



Newsletter

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Principal Message

Dear Families,

Lots of things are happening as we approach the midway of Term 4. Teachers are working extremely hard to ensure they are continuing to meet each individual student's needs even with the added complexities of our swimming program. At the moment we are also working on compiling our class lists for 2022 and ensuring that as we are growing from 220 to nearly 300 that we have recruited enough teachers for our extra classes in 2022.

Part of a normal end of year transition is recruitment and farewells. Miss Payne and Miss Lemon will bid us farewell at the end of the year due to the pull of family in other parts of Australia and in the UK. We will say farewell as a community at our end of year assembly. This week we have also said goodbye to Miss Amelia from our OSHC team and thank her for her wonderful contribution to our program.

On the flip side we have recruited several new teachers into the MTCPS community in preparation for 2022. Mr. Haintz, Mr Madden and Mrs. Madden are all from Victoria. Miss Denyer, we welcome from Adelaide. Miss Drew, Mrs Niland and Mr O'Shannessy join us from other schools in Darwin and Palmerston. In the last few weeks we have also welcomed Mrs Ferreras into the role of Assistant Director of OSHC. She comes with a wealth of experience and knowledge that will ensure we continue to operate an after-school care program that delivers quality outcomes for those students who attend.

As part of our preparation for 2022 we have begun looking into how we can best accommodate the growth in students attending OSHC. For the remainder of the term part of this preparation is running the transition OSHC in the lower primary building. This ensures a familiar environment and a smaller group who are all around the same age.

The other students will continue to have the middle primary as their base. Our plan in 2022 is to have 2 or 3 distinct groups within OSHC each operating from a separate area and continuing to share the common facilities such as the grass, playgrounds and basketball area. This use of several spaces will also help OSHC to be arranged in a manner that is more manageable as opposed to 130 children trying to squeeze into one space.

So, as we work on completing our year and prepare for the coming one, some things will stay the same and some things will need to change based on our growth. If at any stage you have any questions please feel free to ring either Janice or Di at the office and arrange a time where we can have a chat. I find that a simple and often quick conversation can clear up any miscommunication, rectify any incorrect information and bring clarity. If you think it is just something small then catch me before school or just after I have been on crossing duty.

Yours sincerely,

Reuben Johnson
Principal

From the Office

Important Dates for the Diary

Thursday 9th December 9am - End of Year Mass and Awards

Friday 10th December - Christmas Concert

Thursday 16th December - Year 6 Graduation

Friday 17th December—ELC Graduation



2021 Term Dates

Semester Two, 2021	
Term 4	Mon 11th Oct– Thurs 16th Dec

2022 Term Dates

Semester One, 2022	
Term 1	Wed 2nd Feb– Fri 8th April
Term Break	Mon 11th April– Fri 14th April
Term 2	Tues 19th April– Fri 24th June
Semester Break	Mon 27th June– Fri 15th July
Semester Two, 2022	
Term 3	Tue 19th July– Fri 23rd Sep
Term Break	Mon 26th Sep– Fri 7th Oct
Term 4	Mon 10th Oct– Thurs 15th Dec



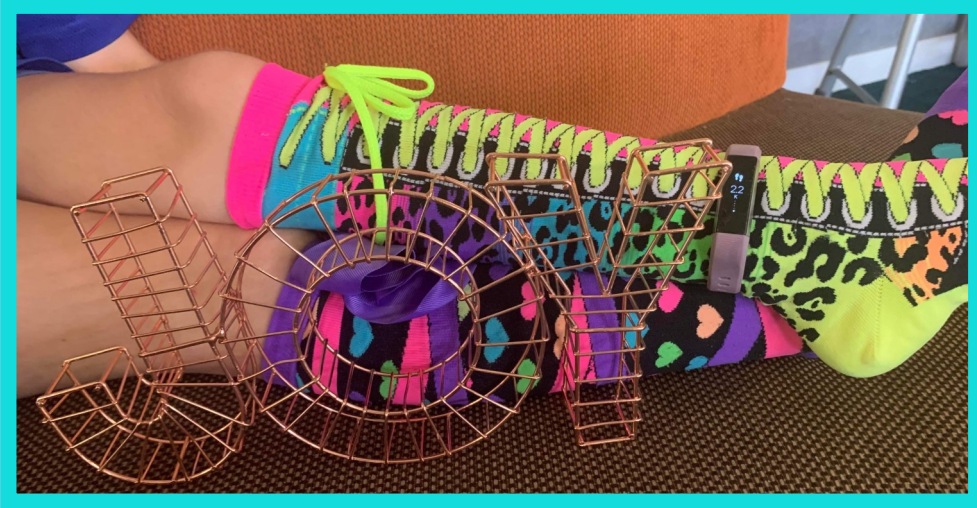
Have you moved house?

Have you changed jobs?

Do we have the correct details for you?

Please remember to update all contact details with the front office. This can also be done via Skoolbag eforms.





