



*St. Matthew's School*

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## NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019. No 2

### TERM 1 2019

#### FEBRUARY:

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February ~ **NO SCHOOL FOR PREPS, except those who are scheduled for testing.**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February ~ **SCHOOL PHOTOS FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF.**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February ~ **NO SCHOOL FOR PREPS, except those who are scheduled for testing.**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February ~ **PENTAGONAL COLLECTIVE (5 Schools) MATHEMATICS CLOSURE DAY. NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS.**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February ~ **PARISH EDUCATION BOARD MEETING, 7:30pm in the Parish House.**

#### MARCH:

Friday March 1<sup>st</sup> – **PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION MEETING,** 9am in the Family Room. All Parents are most welcome to attend.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March ~ **ASH WEDNESDAY MASS FOR WHOLE SCHOOL,** 10:30am in the Church

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March ~ **LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY, No school for students and staff.**

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March ~ **ST PATRICK'S DAY & COMMENCEMENT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK.**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March ~ **OPEN DAY & TOUR SESSIONS 1 & 2 FOR 2020 ENROLMENTS, 9:30am & 7:00pm.**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March ~ **OPEN DAY & TOUR SESSIONS 3 & 4 FOR 2020 ENROLMENTS, 9:30am & 7:00pm.**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March ~ **RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY, get on your bike, scooter and roller blades & come to school.**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March ~ **PARISH EDUCATION BOARD MEETING, 7:30pm in the Parish House.**

#### APRIL:

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – **EASTER BONNET PARADE & CASUAL CLOTHES DAY. Gold Coin donation.**

Please Note Change of Day -Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April ~ **PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION MEETING,** 9am in the Family Room. All Parents are most welcome to attend.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April ~ **LAST DAY OF TERM 1, All Students dismissed at 3:25pm.**

*Hello Students, Parents, Staff and Friends of St Matthew's,  
Believe it or not everything that is placed in our weekly Newsletter is of importance so please  
take the time to stay informed and sit down enjoy a cuppa and have read..*

**REMINDER - SCHOOL PHOTOS - Student and family photos will be taken on this Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February. Envelopes came home last week. Please make sure you place the exact money in the envelope**

### **ASPIRE HIGHER – Unleashing personal potential**

The staff have all returned again in a very positive frame of mind and hence are going on the front foot to lead our students forward to reach their true potential. The Year 5 & 6 Students will be participating in a program “Aspire Higher: Unleashing Personal Potential.”

This program is an engaging leadership and resilience training specifically designed for Year 5 & Year 6 students. It takes place over a full day of training with the full cohort over three impact sessions. They experience dynamic activities, Team Building, Servant Leadership themes, Initiative and Problem Solving activities. All going well this will occur on Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **BE YOU AND HEADSPACE**

The whole school will also be involved in two programs formerly entitled **KIDS MATTER AND MIND MATTER**, These programs have been upgraded and rebranded as **BE YOU & HEADSPACE**. All staff will be trained in these programs and parents will have the opportunity to have information sessions as well. All parties, Students, Parents and Staff will be fully informed.



### **VISITORS FROM THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

On Friday the 8th of February, the Year 6 classes were lucky to have a visit from Kate Axten and her 9yr daughter Sharon. Both Kate and Sharon are from Alice Springs in the Northern Territory and shared with us a little bit about themselves. They talked about Acknowledgement of Country and discussed some interesting facts about Indigenous people in Australia in particular Central Australia.

Kate is a proud Arrente woman who was awarded the **2016 NT Young Achiever award** for her work as an Indigenous teacher, a foster carer and community worker.

It was a pleasure to learn about their culture and have the opportunity to ask questions.



