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NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 6th February 2018. No.1

TERM 1 2018 ~

Yesterday Monday 5th February **~ Grade Prep Students commenced @ 9:00am.**

Wednesday 7th February **~ NO SCHOOL FOR PREPS.**

Please Note Change due to tomorrow's mass: Thursday 8th February ~ PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION MEETING FOR THE YEAR, 9:05am in the Family Room.

Friday 9th February **~ WHOLE SCHOOL OPENING OF SCHOOL YEAR MASS, 9:30am in the Church.**

Wednesday 14th February **~ NO SCHOOL FOR PREPS.**

Wednesday 14th February **~ ASH WEDNESDAY MASS FOR YEARS 1 – 6, 10:30am in the Church.**

Thursday 15th February ~ **SCHOOL PHOTOS FOR WHOLE SCHOOL. Full Summer Uniform to be worn by all students, not Sport Uniform.**

Wednesday 21st February ~ **FINAL NO SCHOOL FOR PREPS.**

Friday 23rd February ~ **FIRST ASSEMBLY FOR 2018 – SRC & SPORTS CAPTAINS PRESENTED WITH BADGES, 2:45pm in the Hall.**

Saturday 24th February ~ **PREP MASS (5:30PM) FOLLOWED BY FOOD & DRINKS, supplied by the school.**

Friday March 9th ~ **PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION MEETING, 9:05am in the Family Room.**

Sunday 11th March ~ **CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK COMMENCES.**

Monday 12th March ~ **LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY, NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS & STAFF.**

Tuesday 13th March **~ OPEN DAY 1 WITH SCHOOL MORNING & TWILIGHT TOURS @ 9:15am & 6:00pm.**

Thursday 15th March ~ **OPEN DAY 2 WITH SCHOOL MORNING TOUR @ 9:15am.**

Saturday 17th March ~ **ST PATRICK'S DAY.**

Thursday 29th March ~ **HOLY THURSDAY.**

Thursday 29th March ~ **LAST DAY OF TERM 1, 3:25pm Finish. HOLIDAYS COMMENCE.**

Friday 30th March ~ **GOOD FRIDAY.**

Sunday 1st April ~ **EASTER SUNDAY.**

Dear Students, Parents, Staff and Friends of St Matthews, A warm welcome to all our new families in Prep and across the school and also welcome back to all our existing families. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas with your family and friends and that the New Year has been good to you so far. **Once again today's newsletter is a BIG one. Please take the time to read through all that is presented.**

2018 PREPS

Our Prep students got off to a flying start yesterday and quickly settled into their first day. It was great to see so many parents and grandparents present sharing in this wonderful experience with their child and their child's teacher and then after the dust settled joining Mrs Katrina White (our Mathematics Leader), Mrs Krystine Hocking (our Deputy Principal) and myself for a cuppa and a chat. Welcome to St Matthew's School community!

SACRAMENT DATES

A number of parents have been asking for the Sacrament dates for this year, so please here they are again. Please put them in your diary.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (FIRST CONFESSION) FOR GRADE 3 STUDENTS ~

Wednesday 19th September @ 7:00pm in the Church.

SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST (FIRST COMMUNION) FOR GRADE 4 STUDENTS ~

First Eucharist Preparation Family Mass – Saturday 26th May @ 5:30pm .
Sacrament of First Eucharist celebration - Sunday 3rd June @ 12:30pm & 3:00pm.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR GRADE 6 STUDENTS ~

Confirmation Commitment Mass – Saturday 21st July @ 5:30pm Mass.
Sacrament of Confirmation celebration – Friday 10th August @ 6:00pm.

SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM

Just a reminder to all parents that all Students should wear their Summer Uniform for the whole of Term One. No Long Pants and no long sleeve shirts, these are only for Winter in Terms Two & Three. Black shoes **(available from "myshoes" in Shop 111B Spring St Reservoir)** are to be worn at all times, not runners or sneakers, except when it is your child's PE / Sport day. All scrunchies / hair ties must be in school colours, blue & yellow. These are available from the school Uniform Shop. Please see whole uniforms on display in the Uniform Shop. Also please note School Jumpers have arrived as per our Skoolbag App.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND

NEW FOR 2018? If you applied for the CSEF at St Matthew's PS in 2017, you **do not** need to complete an application form in 2018 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

New Student Enrolments; your child has started or changed schools in 2018 or did not apply in 2017.
Changed family Circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2018.

