



# MOTHER TERESA CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

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*"In loving one another through our works we bring an increase of grace and a growth in divine love."*  
Mother Teresa

**To** All In Our Learning Community,

Thank you for your positive feedback regarding our learning community's work at this time. Thank you for the emails of support and positive response to personal contact through phone calls to families. We continue to support families during this time knowing that some of you are really struggling with the isolation and demands brought about by our current lockdown. Please contact us if we can assist you. While there is a bit of time to go we will get through this.

As a Catholic learning community we might capture Pope Francis' Easter message that 'Easter is the contagion of hope'. Take a moment to consider this idea in light of our Easter season.

The Catholic Church continues to celebrate the season of Easter. Last Sunday in the Roman Catholic tradition the gospel reading focussed on another of Jesus' appearances to his disciples as recorded by Luke. In this account the Lukan narrative highlights the dialogue between Jesus, portrayed as the stranger on the road, and his disciples. As readers we discover the ways in which Jesus fulfilled what was written about him in the Old Testament. We also discover through this Lukan account that the presence of the Risen Jesus, is experienced through his words, revealing the fulfilment of the Old Testament, as well as, his presence at table through the breaking of bread and sharing of wine.



Within our current environment how might we make sense of this story? What is it that the Risen Jesus invites us to do and to be? How might we be a living presence of Jesus in the world today? How are we people of the Resurrection? How do we take up Pope Francis' idea of Easter being the contagion of hope?

In the coming weeks learners will be encouraged to take the time and opportunity to explore further the post-resurrection story of Emmaus and to dialogue about their understandings and to find out more about the Catholic tradition's belief in the presence of the Risen Jesus in the life of believers.

Kind regards

Chris

## **ANZAC Day**



As a learning community we have normally participated in the local Craigieburn Commemoration ceremony and held our own school commemoration. I trust families took up the opportunity to mark a minutes silken Saturday to remember those who lost their lives in war. The following Kids News link may be of interest to families who would like to explore the

meaning of ANZAC Day <https://www.kidsnews.com.au/history/what-does-anzac-day-mean-and-how-did-it-begin-kids-news-explains/news-story/4840ee7964ead73e9ec3826331fe78f4>

### ***Remote Learning Opportunities***

The learning opportunities provided by staff at Mother Teresa PS are designed to ensure children can engage in some learning each day. As professional educators we know that it is challenging to engage in learning without many of the resources, expertise and teacher facilitation that occurs in the classroom. It is not possible for parents to replicate a school day in the current context nor is this expected.

Children will continue to receive daily emails with learning suggestions. Although the learning is designed to provide a variety of opportunities across levels of ability some children will be able to complete the learning and others will find it more challenging. Please do only what you can. Your best is good enough.

### ***Learning Opportunities this week ~ emailed at 5pm***

This week all children will receive their learning on a daily basis. Learning will be emailed each day from today at 5pm for the learning to be undertaken the next day.

Children are required to email their teacher each day letting them know they are engaging in learning. The specialist learning opportunities for the week will be sent each day allowing students to make a choice regarding this learning.

### ***New Phone number – (03) 7303 1200***

Over the past week the Mother Teresa PS phone system has been upgraded. This upgrade has required the phone number of our school to be changed. Our new phone number is (03) 7303 1200. While our old number will be redirected for 12months we ask that you note our new number.

### ***Foundation Enrolments 2021***

Our Foundation enrolments 2021 will begin this week with the 2021 enrolment form on our webpage. <https://www.motherteresa.catholic.edu.au/enrolment-information/enrolment-form/> Families with a Foundation child to begin in 2021 are asked to complete the enrolment form and return it with the accompanying documentation. This can be emailed through to [info@motherteresa.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@motherteresa.catholic.edu.au) Please inform families you know wanting to make Foundation enrolment for 2021 of this process.

### ***Attendance Requirements ~ Hi, I'm doing learning today ☺***

Each child enrolled at Mother Teresa PS is required to engage in learning each day and to indicate that they are doing this daily.

In order for us to mark attendance each child is required to 'check in' each morning by sending their contact teachers an email – 'Good Morning Ms... I am engaging in learning today'. If your child does not check in you will be contacted during the day.

### ***Phone calls ~ personal contact***

We will continue to engage with families by making contact via a phone call to see how you are going and how your children are going with the learning.

Staff will be calling via a non-disclosed ID so don't mistake us for telemarketers! We are pleased to be placed on speaker so we can talk to a parent/guardian and child at the same time.

***We will continue this practice as we continue to nurture and foster our Catholic learning community. We are grateful for your positive response to this contact.***

## ***Sacramental Preparation and Celebrations***

All Sacramental celebrations are on hold for the 2020 school year until further notice.

### ***Social Visits – Stay at Home***

Please be aware that all in our community are required to maintain social distancing. This means that we are not permitted to visit our cousins, have a play date or have sleep overs.

While this is challenging it is for the safety of ALL in our school community and the wider community. The clear message is STAY AT HOME!

### ***Virtual Book Club***

This term Scholastic are offering the families the opportunity to order books through their Virtual Book Club. Using the link below, families are able to browse and order from the catalogue. All orders made are **cashless** and made **directly** to Scholastic via their LOOP order system. Books are delivered to your home with a delivery fee of \$5.99. If you need assistance, families can contact the Scholastic Customer Service Number - 1800 021 223.

<https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/virtual-catalogue-1/>

### ***Year 6 Transition to Year 7***

All families with a Year 6 child will receive a transition form for Government schools in the mail in the coming week. Enclosed will also be a form asking you to indicate where your child is enrolled for year 7 next year. This assists us to ensure all children have made application for Year 7.

Please complete the paperwork and return it to Mother Teresa PS in the self-addressed envelope provided.

### ***Elevation Secondary College Virtual Showcase Evening***

We invite all Prospective students and their families to join us in our online **Virtual Showcase Evening at Elevation Secondary College**.

Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions our Showcase Evening scheduled for **Wednesday May 6th** has now become an online event.

While are disappointed that we won't be able to meet you in person and show you our fantastic school we can offer you this online experience instead and will look forward to meeting you at a later date.

The Evening will commence at **7pm** where you will be able to click on an emailed link and take an uploaded virtual tour of the school and view an address by the Principal (Colin Burke).

**Bookings are essential as only ticketholders will be emailed a link to our Virtual Showcase Evening**

Please click on the link below for further details and to book your free tickets.

<https://compasstix.com/e/52qznnc5>

## **Term Two**

Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Feast of the Ascension
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	National Reconciliation Day
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Pentecost Sunday
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Feast of the Trinity
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Feast of the Sacred Heart
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Term 2 concludes