Kate explaining the different tribal areas in Australia



Sharon wearing a St Matthew's footy Jumper

## READY TO LEARN AT ST MATTHEW'S

This term, we will all be focusing on the concept of 'Health and Wellbeing'. Classrooms will be full of learning surrounding how we keep ourselves healthy, going beyond the need for physical health but also exploring the importance for spiritual and mental health. This term will be spent setting up classroom expectations to promote health and wellbeing as well as looking beyond the classroom and into the playground, ensuring that we create spaces where everyone feels that they belong and are looked after by their peers. Students will also be looking at these concepts through the CARITAS lens, whereby exploring the Catholic Social Teachings of 'Dignity of the Human Person' and 'Common Good'. Students will be encouraged to look towards Pope Francis and his teachings surrounding making good choices when dealing with ourselves and other people.

The big questions that we will be unpacking are:

*Prep: How can we stay healthy and safe?*

*Year 1: Who are we?*

*Year 2: How can I be a problem solver?*

*Year 3: I am a team player... or am I?*

*Year 4: Does being fair make it equal and does being equal make it fair?*

*Year 5: How can we be great leaders? How do our actions influence others?*

*Year 6: I am.....?*



The world tells us to seek success,  
power and money; God tells us to  
seek humility, service and love.

— Pope Francis —

AZQUOTES

## REMINDER - FEES & LEVIES

A big thank you to the many families who have already paid their children's levies and fees. Please refer to the information sheet if you need any clarification in regards on what needs to be paid.

## REMINDER - ST MATTHEW'S PLAYGROUP

Once again our Playgroup will operating every Monday (except Public holidays) & Thursday from 9:00am – 11:00am.



## 2019 ST MATTHEW'S SRC (STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL)



Very happy members of the 2019 St Matthew's PS SRC after being presented with their badges at Assembly last Friday.

### SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR ALL STUDENTS



A reminder to all Parents that all students are now required to wear our new Summer Uniform, photo on the left. Also when it is a PE or Inter-School Sport day they are required to be in their Sport Uniform of sports top, sport shorts, white socks and if it is cold their track suit top and bottom. The broad brimmed school hat is to be worn at all times in Terms 1 & 4.

Runners are only allowed to be worn during PE and Sport Days, **Black School Shoes** (not black runners) on every other occasion. Great School Shoes at Great prices are available from "MY SHOES." See below.



### **REMINDER - SCHOOL UNIFORM GARMENTS IN LOST PROPERTY**

In the Lost Property room next to the Office there are a number of garments left over from last year. 5 School Jumpers, sizes 6, 6, 8, 9 & 10. 3 Beanies, 2 Sport tops both size 6 and a track suit top size 8. All garments do not have names on them. Parents please put your child's name on each piece of their school uniform so they can be returned promptly to you or your child.

### **REMINDER - SCHOOL GATES**

The School gates this year will be closed at 9:00am by either of our Maintenance men, Mr Damian Lyons (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday) and Mr Steven Micallef (Monday & Friday). They will also open them at 3:15pm every afternoon. WE feel this a lot safer not having the students do either of these jobs.

### **REMINDER - MOBILE PHONES**

If Parents wish to allow their children to bring their mobile phones to school solely for their safety to and from school then they must inform their child's teacher in written form. Once at school the children are to place their phones in their bags and on entering the classroom they have to hand over their phone to their teacher to be locked away until they are dismissed.

If any student uses their mobile phone inappropriately at school it will be confiscated and their parents will have to come after school to receive it back. If this was to happen a second time then that child would not be permitted to bring a mobile phone to school.

### **PARADE OPEN DAYS**

Please refer to the flyer that is on page 10. Parade Preston Campus Open Day. Certainly worth attending to see what they offer.

### **MERCY COLLEGE**

Please refer to flyers on pages 11 & 112. .Mercy College "Discover Mercy Open days" & "Science – Our Amazing Bodies" Years 4 – 6 Afterschool program.

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Have a great first week everyone!

**Bob Brown – Principal**

*"Our School is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all our children and vulnerable adults."*

## ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH YOUTH GROUP

Contact Adrian Agpasa on 0403 211 890 for any enquiries.

## LITERACY NEWS



Dear Parents,

### JUNIOR NEWS:

A letter went home yesterday asking for volunteers for the new Home Reading programme. Please consider giving one hour of a Monday morning at 9am. We will begin next Monday with your child taking home a set of books to keep and re-read throughout the week. However, the *Reader bag* must come back to school every day with the books inside!

