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NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 26th June 2018. No 19.

TERM 2

Monday 25th June ~ **REPORTS WENT HOME TO ALL FAMILIES.**

Tuesday 26th June ~ **PARISH EDUCATION BOARD MEETING** & farewell to Mrs Krystine Hocking.

Wednesday 27th June ~ **PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS.** Students dismissed at 1:00pm, Interviews commence at 1:30pm through to 7:30pm.

Friday 29th June ~ **PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS ASSEMBLY, 2:45pm in the Hall.** Also official farewell to Mrs Krystine Hocking

Friday 29th June ~ **END OF TERM 2, ALL STUDENTS DISMISSED AT 3:25PM.**

TERM 3

Monday 16th July ~ **FIRST DAY OF TERM 3.** School commences at 8:50am sharp. Make sure you are on time.

Saturday 21st July ~ **CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT MASS, 5:30pm at St Matthew's.**

Tuesday 31st July ~ **PARISH EDUCATION BOARD MEETING, 7:15pm in the Parish House.**

Thursday 2nd August ~ **ARCHBISHOP DENIS HART'S VISIT TO CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES at 10:30am.**

Friday 3rd August ~ **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY FOR ALL STAFF (New RE Curriculum). NO SCHOOL.**

Wednesday 8th August ~ CONFIRMATION PRACTICE FOR YEAR 6 STUDENTS AND SPONSORS.

Friday 10th August ~ SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR YEAR 6 STUDENTS, 6:00PM AT St Matthew's.

Friday 24th August ~ **BOOK WEEK PARADE. THEME – FIND YOUR TREASURE.** More details to follow.

Tuesday 28th August ~ **PARISH EDUCATION BOARD MEETING, 7:15pm in the Parish House.**

Wednesday 12th September ~ **YEAR 3 RECONCILIATION WORKSHOP, 7:00pm in the Library**

Wednesday 19th September – **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION, 7:00pm in St Matthew's Church.**

Friday 21st September ~ END OF TERM 3, ALL STUDENTS DISMISSED AT 3:25PM.

Monday 9th October ~ **FIRST DAY OF TERM 4.** School commences at 8:50am sharp. Make sure you are on time.

Wednesday 17th October ~ **YEAR 2 WORKSHOP WITH FACILITATOR PAUL SPENCE, 7:00pm in the Library**

Thursday 18th October ~ **READY SET PREP SESSION 1 FOR 2019 PREPS, 9am – 10am in the Library.**

Dear Students, Parents, Staff and Friends of St Matthews,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our whole school community for the many contributions to St Matthew's throughout the whole of Term 2. To our students and their teachers, who have worked tirelessly over this long term of 11 weeks, well done on learning and accomplishing so many things in your grades. To our parents who have volunteered their services in the classrooms, on excursions, on the Parents & Friends Association and in the Canteen, thank you for your generosity It is truly appreciated. Please see below some "Farewell Words" from Mrs Krystine Hocking (Our Deputy Principal, Learning & Teaching Leader & Special Needs Leader) who we officially say good-bye to at Assembly this Friday. We hope many parents can come along and give Mrs Hocking a rousing farewell.

FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK MRS HOCKING

Yes we say good-bye to Mrs Krystine Hocking who now officially takes on the role as the Foundation Principal of Holy Trinity PS in Sunbury. We thank Krystine for all the outstanding work she has done with our students, parents and staff in her 3½ years at St Matthew's. We also thank her for the way she has endeared herself to anyone and everyone who has had the pleasure of her company and advice. Yes she will be an enormous loss to our school, but in turn she will be enormous asset as a Leader of a new school. We wish her every best wish and success and I know she will be an outstanding Principal and Leader in catholic education. She has been a wonderful support to myself at all times, but especially when I was unwell last year. We are all indebted to you Krystine. We look forward to hearing about all the wonderful things your school achieves. Good-bye and Good Luck.

