

NEWSLETTER

Week 2- Friday 9th February 2024



Mother Teresa
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are probably aware, newsletters at Mother Teresa are a fortnightly publication which is released on a Friday, this being our first for the year. The students have all settled back into school really well! It has been wonderful having the opportunity to get to all classes and see how engaged the students are in their learning.

Despite some interruptions with weather, the renovations are on target and we hope to have the students in their new classrooms early next term. You will have noticed that the Mother Teresa external notice board is currently out of action. This is because we are in the process of relocating it as it is currently too close to the new learning site.

Tuesday was 'Safer Internet Day'. This is a yearly global initiative aimed to educate people about online safety risks, like online abuse, how to be safe online and where to go for help. The focus for this Safer Internet Day was to encourage people to take three simple actions when approaching online safety: *Connect. Reflect. Protect.* This involves:

1. Connect safely by keeping apps and devices secure and reviewing your privacy settings regularly.
2. Reflect on how your actions online may affect others or your safety.
3. Protect yourself and others by visiting [eSafety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au) to find out how to stay safe online and report online abuse.

I cannot emphasise the importance of online safety enough. Unfortunately, I have already had to talk to the Year 5 and 6 students about accessing or recommending inappropriate sites. You can find more information at

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/resources>.

Over the coming days, you may be invited to help in your child's classroom. If you are interested in being a parent helper at any time during the year, please let Janice in the office know so she can organise for you to participate in a school induction.

Message from the Principal continued...

Towards the end of February, you will be receiving Family Statements. Please contact the Finance Department if you would like to arrange an Installment Plan or contact Michelle Garbutt if you are experiencing financial hardship and would like to commence proceedings for financial support with fees.

I value open and honest communication and look forward to a strong partnership with you now and into the future. If you ever experience concerns or have questions about your child's education or the school generally, I encourage you to, in the first instance, approach your child's teacher. Following that, Meg Irwin and I are always more than happy to catch up with you. Our annual Board AGM will be held on March 18. All parents are warmly welcome to attend this meeting. Further information about the AGM will be forthcoming.

Next Thursday at 5:00pm, we will be having our Parent Welcome night. You will have the opportunity to visit your child's classroom, meet the teacher and see what your child has been learning about in class. This will be followed with dinner which can be purchased from one of the food vans on site or the sausage sizzle stall. Cherry will be entertaining us with her band too so please, bring along some chairs, your loved ones and be ready for a great night.

Have a wonderful weekend!

King Regards,
Michelle Garbutt
Principal

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**ATTENDANCE
MATTERS
ALL DAY, EVERY DAY**



Front Office News



Upcoming Events

Week 3

Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday

Ash Wednesday

Thursday

Family Welcome & Information
night

Friday

Assembly @2pm (3/4 Otto)

Week 4

Monday

School photos (Primary)

Friday

School photos - Whole school &
ELC

Assembly @ 2pm (1/2 Haintz)



2024 Term Dates

Term 1

Wednesday 31st January - Friday 5th April

Term Break

Monday 8th April - Friday 12th April

Term 2

Monday 15th April - Friday 21st June

Mid year break

Monday 24th June - Friday 12th July

Term 3

Tuesday 16th July - Friday 20th September

Term Break

Monday 23rd September - Friday 4th
October

Term 4

Monday 7th October - Thursday 12th December



Front Office Hours

MONDAY 8:00AM - 3:00PM

TUESDAY 8:00AM - 3:00PM

WEDNESDAY 8:00AM - 3:00PM

THURSDAY 8:00AM - 3:00PM

FRIDAY 8:00AM - 3:00PM



IMPORTANT

Message from MTCPS Finance Team

Dear families,

School Fees Billing Statement:

The first school fees billing statement is due to come out on 23 Feb 2024. Thank you for your patience.

Families are welcome to start their payments. Please refer to the 2024 School Fees structure for options to pay in instalments and the frequency of payments.

Direct Debit is the preferred mode of payment for school fees.

Please contact the Finance Team at

finance.motherteresa@nt.catholic.edu.au for the direct debit form if you have not done so already.

Instalment payment is easier to manage and it will ensure that fees are paid before the end of the school year.

