



Mother Teresa

Catholic Primary School

Newsletter | Week 7



Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools

**“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,

Next Wednesday we will be holding a Welcome picnic for all families from 5.00 - 7.00pm. This will be an opportunity for you to meet our staff and other Mother Teresa families.

Our P&F will be holding a sausage sizzle and other fundraising sales (**CASH SALES ONLY!**)

Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy different activities with your family. **Please note that this is an alcohol free event and all children must be supervised by their parents/guardians.**

2026 Enrolments Open!

We are now accepting enrolments for Foundation in 2026. If you have a child who is ready to start Foundation next year, please visit the office to collect an enrolment pack or fill in the forms online

<https://www.motherteresa.catholic.edu.au/enrolment-information/enrolment-information-2/>

Members of the Executive Leadership team, will be holding group tours each Tuesday at 9.30 am and Thursday at 12.00pm. Our 2026 enrolment poster is attached at the end of this newsletter so please share this information with families in our area who may have school aged children.

2025 WELCOME PICNIC

We invite all families in our community to our annual 'Welcome Picnic' held at school on the footy oval!

- Bring a picnic dinner
- Meet other families, teachers and the leadership team
- Parent and Friends Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser
- Lots of activities for all to enjoy

19 Wednesday March 2025 | 5.00pm - 7.00 PM | MTPS Footy Oval
5-15 Windrock Ave, Mt Ridley VIC 3064

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Upcoming Events

WEEK 8

- Monday 17th of March
 - Catholic Education Week
 - PSG Meetings
- Tuesday 18th of March
 - Staff meeting 3.45 - 4.45
- Wednesday 19th March
 - Grade 5/6 Kids Roar Workshop
 - **Whole School Welcome Picnic 5-7pm**
- Friday 21st
 - MACS St Patrick's Day Mass & Concert in the Park (Jess & Sophie with 8 students)
- Sunday 23rd March
 - Third Sunday of Lent

WEEK 9

- Monday 24th of March
 - Second Hand uniform sale 3.00 - 3.30pm
- Tuesday 25th March
 - Second Hand uniform sale 8.30 - 9.00am
 - Reconciliation 7.00pm
- Thursday 27th
 - Literacy & Mathematics Leaders network (Conchita & Sophie)
- Friday 28th
 - **Free dress day - students to bring a donation to the Easter raffle**

ENROL NOW

Parents & Friends Group

Our P&F group has had two fantastic meetings this term already where we have planned some wonderful fundraising events for this term. I shared with the group that after meeting with every class in the school towards the end of last year, the feedback from the students is very clear that they would like an upgrade to the current soccer pitch. This is something I am very pleased to share that this is our goal for all P&F fundraising efforts in 2025. Let's all work together to raise enough funds for a new and improved soccer pitch for our students!

MACS Code of Conduct

Towards the end of last year MACS launched a Code of Conduct. The MACS Code of Conduct (the Code) embodies our collective commitment to fostering a positive and supporting work environment that prioritises the health, safety and wellbeing of everyone, inspired by our Catholic faith. The Code recognises the significant responsibility we all have for the education and wellbeing of the children and young people in our care, and makes clear our expectations for a safe, respectful and nurturing environment for everyone.

The Code applies to all people who carry out work in any capacity for MACS, and applies to MACS board directors, board committee members, employees, volunteers, consultants, contractors and School Advisory Council members ('staff'). I have included a copy of the Code of Conduct poster for you to read though. If you would like to know more about the Code of Conduct, you can read through the booklet at this link

<https://www.macs.vic.edu.au/MelbourneArchdioceseCatholicSchools/media/About-Us/Policies/conduct/Code-of-Conduct-for-MACS-Staff-Booklet.pdf>