### MIDDLE AND SENIOR NEWS:

All classes are discussing and taking on best practise routines for Independent Reading and Writer's Workshop. One aspect is to consider how to choose a 'Just Right' book. Reading should be a daily event at home. Go to the local Library together or make sure your child has their Library bag so they can borrow each week from our school library. Give your child books about their interests. Keep books, magazines and newspapers around your home.

### LIBRARY TIMES:

Monday ~ 6TH, 5DP, 5PS, 4C, 4 K

Tuesday ~ 2H, 3V, PL

Wednesday ~ 6T, 5D, 2F, 6YG

Thursday ~ 3PM, PP, 1M, 1PV

Remember bring Library bags to school on that day. Otherwise the Library is open lunchtimes Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

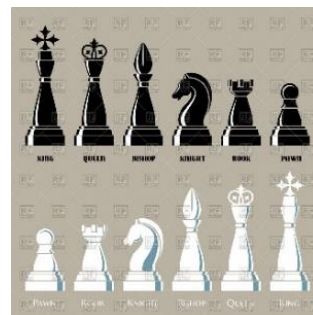
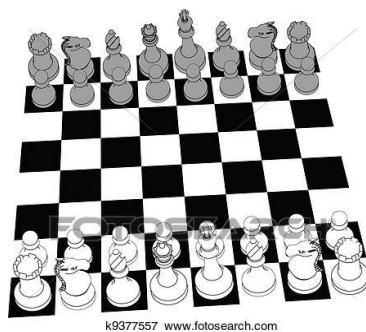
**Rina Carfi**  
**Literacy Leader**

## ST MATTHEWS CHESS CLUB

We are very pleased to announce the introduction of St Matthews Chess Club. Playing chess is a great way to build problem solving, visualisation and strategy skills as well developing social skills and good sportsmanship.

The club will run on Thursday lunchtimes in the library for grades 3 to 6. Players will be split into beginner and experienced groups and will play against the other members of their group. Brand new chess players will have the opportunity to learn how to play the game and get some practice before their competition begins. **See the next page for the advertisement.**

To practice or play online go to <https://www.chess.com/> or install a chess app (such as Chess HD) on your iPad.



**The Moreland School Holiday program brochure** will be available for the **April 2019 School Holiday Program** from **Friday 15 February 2019, 5pm,**

Families are able to make a casual booking via our online booking system by visiting council's website by **Friday 15 February 2019, 5pm.** **Bookings will close on Friday 1 March 2019.** Brochures are available from:

- Local Primary Schools in the municipality;
- Council's website and;
- Citizens Services Centres – Monday to Friday between 8.30 am to 5.00 pm.
  - Coburg Offices, 90 Bell Street, Coburg
  - Brunswick Offices, 233 Sydney Road, and
  - Glenroy, 796N Pascoe Vale Road, Glenroy

If you have difficulty accessing any information or general queries, please contact Council on Ph: 9240 1111.

Thanks and regards

**Regards**

**Mena Matheas**

School Holiday Program Officer

Moreland City Council

90 Bell Street, Coburg 3058 | Locked Bag 10, Moreland 3058

9240 2427 [mmatheas@moreland.vic.gov.au](mailto:mmatheas@moreland.vic.gov.au)



## MATHEMATICS AT ST MATTHEW'S



The “highest achievers in the world are those who focus on big ideas in mathematics, and connections between ideas” (Jo Boaler, Stanford, 2015). Approaching big ideas through inquiry based learning links mathematical concepts and uncovers real world mathematics. Deep learning occurs in mathematics when students are engaged in genuine reasoning, develop persistence and have the opportunity to apply their learning in a meaningful situation. At St Matthew’s we are incredibly lucky to have a rich supply of technological resources and we are able to develop a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) approach to Mathematics.

