

6th May 2022



Heartlinks Highlights Video

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MTP Heartlinks Highlights Video - Easter Hat Parade

In our video this week, our Year 6 Technology Team has put together a short presentation from our Easter Hat Parade celebrations last week. It was great to have so many parents and carers join us for this celebration and see how creative our MTP students are firsthand.

Happy Mother's Day 2022.

I wish all of our Mums and Grandmas a very Happy Mother's Day this Sunday - we are so grateful for the crucial role you play in our children's lives. On Monday at 10 am, we will be holding a special Mother's Day Liturgy in the Morley Centre. Our Year 6 hospitality team will be there to greet you. After the liturgy, we invite our Mums and Grandmothers to bring a picnic rug and a morning tea picnic down to the school playground - you are very welcome to stay for recess and join in a game with your child. After recess, the children will return to their Learning Studios as normal to continue learning for the day.



Many thanks to our parent helpers, Mrs Rawlings, Mrs Attard and Mrs Halligan for your assistance in the running of the Mother's Day stall for 2022 - we greatly appreciate your time and efforts.

A letter from Mother Teresa to Children - thank you Mrs. Mokdassi

Last week one of our Kindergarten parents, Mrs Mokdassi, shared a copy of a beautiful letter written by Mother Teresa in 1997 to children. I have shared part of this letter below.

"My dear children

God loved the world so much that He sent us His only Son to save us from sin. And Jesus brought us the Good News that God loves each one of us with a most tender love. We are precious to Him. He has carved us in the palm of His hand. And we are created for greater things: to love and be loved."



"Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible poverty."

St Teresa of Kolkata

Important Dates:

- Monday, 9th May
Full Winter School Uniform
- Friday, 20th May
School Photos
- Friday, 27th May
MTP Bush Dance—6:00pm-8:30pm
- Thursday 30th June
Final Day of Term 2
- Monday 18th July
First Day of Term 3

SAVE THE DATE - Mother Teresa Primary Bush Dance - Friday 27th May 6 pm to 8.30 pm - ALL welcome!!!

In previous years, Mother Teresa Primary has run a Bingo-Disco evening in Term 3. Our whole school community event will be held in Term 2, 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.

Many thanks to the parent volunteers who attended our initial planning meeting. We have another meeting next Friday afternoon, 13th May at 2 pm in the Staffroom - all parents are very welcome to attend.

We have worked together to organise fairy floss and popcorn, a coffee van, and cold drinks. There will be lucky door prizes and a very exciting photo booth. Family tickets (\$10 each) will be on sale soon - we really look forward to this community celebration at MTP for 2022.



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

Last year we held our inaugural MTP Writer's Festival but due to lockdown we had to complete many of the activities online. We are so excited this year that we can hold our Writer's Festival face to face. 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 books 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.

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 August.

In Term Four, the first day of term will be a SDD focussed 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.

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.

Online Canteen - Update

As parents are aware from previous newsletters, the CEDP has been in a tendering process for a group of schools in the Diocese who require online canteen services, including Mother Teresa Primary. Unfortunately the tendering process between businesses and CEDP has been protracted and frustrating. We have now moved to our own investigation of an online order and delivery service with a local school supplier. We are meeting next week and will inform the school community of the outcome as soon as possible.

Winter School Uniform

A reminder that students are required to wear full winter uniform in Term 2. All students must wear full winter uniform from **Monday, 9th May**. If families require uniforms, you need to purchase them directly from **OZ Fashions, 115-127 Parramatta Road, Granville**. Uniforms are available 6 days per week during the following hours: **Monday to Friday 9:00am–5:30pm and Saturday 9:00am–4:00pm**



What an exciting start to Term Two as we celebrated the ability to pray together with events such as ANZAC Day, our Easter Mass and (on Monday) our Mother's Day liturgy! **Please join us in the Morley Centre on Monday 9 May at 10am** to celebrate our Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers and all who are like mothers to us.

We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song! It has been some time since Easter Sunday but we are still in the season of Easter. We sometimes forget that, liturgically, the feast of Easter lasts for 50 days, and that, practically, we are called to be an Easter people every day of our lives. **People should be able to see in our words and actions the joy and happiness that goes with this title.**

This term we are focussing on the following Cycles in Religious Education:

- Kindergarten -Who is our neighbour?
- Year 1 and 2 - How can we bring God's peace to others?
- Year 3 and 4 - How are my choices inspired by the teachings of Jesus?
- Year 5 and 6 - How can we be present and active in the church, using Jesus as our inspiration?

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like further clarification on what your child is learning in Religious Education.

Alleluia! and Happy Mother's Day!

Mrs Gaye Dennis

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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.