God Bless,

Mrs Jess Davis

Principal

Forming lives of faith, hope and love in the light of Jesus Christ

MACS Code of Conduct

- Health, Safety and Wellbeing**
We are deeply committed to fostering a workplace that prioritises health, safety and wellbeing for all.
- Fitness**
We ensure that we have the physical, mental and emotional capacity to carry out our professional responsibilities. We are committed to ensuring that all staff are treated with dignity, courtesy and respect.
- Professionalism**
We carry out our roles and responsibilities with reasonable competence, care, skill and judgment.
- Child Safety**
We recognise that the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people is central and fundamental to all we do.
- Respect and Support**
We create a supportive environment for staff, students, parents and carers, and clergy where we act respectfully, fairly and compassionately.
- Suitability**
We are suitable to work for MACS and to perform our respective roles and responsibilities.
- Recordkeeping**
We create and maintain accurate, up to date, factual, objective and legible records about our work, our observations, our actions and our decisions.
- Integrity, Honesty and Transparency**
We act with integrity, honesty and transparency.
- Communication**
We represent MACS in an appropriate professional manner. We do not act in any way that might cause harm to MACS' reputation or standing in the community.
- Privacy and Information Sharing**
We collect, use and disclose personal information in ways that comply with privacy legislation, policies and procedures. We also comply with the Child Information Sharing Scheme, the Family Violence Information Sharing Scheme, and other information sharing schemes.
- Reporting**
We promptly report anything that does not feel right, or if we are concerned something may be illegal, unethical, unacceptable or improper. This allows us to share concerns and take action.
- Use of ICT and Social Media**
We use MACS resources and systems appropriately. We use social media responsibly and professionally.

As the Executive Director of Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS), I am committed to fostering a safe, respectful and nurturing environment entirely reflective of our Catholic mission and identity.

Catholic education is grounded in the belief that each person is made in the image and likeness of God. This enlivens our purpose, 'forming lives of faith, hope and love in the light of Jesus Christ,' a task undertaken every day by over 15,000 MACS colleagues across the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

At the heart of this is our commitment to achieving our vision that every student in our schools is inspired and enabled to flourish and enrich the world. This means that we always seek to provide our young people with the best kind of education possible, one that fosters a formation of the whole person that is deeply and enduringly humanising.

Our MACS Code of Conduct recognises the significant responsibility we all have as adults for the education and wellbeing of the children and young people in our care, and makes clear our expectations for a safe, respectful and nurturing environment for everyone. The Code should be read in conjunction with our individual contracts of employment.

Whether in a MACS school or office location, being a part of our distinctly Catholic educational community enables us to fan the flames of faith in our students and to enable them to flourish fully.

Together, these elements represent our shared commitment to mission in Catholic education. As we read, understand, and model the behaviours expected of us all in this document, I also ask that you speak up if you witness any behaviour that is not aligned to our MACS Code of Conduct.

I commend your efforts as we seek to uphold all the requirements set out within the Code, as we collectively contribute to the success of MACS by **forming lives to enrich the world.**

Edward Simons
Dr Edward Simons - Executive Director

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools

Reconciliation



Thank you to the families who attended the Reconciliation workshop earlier this week. Just a reminder that the Reconciliation Presentation Weekend is on Saturday the 15th and Sunday the 16th of March. As part of the Sacrament, it is a requirement to attend one of this weekend's masses with your child.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Tuesday 25th March at 7pm, at Our Lady's Church in Craigieburn.

Sophie Mackinnon

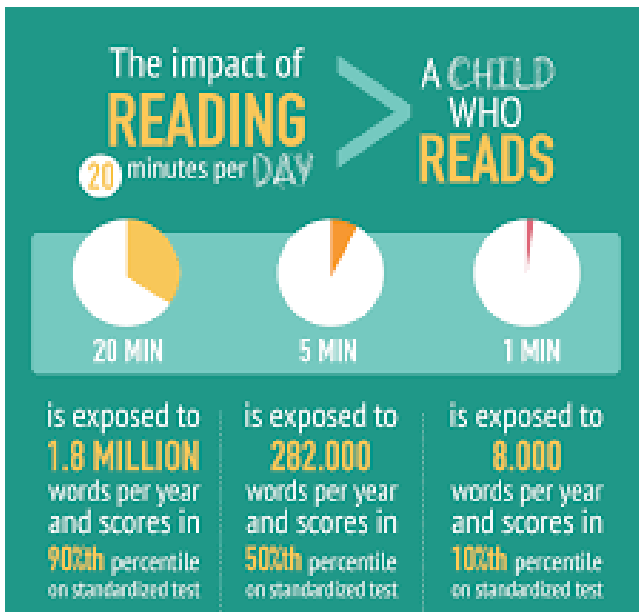
Sacramental Leader

Learning and Teaching News

Reading at Home-Why is it so important?

Home life can be busy and hectic with lots of after school activities going on. Quite often, the home reading is what gets left out. Sadly, this has far-reaching effects on your child's academic and cognitive development.