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Defence Kids Club

DMFS - Family brainwaves virtual quiz - 5 November Darwin and Tindal

Test your knowledge in our 'Family brainwaves virtual quiz' event.

Hosted by an energetic Quiz Master, the quiz will feature a series of multimedia questions covering a range of topics, genres, and categories. Scoring is based on speed and accuracy – so the faster you answer correctly the more points you will win.

Connect with, and compete against, ADF families from across South Australia and the Northern Territory for an evening of fun and laughs.

For more information and to register visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/an-adf-families-event-family-brainwaves-virtual-quiz-nt-tickets-195690313997>



DMFS - Save the Date! Darwin

20 Nov Dad and Me - Gaming afternoon - On Eventbrite soon.

For more information and to register visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/defence-member-and-family-support-darwin-15240233051>



UPCOMING Activity DAYS

WEEK BEGINNING 1ST NOV:

NSW (LIVERPOOL, PENRITH, SUTHERLAND)

WEEK BEGINNING 8TH NOV:

SA (ADELAIDE),

QLD (BRISBANE, IPSWICH, MORETON BAY, TOWNSVILLE)

WEEK BEGINNING 15TH NOV:

ACT (CANBERRA), NT (DARWIN)

WEEK BEGINNING 22ND NOV:

QLD (MORETON BAY)

WEEK BEGINNING 29TH NOV:

WA (PERTH)

NOVEMBER 2021 DATES

Defence Member and

1800 624 608

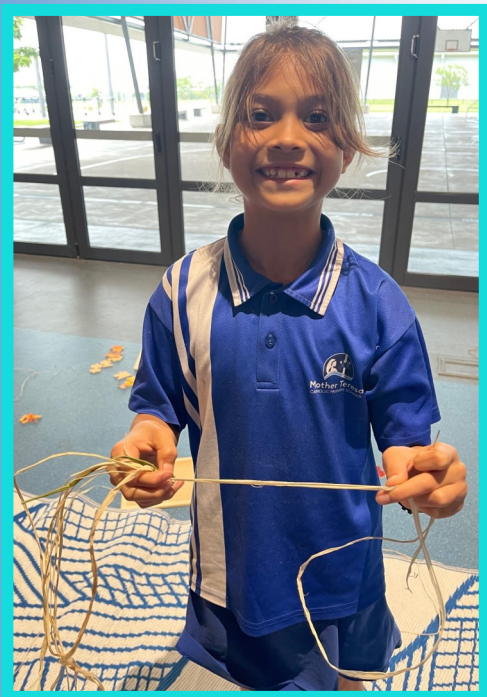
Family Helpline

For advice, support or local community information, contact our all-hours [Defence Member and Family Helpline](#). Run by Defence Member and Family Support, the helpline is the best way to access the programs and services that we offer to help Defence families manage the military way of life.

The helpline is available 24/7 and is staffed by qualified human services professionals, including social workers and psychologists.



Weaving





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Buslink
driving your way



Bussy's Corner

Hello Students and Families



Looking after your driver

You can look after our driver by:

- Obeying the directions from the driver
- Not attracting the attention of the driver except in the case of an emergency. This will help the driver to focus on the road
- Fighting, spitting, feet on seats, or throwing things at the driver could make them unhappy and distracted from driving safely
- Being respectful and courteous to your driver will make them happy



Can parents/guardians please ensure that students understand their responsibilities as outlined in the Code of Conduct for School Bus Travel. Click on this link for the Code:

https://ns.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/547624/code-of-conduct-school-bus-travel.pdf

Read on for some helpful hints to keep you safe on the bus



Your school bus driver is supported by an entire team of brilliant people dedicated to your safety

Stay tuned for the next issue of Bussy's Corner...



Term Three & Four Calendar, 2021

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Assembly
School Holidays Week 1 & 2	Office Closed	Office Closed	Office Closed	Office Closed	Office Closed	No Assembly
Week 1 October 11th - 15th						Leadership
Week 2 October 18th - 22nd	Life Education Van					1/2S Wednesday
Week 3 October 25th - 29th	Board Mtg 5.30pm				World Teachers Day Socktober Fundraiser	3/4R Friday
Week 4 November 1st - 5th	Swimming Lessons					5/6I Friday
Week 5 November 8th - 12th			Transition 2022 Orientation Night	Remembrance Day Service 11am		1/2T Wednesday
Week 6 November 15th - 19th		ELC to Transition 8.30am -9.30am				3/4G Wednesday
Week 7 November 22nd - 26th		ELC to Transition 8.30am -9.30am				1/2L Wednesday
Week 8 November 29th - 3rd		ELC to Transition 8.30am – 10.15am STEP UP DAY			School Captain Speeches	5/6P Wednesday
Week 9 December 6th - 10th	Board Mtg 5.30pm			End of Year Mass and Awards	End of Year Concert	TR F Wednesday
Week 10 13th - 17th				Year 6 Graduation School finishes	ELC Graduation	