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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,

We certainly find ourselves in very different circumstances and we are perhaps drawing upon skills that may have lay dormant for a time or strengths we did not know we had. It may also be that we find ourselves less able to manage some of the day to day tasks as we remain in isolation. It is important to take some time to go for a walk or spend a quiet moment just to stop.

Thank you to all in our learning community for your support of our children. Families are engaging in learning with their children and supporting them as best they can. For some this is working well and for others there are challenges. Staff continue to be committed to ensuring children and families are travelling OK.

The terms being used for schooling at this time are mixed and in a sense confusing. While school doors are physically closed the learning continues as does our school. It is not home schooling we are engaging in but learning remotely or home learning. The learning opportunities being offered are to ensure ongoing opportunities for all children. The learning is to enable learners to engage at their own pace and stage.

As a contemporary learning community it is perhaps a time to remind ourselves of the hopes and dreams for our learning community. I believe they are captured in a reflection that was prayed at a parent gathering when our school first began in 2009. I have included within it a reference to our current situation:



God of our journey, as we continue to nurture young learners bless and guide us.

Through this pandemic nurture us as we sow the seeds of learning with our families.

*We dream a school where learning will be celebrated;
where there will be laughter and loving;
where there will be songs and dancing;
where all people will celebrate the joy of loving and learning.
We dream a school when anything can happen through discovery
and the beauty of learning will be open to innovation and spontaneity*

During this time we are challenged to see and appreciate the many and varied learning opportunities that sit alongside some of the formal literacy and numeracy learning including: the cake making, the paper plane making, the discovery of stars at night, how to make a bed, clean a room, manage a timetable or become engrossed in a long sort after hobby or passion.

Stay safe

Chris

Foundation Enrolments 2021 ~ Now Open

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

Remote Learning Opportunities

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.

Kath Murdoch Resources~ Curiosity in the ...

As many of you would know Kath Murdoch Educational Consultant has been in partnership with Mother Teresa PS since our inception in 2009. Kath continues to engage with us at this time and has developed a number of resources to support our learners. In the coming week each family will receive a copy of '**Curiosity in the Garden**'. This resource will support our inquiry focus and allow for further cross age learning. You will also receive in the coming weeks a resource entitled, '**Curiosity in the Home**' again an inquiry focused resource for all learners. The daily learning task in the coming weeks will refer to these two resources.

Kath Murdoch Clips ~ Inquiry learning

Kath has developed three clips to support our Community of Inquiry. The clips highlight our inquiry stance providing further insights to parents regarding this approach. We are sure you will be familiar with the things Kath is saying through the language and processes your children engage in during their learning at Mother Teresa PS.

The clips are password protected and will be forwarded to your child's email address with a user name and password. Please note they are copyright protected and not for general distribution.

New Phone number – (03) 7303 1200

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 12month we ask that you note our new number.

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

Staff will be calling via a non-disclosed ID so don't mistaken 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 the ongoing positive responses to this contact.

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.

Kolbe College Enrolments ~ Year 7 2022

Please note applications for Year 7 2022 close on Friday 21 August. Scholarships applications for Year 7 2021 close July 18th 2020. Applications can be accessed online. Please contact the college on 8339 3060 if you require assistance with this.

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/52qznnce5>

Term Two

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