Kind Regards,

MTCPS Finance Team



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Beginning of year Mass

Friday , Week 1



On Friday, Week 1, We welcomed new staff and students to our school with our Beginning of Year Mass



We are very grateful that Bishop Charles and Deacon Shehan were here to celebrate with our school community



My first 2 weeks: Transition



What a fantastic start we have had in Transition! After only eight days of school, students have done a great job of settling into the classroom routines, engaging in new learning experiences and making new friends. This week we have been reading the book 'We don't eat our Classmates!' which led to many discussions about how we treat our friends and classmates at MTCPS. We all agreed that it's not very nice to gobble them up! We have also started learning new sounds and students were very excited to have a go at writing these in their books. In Maths, students have been doing some rotation activities focusing on recognising and writing numbers. Our Inquiry discussions have been about families and who are the special people in our lives. Similarly, in Religion, we have been learning about how special Mother Teresa was and how students can live the Mother Teresa Way as new members of our school community.

The Transition team is so proud of how all our students have started off the year and we are very excited to be supporting them on their learning journey.



My first 2 weeks: Year 1/2



The 1/2s have started their Read Write Inc lessons this week and have made a fantastic start. Students have been working really hard on sounding out words using their 'Fred Talk' to help read and spell. Students have also really enjoyed their DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) time reading for at least 10 minutes at the start of every day.

All 1/2 students have enjoyed getting to know their new students and teachers with lots of fun happening in every class.



My first 2 weeks: Year 3/4

The 3/4's have had a great start to term. The students have settled into their new classes and have enjoyed getting to know their peers. They have been enjoying their specialist classes and getting to know their new teachers. In Literacy, they are excited to be reading the novel 'Matilda' and focusing on writing interesting sentences. In Maths, the students have been learning and playing new maths games, focusing on place value. Through Inquiry, we have been learning about how we stay safe in our community, and how we live and work together. Through Religion, we have been learning about Mother Teresa and how we follow the school values of hope, joy, love, faith, community, and compassion.

Well done year 3/4 's for a fantastic start to the year!



My first 2 weeks: Year 5/6



What a start to the term! In 5/6 we have begun to settle into our school routines and find our place in our learning areas. Students have started their specialist classes and are really enjoying sharing their ideas and participating in class discussions.

5/6's are preparing for class masses, hosting assemblies and becoming captains, and leaders of the school. We are also so super excited for camp this year! They have enjoyed getting to know their peers. In literacy we are learning about Biographies and tense in writing. In numeracy we are looking at numbers, decimals and place value. Through religion we are learning about Mother Teresa and how we follow in her footsteps through our school values of compassion, community, hope, joy, love and faith.

Well done 5/6 students for a fantastic start to the year, we can't wait to see what the future holds!



A CONVERSATION ABOUT: **BULLYING**

WHAT IS BULLYING?

Definition according to StopBullying.gov.

Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behaviour among school aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time.

**SOMETIMES, PEOPLE GET
CONFUSED ABOUT WHAT IS
AND ISN'T BULLYING.**

**SO WHATS THE
DIFFERENCE?**



Bullying is not the same as

- **Being rude** – saying or doing something hurtful that wasn't planned or meant to hurt someone, e.g. someone pushing in front of you in the canteen line
- **Being mean** – doing something hurtful to someone on purpose once or twice, e.g. a friend refusing to play with you one day
- **Conflict** – having a disagreement with a friend, e.g. two friends getting into an argument and saying mean things to each other
- **Respectful feedback** on behaviours you're doing that aren't ok, e.g. "It's not ok roll your eyes every time they talk about sport."
- **A friend putting in a 'boundary'** e.g. "I don't like it when you keep telling me what to do."
- **Natural consequences** in socialising, e.g. a friend not trusting you because you shared their secret

WHAT ARE SOME BULLYING BEHAVIOURS?

- Are **aggressive, unkind or mean** behaviours
- Are **repeated behaviours** (it must happen multiple times, in an ongoing way to be defined as bullying)
- Happen on **purpose**
- Must have a **power imbalance** – which means that people bullying and the people being bullied aren't seen as being 'equal', e.g. older, bigger people picking on smaller, younger people, or 'popular' people targeting someone who they see as being 'unpopular', or who is struggling to make friends.



We recommend families to visit

<https://kidshelpline.com.au/teens/issues/bullying> for more information

A CONVERSATION ABOUT: RESILIENCE

WHAT IS RESILIENCE?

kidshelpline.com.au definition of resilience:
Resilience is what allows us to get through tough times and get back up on our feet.



