

NEWSLETTER

Week 6 – Friday 24th May 2024



Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

Thank you

I have been overwhelmed by the number of people who have welcomed the news of my appointment as Principal at Mother Teresa. I really appreciate all your support!

WSAPBS

Meg Irwin and I have been reviewing the current behaviour management practices throughout the school. Next week, we will be surveying students from Years 3-6 and staff about existing practices. Going forward, we will be moving to a Whole School Approach to Positive Behaviour Support. There are a number of stages in implementing this effectively and it will take time but we will work with the School Board and keep you informed about our progress. School-wide positive behaviour support (SWPBS) is a framework that brings together school communities to develop positive, safe, supportive learning cultures. SWPBS assists schools to improve social, emotional, behavioural and academic outcomes for children and young people. When SWPBS is implemented well, teachers and students have more time to focus on relationships and classroom instruction.

Students and staff benefit from:

- increased respectful and positive behaviour
- increased time focused on instruction
- improved social-emotional wellbeing
- positive and respectful relationships among students and staff
- increased adoption of evidence-based instructional practices
- a predictable learning environment with improved perceptions of safety and increased attendance.

Reconciliation Week

Next week, the students will be participating in a range of activities to acknowledge Reconciliation Week. The theme this year is, 'Now more than ever'. On Monday, members from Larrakia Nation will be cooking a sausage sizzle for the students. They will need to bring their lunch as normal but will be able to enjoy a sausage as well.

Throughout the week, the students will engage in the following:

- Transition - Bush tucker with Shannon Motlop
- Year 1 and 2 - Staff from Bunnings will work with the students to paint pots for Reconciliation Week
- Year 3 and 4 - Canvas painting
- Year 5 and 6- Native jewelry and key chain weaving
- Year 6 boys- Cooking underground

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Tearna Pearce for all her hard work getting these activities organised.

Kind Regards,
Michelle Garbutt
Principal

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Front Office News



Upcoming Events

Week 7

Reconciliation Week

****Please see Principal's message for this week's itinerary****

Monday

**Sorry Day BBQ
Year 6 Sorry Day Excursion**

Friday

**1/2 Monaghan Assembly @
2pm**

Week 8

Monday

Bunnings Visit - 1/2 classes

Friday

**1/2 Thackeray Assembly
@2pm**



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



2024 Cross Country



Friday, week 5



In week 5 we held our annual cross country. Students across the school participated in running laps of our school precinct or laps of the oval. We are so proud of our transitions and year 1/2's for their fantastic effort running laps of the oval. Certificates for students in years 3-6 were given out during this week's assembly to our 1st, 2nd and 3rd place holders. A big thank you to our volunteers who assisted us on the day and to the families who joined us, students loved having you there to cheer them on!



Congratulations to the following Male & Female students for coming first place in their age division.

Under 12s

Jordy Butler
Ayak Bul



Under 10s

Vincent Nichols
Perpetua Gorddard



Under 11s

Connor Foyster
Celeste Franz-Hoobin



Under 9s

Austin Fisher
Jordan Rothe



Under 8s

Mufaro Tapfuma
Summer Lawler



We are looking forward to our upcoming Sports Day in Week 9. Details will be sent out to families at a later date.

Parliament House



Week 5 - 3/4 Excursion

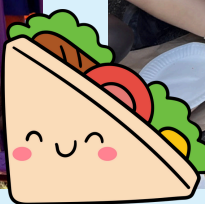


Last term the 3/4 students were learning about different ways to keep their community safe. They learnt about how local parliament members can assist in the process and spoke with Lia Finochiarro. Last week we went on an excursion to Parliament House. We were able to watch some of the Parliament Sitting and learnt how to vote



Transition Excursion

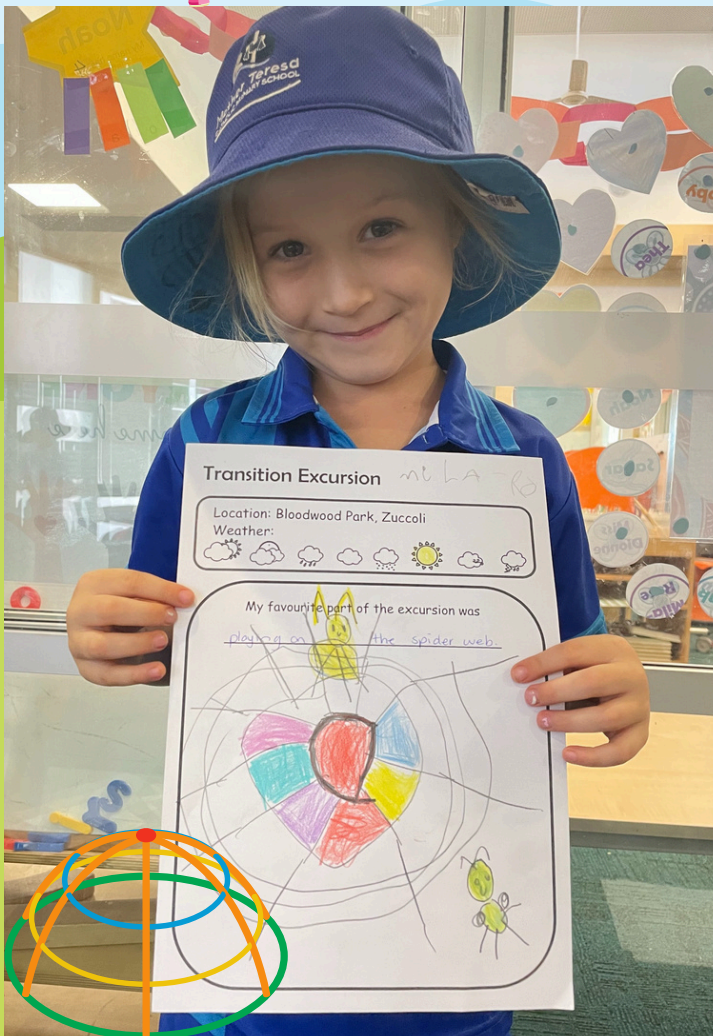
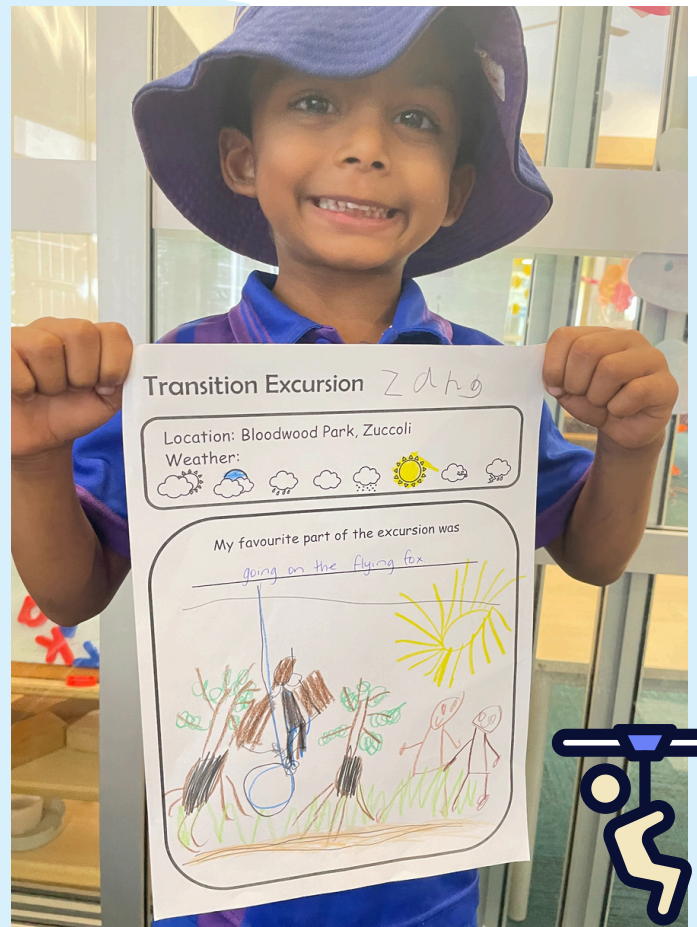
Location: Bloodwood Park



In Inquiry this term, Transition students have been learning about different food groups and how important it is to fuel our bodies with nutritious food. On Thursday May 16th, Transition students set off an adventure. We prepared some sandwiches in the kitchen at school and walked to Bloodwood Park to have a picnic lunch together. Afterwards, we took turns making fruit skewers, playing on the big playground and going on the flying fox. It was a fantastic day and students enjoyed their yummy sandwiches and playing outside together.



What was your favourite part of the excursion?



Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians

Friday, Week 6



Our school is part of OLHC parish in Palmerston and Friday 24th May is the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians. To celebrate, some staff and students attended mass at OLHC Church with students from Sacred Heart CPS. Thank you to Fr Mick for leading us in a beautiful celebration.



Colour Fun Run

At today's assembly the students who have raised the most money so far got to **slime Mr Haintz!**

So far we have raised a total of **\$7240**

In order to **slime** another Teacher, we need to raise a total of **\$10,000**



Colour Fun Run

Dear Parents/Carers

Please see the attached flyer for our school fun run details this year. This year we are fundraising to purchase a Shade structure over the basketball court in Lower Primary.

COMPETITION TIME

Each week the class with the most money raised will win icy poles.



The class with the most money raised at the end of the event will receive a pizza lunch!



upcoming Magic Milestones

- Week 7 - Colouring-in Competition
- Week 9 - Slime the Principal



***PLEASE REMEMBER - THIS IS AN ONLINE ONLY FUNDRAISER
schoolfunrun.com.au***

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.

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