

# NEWSLETTER

Week 4- Friday 23rd February 2024



Mother Teresa  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all those who attended the Parent Welcome Evening last night. The evening was a great success. Ms Cherry & her band entertained our families with youthful exuberance and sheer talent. I apologise for the length of time many people had to line up for their food. Unfortunately, we only received 80 replies to our RSVP and the actual number of families who actually attended exceeded that. In the future we ask that you please RSVP to all community based invitations, so we can cater accordingly.

Last week, Tisha, Parker (school captains) and I attended the Shrove Tuesday Liturgy at the Cathedral. There were representatives from most of our urban schools at this celebration and following the Liturgy, we gathered together in the hall to learn more about Caritas Australia's 2024 theme, 'For All Future Generations'. We discussed ways in which we can help the marginalised, poor and oppressed in our world.

On Monday, we had our first School Board meeting for the year. There are a couple of members who have finished their two year tenure so we are looking for people who may be interested in joining the team. We have two Board meetings each term; in Weeks 4 and 8. The meetings commence at 5:00pm and conclude no later than 6:30pm. We will be holding the AGM at the next meeting so if you are interested in coming along to learn more, we would love to see you there.

On Wednesday, I met with the School and House Captains to discuss their very important roles in our school community. We will be meeting twice a term throughout the year to discuss their many ideas on how we can make Mother Teresa an even better school. Their initial thoughts and feelings about all aspects of school life at Mother Teresa have been extremely positive.

King Regards,  
Michelle Garbutt  
Principal

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**ATTENDANCE  
MATTERS  
ALL DAY, EVERY DAY**



# Front Office News



## Upcoming Events

### Week 5

Friday

Netball Gala Day

Assembly @2pm (TR Niland)

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### Week 6

Friday

Assembly @ 2pm (5/6 Sea)



## 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





# Message from MTCPS Finance Team

## School Fees Billing Statement:

The first school fees billing statement is due to come out on or before 02 March 2024.

Direct Debit is the preferred mode of payment for school fees. Please contact the Finance Team at [finance.motherteresa@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto: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 if upfront payment is not possible.

**Please note an early payment discount of 5% applicable to tuition fees if school fees are paid in full on or before 08 April 2024.**

Please advise Admin if you are using your back to school voucher to pay school levies.

## OSHC/ ELC Fees:

OSHC and ELC invoices are sent on a weekly basis.

Direct Debit is the preferred mode of payment for OSHC & ELC fees. Please contact the Finance Team at [finance.motherteresa@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:finance.motherteresa@nt.catholic.edu.au) for the direct debit form if you have not done so already.

As part of the enrolment condition for ELC & OSHC services, families need to maintain a 2 week advance payment to keep the spot of your child in the service.

**Overdue account fee of \$10.00 applies if outstanding balance goes beyond \$300.00 for OSHC and \$800.00 for ELC. Please ensure that fees are paid up to date.**

Contact Finance Team at 08 79695600 or email [finance.motherteresa@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:finance.motherteresa@nt.catholic.edu.au) if you have clarifications pertaining to school fees, OSHC and ELC fees.

# MEET THE 2024 STUDENT LEADERS

## MTCPS 2024 School Captains



**Tisha Cantoria & Parker Watkinson**

## 2024 HOUSE CAPTAINS



**Nixon Rourke & Mackenzie Ramm**



**Celeste Franz-Hoobin & Harry Le Brink**



**Sofia Lawler & Jeremy Lee-Howard**



**Charlotte Potter & Beau Summerville**

# Shrove Tuesday



*Tuesday , Week 3*



*Shrove Tuesday is the last day before entering into Lent on Ash Wednesday. It is seen as the last day to enjoy things in excess, that's why it began as a day to use up fats and eggs and pancakes was a good way to use them up!*



*Staff and students enjoyed making and eating pancakes to remember that Jesus is about to go into the desert.*



# Project Compassion Launch

Tuesday, Week 3



2024 School Captains Tisha & Parker were invited alongside Mrs Garbutt to the St Mary's Cathedral for the Project Compassion Launch.

Caritas Australia's theme for 2024 is 'For All Future Generations'.

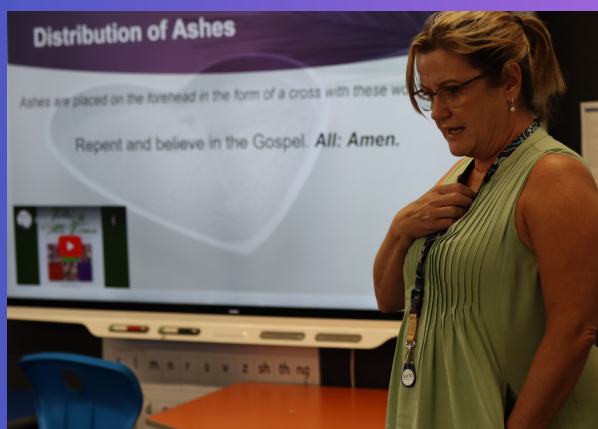


# Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, Week 3



**Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. Lent is a sacred time in which we are called to draw closer to God. Our classes celebrated Ash Wednesday with a liturgy in their cohorts and our foreheads were marked with ash. Thank you to Fr Tom for leading the Transition and Year 5/6 cohorts in prayer.**





# Family Welcome night



Thursday, Week 4



The night started with families able to tour through classrooms to meet teachers

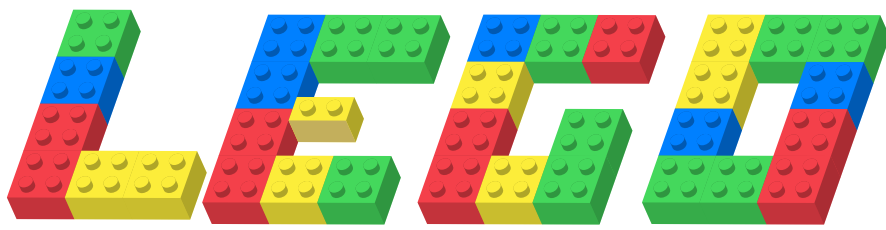


Food trucks were available for families to enjoy. We had entertainment from our very own Ms Cherry and her band.



Thank you to all the families that attended our Family Welcome night. We hope you all had a great evening!





**CLUB**



**LEGO Club has started again in 2024 and the students are loving it! Its a great way to beat the heat and to make new friends**



# TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to Miss Sea and Ms Dulani on receiving their Australian Citizenship



CONGRATULATIONS



# Community Notices

Supporting our Veterans' Families



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## JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL DEVELOPMENT CAMP

SITZLER NETBALL CENTRE  
MARRARA

- ◆ Volleyroos Head Coach - Dave Preston
- ◆ Australian Volleyball Academy Senior Coach - Brendan Garlick
- ◆ Volleyball NT Coaching Development Opportunity
- ◆ Saturday March 9th  
Sunday March 10th

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