



Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

## *Christ is Risen- Alleluia!*

As we return to school following the Easter break, I want to take a moment to reflect on the deep significance of this Holy season in our Catholic faith. Easter is the celebration of Christ's Resurrection — a powerful reminder of God's infinite love, the triumph of life over death, and the hope that is always present, even in the most challenging of times.



I pray that the Easter season brings peace, renewal and joy to your hearts and homes. This is a time that invites us to embrace new beginnings with faith and courage, much like the Risen Christ calls us to live with renewed purpose and love.

As we move forward into this new term, may we continue to grow as a Christ-centered community — one rooted in compassion, service, and the Gospel values that guide our mission each day. May the light of the Risen Lord continue to shine in our school, our families and in each of our students. Wishing you and your loved ones continued Easter blessings.

**To acknowledge the Resurrection of Christ, we will be holding a whole school liturgy tomorrow morning at 9.00am - all are welcome to join us.**

### **Vale to Pope Francis**

It is with deep sorrow and reverence that we join the global Catholic community in mourning the passing of our Holy Father, Pope Francis. As the shepherd of our Church, Pope Francis inspired us with his profound humility, unwavering compassion, and tireless advocacy for the poor, the marginalized, and the dignity of every human life. Pope Francis reminded us through his words and example that faith is lived through acts of love, mercy and service.

We are particularly mindful of the legacy Pope Francis leaves in Catholic education. He constantly reminded educators and students alike to "walk together" with hope, to "never lose the joy of learning," and to build bridges, not walls. His call to form young people as "artisans of peace" continues to shape our mission. Pope Francis' encyclical, or letter, on care for our common home - planet Earth - is something that is such a legacy here at Mother Teresa with the Sustainability program and Stephanie Alexander Kitchen to garden program.

Let us pray for the repose of his soul, for the Church as we navigate this time of transition, and for the grace to continue his legacy through our actions, our witness, and our love.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon him.  
May he rest in peace.*

*Amen.*



## ANZAC Day

This year, Mother Teresa Primary School has been invited to participate in the ANZAC Day Service at Craigieburn ANZAC Park, There are two services:

- 5.45 am for a 6.00 am start (Dawn Service)
- **9.45 am for a 10.00 am start (Morning Service - Wreath laying for schools at this time)**

Some staff will be attending the 10am service, and students and their families are warmly invited to also attend. Two students have been selected to lay down a wreath on behalf of Mother Teresa Primary School at the 10 am service. If you are able to attend either service, here are the following key details:

**Venue:** Craigieburn ANZAC Park, corner of Windrock Avenue and Marathon Boulevard, Craigieburn

**Time:** April 25, commencing at **6am sharp** and **10am sharp** respectively.

For the 10am service, some Mother Teresa staff will be in attendance with 2 students who will lay down a wreath on behalf of our school community.

**Uniform:** Wearing of the school uniform is encouraged to the 10am service.

**Seating and shelter:** **Some** seating and shelter will be available in the event of inclement weather, although this may be limited, as large numbers attend.



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## School Photos

Our school photos will be taking place on Wednesday 30th of April. This year they have been booked in a little earlier in the school year, therefore we are asking **all students to wear their full summer uniform** including appropriate school shoes and socks. Students will not be wearing jumpers in their photos. For any classes scheduled to have PE lessons on this day, Mr McDonald will be aware that students are not in their PE uniform and will plan accordingly for this.

This year, photos will be taken by MSP Photography. For families wishing to purchase the students individual, class or sibling photos you are able to do so online via Compass through the 'Photo Ordering' menu. Mr Leighton has uploaded a photo demonstrating how to order your photos though Compass.

**Please note that school photos can only be ordered and paid for via Compass - if you are wishing to order photos, you must do so prior to the school photo day.** If you need any further assistance please visit or contact the office.

## Winter Uniform Transition Dates

As we move into Term Two, our students will also begin to transition into the Winter uniform. We know that Melbourne weather can be quite unpredictable therefore we are allowing a few weeks for transitioning to the Winter uniform allowing you (or your child) to select which uniform they wear based on the weather. **I ask that all students wear the Winter uniform by Monday 12th of May.**



Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessica Davis".

Mrs Jess Davis

**Principal**