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# **NEWSLETTER**

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"Never let anything so fill you with sorrow as to make you forget the joy of Christ risen."

Mother Teresa

 $oldsymbol{T_o}$  All In Our Learning Community,

He is Risen Alleluia! Alleluia! The Christian Church continues to celebrate the resurrection of Christ throughout the Easter Season until the celebration of Pentecost.



The resurrection invites the faithful to consider ways that they could experience the presence of Jesus in their own lives and context. For Christians the resurrection offers the hope of salvation and a new eternal life for humanity.

The painting on the left is by an Indigenous woman Fern Martins. It is the final in a series that recontextualises the Stations of the Cross. This final painting is entitled, 'Resurrection'. The three trees initially burnt by fire show new signs of life, through the regrowth. The artist describes the trees as symbolising Jesus in the centre and the two criminals who were crucified beside him.

In the image I see new life and growth. It makes me think about the power of the resurrection and God's triumph over death and the hope of salvation for all humanity through Christ. Finally, the artist's choice of

symbolising Jesus as a tree, I wonder what the risen Christ means for all of creation, not just humans. Through the thinking routine See-Think-Wonder, the painting has provided an opportunity for myself to think about and interpret the resurrection event in a new way. A way where this image tells me of a world in which the hope of the risen Jesus, is present in the actions of humanity to care for the environment.

Catholic ecological theologian Denis Edwards wrote of understanding the life, death and resurrection in connection with all of God's creation. "The resurrection constitutes an unbreakable divine promise not just to human beings but to the whole creation," (Jesus and the Natural World, p. 62-63). When you observe this painting, what do you see? What do you think? What do you wonder?

This term, our Faith and Life inquiries are viewed through the lens of Care for our Common Home. In light of the salvation of Jesus in his life, death and resurrection for humanity, for faithful Christians what is your response to the call to care for all of God's creation? For those of other religious beliefs or worldviews, what might the Christian story of resurrection allow you to reflect on your own beliefs?

Kind regards

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# This Week's Happenings

Monday 19th April

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April**Professional Learning ~ Faith and Life inquiry

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April**Professional Learning ~ Positive Behaviour Support
Welcome Andrea McKay
Michael Wagner Year 5/6

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** Michael Wagner Year 5/6

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April Michael Wagner Year 5/6 ANZAC Day Observance Prayer – Teachers and students

# Mr Reed on Long Service Leave

Mr Reed will be on leave from Monday 19th April returning Monday 3rd May. Mrs Amy Leahy, our Deputy Principal will be responsible for the school in his absence.

# School Start time ~ Not before 8.30am

School begins at 8.50am daily. Children are able to enter their learning space at 8.30am. Please do not bring children to school before 8.30am as supervision does not begin before this time.

# 2022 Foundation Enrolments ~ Siblings

Current school families with a child to begin school in 2022 are asked to contact reception and collect an enrolment form. Ongoing enquires for Foundation in 2022 indicate a high demand and we do not want to miss current families.

# Information Night Foundation Enrolments 2022

Our information night for Foundation children 2022 will take place on Wednesday 5th May at 7.00pm. On this Information Evening parents will be given information related to curriculum, school organisation and the enrolment process.

Families who wish to enrol their child at Mother Teresa Catholic Primary School are encouraged to register their interest for the evening and to book a tour time to see our learning community in action. For tour times refer to the webpage section: <a href="mailto:Enrolment Information/Book a Tour">Enrolment Information/Book a Tour</a> Please let your friends and neighbours know of this date.

# **Eucharist** ~ **Preparation and Celebration**

# First Eucharist Workshop ~ Wednesday 26th May

Children in Year 4 & 5 who are to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist will have their First Eucharist workshop on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 at Mother Teresa PS. Children are required to attend the workshop with one parent. Each family will be allocated a workshop time via a letter next week.