Mathematics at St Matthews is about;

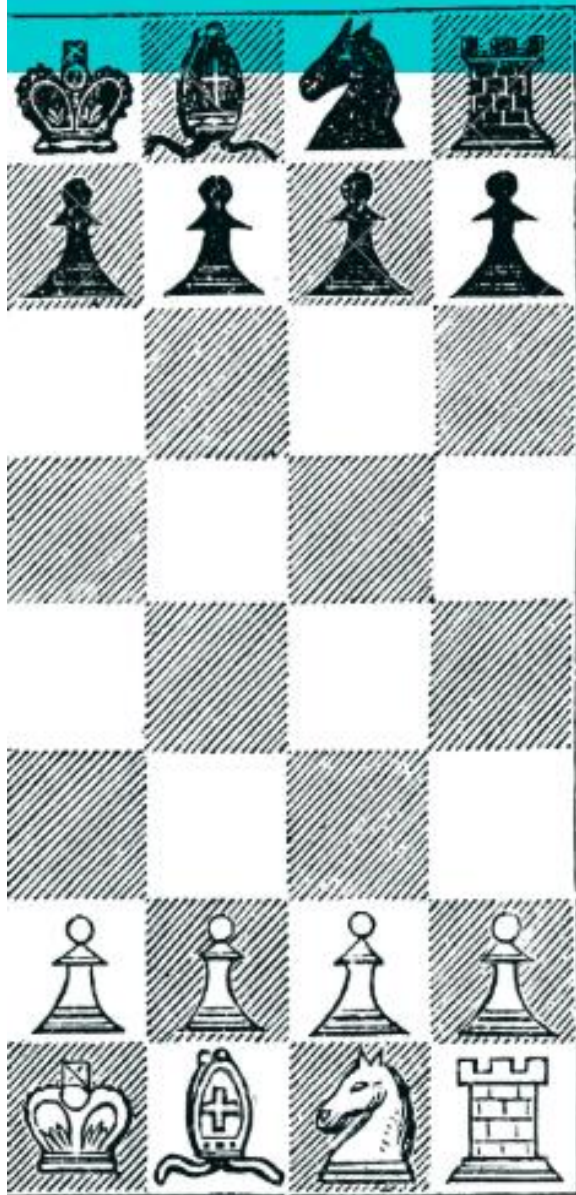
- learner independence, persistence, motivation and confidence
- opportunities for innovation and exploration
- encouraging flexibility and mental agility
- focussing on concepts rather than procedures
- making growth not grades
- using rich tasks that enable higher order thinking skills
- making connections in mathematics and the real world
- using games (such as Mangahigh) to practice skills
- developing productive communication and teamwork

Working in pairs or groups is an important part of learning to work mathematically. Students will work in different ways throughout the course of the year. Sometimes they will choose their own partners and sometimes the teachers will group students according to their learning needs. This may occur in student’s own classroom or across the whole year level. Students who need extra support may work with a Learning Support Officer and those working above grade level will be given additional challenges.

We encourage you to work with your child at home by being involved in his or her homework and projects. One of the most important gifts you can give your child is to include them in the ways you use mathematics in your daily life. This includes cooking, shopping, budgeting, home renovations or repairs, planning a holiday, planning a car trip, looking at sports statistics, etc. Mathematics really is everywhere!

**Ms Katrina White**  
**Mathematics Leader**





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MATTHEWS**

# **CHESS CLUB**

**THURSDAY  
LUNCHTIME  
LIBRARY  
GRADES 3-6**

**NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.  
STUDENTS & STAFF ARE WELCOME!**

**Let the Games begin!  
Mrs Katrina White**

**Mathematics Leader**



## EXTEND UPDATE. 11/2/2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Water Colour Creative Painting	Bowling competition	Slime Making	Valentine Chocolate Making	Science Experiment - Electrostatic Phenomenon

### The Extend Superstar is...

Etta Cunningham... Who always being friendly, helpful to everyone. Great helper during activities too! Well done and keep it up Etta!

