NEWSLETTER



Week 2 - Friday 26th April 2024

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 2!

Fees

I recently met with Neeraj and Flordeliza regarding outstanding fees. We strongly encourage families to set up Direct Debit to manage fee payments on a regular basis. It does not take long for outstanding amounts to add up. In the coming days, we will be contacting those families directly who have accrued a debt greater than expected for this time of the year. Please remember that we do rely on these payments for the effective running of our school. If you are experiencing financial hardship at this time, please arrange a time to meet with us.

<u>Mothers Day</u>

On Friday, May 10, we will celebrate Mothers Day as a whole school community. This year, each class will be baking/making morning tea which you can enjoy from 7:30am on. There will be coffee and tea available which will be served by Staff. You will have the opportunity to have your photo taken with your child upon your arrival to school. We will celebrate Mass with our new Parish Priest, Father Mick Court at 8:30am and following that, parents of students from Transition to Year 2 are invited to their child's classroom. If possible, please bring along a picnic rug.

Year 6 Leadership Team

Last week, I met with the Year 6 leaders to discuss plans for the term. On Friday, May 10, we will be having a team building afternoon. At lunch time, each student will gather in a designated area in their House colours i.e. Larrakia, Hurley, Francis and MacKillop. The afternoon will commence with the students having lunch together in their house colours. Following that, they will participate in a variety of activities which will have been organised by their leaders. The Year 6 leaders have shown a lot of initiative for this event.

Online Inappropriate Content

It has come to our attention that some students (as young as Year 1 & 2) are bringing inappropriate comments to school that they have seen online. In addition to racist remarks, they are also repeating phrases such as, "Your Mumma is fat". We encourage you to monitor the content your children are watching at home.

ANZAC Day Parade

Thank you so much to all those families who supported this special day! We had over 35 students from Mother Teresa march in the parade which I think is the highest number ever! It is so important that we continue to pay our respects to those who serve/have served our country so we can enjoy the freedom we have today. Please see the photos below.

Bikes/Scooters

It is great to see some of our students riding their scooters or bikes to school. For safety reasons, we are now expecting all students to walk their scooter/bike from the Kiss and Go area. Thank you for your support with this.

Kind Regards, Michelle Garbutt Principal



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Front Office News



Week 3

Friday

5/6 Gazelle Class Mass @ 9:30am

1/2 Fisher Assembly @2pm

Week 4

Monday

May Day Public Holiday
School closed

Friday

Mother's Day Morning Tea and Mass



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



YEAR 5

At the beginning of Term 2, our Year 5 students ventured out to BOEC for an over night stay. Here is what some of our Year 5 students had to say about camp:

"I loved sharing a cabin with my friends. My favourite part of camp was Archery, what I loved about archery was that we got into teams" - Haylee





"On camp, I enjoyed doing rock climbing and high ropes because it is something I have never done before. I liked archery because it had lots of different things to do. Camp was so much fun" - Bethany



"On camp we did lots of things, though my favourite two activities were rock climbing and archery. In my opinion the food was great, and we even got to have a movie night! It felt great to get out into the bush. At night you could see every star and the animals where everywhere. My favourite part was a great big tree frog, it was so calm and sat on my

hand for a bit"

- Aiden





"I loved doing high ropes and the zipline. My favourite thing was archery because we learnt how to shoot a bow and arrow"

- Ashton

first Holy Communion





Congratulations to students that recently received their First Holy Communion at OLHC. We are grateful to our dedicated teachers and parents who have lovingly guided our students. May this life-giving Bread always feed your soul and nourish your spirit.



Swimming lessons

Transition, Year 1 & Year 2





Transition and 1/2 students did a fantastic job with their swimming lessons over the past two weeks. They practised different swimming skills with their instructors and learnt about swimming safety as well. A big congratulations to all





At the start of Term 3, Years 3-6 will have their turn at swimming lessons. Forms & reminders will be sent out to families at a later date.

ANZAC Day Parade 2024





Again, thank you to all of the students and families that represented MTCPS at this year's ANZAC Day Parade in Palmerston.







MTCPS ANZAC Day Ceremony



On Friday 26th of April, we held our ANZAC Day Ceremony. This was a time of reflection and remembrance. A time to thank those who served and to those who lost their lives fighting for our country



One by one Students, Staff, Families and Guests payed their respects by placing a poppy on a wreath



Thank you to Mrs Murray and the Defence Students for organising such a special ANZAC Day Ceremony



Leaving MTCPS? 10 Weeks notice is required

As we are heading closer to the middle of the year, we have become aware that there is some movement happening to families with in certain work forces.

If you are planning to leave Mother Teresa or Darwin, a Student Departure Form MUST Be completed. Please be reminded, as per the signed school enrolment application form, that we require 10 weeks notice. This notice period is to avoid families having to pay a full term's fees after they have left.

How do i notify the school?

A Student Departure Notification Form **MUST** be completed. You can get this form from the front office or electronically via email request.

Email: admin.mtcps@nt.catholic.edu.au

Please Note: a Student Departure Form is the ONLY acceptable form of formal notification



Community Notices



CAR PARK REMINDER:

Dear families, Please **DO NOT** park in the disabled car parks at the front of the school.

The only cars allowed to park here MUST have a disabled permit sticker displayed, otherwise you are in breach of the Northern Territory Traffic Regulations and can be fined \$135.

We do have students and families who have permits and need these spots. When a non permit vehicle parks there, it causes much inconvenience to them.

Shop locally at IGA Zuccoli

