Dear Parents

No doubt you would have seen on the news the devastation caused by the typhoon in the Philippines last week. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families who have lost loved ones and to those suffering the effects of lack of clean water and food. At the Community Council meeting held on Tuesday evening it was decided to send a donation of $500 to the appeal. If any families wish to contribute to this amount you are more than welcome. Send any donations into the front office marked Philippines Appeal. Special prayers will be said for the victims of this devastation at school tomorrow morning. Children are encouraged to contribute a coin or a written prayer during this liturgy.

Kindergarten Orientation

Next Wednesday at 7.00pm in the hall parents of children attending MTS Kindergarten in 2014 are invited to a meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information to parents about the various operations in and around the school. There will be representatives from the YMCA, Personally Yours, the parish and staff who will provide information about curriculum areas and support. There will be wine and cheese and beer on the night. We hope to be finished by 8.30pm.

Staffing Matters

We have been very busy over the last weeks interviewing for staff at MTS for 2014. I am pleased to say we have chosen some high quality staff to join our team in 2014. During the week we interviewed for the position of Coordinator at MTS. I am pleased to announce that Brooke Jeffries was successful in being appointed to this position. Congratulations Brooke.

New Archbishop

Next Tuesday I will be representing MTS together with Sophie Rodda at the installation of the new Archbishop for the Archdiocese. This is the beginning of a new chapter in the life of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

Netball Carnival 2014

The date for the carnival that we are organising in 2014 is Sunday October 26. Please mark this date in your calendar as we will require the assistance of all families at MTS. The committee is working hard behind the scenes and we have a handover meeting next Thursday evening at St Vincent’s Primary School.

School Start Times

Just a reminder that school begins at **8:45** and it is important that all students are on time. Teachers are on duty from 8:15 every morning. Could all parents please assist us to ensure a smooth flow of traffic by dropping your child/ren off between 8:15 and 8:30. This will greatly alleviate the traffic congestion and will give ELC families room to park and deliver their children safely to the ELC. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Reminder

**PLEASE** do not enter the school at drop off and pick up times via the southern end of Wimmera Street (this is coming from the Harrison School end of the street). Turning right into the carpark at this time of day causes major traffic congestion and hold ups for those continuing along Wimmera Street. Also a reminder that it is **LEFT TURN ONLY** when leaving the carpark at these times.
Happy birthday to everyone who is celebrating their birthday this week including: Stephanie Quirk, Tayah Sheppard, Luka Radic, Joshua Abad, Kyal Wells, Alexander Mormanis, Sophie Davidson and Connor Norman.

Are you a Defence Family posting out at the end of the year?

As the end of the year approaches, it is getting to that time when postings may be coming up. It would be appreciated if you could let our DSTA know if your family is leaving the Canberra area. Where possible Mrs Stubbs will try to put you in contact with the DSTA and or REDLO at your new location.

Please email her at sarah.stubbs@cg.catholic.edu.au
WHOLE SCHOOL FOCUS: The Journey

The value we are focussing on next week is: Responsibility

At Mother Teresa School that means:
• Accepting consequences
• Fixing mistakes
• Staying on task
• Being a risk-taker
• Following rules

TYPHOON HAIYAN APPEAL

Over nine million people have been devastated by Typhoon Haiyan. The monster storm battered the country with winds of more than 330 kilometres per hour and had a diameter of approximately 800 km wide. It is the worst storm to have ever made landfall in modern history. Approximately 9.5 million people have been affected in the Philippines, and authorities warn many hundreds of thousands of people could also be affected in Vietnam.

Caritas Australia is working with our partners on the ground to deliver urgent emergency aid to at least 16,000 families in the most affected areas.

By supporting the Typhoon Haiyan Appeal, your donation will go directly towards assisting the work of Caritas on the ground, where we are providing families with critical life-saving assistance, including emergency shelter and clean water, and helping them with their sanitation, hygiene, household and recovery needs.

Your generosity will make a real difference to many people affected by this devastating crisis.

$460 – could provide four families with much needed emergency shelter.
$105 – could provide three families with essential water and sanitation kits to keep disease at bay.
$50 – could provide four families with vital cooking kits.

