



Mother Teresa

Catholic Primary School

Newsletter | Week 6



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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,

On Wednesday we celebrated our Ash Wednesday service with Fr George. During his homily, Fr George reminded us that Lent is a season of three things - **Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving**. Fr George told our students that Lent can be a little like a GPS system that parents use while driving - reminding us that this liturgical season is an opportunity to turn back to what is important - **Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving**.

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. 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.

Welcome to Compass

As mentioned in last week’s newsletter we have made the move from Xuno to Compass. From Tuesday this will be the platform that we will be using to mark the role and communicate with our community. Mr Heath Leighton will be in the office this upcoming Tuesday & Wednesday Morning 8.30 - 9.15am as well as Wednesday afternoon if you need any assistance with downloading and using the Compass app.



Upcoming Events

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

WEEK 8

Wednesday 19th March

- **Whole School Welcome Picnic 5-7pm**

Friday 21st

- MACS St Patrick’s Day Mass & Concert in the Park (Jess & Sophie with 8 students)



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.

أعزائي العوائل الكرام
يسعدني أن أبلغكم أنني سأكون متاحة في قسم الاستعلامات لتقديم المساعدة والدعم باللغة العربية
والكلدانية/السريانية، وذلك كل يوم اثنين وثلاثاء من الساعة 8:30 إلى 9:30 صباحاً، ومن الساعة
إلى 3:30 مساءً 2:30
أطلع إلى خدمتكم وتلبية احتياجاتكم
مع أطيب التحيات
رندة
مسؤولة الرابطة الثقافية

Welcome Picnic - Wednesday 19th of March 5.00 - 7.00pm

On Wednesday the 19th of March we will be holding a Welcome picnic from 5.00 - 7.00pm. In discussion with the Parents and Friends committee, we had intended to hold the event at the Orlig Oval next to the school however the permits and requirements from the council will make this very challenging. Therefore, the Welcome Picnic will be held on the school's footy oval. The P&F will be holding a Sausage sizzle fundraiser and Zooper Dooper sales. Our staff will be supporting the evening by running different activities such as giant chess, ring toss, naughts and crosses and the like. Pack a picnic rug, some food and get to meet the Mother Teresa families and staff. A flyer has been attached to the end of this newsletter. We can't wait to see you all.



Staffing update

Today is one of our LSOs Marie-Louise Ruberto's last day at Mother Teresa PS. Marie-Louise has been offered a position at a school that is much closer to home. I have recently advertised for an LSO who has a minimum of a Certification level VI and has training and experience working with Neurodivergent children as well as in running different types of small group interventions. I am pleased to say that there have been multiple applications and I have begun the interview process and will hopefully be able to appoint a new LSO in this role shortly. I have also increased San Gthya's days to four days a week to assist with some of our NCCD funded students. Yin Wun (Learning Space C) has also informed me that she will be resigning her classroom teaching position at Mother Teresa PS at the end of this Term. I have begun the process to find a replacement teacher of the same caliber of Yin and am hoping to let you know shortly of her replacement.

Earlier this year, Jason Trethowan who takes care of the maintenance and landscaping of the school let me know that he has been asked and had taken up the offer to work additional days at his other school which is also much closer to home. I have begun to engage with a company to take over the landscaping and maintenance of the school. I am hoping to make the announcement of the new company very shortly.

I would like to thank Marie-Louise, Yin and Jason for their time with Mother Teresa Catholic Primary School and wish them well for what comes next.

God Bless,

Mrs Jess Davis

Principal

Message from the Acting Deputy Principal

A reminder that next Wednesday, 12th March NAPLAN testing commences for our Year 3 and our Year 5 students. If students are absent on the day that they have a test, there will be test catch up sessions - where possible - that will be made available for students. Included below is the NAPLAN timetable that I shared with you in last week's newsletter. This timetable indicates when the different tests are scheduled at Mother Teresa and when there are possible catch up sessions. **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> Pencil/paper	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> Online	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 21st 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 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 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				

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. Today, children in Year 3 and Year 5 will also be bringing home a letter that outlines NAPLAN in more detail.

Ms Conchita Thomas

Acting Deputy Principal & Mathematics Leader

Reconciliation



Reconciliation Child and Parent Workshop

Date: Wednesday 12th March 2025

Time: 7:00pm

Venue: Mother Teresa Primary School - in the open space.

This workshop invites you to begin a dialogue with your child about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It will provide an opportunity to reflect further on our need for forgiveness and saying sorry in our everyday lives, as well as exploring scripture passages that offer insights into God's forgiveness and welcoming of the lost.

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.

If you are wanting your child to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation but have not yet registered, please email Sophie Mackinnon sophie.mackinnon@motherteresa.catholic.edu.au as soon as possible.

Sophie Mackinnon

Sacramental Leader

Learning and Teaching News

This week in our staff meetings, we embarked on our journey into the Science of Learning. We explored the learning process, delving into cognitive load and the capacity of our working memory. Our discussions centered on how we can effectively transfer information from working memory into long-term memory—ultimately, the true measure of learning. As we reflected on this, one key idea stood out:

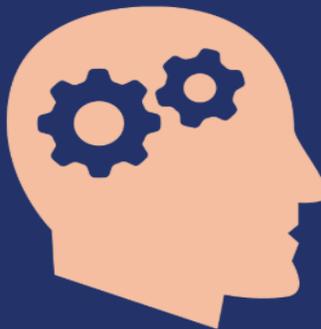
"Learning is a change in long-term memory."

Working Memory VS Long-term Memory

Working Memory

The working memory has a **small capacity** - this is where we **hold and process new information**.

If information is not transferred to **long-term memory** here, it will be **forgotten**.



Long-Term Memory

The long-term memory has a **huge capacity** - this is where we **store the things we have learnt**.

Connecting information from the working memory to the long-term memory is how one **learns new things**.

Naomi Martret

Literacy Leader

DATE CHANGE

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)



Sunday's Gospel



Sunday Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

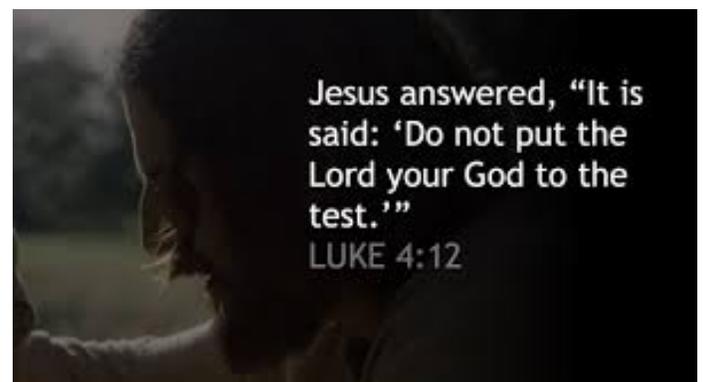
Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you,

and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.





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
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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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