



Mother Teresa

Catholic Primary School

Newsletter | Week 5



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**“Not all of us can do great things,
but we can do small things with great love.”**

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Message From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the new and improved Mother Teresa school newsletter! You will notice that there is a change in the formatting to make it easier to read each section with the inclusion of the Upcoming dates on the front page. I have also asked for all communication (where possible) to also be sent out in Arabic, the language that a majority of our families indicate is their first language. Just a reminder that the whole school newsletter will be sent out each Friday. Please note that we have also included a Year Level Weekly Happening's Newsletter which will include all the important learning for that particular year level. This document will be emailed out each Monday- look out there is a new format coming shortly for the weekly happenings newsletter as well!

Meet the Principal Cuppa Chat

It was wonderful to hear the voices from the 20 or so parents who joined me for the first Meet the Principal session. I need to thank the parents for sharing their thoughts, hopes, dreams and areas for growth here at Mother Teresa. There were certainly some main themes that came up, here are just a few of them:

- Families love the sense of Community at Mother Teresa
- There are concerns around the way that Literacy and Mathematics are taught and the lack of tables and chairs in each learning space
- There are concerns around parking, road safety and student safety before and after school
- The carpets need replacing in the main building

Upcoming Events

WEEK 6

Monday 3rd March

- Magistrate Court - Yr 5/6
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Tuesday 4th March

- **Shrove Tuesday**
• Staff Meeting 3:45pm - 4:45pm

Wednesday 5th March

- **Ash Wednesday** (Whole School Mass at 9:15am)
- Staff Meeting 3:45pm - 4:45pm

Friday 7th March

- RE Network - Conchita & Sophie

Sunday 9th March

- First Sunday of Lent

WEEK 7

Monday 10th March

- **School Closure: Labour Day Public Holiday**

Wednesday 12th March

- Reconciliation Workshop 7pm

Saturday 15th March

- Reconciliation Candidates Presentation Weekend

Sunday 16th March

- Reconciliation Candidates Presentation Weekend



The next Meet the Principal Cuppa Chat sessions will be held on Monday 3rd of March at 9.15 after morning prayer as well as Thursday 6th of March at 5.30pm. If you are unable to attend any of these sessions and would like to share your thoughts, hopes, dreams and areas of growth and improvement for our school please email me: Principal@motherteresa.catholic.edu.au

Change from XUNO to Compass!

A few weeks ago I wrote about my frustrations with the XUNO platform and my hope that the company would be able to fulfill their promise that all families and staff would be able access and use the online platform. Unfortunately this has not happened as we still have families unable to log on and staff unable to complete simple tasks such as marking the roll.

Therefore I have made the decision to change to a more user friendly platform and one in which many schools use. This platform is called Compass Education: School Management System. On Monday Conchita, Lina Heath and myself had our first training session. We were blown away at the ease of this platform. The feature that I love the most is that google translate is embedded in the program so that families are able to select a language to read the messages in.



We have not rolled over yet and therefore **Xuno will still be the platform that we use until Tuesday 11th March.** We will be running sessions on downloading the app and how to use it. These sessions will be run by Heath Leighton, our digital technologies teacher, with an interpreter available to translate for families who require this support.

Translating Services

One of our LSOs, Randa Akoo, will be available in the Office space on a Monday & Tuesday Morning 9.00 - 10.00am and Monday & Tuesday afternoon 2.30 - 3.30pm to support any families that require translating support.

God Bless,

Mrs Jess Davis

Principal

Message from the Acting Deputy Principal

Very shortly, the students in Year 3 and Year 5 will begin the NATIONAL Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). It will be held between Wednesday 12th March to Monday 24th March. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. During the two weeks of testing, test catch up sessions - where possible - will be made available for students who were absent on the testing day.

Please find a link to the [Parent / Carer NAPLAN information brochure](#) (معلومات أولياء الأمور ومقدمي الرعاية). For further information about the tests, please visit the VCAA website at [VCAA - NAPLAN information](#) or the NAP website at www.nap.edu.au.