HOW TO APPLY Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

CHILD SAFETY

As part of our commitment to Child Safety all parents are required to sign a Code of Conduct that identifies acceptable and unacceptable behaviours. This Code of Conduct needs to be signed before you are able to work in the school. A copy of this Code of Conduct will be sent home this week. Please return signed as soon as possible.

As you are aware, all volunteers/visitors to our school must have a Working With Children's Check. Anyone who enters the school premises will now have to wear some form of identification, in the form of a lanyard, displaying their Working with Children card. Please be mindful of when your Working with Children expires and don't forget to provide a copy of your WWC card to the office

FAREWELL MRS MICOZZI

We say farewell to Mrs Barbara Micozzi our School Librarian who leaves us tomorrow to take up a position at the Coburg Municipal Library. We sincerely thank her for her contributions in her year with us and certainly wish her the best of luck in her new position.

Staffing Schedule for 2018

Principal	**Mr Bob Brown**	
Deputy Principal	**Mrs Krystine Hocking**	
Religious Education Leader	**Mr Steven Hubbard**	
Classroom Positions	***New Staff***	***Internal Position Changes***
Grade	***Name***	***Days at School***
PF	Miss Lucy Fornaro	Mon-Fri
PGP	Miss Kathryn Grbac **& Mrs Christine Pileggi**	Mon, Tues & Wed Thurs & Fri
PL	**Miss Caitlin Lyons**	Mon-Fri
1MC	Mr Simon McKenzie	Mon-Fri
1P	Miss Vanessa Piscitelli	Mon-Fri
2VF	Mrs Camille Voce & **Mr Garry Foulds**	Mon-Thurs Fri
2D	Mr Matthew Donlon	Mon-Fri
3PW	Mrs Teresa Pieri **& Ms Katrina White**	Mon-Thurs Fri
3V	Mrs Katherine Vago	Mon-Fri
4C	**Mrs Jessica Chouieri**	Mon-Fri
4D	**Miss Caitlin Di Pasquale**	Mon-Fri
4Y	Mr Robert Yacoub	Mon-Fri
5M	Mr Joe Montalto	Mon-Fri
5Z	Mrs Christine Pengelly	Mon-Fri
6L	Mr Peter Lucantonio	Mon- Fri
6T	Mrs Annie Torres	Mon-Fri
6TH	**Miss Annie Thompson**	Mon-Fri
Specialist Teachers		
ICT	Mr Peter Miller	Mon-Thur
Italian	Mrs Vita Cesile	Tues, Wed, ½ Thurs
Librarian Technician	**To Be Confirmed**	Mon- Wed
Music	Mr Michael Travers	Wed-Fri
P.E	Mr Bernard Mogg	Mon-Wed
Drama	**Mrs Helena Chayna**	Mon- ½ Thur
Maths Intervention (LFIN)	Mr Garry Foulds	Tues, Wed & Thur
Reading Recovery	Mrs Rina Carfi	Mon-Fri
Leadership Team		
Principal & Leadership Team Leader	Mr Bob Brown	Mon-Fri
Deputy Principal/Teaching & Learning Leader/Student Services Leader	Mrs Krystine Hocking	Mon-Fri
Religious Education & Wellbeing Leader	Mr Steven Hubbard	Mon-Fri
Mathematics Leader	**Ms Katrina White**	Mon-Thur
Literacy Leader/ Administration Support	**Mrs Helen Howden**	Mon-Thurs / Fri
ICT Leader	Mr Peter Miller	Mon-Thur
Education Support Employees		
School Bursar	Mrs Nicole Pinnone	Mon-Fri
Office Administration	Mrs Lina Fieschi	Mon & Fri
Office Administration	Mrs Zina D'Argenio	Tues, Wed & Thur
Laminating/School/ Admin/ Library Support	Mrs Almoza Chahoud	Mon & Wed
Learning Support Officer (LS0)	Mrs Lorna Cassar	Mon-Wed
Learning Support Officer	Mrs Silvia Gauci	Mon-Fri
Learning Support Officer	Mrs Debbie Dixon	Mon, Tues &Thurs
Learning Support Officer	Mrs Sue Kynigopoulos	Mon-Fri
Learning Support Officer	Mrs Wadad Kairuz	Tues-Fri
Learning Support Officer	Mr Andy Jack	Tues-Thurs
Playgroup/Community Liaison	Mrs Bushra Giliana	Mon & Thurs
New Arrivals / Refugee Teacher **New Arrivals / Refugee LSO**	Mrs Louise Alviano Mrs Silvana Kelada	Tues & Thurs Mon-Thurs
Other Responsibilities		
Maintenance / Groundsman	**Mr Damian Lyons**	Tues/Wed/Thurs
Uniform Shop Manager	Mrs Almoza Chahoud	Mon & Wed
Canteen Manager	Mrs Anna El Khoury	Tuesday- Friday
Cleaner	Mrs Claudette McAllister	Mon-Fri

CASEA Newsletter

Your school has invited the **CAMHS and Schools: Early Action Program (CASEA)** to be part of the school community for Semester 1, 2018.

