door prizes and a very exciting photo booth. BYO nibbles and a picnic blanket - there will be some chairs available in the Morley Centre but feel free to bring along your folding chairs as well. Family tickets (\$10 each) will be on sale soon - we really look forward to this community celebration at MTP for 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

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1:15pm
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6:00pm
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First Day of Term 3

SAVE the DATE - Mother Teresa Primary Writer's Festival - Term 2 Week 8 - Friday 17th June 1.15 pm
ALL Parents and Carers invited!!!

In Week 6 all students, from Kindergarten to Year 6, will be participating in writer's workshops with a variety of famous Australian authors and illustrators each day of the week. Following this intense week, the children will write, illustrate and publish their own book. 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 1.15pm. 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 Writer's Festival event.*

Term 2 "Cuppa with the Principal" Thursday 2nd June 8.30 am in the Staffroom

All parents and carers are welcome to join us for a "Cuppa with the Principal" for Term 2 on Thursday, 2nd June at 8.30am. This is a great chance to meet other parents and to reflect on and discuss school. All welcome!

Protected Industrial Action Friday, 27th May

As notified through Skoolbag today, on Friday, 27 May 2022 a number of our staff may take part in protected industrial action (stop work action) to progress their claims for a new enterprise agreement. It is not known at this time how many staff members will participate.

I want to assure you that supervision will be provided at school on this day, however, no classes will be held. Given this, we strongly encourage families not to send their children to school on this day given the potential reduction in staff. Our staff are within their rights to take protected industrial action.

Catholic Education Diocese Parramatta and other Catholic Dioceses across NSW and the ACT have regularly met with the union to progress negotiations for a new enterprise agreement and will continue to do so.

Thank you for your understanding and I will continue to keep you updated about this matter.

PLEASE NOTE - Bush Dance is still on!

As the MTP Bush Dance is a scheduled whole school community event, the Bush Dance will go ahead as planned.

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

Our Term 2 "Celebration of Learning" will be held on Wednesday, 22nd June between 4.30pm and 6:00pm. 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. 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—19th, 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.

Year 6 Camp 2022

Our Year 6 students had a fantastic time at Wedderburn Christian Camp a couple of weeks ago. This was an opportunity to spend time in the great outdoors, challenging ourselves and getting to know each other in a different environment. While this experience was a lot of fun, I would like to thank all of the staff who gave up their time to accompany our Year 6 students on camp.



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.

National Walk Safely to School Day - Today Friday, 20th May

Now in its 23rd year, National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.

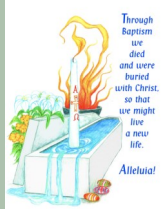
All information can found at: walk.com.au

The event will be held throughout Australia today.

The objectives of WSTSD are:

- To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.
- To promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age.
- To ensure that children up to 10 years old hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.
- To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
- To reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change as children become adults.
- To promote the use of Public Transport.
- To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles.
- To reduce the level of traffic congestion.

The CEDP has also produced a short video about road safety available [here](#).



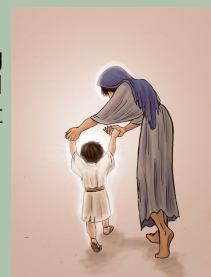
The glorious season of Easter brings 50 days of New Life! From the Easter Vigil to the feast of Pentecost Sunday.

This is our chance to renew our love of God and the faith we have in our Resurrected Jesus. We walk with joy as we await the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

May is the month of Mary. For the month of May, we honour Mary our Blessed mother. The young woman, chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus. Mary devoted her life to God and renewed the world when she said "yes". Mary knew the joys and sadness of motherhood; may we turn to her in prayer at times of celebration and challenge.

Our Blessed Mother Mary, *Pray for us.*

God Bless
Mrs Gaye Dennis



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WHS - Site safety

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

Qkr! mobile phone app

Dear Parents and Carers,

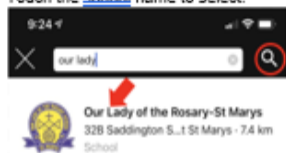
As previously advised, *Mother Teresa Primary* is now offering an online payment service through **Qkr!**. **Qkr!** (pronounced 'quicker') is designed for busy parents and carers, this easy-to-use mobile phone application is suitable for both iPhone and Android Smartphones. This service is currently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

How to get started with Qkr!

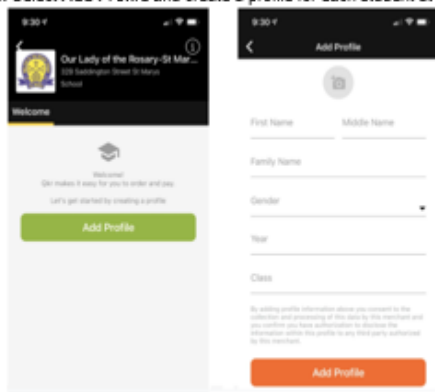
1. Install the **Qkr!** app on your smartphone.



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.

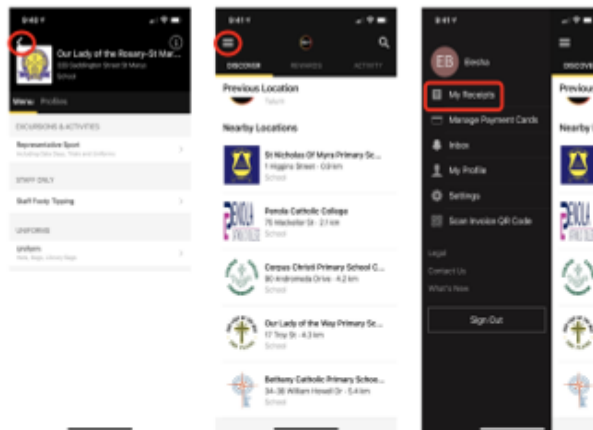


4. Once you have created a profile, you may view available items and purchase them.
5. Please note as purchases are made, a digital receipt will be stored within the app under My Receipts.

To access My Receipts, select < (top left)

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Select **My Receipts**



Buying a Bush Dance ticket (\$10 per family)

1. Log in to your **Qkr!** app
2. Select *Mother Teresa Primary*
3. Use your eldest child's profile
4. Scroll all the way down to – Fundraisers (select)
5. Select – MTP Bush Dance 6:pm 27/05/2022
6. Select **QTY** (1 per family @\$10 each)
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.



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MISS CONNECTION – Raising Teenage Girls



How to find true, meaningful connection with your teenage daughter.



Our guest speaker for the PRC parent engagement event is:

Register here to attend

Dr Justin Coulson

Join us one of Australia's leading parenting and family experts,
Channel 9's Parental Guidance Presenter, Author, Psychologist



Justin will be discussing:

How we can keep them safe and informed? What is really going on in the minds of our teenage daughters?

How we can stay connected to our daughters and keep them motivated?

How to encourage them to develop strong, healthy relationships and resilience?


The best things we can do to support our daughters, Simple tools and techniques to help you guide them.



Monday, 30th May 2022

Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm (2 hours)
(PRC General Meeting- will be held prior to guest speaker)

Catherine McAuley, Darcy Rd, Westmead, 2148

www.prc.catholic.edu.au  [@prcparra](https://www.facebook.com/prcparra)

Light supper and refreshments will be provided,
and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!



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