## First Eucharist Celebration ~ Saturday 19th June

First Eucharist Celebration will be Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 1pm and 3 pm. Families will be allocated a time. The celebrations will take place at Our Lady's Church, Craigieburn.

# **Parking**

Parents are reminded that parking across driveways stopping the access of residents is illegal. If you are parking your car to drop off children or pick them up at the end of the day please be respectful of our neighbours property and access to their property.

Recently a car has been parking right on the corner of Royal Terrace. Local bylaws officers from Hume Council will be patrolling surrounding streets to enforce bylaws.

# Parents & Friends News

# Parents and Friends Meeting

Our next meeting is Tuesday April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

# What's Happening in the Learning Spaces

"Parents should be educated in the language of schooling, so that the home and school can share the expectations, and the child does not have to live in two worlds – with little understanding between the home and the school". John Hattie, 2009

# Foundation – Year 2 Learning Spaces

As part of going further with our compelling question 'How does play help us learn about ourselves and others?' we had the time and opportunity over the holidays to explore different places we might play around the local community and play some different games with our families.

Thank you to the children and families who recorded how to play one of their favourite games to play as a family and emailed the instructions through to laura.nicol@motherteresa.catholic.edu.au or vania.sparano@motherteresa.catholic.edu.au we look forward to learning how to play these games!

If you haven't already, we invite you to send an email or bring in the instructions of how to play a game you love with your family. We are excited to learn about the different games people play!

As **communicators**, we will have time and opportunity to share the objects and photos that we collected over the holidays that have made us **curious** or that we are passionate about. We will use the **thinking routine Think, Pair, Share** to help us generate our ideas and speak and listen **respectfully** to each other.

As **writers**, we will use our objects and photos as **seeds** for talking about our thinking and record our thinking in words and pictures. We will use the class **Writer's Notebook** with the thinking routine **See**, **Think**, **Feel** to help us shape our thinking and writing. We will have time and opportunity to share our thinking with others using the dispositions of being curious and respectful.

As **people of a faith based community**, we will use the **hermeneutical prompts** of **dialogue with others** and **seeing new layers of meaning** as we engage in our reflections of the stories of **Holy Week.** We will use the **dispositions** of being **open minded** and **flexible** as some of us share stories of our traditions and celebrations over Easter. We will use the **thinking moves making connections** and **identifying new ideas** when sharing these stories of the Catholic tradition and other faith traditions.

As mathematicians, we will be continuing to engage in thinking about place value. We will be using the mathematical tools of the turn and learn, flip charts, dot cards, arrow cards, bundling sticks and MAB blocks to explore the concepts of reading, ordering and making numbers. We will use the thinking routine, What Makes You Say That? to justify our thinking as we are engaging with our mathematical tools.

#### PM eCollection

As **readers**, we will be continuing to engage in PM eCollection to help us consolidate **reading behaviours** we have learned. Well done to all the children who have engaged in reading the books on PM eCollection over the holidays. The teachers have enjoyed listening to the recordings of you reading and noticing which words you added to your word lists. We encourage all children to continue reading these books at home, as well as the books they bring home each night.

#### **Home Learning**

Students are encouraged to continue to engage in home learning each night. It is expected that students are engaging in reading, counting tasks and sight words practice at home every night. Parents are asked to sign their child's reading log and counting sheet each night indicating that the home learning tasks are being completed. By the end of Term 2, Foundation students are expected to know 150 or more sight words.

# Year 3 – 4 Learning Spaces

As inquirers and as part of tuning in, we will use the key thinking moves activating prior knowledge, metacognition and wondering to document our first thinking using the thinking routine I used to think... Now I know, by identifying what we already know about biologists and what they are/do. We are also tuning in to the learning assets and skills we are developing. We will engage in the thinking routine 'Chalk Talk' to make our thinking visible. We will use the thinking move reasoning with evidence to self-assess where we are at with these understandings as we develop skills as communicators and researchers.

As **writers**, we are continuing to **explore** the concept of a **writer's notebook** to help build our **schema** of the world. Over the school holidays students were encouraged to gather **seeds** that help us to think deeply and dialogue with the people around us. We will have **time** and **opportunity** to explore our own seeds and different writing purposes.

As **mathematicians**, we are beginning to **tune in** to the **mathematical concept** of **location**. We will be **exploring** the different **types of maps** as well as the **features** that can be found on maps and how to read them. Using the thinking routine **'Claim, Support, Challenge'** we will justify our thinking. We are continuing to use the dispositions of being **courageous** and **confident** as we are transitioning from using materials, such as money, to using written strategies, such as number lines to document our thinking.

# Year 5 – 6 Learning Spaces

When teachers use thinking routines, they help students develop their ability to think, building up a repertoire of thinking moves. This process is further enhanced when we explicitly name the thinking and cue it up in our introduction of a routine as a thinking tool meant to serve a purpose. When we make thinking visible through our use of thinking routines, documentation questioning and listening, we send a message to students that thinking is valued. Ritchhart & Church 2020

As readers and critical thinkers, as part of tuning in to Luke 24:1-12 we will engage in the thinking moves activating prior knowledge, wondering and planning through the thinking routine Think-Puzzle-Explore. We will identify puzzling questions and areas of interest we want to find out and explore. As we are interpreting text and symbols, reflecting critically and engaging in a continuous process of dialoguing with others we are learning in a hermeneutical way. As collaborators and communicators we will engage in the thinking routine What makes me say that? as this will support us to share our current interpretations with reasoning and encourage us to understand multiple perspectives. As researchers we will have an opportunity to explore the theological background of World of the Text including the World behind the Text and the World in front of the Text to help us find out some explanations and interpretations and provide an opportunity for us to develop deeper understanding and insight. We will consider what this text might tell us from a future orientated perspective - What does this text reveal to us? What is our new reading of this text? What does this text talk to us about the world? We will have an opportunity to document our thinking - This text talks to me of a world in which ...

This week we will have an opportunity to **engage in dialogue** with **inspiring writer and author Michael Wagner** where we will **find out** and **explore** tools that will **assist us as writers**. **As thinkers** we will engage in the **dispositions open-minded**, **flexible** and **persistent** as we **explore and create a variety of texts**. As **curious inquirers** we will **collaborate and communicate** with Michael through **interactive** and **engaging workshops** where we will learn to **shape our ideas** into **purposes for writing** and **explore** a variety of 'seeds' to **enhance** our **descriptive writing**.

As part of our assessment, as mathematical thinkers, we will engage in two written pre-assessments to identify our current understanding and areas for further improvement and growth related to Decimals and Fractions. As learners we will be exploring some of the areas we need to develop or consolidate our mathematical understandings. As mathematical thinkers we will engage in the thinking moves activating our prior knowledge, reasoning with evidence, raising questions and identifying new ideas through the thinking routine Claim-Support-Question.

As part of our agreed ways it is expected that we continue to engage in Mathematical Thinking Home Learning every night. Our focus is based on our areas for further improvement and growth identified during our mathematical assessments. For example some of us need to practice counting by fractions or decimals. Some of us need to develop our problem solving strategies so we will be given opportunities to engage in solving authentic number stories and some of us need to practice our automatic recall and fluency of times tables. Our reading of texts each night could include books from school or home, magazines or viewing digital texts. We can also use the Kids News website and Behind the News - https://www.abc.net.au/btn/ and https://www.kidsnews.com.au/

## Performing Arts ~ Music & Drama Learning

"Music learning combines listening, performing and composing activities. These activities, developed sequentially, enhance students' capacity to perceive and understand music. As students' progress in their study of Music, they learn to value and appreciate the power of music to transform the heart, soul, mind and spirit of the individual. In this way students develop an aesthetic appreciation and enjoyment of music". - Victorian curriculum

This week the students in Foundation - Year 2 will be practicing echo rhythms. Listening and echoing back a rhythm pattern is a fundamental skill in music, and we begin with some very simple patterns. Students will then engage in learning the song "Cows in the kitchen" This is a fun little song for the students to sing about some farm animals that have managed to escape and get into the farm house. Students will practice and explore using their voices to sing and make different animal sound effects.