The CASEA Program is an Early Intervention service for young children (Prep to Grade 3) who present with challenging behaviours. CASEA is a program developed by The Royal Children's Hospital Integrated Mental Health Program and funded by the Mental Health Branch of the Department of Human Services.

The program offers:

- A universal behavioural screen for all children in Grades Prep-3
- Professional development seminars for all teachers and school staff
- Classroom behavioural activities for Grades Prep-3 children
- Group programs for selected children and parents

Last Friday parents of children aged Prep to Grade 3 received additional information, a permission form and a questionnaire. Could the permission form and questionnaire please be returned to school by this **Thursday, 8th February**. In the meantime if you would like more information, please feel free to pick up a CASEA brochure from the school office or speak to Mr Brown, Mrs Hocking or Mr Hubbard for more information.

This program will be run by Jo Winther and Sara Arnold (Psychologists) from The Royal Children's Hospital.

Integrated Mental Health Program
CASEA Program
50 Flemington Street
TRAVANCORE VIC 3031

REMINDER - STRUCTURES OF GRADES

You may have not noticed, but we have decreased by 2 Grades down from 19 to 17 for 2018. This is due to a number of reasons: Firstly, our enrolments have decreased. There are 65 Grade 6 students leaving and for the second year 50 Preps commencing in 2018. This is a difference of 15 students. Secondly we are losing another 20 students due to their relocation to other suburbs – Craigieburn West, Roxburgh Park, Mt Ridley, Whittlesea, Brunswick, Truganina (Point Cook) and Coburg. Many have been travelling to Fawkner North for some time and now will be attending schools just around their corners. Thirdly, with a drop in federal funding and funding because of fewer enrolments, we had no choice but to have some larger grades to accommodate this. St Matthew's has been very fortunate to have small grades for so many years but this is not the case for most schools. The current funding climate from the Federal Government dictates that this is not sustainable. Our enrolments for 2018 are currently 374 Students

LITERACY TESTING EXPLAINED – Information from our new literacy Leader, Mrs Helen Howden.

Every year we say to you we are Literacy Testing your child but what does that actually mean?

At the start of every year in first term the Prep-2 children are asked to complete the following test with their own class teacher.
This testing is required by the Catholic Education Melbourne which enables the sector to monitor schools across not only Melbourne but the whole of Victoria as well.

This testing also provides our school with important information – at the beginning of the year it enables teachers to find the correct starting point for each child and at the end of the year the same tests are completed so that growth can be seen.
The tests that we complete here at St Matthews are as follows in Prep to Grade 2.

Letter Identification – How many letters and sounds does your child already know?

Concepts about Print (CAP) – Does your child know how a book is handled and how it works, such as - can they follow along the text or can they notice some errors that are deliberately placed within the text.

Burt Word Test – this is actually done from Prep to grade 6 and it has 110 words that get progressively more difficult.

Record of Oral Language - This text is where your child has to repeat the prescribed sentence exactly as it was said by the teacher.
It is a quick and easy-to-use tool that provides an overall picture of the type of difficulties a student may be having and then guides the teacher to implement strategies and programs to promote the student's learning according to their specific needs.

Text Level - Oral reading to see how your child is progressing through various text levels. This is looked at and analysed every month not just twice a year.

In Grade 3-6 the children are asked to complete the above test – BURT (as explained above)

Children in all grades 1-6 also have to provide a 30 minute Timed Writing piece that is also moderated by teachers at all levels.

REMINDER FOR ST MATTHEW'S PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS 2018—2020

Are you a person who wants to have an input in what's going on around you? Are there things you would like to see happen, change and/or improve?

Are you Christian minded or would like to see Christ alive in our Society especially in the lives of our young people? Then here is your chance to put your talents, skills and abilities into action.

Some of our Parish Council members' terms will expire at the end of this year. Therefore we are seeking new members from the St Matthew's community which includes, parishioners, school parents and teachers to consider this worthwhile cause. No special skills are required just the desire to help in the administering of the Parish in its service to our parishioners.