We ask that you join us in keeping these vulnerable communities in your thoughts and prayers as they endure through this emergency period. Mother Teresa School will pray together in prayer on Friday morning.

Think of your prayer as a stream of divine light. Imagine how much larger the stream of light becomes when all our prayers are joined together. Now imagine prayers from all the faithful throughout the world. Imagine that light and grace flowing into areas of darkness and need. Imagine that grace flowing into every living thing until the earth itself is bathed in divine light and love. It sort of makes you believe the little prayers we offer really do make a difference. At the very least, I believe the people who receive the grace of our prayers actually experience the presence of God, whether or not we can see it.

It is wonderful to see the generous spirit of giving that is always present at Mother Teresa School. Displays of kindness, compassion and generosity bring hope to those less fortunate than ourselves. The students can bring a gold coin donation or write a prayer to place in their prayer circle as their action for hope for the victims of this appeal. Thank you in advance,

ELC FAMILY MASS

All families, especially our ELC families are invited to attend a family Mass on the weekend of Sunday 24th November @ 9:30am it is the feast of Christ the King. Mass will be celebrated at Holy Spirit Church. There will be a morning tea held after the 9:30 Sunday Mass. ELC families are invited to bring plate of food if they wish and meet some of the other families. Please claim the date in your diaries.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Peace and Best Wishes.
Anne Leet (Religious Education Co-ordinator)
Before starting the update this week I would first like to pass on some comments from the 4 School Day celebration that took place on Friday. The behaviour and the community spirit of the ELC children was fantastic. Members of our Parish community commented on what a credit the children were to our school. Whilst we know how wonderful our children are, it is always great when people take the time to pass on such positive comments.

On Monday we commemorated Remembrance Day with a whole school assembly. This is a particularly poignant time with so many Defence families within our community. Once again the children behaved beautifully and with great respect throughout the service.

Now what has been happening in our classrooms:

The Green Turtles have been talking about ‘Service’ in preparation for their Focus Assembly with the Blue Whales next week. They have been talking about ways to be of service to others and are enthusiastically leaning their assembly song.

The Purple Starfish began the week exploring different insects and spiders, comparing them and identifying their similarities and differences. They also hypothesised where seeds go when they are blown away in the wind….Some of the children suggested that Santa receives them with all the children’s wishes!

The Yellow Seahorses have finally got around to tie dying their t-shirts. Children were eager to experiment with colours. They waited patiently for 24 hours and then helped to wash the shirts. They look fantastic and the children love them. The rain over the last few days has kept the children inside, but they have been using their imagination and have been coming up with some great creations at the craft table. Finally they have been investigating hospitals through books and role play. They will be exploring this further over the next couple of weeks.

The Blue Whales have been working hard on their friendship necklaces, they have been painting and decorating them with great care and attention. They have also been working hard on a special surprise for Christmas!

The Red Jellyfish have been continuing with their transport project, they have been identifying different modes of transport that travel on the land, their favourite was a motorbike! They have been collaging their own transport pictures and also investigating the different modes of transport they could find in our school car park.

Thank you for your continued support.
Clare Addinell and the ELC team.
Being a good winner + You don’t always have to win

Let’s Celebrate the good sports at Mother Teresa School.

Weekly Challenge— Draw a picture on the tropy of a friend at Mother Teresa School who is a good sport and always plays for fun. Decorate the trophy and use words to describe how they act like a good sport. Write their name on the plaque at the bottom and give it to Mr Pye at school. All trophies will be displayed around the school.
Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very excited to share the news that Mother Teresa School has been accepted to be a national partnership school for Tennis Australia (Hot Shots Program). The MLC Tennis Hot Shots in Schools program provides primary school students with their first experience of tennis. Regardless of age, gender or skill level, tennis is a sport that can be enjoyed by all. Tennis helps develop students’ fundamental motor skills and is fun for both the teacher and students.

The focus of this program is to create partnerships that will ensure a pathway for all children at Mother Teresa School to experience tennis as part of the curriculum and then continue their involvement directly through their local MLCTHS coach and/or community club venue. This pathway is vital so children and parents can see how they can get involved in tennis at the local community level after a quality first experience at their school.