FAREWELL FROM MRS HOCKING

Dear

Parents, the time has come for me to say 'thank you' and 'farewell' as this Friday will be my last day here at St. Matthew's Primary School. It is with a combination of sadness and excitement that I am moving on, to become the very first Principal of Holy Trinity Catholic Primary School in Sunbury.

From my very first day I was impressed by the warmth, generosity and openness of this community. It has been a privilege to work here with such wonderful children, dedicated staff and caring parents. I have especially enjoyed working closely with Bob Brown our Principal, to lead and support the school through the many changes we have seen in these past few years. I feel very fortunate for all of the opportunities and experiences I have had here. I will miss St. Matthew's Primary School, this is a great community and I have appreciated my time here. I will use all that I have learned here at St. Matthew's and carry that to the next exciting chapter in my career.

I wish every family all the best and hope that every child enrolled here continues to enjoy the exciting educational opportunities provided by our dedicated staff here at St. Matthew's Primary School. Thank you to the Parents and Friends who organised a farewell dinner and the parents who attended. It was a lovely gesture and one that I will always remember.

It has been an honour to have known you as well as be a part of your lives.

May God's blessing be with you all now and always. **Krystine Hocking**

FAREWELL TO MRS VOCE

We also say farewell to Mrs Camille Voce, who after 6½ years is moving schools to St Dominic's Broadmeadows. We thank Mrs Voce for her wonderful service to the students who have been in her care and to the many parents she has befriended. We wish her every success in her future endeavors at her new school.

2019 PREP PLACES BEING NOW OFFERED

Places for Prep 2019 will be formally offered in the form of a hard copy via Australia Post, hopefully before the end of this week or early next week. We ask that any parents that have not yet enrolled their children for next year please do so as soon as possible. We don't want anyone to miss out.

PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS

A friendly reminder that Parent / Teacher Interviews are taking place tomorrow, Wednesday 27th June from 1:30pm to 7:30pm. The teachers will be unavailable between 5:30pm – 6:00pm as this is their dinner time. Please take note that each interview only goes for 10 minutes and please arrive on time or a little earlier for your first interview.

REFUGEE WEEK - MULTICULTURAL DRESS UP DAY

St Matthew's is very much a multicultural (culturally enhanced) school with 28 different nationalities from around the world. Last week was "Refugee Week" in Australia and we celebrated it with our "Multicultural Dress Up Day." There were many great costumes, some traditional and some made up for the day. My sincere thanks to Mrs Louise Alviano (our New Arrivals/Refugees Teacher) and Mrs Silvana Kelada (our Iraqi Learning Support Officer) and Mr Steven Hubbard (Student Wellbeing Leader) and the SRC for organising and running the day.

A big thank you must also go to our two School Captains (Mia Catalano & Leonardo Audish) who were the MCs for the Parade and activities. Also I would like to express my personal thanks to the Staff who also dressed up and led the activities in their grades and to the Parents who joined in the "Stepping Stones" activity in the afternoon. The noticeboard in the Year 2 & 4 corridor will display all these later this week.

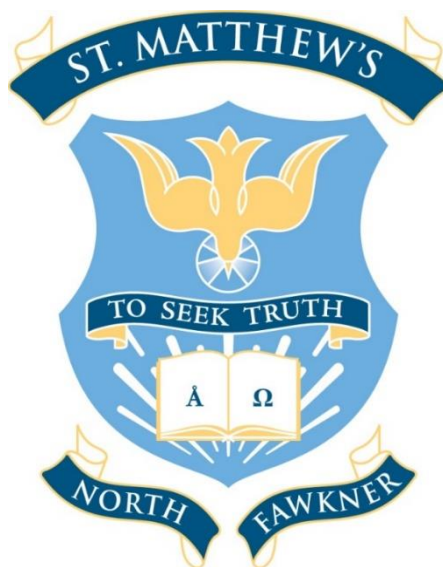
A great day everyone, Well Done!!! **Check out some of the great costumes on pages 8 & 9.**

I wish everyone a most relaxing and rewarding holiday break, full of family, fun and friends. ENJOY!