WHAT CAN RESILIENCE LOOK LIKE?

- 'Bouncing Back' and moving forward after a tough time
- Being a problem-solver
- Standing up for yourself
- Giving things a go and trying your best
- Having a positive mindset
- Being adaptable and flexible

**I AM STRONG
I AM CAPABLE
I AM RESILIENT**

WHAT CAN I DO WHEN I AM FACING A CHALLENGE?



Think positive thoughts



Look after yourself



Keep trying



Talk to someone



Learn from mistakes



Work towards your goals



Look for the positives in the situation



Accept that change happens all the time



Accept that negative things can happen



Improve your problem solving skills




Find things that help you feel calm



Get help when you need it

Visit <https://kidshelpline.com.au/teens/issues/developing-resilience> for more helpful information



REMINDER

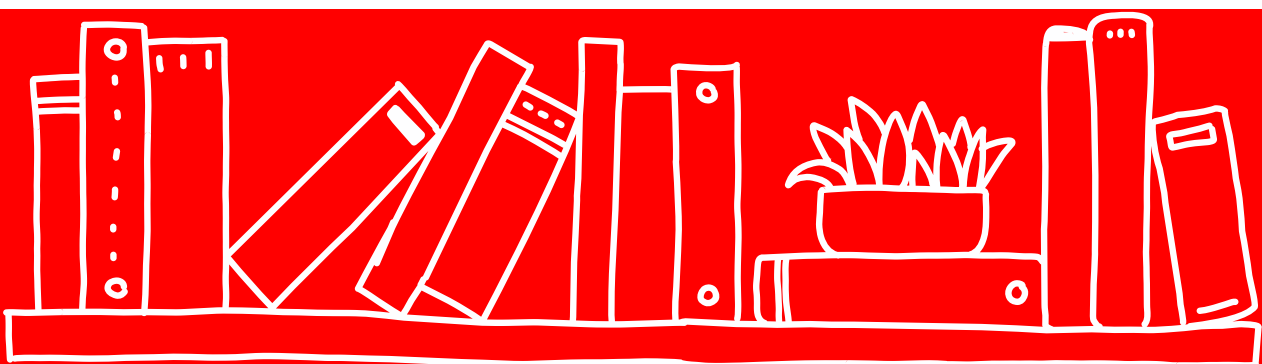
BOOK CLUB

Dear Families, Book Club has been sent out to students in Office bags.

If you have not received a booklet, you can visit [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) to order electronically.

Please note orders will need to be in by **12th February 2024.**

There is to be **NO CASH PAYMENTS.**
Online orders only.



Community Notices



LITCHFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB
2024 MINI MATILDAS AND SOCCEROOS
FEB FIT PROGRAM

- 4 WEEK PROGRAM
- 'COME AND TRY'
- FRED'S PASS RESERVE
- FUN & FITNESS

WE WILL BE KICKING OFF OUR PRESEASON THIS FEBRUARY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FEB FIT. WE WILL BE HOLDING A COME AND TRY PROGRAM FOR ALL LEVELS AND AGES OVER FEB. AFTER FEB WE WILL CONTINUE ON WITH NORMAL PRESEASON AND TRAINING.

DAY, AGES AND TIME FOR COME AND TRY FEB FIT PROGRAM:
UNDER 12'S - 16'S TUESDAYS 5:30PM-6:30PM
UNDER 4'S - 11'S WEDNESDAYS AGE 5PM-6PM




COME AND TRY FEB FIT PRESEASON PROGRAM



U16's - Seniors Men and Women Come and try Program. Every Wednesday this Feb Starting on the 7th

WEDNESDAYS
6PM - 7:30PM

20 BEES CREEK RD,
FRED'S PASS NT 0822

More information info@litchfieldfc.com.au Visit Our Website <https://litchfieldfc.com.au/>



PLAY FOR KICKS

NAB AFL Superkick is next level fun for 7 to 12 year olds who are new to footy, or want to continue to grow their skill levels.

LOCATION:
PALMERSTON COLLEGE, DRIVER

STARTS WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH
5PM-6PM
4 SESSIONS COST:\$50



Contact: william.warren@afl.com.au
PLAY.AFL/SUPERKICK



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WHERE THE *locals* MATTER

