

NEWSLETTER

Week 6 – Friday 8th March 2024



Mother Teresa
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

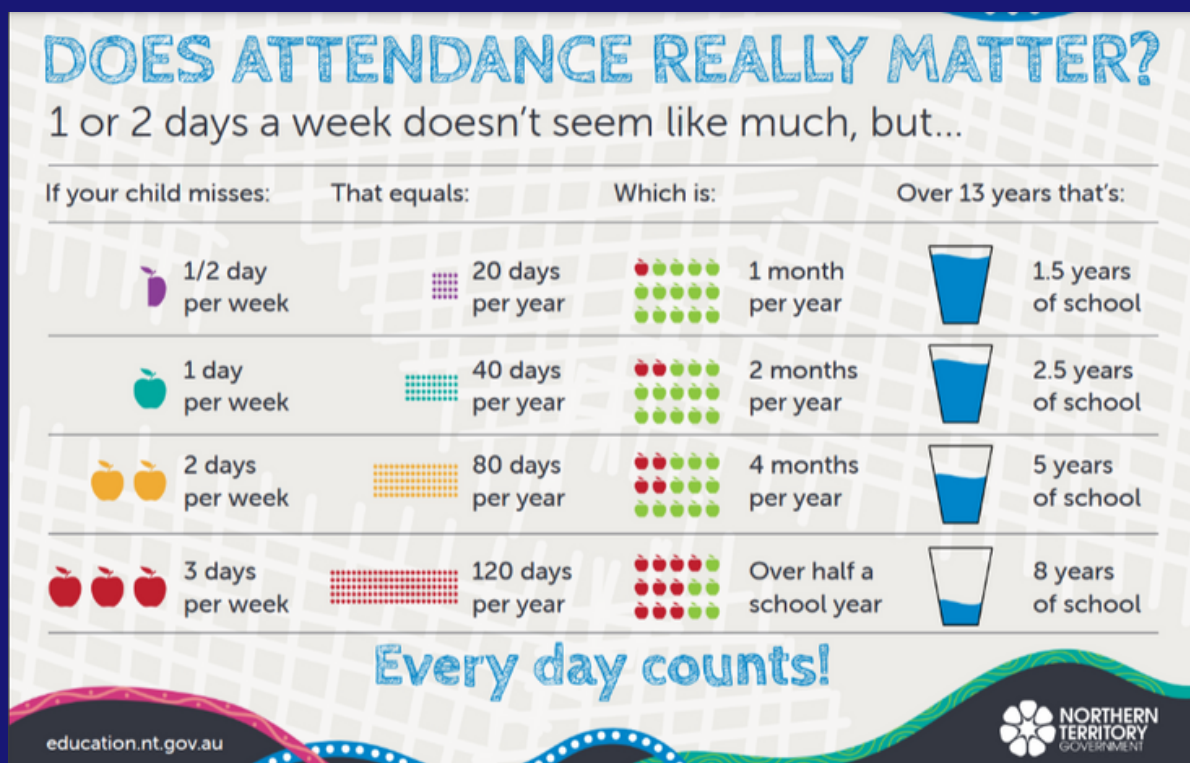
Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day. Attending and participating in school will help your child develop:

- Important skills and knowledge to help them learn.
- social and emotional skills such as good communication, resilience and teamwork.

Children who attend school every day and complete year 12 have:

- better health
- better job opportunities
- higher income across their lives.

There is no safe number of days for missing school. Each day a student misses puts them behind. While the attendance rate at Mother Teresa is generally quite good, there are some students whose absences are impacting on their learning. While we understand that children do get sick from time to time, we ask you to be mindful of times when absenteeism could be prevented.



Message from the Principal continued..

Last Sunday, almost 60 of our staff members attended the Commissioning Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, Palmerston. Bishop Charles celebrated the Mass together with Father Tom who will be concluding his role as Parish Priest and commencing new ministerial duties within the Diocese. We thank Father Tom for his faithful leadership over the past years.

Last week, we had several parents attend the Read, Write, Inc. Information Evening which was led by Courtney Tetlow and Cassie Reed. This was an extremely informative session and those parents who attended now have greater insight into the teaching and learning philosophy of the program and the operational structures that make it such a success. On Monday and Tuesday, we had several staff members, including Meg Irwin and myself, complete the Read, Write, Inc. training so we can have more teachers leading it on a day to day basis.

Just a reminder that our AGM for the School Board will be held on Monday 18th of March (Week 8). The meetings commence at 5:00pm and conclude no later than 6:30pm, so if you are interested in coming along to learn more, we would love to see you there.

King Regards,
Michelle Garbutt
Principal

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**ATTENDANCE
MATTERS
ALL DAY, EVERY DAY**



Front Office News



Upcoming Events

Week 7

Wednesday

NAPLAN Testing window begins

Friday

St Patricks Day Caritas Fundraiser

Assembly @2pm (3/4 Sant)

Week 8

Monday

NAPLAN Testing window continues this week..

AGM Meeting @ 5pm

Thursday

Harmony Day (Please see flyers attached for more info)

Friday

70's Dress Up Day Caritas Fundraiser

Assembly @ 2pm (1/2 Foyster)



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



School Fees



Message from MTCPS Finance Team

School Fees Early Payment Discount - a 5% discount on tuition fee is applicable when full fees are paid on or before 08/04/2024.