I look forward to seeing all your smiling faces when we return on Monday 16th July. Bob Brown – Principal

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

You are invited to the



Opening of Term 3 Whole School Mass

When: Wednesday, 18th July at 10:30am

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 third term! During this Mass we will pray for all in our community as we continue to embrace new learning opportunities and particularly pray for the Year 6 candidates preparing for Confirmation and the Year 3 recipients preparing for First Reconciliation.

Mr Steven Hubbard - Religious Education Leader

EDUCATION IN FAITH

COMMUNION PASSPORTS (YEAR 4 FAMILIES)

Now that the Year 4 children have received their First Holy Communion, a reminder to the children and their families to ensure they attend *three weekend masses after* and submit their completed Communion Passport to Mr Brown by Monday, 30th July.

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CONFIRMATION PASSPORTS (YEAR 6 FAMILIES)

Please keep the Year 6 Confirmation Candidates in your prayers over the coming weeks as they commence Confirmation preparation. The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Friday, 10th August at 6:00pm.

A reminder to all Confirmation Candidates to ensure your Confirmation Passport is submitted to Mr Brown by Monday, 30th July. Be sure to attend *three weekend masses before* Confirmation Day.

St Matthew's Parish Mass Times:

Saturday – 5:30pm

Sunday – 9:00am, 11:00am (Italian)

The Passport is to be handed in before the commencement of the mass. The Passport will be returned signed at the conclusion of the mass.

CONFIRMATION STOLES / SASHES (YEAR 6 FAMILIES)

Last Friday, the Confirmation Candidates received a pack to bring home with information regarding the organisation and completion of their entire Confirmation Stole including material. Please ensure you have familiarised yourself with this information as there are some changes this year. Connie from Custom Embroidery will be making TWO visits to the school, Today, 26th June from 3:00-4:00pm and in the first week back after the school holidays, Tuesday, 17th July from 3:00-4:00pm. If you choose this recommended option, please make yourself available to attend in the Year 6 shared area with your child or contact her directly (her details are in the note). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's teacher.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Steven Hubbard
Religious Education Leader

STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS

SRC Fundraiser – 'Multicultural Dress Up Day':



Last Wednesday, 20th June, the SRC team organised a 'Multicultural Dress Up Day' fundraiser on World Refugee Day to raise money for the 'Asylum Seeker Resource Centre - ASRC'.

The ASRC is both a place and a movement. We are an independent not for profit organisation, whose programs support and empower people seeking asylum to maximise their own physical, mental and social wellbeing. As a movement, we mobilise and unite communities to create lasting social and policy change for people seeking asylum in Australia. We are proud to be owned and run by our community of volunteers and supporters.

The day was an overall success with children, staff and parents coming to school wearing something that relates to their cultural background **The SRC are pleased to announce that we raised a total of \$314.65! A wonderful effort!** The SRC team would like to thank one and all for your generosity and the effort you went to participate in the fundraiser. It was great to see the school community coming together to support such a worthy organisation. We are sure that the ASRC will benefit from the funds raised in supporting refugees.

Mr Hubbard - Student Wellbeing Leader

LIBRARY NEWS - BOOK WEEK 2018

Just a reminder that Book Week will be held from the 18th to 24th August. This will be in Week 6 of Term 3. The theme this year is **"FIND YOUR TREASURE."** Children are encouraged to dress as their favourite book character for the Book Parade on Friday 24th August.

Mrs White - Library Technician

Principals Awards
Term 2 Week 11 2018

| TERM 2 | |
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| Grade | Name |
| PL | Jayden Khadka |
| PF | Benjamin Gravina |
| PGP | Hannah Dowler |
| 1MC | Mariella Conci |
| 1P | Declan Alloway |
| 2D | Malak Sabagha |
| 2VF | Katelyn Dowler |
| 3PW | Vanessa Lorenti |
| 3V | Alessia Barel |
| 4C | Tony Vo |
| 4D | Alena Essa |
| 4Y | Andre Matta |
| 5M | Gabriella Hauszler |
| 5P | