

NEWSLETTER

Week 6 – Friday 23rd August 2024



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Official Opening and Blessing

Two weeks ago, we celebrated the Official Opening and Blessing of our new school buildings. This was a wonderful celebration and was well attended by Bishop Charles, Director Paul Greaves and other members from Catholic Education Northern Territory, including Ms Marie-Clare Boothby MLA, Member for Brennan and members from Rossi Architects, Shape and the MT School Board. Following the formalities, all invited guests joined the staff for a belated lunch acknowledging NAIDOC Week with various Bush Tucker delicacies. Thank you to all those who contributed their time and support to make this event so successful.

Canberra Camp

Last week, I was fortunate enough to attend the Year 6 camp in Canberra. Camp was a great success and the Year 6 students represented our school extremely well throughout all experiences. We stayed in Canberra for 3 nights and visited both the Old and New Parliament, Electoral Education Centre, War Memorial, Dinosaur Museum, Embassy scenic drive, Questacon and we also went for a drive to the snow. We are in the process of reviewing the camp for next year and are aiming for Term 3 for our Year 6s at this stage.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the staff for their care and support of the students while we were away. Their concern and care was genuine and they went over and above at every stage of camp to ensure the kids were safe, happy and supported.

SRC Members

Last week, we announced our new SRC members at Friday's Assembly. These students are all very excited about the opportunities their new role presents and are full of many ideas on how to make our school even better. Today we met for the first time as a whole group and discussed plans for Term 4. Thank you to Lia Finnchoaro for contributing some snacks for us to share during the meeting. Stay tuned for more information!

Transition Enrolment Interviews

From next week, I will be meeting with prospective families who are seeking to enrol their children into our school in 2025. If you are yet to make an appointment for your child who is entering Transition next year, please contact the office so they can schedule a meeting with me. I would like for parents to bring their child along to this meeting so we can learn more about them as the individuals they are.

Open Day

On Saturday morning from 9:30-11:00 am, we will be holding an Open Day at school. This will be fairly informal and will consist of a short talk by me and then followed with a tour and question time. Enrolment packs will be made available during this time.

Book Week Parade

Well done and thank you to all our parents who organised Book Week costumes for the children. They all looked amazing! Congratulations to our best dressed winners.

NFL Flag State Championships

Yesterday, we had a group of Year 5 and 6 students who attended the NFL Flag State Championships with coach Darcy Haintz. They all arrived back full of excitement to share the news that they won the final and qualified for the Nationals which will be held on the Gold Coast, QLD in November. We are incredibly proud of these students, not only because of their achievement but also on the way in which they represented their school and themselves. Well done!



Kind Regards,
Michelle Garbutt
Principal

**ATTENDANCE
MATTERS**
ALL DAY, EVERY DAY



Mother Teresa
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

2025 ENROLMENTS

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Front Office News



Upcoming Events

Week 7:

Tuesday
ISA Appreciation Day

Wednesday
3/4 Gymnastics Excursion

Friday
Father's Day Breakfast
5/6 Sea Assembly @2pm

Week 8:

Tuesday
5/6 STEM Incursion

Thursday
Mother Teresa Feast Day
Mass @ 8:30 AM

Friday
Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off
Day at Assembly



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 - Monday 15th July

Term 3

Tuesday 16th July - Thursday 19th September
Term Break

Monday 23rd September - Friday 4th
October

Term 4

Monday 7th October - Thursday 12th December



Front Office Hours

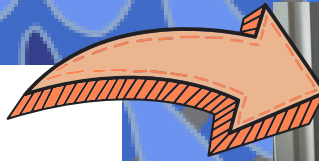
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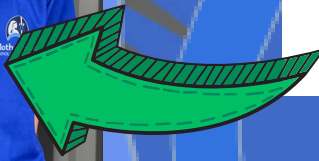
MEET OUR 2024 SRC MEMBERS



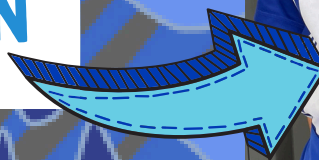
YEAR 3 SRC ISLA & MILLA



YEAR 4 SRC ANDILE & EVIE



YEAR 5 SRC INDIGO & HUDSON



On Thursday, our SRC Members had their first meeting with Mrs Garbutt. Thank you to Mrs Lia Finocchiaro for providing the students with afternoon tea.



Official Opening and Blessing

Friday, Week 4

On Friday Week 4, We celebrated the Official Opening of our new school buildings through Mass and a series of Blessings. This was a wonderful celebration and we were lucky enough to have a number of special guests attend our Ceremony.



During the official opening, a Smoking Ceremony was conducted through the new buildings. Students and Staff were also invited to be cleansed and blessed by the smoke. Thank you to all those who contributed their time and support to make this event so successful.



Year 6 Canberra Camp



Week 5

On Tuesday the 13th of August our Year 6 Students along with Ms Garbutt, Miss Gazelle, Miss Sea, Ms Jane and Mr Haintz travelled from Darwin to Canberra. After arriving late on Tuesday night we were up early for our much anticipated trip to the snow! The sight of snow brought much excitement for all and we had a ball having snowball fights and making snowmen. While in Canberra we were lucky enough to visit and participate in activities at The Australian Electoral Commission, Museum of Australian Democracy, Questacon, Parliament House, where we were lucky enough to speak with NT Senator Price, Australian War Memorial and The Dinosaur Museum. Despite our long delay at Sydney airport to return home, Canberra camp was a huge success!



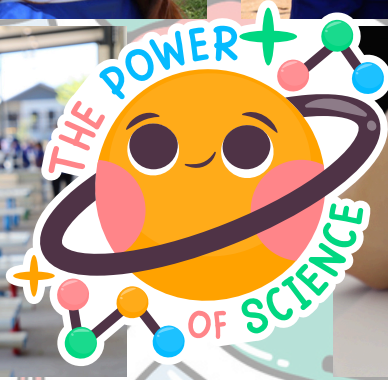
 **PARLIAMENT HOUSE**



Students from our school have recently undertaken, an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage, and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding to our school in the amount of \$1,275.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.



SCIENCE WEEK



National Science Week is Australia's annual celebration of science and technology. Running each year in August, it features more than 1000 events around Australia, including those delivered by universities, schools, research institutions, libraries, museums and science centres.

We celebrated Science Week at MTCPS on Friday 16th August by hosting various experiments around the school. Students broke off into mixed age groups and completed five different experiments. Some of these included; volcanoes, DIY lava lamps, skittle colour run, and fizzing oranges just to name a few!

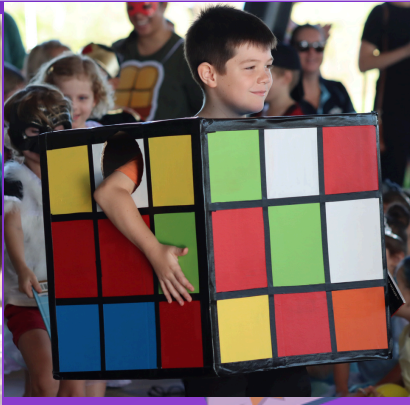


Reading is Magic

Book Week 2024



Today we celebrated National Book Week with our Book Character Parade. Students and Staff put great effort into their costumes and everyone looked amazing!



Congratulations to the following best dressed winners as judged by their classroom Teachers;

- TR W - Mila-Rose.R
- TR K - Lauren.S
- TR N - Bonnie.R
- 1/2 M - Amara.E
- 1/2 F - Aliza.C
- 1/2 H - Remi.S
- 1/2 SF - Remi.R
- 1/2 T - Lily.M
- 3/4 O - Eliza.D
- 3/4 W - Zoe.N
- 3/4 S - Mason.T
- 3/4 HP - Eloise.S
- 5/6 G - Bronte.S
- 5/6 S - Indigo.F
- 5/6 R - Isaac.R