Tennis Australia has provided us with over $6000 worth of tennis equipment to get the program started at our school. During this term the students will have opportunities to play tennis at lunchtime on our new blacktop court area. In 2014 we will begin teaching the program as part of our Physical Education program.

The first step in supporting this school initiative is to register your child online. Every child that registers receives a free “Hot Shots” t-shirt and other free gifts. Mother Teresa School also receives a $2 rebate for every child that signs up.

**How to register:** type web address- hotshots.tennis.com.au/claim

**Step 1:** type 2914 in venue postcode and click search

**Step 2:** Click the select button on the Mother Teresa PS icon

**Step 3:** Fill in your child’s details and click continue. After this page you will be asked to click on a t-shirt colour and size. There is also a section down the bottom where a parent/guardian will need to type their name.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to the fun and excitement, this tennis program will offer.

Brendon Pye and Craig Hart
Here is the next Maths Cheeky Challenge... Go for it Mathematicians!!

Your Challenge:

Your next mathematical challenge is to investigate probability. You are to find examples of the following types of events happening at your house:

IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBLE LIKELY UNLIKELY DEFINITE

PROCEDURE:

1. Explore and find examples of different chance events in your home or daily life.
2. Write down these chance events.
3. Illustrate these chance events, or take a photo of them.
4. Email them, or bring them in.

HERE ARE SOME IDEAS:
Pigs flying over my house is impossible.

It is possible that it will rain this week.

I will definitely go to sleep tonight.

PARENTS — This challenge helps your children to:

- Understand and use the language of chance in everyday events.
- Understand concepts such as impossible, possible, likely, unlikely and definite.
- Use chance in real life practical situations.
- Understand language such as full, empty, holds more, holds less.

Remember to keep sending in those challenge solutions to be published!
Email Miss Jeffries: brooke.jeffries@cg.catholic.edu.au
Congratulations and thank you to those children who have completed the Cheeky Challenge. Check out their masterful ideas!!

Anika Von Bischoffshausen’s Maths Capacity Challenge
This is my sponge that I made for the Maths cheeky challenge. I have taken pictures of each of the steps to show all the different containers with their different capacities.

Abigail Mangin’s Capacity Challenge
Below are details of the recipe complete with capacities:

½ cup butter
¼ cup dark brown sugar
1 egg
1 tsp vanilla
¼ whole wheat flour
½ tsp baking soda
½ tsp baking powder
¼ tsp salt
¼ tsp cinnamon

Half a cup = 1/2 full
Three Quarters of a cup = nearly full

Riley O’Grady’s Maths Capacity Challenge
I made some cookies. We used cookie dough, smarties and butter. We put it in a large bowl and we mixed with a spoon. Then we rolled balls with our hands. Then we put them on a tray and squashed them. Then they went into the oven! Then we ate them!

Michaela Knight’s Maths Capacity Challenge
On the weekend my mum, and brother and I made cupcakes for a family birthday celebration. We made chocolate and vanilla and decorated them. We had to measure 3/4 cup of milk with a measuring cup and we estimated 80 grams of butter from the block of butter. They were so delicious! I ate three of them!

Olivia Mugridge’s Maths Capacity Challenge
Tonight we made Risotto. There were two full cups of rice. We used a larger jug to hold the water & stock.

Isabella Hodge’s Maths Capacity Challenge
I made great discoveries when I was cooking my 30g cupcake.
CALLING ALL KIDS!
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR
CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS CHOIR?
If you enjoy singing and will be available to sing at our Christmas Eve Children’s Mass, please join us for our first practice on Sunday 17 November at 4.30pm.
All school aged children welcome.

Music Lessons

Aron Lyon is a previous faculty member of the ANU school of music. Teaching tertiary and pre-tertiary guitar for many years he has the experience and knowledge to help build anyone’s ability on either guitar or bass. Teaching all styles of music, Aron has a wealth of industry experience and has played alongside national and international recording artists. He can work with students at any level of ability and help them reach their goals on their chosen instrument. Aron is conducting half hourly lessons this term on both guitar and bass, please contact him if your child is interested. Please contact him in regard to booking lessons for 2013 and Term 1 2014.

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UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform shop will now operate on a Friday morning between 8:30am - 9:00am in the school hall.