This week the students in Year 3 and 4 will engage in an inquiry into what is aural training? And why do we need to practice it? The concept of aural training is that the students are training their ears to listen to different sounds and patterns in music and then being able to copy them. Students will practice this week with an echo clapping activity and through a musical game called "*Poison Rhythm*". Students will also be introduced to the song "A Ram Sam Sam" students will learn about the background of the song and sing it, then begin learning the untuned percussion parts.

This week the students in Year 5 and 6 will engage in an inquiry into how they can safely and respectfully play and learn music as part of a collaborative group. This week the students in Year 5 and Year 6 will begin to learn about the ukulele. Students will tune in with a video that introduces them to the different types of ukulele and how we need to hold it.

#### Visual Arts

As researchers the students will explore the art mediums of collage and construction. They will also have the opportunity to explore colour mixing using paint.

#### **Understand Art Worlds**

The students will have the opportunity to view and discuss artworks by collage artists such as Kurt Schwitters, Hannah Hoch, Erica Lawlor Schmidt, Sidney Nolan, Laura Redburn, Eric Carle, Pete Cromer and Jeannie Baker. The students can research ideas, techniques and styles by the different artists to use in their own artworks.

**Develop Craft** 

Skills and techniques

Foundation – Year 2

#### **Painting**

- Different tools can be used including hands, natural and man-made recycled objects, sticks, leaves, sponges, foam rollers, stamps etc.
- Each tool can create special effects through actions like twisting, pressing, dabbing, dragging, stroking, dripping etc.
- Explore colours and colour mixing

#### Colour & colour value

• Identify and name all colours

- Primary colours are red, yellow, blue
- Colours can be combined to make secondary colours: r+y=o, b+y=g, r+b=p
- Colours can get lighter or darker by adding black or white.
- Relate colours to feelings
- Collage
- Explore the skills of selecting, changing, arranging and joining materials
- Explore different materials for collage: natural feathers, leaves, seeds etc. Man-made paper, straws, recycled materials
- Explore different techniques cutting, tearing, painting paper, mixed media,
- Construction
- Develop skills of construction through the exploration of different media including paper, cardboard, wood, recycled packaging and boxes.
- Explore different joining methods for each media tape, glue, pins, stapler and learn to use them safely
- Explore different ways to decorate their construction eg. paint, fabric, paper

#### **Years 3 - 6**

#### **Painting**

- Different tools can be used including hands, natural and man-made recycled objects, sticks, leaves, sponges, foam rollers, stamps etc.
- Each tool can create special effects through actions like twisting, pressing, dabbing, dragging, stroking, dripping etc.
- Colour mixing colour wheel

#### Colour & colour value

- Colour value is any colour made darker or lighter
- Contrast with colour can be explored as warm, on cool, opaque on transparent, dark on light, bright on dull
- Colour can express the imagination and feelings by distortion and exaggeration

#### **Texture**

- Backgrounds can be developed using different textures meeting such as: sky, and water, grass and bricks
- **Emphasis** can be explored as a focal point when one area is highly textured.
- Explore scales, spines, fur, and hair, as implied texture.
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#### Japanese Learning

As **inquirers** students in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 will begin to engage in an **inquiry about** animals in Japanese. As learners we will commence this inquiry by **Finding Out** about words for **colours** in Japanese. These words we enable us to describe animals we learn about in a later stage of the inquiry. We will **Tune In** by chorusing words for colours with flashcards and focus on identifying sounds and correct pronunciation. As **collaborators** we will then play a game which will enable us to consolidate our understanding of these words.