Use of Back to School Voucher (BTSV) towards school levies - The use of BTSV will reflect in the school statement after term 1.

Please inform the front office (via email) if you wish to use the back to school voucher or part of to pay school levies.

Direct Debit is the preferred mode of payment for school fees if fees can not be paid upfront. 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 if upfront payment is not possible.

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 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 if you have clarifications pertaining to school fees, OSHC and ELC fees.

Back To School Vouchers



Just a reminder that the \$200.00 Back To School Vouchers need to be used by **5th April 2024 (Friday Week 10)**.

BTSV can be used on uniforms. Uniforms are to be purchased from the Cricket and Football Shop.

BTSV are to be collected from CFS

The store's details are as follows:

Website - <https://www.cfsgear.com.au/>

Address - 1/422 Stuart Hwy, Winnellie NT 0820

Trading Hours:

Monday–Friday: 8:30 am–5:00 pm

Saturday: 8:30 am–1:00 pm

Phone: 08 8947 4454

**** If you are wanting to use the BTSV on your child's school levies, please send an email to admin.mtcps@nt.catholic.edu.au ****



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Netball Gala Day

Friday, Week 5



Last Friday some of our 5/6 students participated in a Netball Gala Day. We had two teams participate in the round robin competition, a girls' team and a mixed team. It was a great day out had by all with everyone giving playing, umpiring, and scoring a go. To top off a fantastic day, our mixed team finished first overall! Well done to all students involved!



STAFF COMMISSIONING MASS



On Sunday 3rd March, MTCPS staff members attended OLHC to be commissioned and blessed by Bishop Charles. Staff promised to diligently fulfil their roles by witnessing to the teachings of the Gospel, committing to serving the needs of the students in their care, and seeking to contribute to the wellbeing of all who belong to the school community

BUNNINGS HAMMER CLUB



The 1/2 students had the amazing privilege to have a 3 week program with Trish from Bunnings, who came in to teach the students about gardening and planting plants. They also created their own tool box to carry their gloves, shovels and rakes.

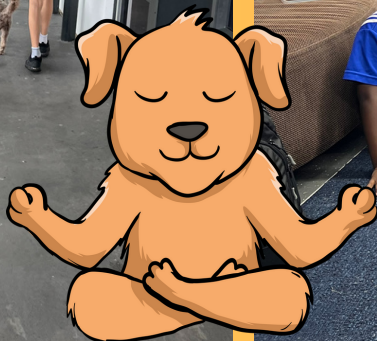
3/4 students have been engaging in a 6 week program at Bunning's DIY. They have been learning about different tools and creating a new art project each week. This week students got to visit the paint workshop to watch how they mix paints. Students even had the opportunity to do paint pouring on pots and rocks



Therapy Dogs



This term our students have been loving working with Kristy, Scout and Chip on Thursdays. They have been building their confidence to talk in front of each other and in front of small groups, as well as practicing delivering messages using the three C's: Clear, Calm and Confident. Students have loved giving Scout and Chip non-verbal instructions when completing tricks or walking them around the school, and definitely enjoy all of the smoochy cuddles with them afterwards. We love you Scout and Chip!



STUDENT COMMUNION CLASSES



First Communion classes have commenced at OLHC. We ask the Lord to bless our students as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion.

Please contact Fr Tom 0424 971 017 if you would like more information

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Palmerston

FIRST COMMUNION CALENDAR FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

Parents Meeting

7pm 18th March
in the Meeting Room

Sacrament of Penance

7pm 21st March
For Candidates' parents or caregivers
Followed by supper - bring something nice

Parents Meeting and Practice

7pm 15th April
Followed by supper - bring a plate

First Communion

21st April 8:30am or 6pm

Community Notices

Supporting our
Veterans' Families



Please use this QR Code to
order your Legacy Bears



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

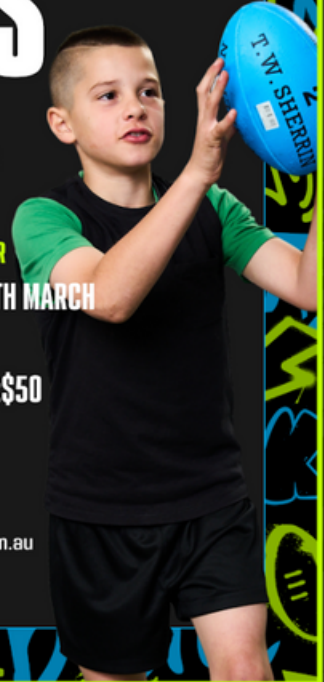
4 SESSIONS

COST:\$50



Contact: william.warren@afl.com.au

PLAY.AFL/SUPERKICK



IMAGINE THE FUN



Join Woolworths Cricket Blast

Designed for kids to learn skills, exercise, and make friends.

Inviting all 5-10 year old **BOYS** and **GIRLS** to come try cricket

NO experience or equipment required

10am - 12pm Saturday 2nd - 23rd March

at the Palmerston Indoor Sports Centre

5 - 6pm Wednesday from 3rd April for 6 weeks at

Southern Districts Cricket Club

Gerry Wood Oval, Fred's Pass Reserve

Only \$100 incl. personalised shirt & bat, plus bucket hat & ball
For further info please phone Tory - 0429 960 320 or Lisa - 0407 456



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