### What's Been Happening?

Last Week Recap –

Last week we all had lots of fun together and celebrate Lunar New Year together. We started our week on watching a short but interesting video regarding the culture of Lunar New Year and also the legend of “Nian”. The monster “Nian” is really scary in the video, but we still love the story when human win by using their wisdom and also learnt why Chinese always wear red clothes during Lunar New Year. We then make Chinese lantern and fish by using red pocket. Children were excited on making art and craft as is new to everyone. We fold the 6-red pocket into half and then fold into diamond shape. Then staple all of them into a round shape, tadaaaa~ a nice Chinese lantern done! We also bake yummy chocolate cookies, brownies during the week. Everyone did well as a team and bake awesome cookies and brownies. We also had a great time together at outdoor with varieties of games. This week we have more fun and interesting games/ activities. Check them out!



*Yee Yin,  
Team Leader*

**Enrol and book now: [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au)**

# JOIN OUR FOOTBALL FAMILY IN 2019



**Open Training Sessions**  
**February 2019**

**Miniroos 4-11 YEAR OLDS**  
**Junior Girls 12-16 YEAR OLDS**

Wednesday 6th & 13th February 2019

Friday 8th & 15th February 2019

5:30pm - 6:30pm (arrive 5:15pm)

Clifton Park, Victoria Street Brunswick, VIC. 3056

**POSITIONS STILL AVAILABLE**

**2019 NPL U12 BOYS**

**REGISTER ONLINE NOW!**

<https://form.jotform.co/72618949993882>

More info: [morelandcityfc@rocketmail.com](mailto:morelandcityfc@rocketmail.com)



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# Parade Preston Open Day

**SUNDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2019 10AM - 2PM**  
**8 CLIFTON GROVE PRESTON 3072**

Come along and sample our *Snapshot@Parade* Program  
for Grade 3 to 6 students. Activities include:

- Garden to Lunchbox
- Cactus in a Cup
- Parade Picassos
- Lino Cut Bookmarks
- Lego Competition
- Sporting Activities
- Illustration & Writing Workshop







**PARADE**  
**8 CLIFTON GROVE PRESTON 3072**  
**9416 6550**  
**Sally Ryan - Campus Coordinator**  
**[prestoncc@parade.vic.edu.au](mailto:prestoncc@parade.vic.edu.au)**

Photographs will be taken for  
publication on the  
College Social Media  
platforms.



#### CHOOSE YOUR SNAPSHOT

**Cactus in a Cup (10:00 & 12:00)** Create your own  
instant garden in a cup!

**Garden to Lunchbox (11:00 & 1:00)** Make a healthy  
lunch using ingredients from our garden.

**Lego Competition (10:15, 11:15 & 12:15)** Prizes  
awarded!

**Illustration & Writing Workshops (12:00 & 1:00)** with  
Special Guest Author.

**Bookmarks (10:00 - 2:00)** Make a lino cut bookmark.

**Parade Picassos (10:00-2:00)** Using an easel and  
canvas make your own masterpiece!

**Sporting Activities (10:00 - 2:00)** Bring your runners  
and join in the fun!

**Principal's Address (10:30, 11:30 & 12:30)**

*Email your snapshot booking to*  
**[prestoncc@parade.vic.edu.au](mailto:prestoncc@parade.vic.edu.au)**

*Register for Open Day*  
**[www.parade.vic.edu.au](http://www.parade.vic.edu.au)**

My snapshot choices:

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DISCOVER MERCY

## OPEN DAYS

Meet our Principal, explore the facilities and chat with  
our students and staff.

Monday 18 February – 9.30am or 6.00pm

Saturday 23 February – 10.00am

*Presentation and tour will take approximately 90 minutes*

Book your sessions online or call 9319 9299

[mercycoburg.catholic.edu.au](http://mercycoburg.catholic.edu.au)





# SCIENCE

'Our Amazing Bodies' - discover how different systems in our bodies work through demonstration and experiments!

WHO: Years 4 to 6 Girls Afterschool Program

WHEN: 4.00pm to 5.00pm  
Tuesday (4 week program)  
19, 26 February and 5, 12 March 2019

WHERE: Mercy College  
760 Sydney Road, COBURG NORTH 3058

RSVP: Register at <http://bit.ly/ScienceatMercy> Cost \$20

If you require any further information please contact the College on 03 9319 9299.