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As inquirers students in Year 3 and Year 4 will begin to engage in an inquiry about animals in Japanese. As learners we will commence this inquiry by Finding Out about words for animals we encounter at the zoo. We will Tune In by chorusing words for animals with flashcards and engage in being curious about sounds and correct pronunciation of each word. We will consolidate our understanding by engaging in a game called "What's Missing?" We will focus on developing recall of these new words as we attempt to identify which flashcard has been removed from a group of labeled images.

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くま kuma	へび hebi	カンガルー	コアラ koara	
bear	snake	kangaruu	koala	
		kangaroo		

As inquirers students in Year 5 and Year 6 will begin to engage in an inquiry about animals in Japanese. As learners we will commence this inquiry by Finding Out about words for animals we encounter at the zoo. We will Tune In by chorusing words for animals with flashcards and engage in being curious about sounds and correct pronunciation of each word. We will consolidate our understanding by engaging in a game called "What's Missing?" We will focus on developing recall of these new words as we attempt to identify which flashcard has been removed from a group of labeled images.

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		kangaroo		
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# Digital Technologies and Cyber Safety

Some students in Foundation – Year 2 will be further **exploring** how **Ozobots** can use **directional codes** to **change directions** at an **intersection**. They will be **thinkers** and consider the **orientation** of their **ozobot** before deciding on which **directional code** to use.

Some students in Years 3 and 4 will be **collaborators** and **explore** the **Lego WeDo 2.0** set and **follow instructions** on the **WeDo 2.0** app to **create** a robot that can **pull** objects. **Students** will **experiment** with different **objects** to see the **limits** of what the **robot** can **pull**.

Some students in Years 5 and 6 will be beginning to **explore** the **Lego Mindstorms** set. Students will **collaborate** to create the **Driving Base Robot**, which will be used to complete the **Space Challenge Learning Missions**. The first mission helps students with **coding** their robot to move **backwards** and **forwards specific distances**.

# Physical Education Learning

In Physical Education classes this week students will be engaging in learning with a major focus on **fundamental movement skills and balance** and **game concepts and strategies** involved in invasion style sports.

Foundation to Year 2 students will be practicing their locomotor movement skills, object control skills and static balance skills through many play based circuit activities. Students will focus on the run, dodge and catch as they complete tabloid rotations and work together through these play based learning activities.

Year three and four students will be introduced to the category of sports known as *invasion sports*. Invasion style sports are sports where teams need to attack and defend in the same game, sports in this category all have the same key concepts and ideas on how to attack and defend and therefore have transferable skills between sports. They will begin to explore some of the key concepts of this new category of sports and discuss the similarities between all sports in this category. Students will then play small sided games to try and maintain possession of a ball and then discuss how they were successful in these games and try to link these to other similar sports.

Year five and six students will also be introduced to *invasion sports*. They will begin to play games to develop their tactical thinking and knowledge on defending and attacking. Through their learning, students will be playing small sided, modified Netball style games as this will prepare students for all of the different sports that we will cover throughout this term. Students will investigate the game concepts and strategies involved in all invasion sports and begin to make connections between these sports. **As communicators and thinkers** students will need to work together as a team as they develop their tactical knowledge and decision making skills in game situations.

#### Sports Club ~ Lunch times

Students are invited to come along and participate in a 'sports club' with Mr Insolia at lunch times. Each week the club will have a different sporting focus and everyone is welcome to come and join in the fun while being physically active. This week we will focus on Basketball again as this is a very popular sport among our learning community. Everyone is welcome and I'm looking forward to seeing you all there!



The club will run on the following days.

• Foundation - Year 2 students: Monday

Year 3 - 4 students: WednesdayYear 5 - 6 students: Thursday

## Sustainability Learning

The importance of environmental education cannot be overstated. It is able to affect daily actions and habits, the reduction of water consumption, the sorting of waste and even "turning off unnecessary lights" or wearing warmer clothes so as to use less heating (Laudato Si no. 211).

