



# MOTHER TERESA CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

20<sup>th</sup> May 2020

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

**T**o All In Our Learning Community,

*Next week is National Reconciliation week. National Reconciliation week provides us with the opportunity to celebrate and investigate the richness of Indigenous history and culture. The learning community of Mother Teresa PS is truly blessed with the presence of Wurundjeri Elder, Murrundindi who joins us often. We are most fortunate to have Murrundindi as part of our learning community and for the way he embraces our learning community, as his brothers and sisters.*

*In the past we have celebrated this occasion as a whole school. Unfortunately this year we cannot do this. You are however invited as a family to consider the richness of Indigenous culture and to take up the opportunity to engage in a learning task related to National Reconciliation Week.*

*Too often we highlight the differences between our culture and that of others, rather than the similarities we share as human beings. This dialogue is important in a 21<sup>st</sup> century Catholic Dialogue school. Through our religious learning we hope to bring about an openness to the beliefs of others in light of and in dialogue with the Catholic tradition. As such, we wish to dialogue with others; have an openness to and learning from other religions, cultures and ways of life; and express our understanding of being Catholic today.*

*As a Christian community our faith life has been enriched by Indigenous culture evident through our prayer gatherings where we have recontextualised the Aboriginal message stick and possum cloak. These are important symbols for us as a Catholic community that we have explored within the Aboriginal culture and gained permission to use within our context.*

Kind regards

**Chris**

## ***This Week's Happenings***

***Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May***

*Remote Learning*

***Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May***

*Remote learning*

*Professional learning- Kath Murdoch*

***Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May***

*Staff Professional learning onsite ~ Pupil free day*

***Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May***

*F – 2 return to onsite learning*

*3 – 6 remote learning*

***Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May***

*F – 2 onsite learning*

*3 – 6 remote learning*

***Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May***

*F – 2 onsite learning*

*3 – 6 remote learning*

***Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May***

*F – 2 onsite learning*

*3 – 6 remote learning*

## ***Return to School***

Children in Foundation to Year 2 are to return to school on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Children in Year 3 – 6 are to return to school on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Please refer to the letter attached. Further information about return to school

## ***Student Absence***

All Foundation to year 2 children are to return to onsite learning from Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Non-attendance is marked as an absence. Children in Year 3 – 6 not emailing their teacher/s will be marked absent also.

Please notify the school via Skoolbag App of illness and/or absence.

## ***Cleaning***

During the past weeks a small number of children and adults have been onsite. During this time our contract cleaners have continued to clean our school. This cleaning regime has and will continue to include:

- Cleaning and disinfecting for infection control
- Touchpoint cleaning and the importance of frequency
- Avoiding cross-contamination through hand hygiene, changing gloves, the correct use of the coloured cloths (e.g. blue cloths for common areas) and the correct laundering of cloths
- Maintaining dispensing units and sanitisation stations

Cleaning staff through their training have had ongoing reminders about distancing, hand/mouth hygiene and staying home when sick.

Our school has numerous large sanitiser dispensers and every learning space has a number of small pump bottle sanitizers. Supplies of both sanitiser and hand soap to meet our needs are on site.

## ***Hygiene practices***

As children and staff return to school learning opportunities will be provided to ensure all possible health practices are in place for the safety of all.

All members of our learning community will be required to sanitise their hands upon entry and exit.

Hands will be washed with soap and water prior to eating.

Time will be allocated for the supervision of handwashing and eating.

## ***Drink Bottles***

All children are required to have their drink bottle at school each day. It is not possible for children to access drinking taps at this time.

## ***Unwell children /staff***

All unwell children and staff must stay home.

## ***Entry to school grounds***

Visitors to our school grounds will be limited to essential school services e.g. school psychologist and maintenance workers.

Parent helpers will not be permitted onsite or any visiting authors or teachers.

The gates to our school will be locked. Please ring the school (7303 1200) if you require assistance.

## ***Whole School Prayer***

We will not gather for whole school prayer in term 2.

## ***School Routine***

The school routine will involve some changes to recess and lunch breaks to enable each learning group to have access to the play areas in isolation to others. This will mean F -2 break time; Year 3/ 4 break

time and Year 5/ 6 break time. This arrangement will be evaluated in accordance with health advice in term 3.

The sanitising of hands will occur after the use of computers, maths equipment and physical education equipment.

### ***Adventure playground/ Sandpit***

The Adventure playground and sandpit will not be accessible at this time.

### ***Foundation Enrolments 2021 ~ Now Open***

Our Foundation enrolments 2021 will begin this week with the 2021 enrolment form on our webpage.

<https://www.moherteresa.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@moherteresa.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@moherteresa.catholic.edu.au)

Please inform families you know wanting to make Foundation enrolment for 2021 of this process.

## **Term Two**

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June

Feast of the Ascension

National Reconciliation Day

Staff Professional Learning Day – no online learning today

Foundation – Year 2 children return to school

Pentecost Sunday

Feast of the Trinity

Year 3 – Year 6 return to school

Feast of the Sacred Heart

Term 2 concludes