A study done by the Victorian Department of Education in conjunction with Melbourne University found that the frequency of reading to and with children at a young age has a direct causal effect on their schooling outcomes regardless of their family background and home environment. Children who are read to and who read more frequently at an early age, enter school with larger vocabularies and more advanced comprehension and overall cognitive skills. The research has not only proven a causal effect between the frequency of reading to a child and his or her development, but has also for the first time measured the benefits.



Children four to five years old who are read to three to five times a week have the same reading ability as children six months older. Reading to children six to seven days a week puts them almost a year ahead of those who are not being read to. It was also found that reading to small children has a positive effect on the development of numeracy skills. If your child comes home exhausted and does not want to read their book, rather than battle with them, read the book to your child, or take turns reading a page or paragraph each.

Home reading should be easy and fun. Your child's classroom teacher will always send home a book that is below your child's reading level to ensure that fluency is the skill that is being practised at home. Make the reading a fun, enjoyable and special time for you and your child and it will become a time that you will not want to miss!

Ms Naomi Martret

Literacy Leader

The School Closure day in Term 2 has been moved from Thursday 24th to Tuesday 22nd of April.

Therefore the start of Term two is as follows:

Monday 21/4 - Easter Monday Public Holiday (No school for students & staff)

Tuesday 22/4 - School Closure Day for Staff Professional Learning (No school for students)

Wednesday 23/4 - Term 2 begins for Students

Thursday 24/4 - School for Staff and Students

Friday 25/4 - ANZAC DAY Public Holiday (no school for staff or students)



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 the senses. Sensory awareness brings us into the present moment and enhances our learning by practicing focusing on our senses. We will have time and opportunity to explore our environment using our senses. Sensory awareness also provides us with an additional anchor when we are practising mindful meditations.



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

Finance Office Support

Lina, our school finance administrator will be available each Wednesday and Thursday morning from 8.30am - 9.15 and in the afternoon from 3.00 - 3.30pm for any school fee or other finance queries you may have.



The Parents and Friends group will be holding a Second Hand uniform sale. All money will go to the school's P&F fund to raise funds for the Soccer field.

The sale will be held on

Monday 24th of March 3.00 - 3.30pm

Tuesday 25th of March 8.30am - 9.00am

The uniform items will be priced as follows:

Sports Jackets: \$20.00

Winter Jackets & Jumpers: \$20.00

Summer and winter dresses: \$15.00

Sports Tops & Polo Tops: \$10.00

Pants & shorts: \$10.00

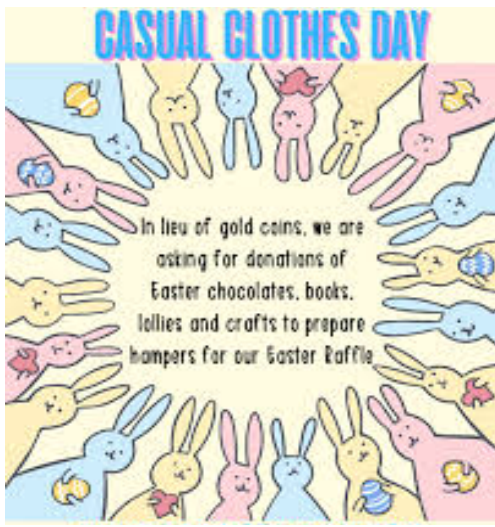
School Bags: \$10.00

Bargain Bin items: \$1.00

SECOND HAND UNIFORM



PLEASE NOTE ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE IN CASH



Easter Raffle

The P&F group will also be holding an Easter raffle, which will be drawn on the last day of Term 1. To support the Easter raffle we will be having a **casual dress day on Friday 28th of March**.

We are asking students to bring in either a gold coin OR a donation of Easter eggs, baskets, cellophane, ribbons or the like that the P&F group can put together into Easter hampers. Thank you in advance for your support of our fundraising efforts this term

Birthday Treats at school

We have noticed recently that many students are bringing in food treats to share with their classmates to celebrate their birthday. Just a reminder that due to food allergies we are unable to hand out any food items that children bring into school to celebrate their birthdays.

Students may bring in part bags that have non food items in them such as stickers, bubble blowers, bouncy balls etc. Thank you for your support and understanding regarding this matter



SUNDAY
16
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2025



Sunday Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem.



Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.'

And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silent and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

Community News



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Parent and Friends
**Sausage
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2026 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

Guided Tour with Leadership
Running for all of Term 1

BOOK NOW

Tuesday 9:30am | Thursday 12:00pm

Enrolments Close April 4th

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