Sport News

It was a lovely day to be attending the Cumberland Zone Cross Country which was held on Tuesday, 3rd May at Eastern Creek Motorsport Park. The weather was shining and so were our students. The students maintained an amazing amount of team spirit and cheer all the way to the finish line. The following students attended the day and are to be congratulated for their strong efforts:



Arohi G, Saide R, Angelina S, Marcella R, Sienna M, Jhezerean M, Alessia M, Isabelle K, Eve R, Victoria A, Saide A, Carmen N, Tristan S, Xavier S, Zorian F, Noah C, Austin L, Alexander L, Lucus J, Jacob N, David S, Joseph R, Jarrod D, Issac H, Arnav P, Jacob B, Phoenix S, Peter E, Cooper S, Marcus S, Dean S, Logan S & Sammy R.

For the second year in a row, Lucus J (Yr 5), who placed 7th, has made it through to the next round to represent Cumberland Zone and the Diocesan carnival to be held later this term. Well done Lucus.

2022 has proven to be our best year for MTP and Diocesan Sports results with yet another student, Logan S (Yr 5), being selected to play for the MacKillop Team in the U/11 Diocesan Rugby League team. He will train with his team throughout the term to later compete against other Diocesan teams in Canberra. I caught up with Logan this week and this is what he had to say about his achievement: "I feel good that I am playing in a representative team because I can now represent the school. I love footy because it is a team sport and you get to learn a lot of skills to be able to play". We look forward to hearing about his experiences. Well done Logan!

Joshua R (Yr 5) has been very busy with sport this past week competing in the Australian Power Chair Football Association (APFA) National Clubs competition held at Sydney Olympic park. Joshua represented Sydney FC in the Opens competition with his team coming 8th overall out of a total of 9 teams. Joshua explained - "even though we came 8th we did have a good result for the youth that is in our team". The other teams came from all over the country - Adelaide, Melbourne and Queensland. Congratulations to Joshua for tying 2nd for Most Valuable Player at this competition.

Coming upStage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day Wednesday—25th May
Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day Wednesday—15th June

Rachael Thompson PE Teacher



National Walk Safely to School Day

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 on **Friday, 20 May 2022**
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.



SAVE THE DATE
FRIDAY 20 MAY 2022
National Walk Safely to School Day



ACTIVE KIDS ARE SMARTER KIDS

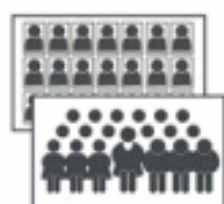


FRIDAY 20 MAY 2022

**Until they're ten, children must always hold
an adult's hand when crossing the road**

WALK.COM.AU

school photographs are coming up soon



Group presentation format is chosen by your school. Format may vary from options shown.



Perfect for 10x8" Frames



12x17mm



82x127mm



38x115mm



38x53mm



38x53mm



38x53mm



38x53mm



61x87mm



53x78mm



29x41mm



NEW

48 Personalised Stickers

Please note: Traditional or Composite group and the presentation format are chosen by your school. Sibling photos, if available, can also be ordered online and must be ordered prior to your photo day. A late fee will apply for photos purchased after ordering has closed.

how to order

order online

Online payment options include Visa, Mastercard and PayPal. Alternatively, you can choose to pay over 10 weeks using LatitudePay.

STEP 1

Go to www.advancedlife.com.au on your computer, phone or tablet.

STEP 2

Enter your school code:

XLN XJ6 XX2

in the 'order and download' box. This will take you to your school's secure online ordering site.



STEP 3

Click on 'Order Photos' and complete your details and procedures. During this process you can place orders for additional children at your school and sibling photos, if available



cash/envelope ordering

Your school prefers orders to be placed online. However, if you are unable to order online, please complete your order using the order envelope provided.

STEP 1

Complete a separate order envelope for each individual child's package/s ordered. If ordering for more than one child, payment should be enclosed in the envelope of the eldest child and this should be indicated on the envelope of the other child/children (the envelope that does not have cash enclosed).

STEP 2

Enclose exact cash payment in one envelope for the package/s you are ordering. Payment for more than one child should be in the eldest child's envelope and marked at the bottom of the envelope in the space provided.

STEP 3

Return your completed envelope/s, with correct cash payment, to our photographers on the day.

Please note: You must enclose exact correct payment, as change is not available. Credit card payments can only be made online and we no longer accept cheques. There is a separate envelope for sibling photo orders, should your school choose to offer sibling photos.

School photographs will be returned to your school 4-6 weeks after the day of photography

IMPORTANT - "not for publication" students

If you have instructed your school that your child's image is "not for publication" (sometimes called "do not publish" or "not for media release" instructions), the school will ensure that your child is not presented to our photographers on photo day and school photographs will not be available for purchase. If you wish to change your instruction, then you must notify your school, so they change their records and identify your child as able to be photographed for school photography purposes. All students presented to our photographers by your school on photo day will be photographed, their images will appear in school photography packages with their fellow students and these packages will be available to purchase by all families.

Contact us: www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

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