

NEWSLETTER

Week 8- Friday 22nd March 2024



Message from the Principal

Harmony Week

Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. The theme for this year is, "Everyone Belongs." We are so blessed with the rich tapestry of cultural backgrounds that we have here at Mother Teresa. Yesterday, we acknowledged Harmony Day with a morning assembly and parade where students from each year level were able to dress up and showcase their cultural backgrounds and/or wear orange as a sign of support for this special day. Following that, families were invited to participate in a range of activities in each of the year level foyers. Thank you to all our staff and volunteers who made this day possible.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Next Monday and Tuesday, Parent Teacher interviews will be held. This is an important opportunity to discuss both your child's progress so far this year and goals moving forward. We encourage students to attend the interview as well so that they can witness the very important partnership between home and school and be reflective on their successes, challenges and future goals. If you have not yet made a time to meet with your child's teacher, I encourage you to do so as soon as possible.

AGM

On Monday, we had a very good turn out to the School Board's AGM. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Corina Hayes, Rachel Griffen and Sam Burke for their support over the past years. They have made many positive contributions to the Board throughout their tenure. We will be announcing the new School Board members in the next newsletter.

Paul Greaves

Last week, we had the Director of Catholic Education Northern Territory visit Mother Teresa. The purpose of this was for Paul to get into the classrooms and talk to the students about their learning. He discussed how in a short period of time; you can find out a lot about student learning by asking just a few questions. He emphasised that he was not there to examine teacher practice, hence why he did not enter classrooms where there was explicit teaching occurring. He wanted to see how the students were learning. Paul was very positive about his experience at Mother Teresa and what he saw with the students learning. He felt that a distinguishing feature for the students at Mother Teresa compared to students from other schools he has visited was how comfortable they were to talk about their learning.

King Regards,
Michelle Garbutt
Principal

**ATTENDANCE
MATTERS
ALL DAY, EVERY DAY**



Front Office News



Upcoming Events

Week 9

Wednesday
Soccer Gala Day

Thursday
Stations of the cross Liturgy
Whole school @2pm

Friday
Good Friday Public Holiday
School Closed

Week 10

Monday
Easter Monday Public Holiday
School Closed

Friday
Last day of Term 1

Caritas Fundraiser - 70s
Dress up

Assembly @ 2pm (TR Waite)



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

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope this message finds you well.

As we move forward into the new term, we would like to remind you of the importance of settling your child's school fees on time. We understand the financial commitment that comes with education, and we appreciate your continued support in ensuring the smooth operation of our school.

We would like to bring to your attention the upcoming deadline for availing the early payment discount on tuition fees. **To benefit from this opportunity, we kindly request that all outstanding school fees be paid on or before April 8, 2024.**

Availing of the early payment discount not only ensures a smoother administrative process but also demonstrates your commitment to your child's education. It allows us to allocate resources more effectively, ensuring an enriching learning environment for all students.

We value your partnership in your child's educational journey and appreciate your prompt attention to this matter. Should you have any questions or require further assistance regarding fee payments or any other school-related matters, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your cooperation.

If you need more information please feel free to contact our finance office at finance.motherteresa@nt.catholic.edu.au

Warm regards,

Finance Office - Mother Teresa Catholic Primary School

Back To School Vouchers



**\$200 BACK TO SCHOOL VOUCHER
EXPIRES 3PM, 5TH APRIL 2024**

You **MUST** email
admin.mtcps@nt.catholic.edu.au before the
expiry date if you want to apply part or all of
your voucher to school levies.

You **MUST** purchase uniforms from The Cricket
and Football Shop before the expiry date.

**ANY VOUCHER OR PART OF VOUCHER NOT
USED FOR UNIFORMS OR APPLIED TO LEVIES
BY THE DUE DATE WILL BE LOST.**



Mother Teresa
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

We would like to say a BIG thank you to Zuccoli IGA for their generous **\$2000 donation**.

This money has gone towards:

- ★ Playtime sports equipment
- ★ Junior PMP equipment
- ★ Lunchtime Clubs resources

Thank you Zuccoli IGA for your continued support. Our students are very happy to have new equipment to play with.

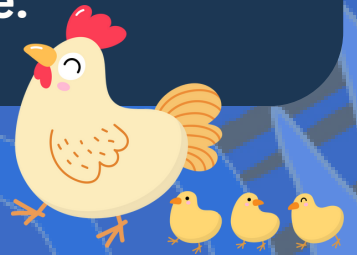


Thank you



2024 Mini Vinnies

We recently introduced our 2024 Mini Vinnies Team. Our Mini Vinnies are students from our year 3/4 classes that commit to making a difference in our school and community through friendship and doing good works. This term you will see them helping out with awareness of Project Compassion to raise money to buy chickens for people like Priscilla in Zimbabwe.



Sean Choolburra



Sean Choolburra visited Mother Teresa Catholic Primary School on the 7th of March. Sean is a great comedian, storyteller and dancer. He amazed our students with his spectacular stories and jokes. Even some of our students got selected to dance in front of their peers. We look forward to Sean returning in 2024 for a visit.



1/2 Inquiry - Rice Babies Project

Over the past two weeks, our students have made their rice babies and have been learning to construct a device to keep their babies safe using a range of materials. **Some key questioning for students has been as follows:**

- Why do we need to protect babies?
- What things do we use to keep babies safe?
- What did you learn about making something to keep a baby safe?



This project has been able to connect students to the world around them as they discover that each person is unique whilst also sharing common traits and needs. Students cultivate a sense of empathy and experience different perspectives by being encouraged to care for their rice baby. This module integrates repurposing items, giving students the opportunity to consider sustainability and the impact of our lifestyles on the environment while developing their ability to design, create and problem-solve.

STEM Class



Students have been doing a fantastic job using Google classroom, Word and Excel in STEM classes



St Patricks day - Caritas Fundraiser

Friday, Week 7



Friday Week 7
students were
green to
celebrate our
St Patrick's Day
themed Caritas
fundraiser



Students brought
gold coins to donate.
Our next Caritas
fundraiser will be
Friday Week 10. The
theme is 70s Dress Up

Harmony Day 2024

"Everyone belongs"



On Thursday 21st March (Week 8) we celebrated Harmony Day. The morning started off with a Parade for students to showcase their cultural clothing & orange outfits





Some of our students showcasing their cultural clothing





After the parade, students, staff and families gathered to classroom foyers to share some morning tea



some even participated in cultural activities



We want to thank everyone for their efforts in making Harmony Day a great one!



Community Notices

Supporting our Veterans' Families



Please use this QR Code to order your Legacy Bears



Tuning in to Kids®

A free program for parents and carers of young people aged 0 - 12 years old



A six session parenting program to help parents respond to their children's emotions and needs in a healthy way



Would you like to learn how to:

- Be better at talking with your child?
- Be better at understanding your child?
- Help your child learn to manage their emotions?
- Help to prevent behaviour concerns in your child?
- Teach your child to deal with conflict?

Tuning in to Kids shows you how to help your child develop emotional intelligence. Children with higher emotional intelligence:

- Have greater success with making and keeping friends
- Have better concentration at school
- Are more able to calm down when upset or angry
- Tend to have fewer childhood illnesses

For more information please contact Bree James on 0428 207 765 or bree.james@teamhealth.asn.au

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WHERE THE *locals* MATTER



Palmerston Power are seeking more players, particularly in our Under 9 and Under 10 Boys divisions. Please contact us for more information on joining our club.



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