Nomination Forms are in the Foyer and can be handed into the Parish Centre or given to Fr Florentino. For further information please contact the Parish on 9359 2369

REMINDER FOR KEY ENROLMENT DATES FOR YEAR 5 STUDENTS IN 2018 STARTING YEAR 7 IN A CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL IN 2020

- **Term 1, 29th January 2018**: Applications for Year 5 students commencing Year 7 in 2020 open.
- **Term 3, 3rd August 2018:** Applications close.
- **Term 4, 17th October 2018:** Offers to be posted to prospective Year 7, 2020 applicants.
- **Term 4, 2nd November 2018:** Final date for families to accept offer made by school.

Please ensure that you make at least two applications and include your first preference, to ensure that a place is secured.

Once again, welcome back everyone, I hope that our first term is a very productive, rewarding & enjoyable term for all concerned - students, parents & staff.
Bob Brown – Principal

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

EDUCATION IN FAITH

- **BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR MASS:**

You are invited to the

ST. MATTHEW'S
TO SEEK TRUTH
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NORTH FAWKNER

Beginning of the School Year Mass

When: Friday, 9th February at 9:30am

Where: St Matthew's Parish Church

We look forward to seeing as many members of the St Matthew's School and Parish community there to mark the beginning of the school year!

Mr Steven Hubbard
Religious Education Leader

STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS

Welcome to the 2018 school year! Below is a list of some important reminders and information.

➢ *STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC) 2018:*

CONGRATULATIONS to the following children who have been selected to be part of this year's SRC. At the end of last year, the selection process involved children preparing and presenting a speech to their grade level highlighting why they should be selected to be a member of the SRC. The teachers were faced with a very difficult decision as they were very impressed with the enthusiasm and quality of speeches. At our first assembly for the year on Friday, 23rd February the new leaders will be presented with their badges and will then begin the annual St. Matthew's Leadership Program. Throughout this term and into next term the leaders will work through a leadership training program. We look forward to a productive and enjoyable year ahead!

1M: Sebastian Almeida
1P: Louis Cross
2D: Chris Nessan
2VF: Nicholas Grillo
3PW: Ivy Lam
3V: Eleni Hurmez
4C: Chloe Cappellano
4D: Isaac Audish
4Y: Amelie Muchino
5M: Ava Rujak *(Vice School Captain)*
5P: Thomas Matti *(Vice School Captain)*
6L: Leonardo Audish *(School Captain)*
6T: Jacinta Cunsolo
6TH: Mia Catalano *(School Captain)*

➢ *BRAIN FOOD:*

We encourage children to bring brain food with them to school. Children will have the opportunity to eat brain food at least **ONCE** during the day before lunch.
Eating fruit and vegetables during the day helps children to concentrate and focus more. The natural sugars in fruit and vegetables release energy. Your child is able to bring some fruit and/or vegetables to school in a small container/plastic seal bag. We encourage fruit and vegetables that are **not messy**. In the junior school (P-2), it is preferable that fruit and vegetables are cut up into smaller, more manageable pieces. Also, please be aware of the amount of brain food that you are sending with your child as we do not encourage wastage.

The most important thing to remember is that **no fruit or vegetable in any sort of supermarket packaging will be allowed *e.g. fruit cups, fruit bars etc.***

➢ *SOCIAL SKILLS / SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL):*

This year we will continue placing a focus on a strategy called 'Circle Time' which the children are familiar with. Throughout these sessions, the teachers as well as myself will be building the children's Social Skills as well as further developing their ability to be Resilient. We will also embed Social Skills lessons provided by the staff working with us this semester from the Royal Children's Hospital CASEA Program.

If you have any wellbeing concerns or queries please do not hesitate in contacting me Monday to Friday on 9359 5423.

Mr Steven Hubbard
Student Wellbeing Leader

EXTEND AT ST MATTHEWS

Welcome back everybody! We hope that you had a fun and restful school holidays! 2018 will be a fantastic year at before and after school care! We have so many engaging and educational activities planned, as well as many goals that we will be working towards! We hope to see you through the year. This week is full of fun activities for the beginning of the term, I can't wait to see you all!

Sarah,
Team Leader

Our Extend Superstar is…
Layla A! For eating all of her breakfast every day and for having such a curious mind! Amazing job Layla, keep up the great work.