Welcome back to yet another exciting term of our learners engaging in **Sustainability** and the **Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden.** This week our "Kids Teaching Kids" learning will continue looking at ways in which we can live a **sustainable life.** Our learners will be given the **opportunity** to continue **investigating** what we can do within our **learning community** and beyond to live **sustainably.** *If we live sustainably, our planet will stay beautiful for generations to come.* Our learners will **research** and **document** what we can do in our school community, local community and at home to live a sustainable life and how these changes will impact our future life.

Last term our gardeners were busy working in our veggie garden. They will be given the opportunity to remove all the veggies that are out of season and prepare our soil for some winter veggies. A selection of veggies were planted in our veggie garden. These include lettuce, broccoli, broad beans, cabbage and cauliflower. Our **Sustainability leaders** will continue to **investigate**, **research** and **document** ways in which we can care for our worm farms. We currently have 11 worm farms in our **school community**. A Worm farm is another way to dispose of organic food waste and to get a liquid fertiliser called worm tea. Worm tea is used as a fertilizer for our garden. Organic scraps are placed in our organics bins available in each learning space. Once collected organic waste is chopped and placed in the worm farms. Worms eat their way through the **organic waste producing** the **worm tea**.

Our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden takes place every Wednesday and Thursday from 11.30-**2.00pm.** During this time a number of children are involved in harvesting fresh vegetables from our garden and preparing a delicious meal to be shared. Throughout the year all children will have the opportunity to engage in this learning. This week our learners will be engaged in preparing yet another exciting meal. They will be cooking a delicious **pumpkin and basil risotto and apple and cinnamon muffins**. Our fresh basil, pumpkin and apples will be harvested from our garden. All recipes and lots of other information about our SAKG can be found on our Mother Teresa PS Kitchen Garden blog which is: mtpskitchengarden.com.au

# After School Care at Mother Teresa Primary School

Watch this space throughout the term for regular updates from our Extend team!

#### Book online for same day care

Did you know you can book online up until the last minute before the service starts?

We understand that unexpected events come up in work and life and we aim to help our families when circumstances change.

Log in on any device and book one minute prior to the session start time to avoid "Walk In" rates.

#### Enrol and book now: extend.com.au

#### **Term Two Dates**

Tuesday 27th April Welcome Murrundindi Parents and Friends 7.30pm

Wednesday 28th April Welcome Deb Sukarna – Writing Consultant Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April Welcome Deb Sukarna – Writing Consultant

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May Welcome Colleen Monaghan – Mathematics Consultant

Tuesday 4th May Welcome Murrundindi

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May Welcome Kath Murdoch - Inquiry Consultant

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May Mother's Day Stall

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May Mother's Day – celebration of learning (details to follow)

Welcome Colleen Monaghan – Mathematics Consultant

Tuesday 11th May **NAPLAN** Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May **NAPLAN** Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May **NAPLAN** 

Wednesday 26th May First Eucharist Child/ Parent Workshop

Monday 31st May Reconciliation Week Welcome Murrundindi

School Photo Day

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June Welcome Colleen Monaghan – Mathematics Consultant

Monday 14th June Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

No school

Friday 18th June Welcome Colleen Monaghan - Mathematics Consultant

Saturday 19th June First Eucharist Celebrations Monday 21st June Child/Parent/Teacher Interviews

Children dismissed at 1pm

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June Welcome Murrundindi Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June Welcome Murrundindi Friday 25th June Term Two concludes 3.30pm The following dates are correct at the time of printing. Please read the newsletter each week and note the weekly happenings.



# **Connect Webinar Series 2021**

Proudly presents this free **online** webinar

# Supporting parents of children with anxiety

Saturday 24th April 10:30am-12pm

(AEST)

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