I have attached a timetable indicating the days, sessions and starting times for each year level for each test. **Please note that on the days of testing, when they occur on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday we will be unable to gather for Morning Prayer.**

	Monday 10th March	Tuesday 11th March	Wednesday 12th March	Thursday 13th March	Friday 14th March
			Day 1 testing No whole school morning prayer	Day 2 testing	Day 3 testing No whole school morning prayer
8.50 - 11.00			Year 3 <u>Writing 9.10</u> Online	Catch-up tests permitted	Year 3 <u>Reading 9.10 start</u> Online
11.40 - 1.40			Year 5 <u>Writing 11.50 start</u> Pencil/paper	Catch-up tests permitted	Year 5 <u>Reading 11.50 start</u> Online
	Monday 17th March	Tuesday 18th March	Wednesday 19th March	Thursday 20th March	Friday 21th March
	Day 4 testing No whole school morning prayer	Day 5 testing	Day 6 testing	Day 7 testing	Day 8 testing
8.50 - 11.00	Year 3 <u>Conventions of Language</u> <u>9.10</u> Online	Year 3 <u>Numeracy 9.10 start</u> Online	Catch-up tests permitted	Catch-up tests permitted	Catch-up tests permitted
11.40 - 1.40	Year 5 <u>Conventions of Language</u> <u>11.50 start</u> Online	Year 5 <u>Numeracy 11.50 start</u> Online	Catch-up tests permitted	Catch-up tests permitted	Catch-up tests permitted
	Monday 24th March	Tuesday 11th March	Wednesday 12 March	Thursday 20 March	Friday 21 March
	Day 9 testing				
8.50 - 11.00	Catch-up tests permitted				
11.40 - 1.40	Catch-up tests permitted				

Ms Conchita Thomas

Deputy Principal & Mathematics Leader

Catholic Identity & Religious Education

Our Beginning Year & Ash Wednesday Mass will be celebrated by Fr George on Wednesday 5th of March at 9.15am. All members of our community are more than welcome to attend.

Reconciliation

There will be a Parent workshop for all parents of the student who are receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This workshop will be held on Wednesday 12th of March at 7.00pm.



Reconciliation

Learning and Teaching News

This week, our F-2 teachers began implementing a new reading structure based on a body of knowledge called The Science of Reading. This research incorporates evidence from disciplines that include developmental psychology, educational psychology, cognitive science and cognitive neuroscience and provides great insight into the way children learn to read.

The MACS vision for reading instruction is for every student to commence school with access to a high quality, evidence-based literacy program made up of the following core areas known as the 5 pillars of reading:

- Phonemic Awareness
- Phonics
- Fluency
- Vocabulary
- Comprehension

Over the coming months, our F-2 teachers will begin exploring these 5 pillars of reading in more detail. I look forward to sharing this learning with you all.

Naomi Martret

Literacy Leader

Wellbeing & Learning Diversity

Smiling Mind

As resilient self-managers, we are learning to manage our emotions by taking time and opportunity to tune in, find out and sort out our thinking around the concept of attention. We will take time and opportunity to focus on one thing at a time. We will engage in the breath practice of meditation, which is a foundational mindfulness skill. Mindfully paying attention to the breath cultivates self-awareness and the ability to sustain focus.



In the Year level Weekly Happenings, there are some opportunities for you to engage in different types of activities at home.





Sunday Gospel

Luke 6:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.'

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbour's eye.



Luke 6:39



WE NEED PLAYERS
UNDER 8, 10 & 12
BOYS AND GIRLS



Want to play footy?

Come and join the Eagles.

U8 training - Thursdays 5-6pm @ Grand Blvd Reserve

U10 training - Mondays and Wednesdays 5-6pm @ Highgate Reserve 3

U12 training - Tuesdays and Thursdays 5-6pm @ Highgate Reserve 3

Contact Paul for more info at juniors@craigieburnfc.com