Announcement
We are delighted to announce the launch of a brand new and exciting platform for families. The Parent Portal will cease to operate at the conclusion of Term 4 Before and After School Care and will be replaced with a reliable, flexible, and user- friendly platform named LookedAfter. All families requiring bookings for the Summer Holiday Program and/or 2018 Before School Care and After School Care (existing and new families) must create a new account with LookedAfter. https://www.lookedafter.com/

What's on this week?
Monday 5th February:
Painting Ceramic Animals
Tuesday 6th February:
My Summer Holiday
Wednesday 7th February:
Sime/Science
Thursday 8th February:
Pass the Parcel
Friday 9nd February:
Playdough

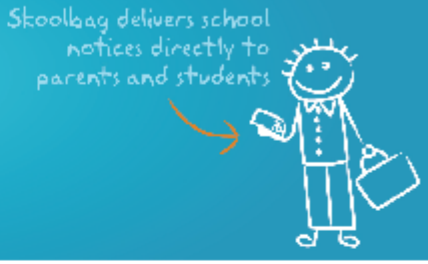
PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au

Skoolbag

Smartphone school to parent communication

Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- School, free push notification alerts
- School events
- School newsletters
- School documents
- School RSS feeds
- School social media (Facebook, Twitter)



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iTunes

iPhone & iPad Users

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "Install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "Install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

Android Users

Google play

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

Don't forget to like us on Facebook! Like

Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au

DISCOVER MERCY

OPEN DAYS

Thursday 22 February at 9.30am & 6.00pm
Saturday 24 February at 10.00am

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

mercycoburg.catholic.edu.au

760 Sydney Road, Coburg North VIC 3058 | Phone: 03 9319 9299 | CRICOS code 02227J

Moreland City Libraries Free Events

Saving money on your energy bills

7 pm, Thursday 15 February
Coburg Library

With energy prices rising now is your chance to rethink energy usage in your home. Lucy Best from Moreland Energy Foundation will give you practical and simple advice to make your home more comfortable as well as save you money on energy bills.

Register online at moreland.vic.gov.au/read-more or phone 9353 4000

Turn reluctant readers into bookworms

11.30 am, Saturday 17 February
Coburg Library

Ruth Devine is the author of the popular children's adventure series *The Chronicles of Jack McCool* about a schoolboy hero who has ADHD. Ruth will give you tips and tricks on how to encourage reluctant readers to become bookworms. Learn how to get your child off the screen and into the magical world of books.

Register online at moreland.vic.gov.au/read-more or phone 9353 4000

Archaeological dig at Bush Reserve

8 pm, Thursday 22 February
Coburg Library

William Thomas held the positions of Assistant Protector of Aborigines and Guardian of Aborigines in the mid to late 1800s. He built a homestead on what is now Bush Reserve. In 2013, Moreland Council engaged archaeologists to excavate the footings as part of the Bush Reserve redevelopment. Adrian Burrow, a Senior Heritage Advisor will speak about the archaeological dig at this site of state significance. Presented by the Coburg Historical Society.

Register online at moreland.vic.gov.au/read-more or phone 9353 4000

Your local Moreland library:

Brunswick Corner Sydney Road and Dawson Street, Brunswick 3056
Phone 9389 8600

Campbell Turnbull 220 Melville Road, West Brunswick 3055
Phone 9384 9200

Coburg Corner Victoria and Louisa Streets, Coburg 3058
Phone 9353 4000

Fawkner Jukes Road, Fawkner 3060
Phone 9355 4200

Glenroy 737 Pascoe Vale Road, Glenroy 3046
Phone 8311 4100

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KIDS CLASSES

Free Trial Lesson!

Smaller courts, lighter racquets and low-compression balls that don't bounce too high make learning tennis fun and easy for primary school-aged children. This means that kids are able to start rallying and having fun right from their first lesson!

Cost: $9.00 a session

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CARDIO TENNIS

Free Trial Lesson!

- High energy workout and burn 300 to 1000 calories
- Drill-based and play-based activities
- Lose weight, get fit and have fun
- Participants wear heart monitors, exercise to music and use low compression balls and a variety of equipment such as agility ladders

Cost: $12.50 a session.

LOCATIONS: Kensington Banks TC Smithfield Rd • North Park TC Flemington Rd Gladstone Park TC 18 Elmhurst Rd • St Matthews TC 95 William Rd

1300 22 33 86 ACEFUNTENNISSCHOOL.COM

2018 JUNIOR FOOTY REGISTRATION DAY

SUNDAY FEB 11TH
FROM 10AM TO 12PM

Charles Mutton Reserve
Creedon Street, Fawkner

2018 Registration fee - $300
(to be paid in full by first game)

Payments can be made by cash or through EFTPOS.

Please note that there will be no jumper deposit for 2018

Suitable for Girls and Boys aged from 7 to 17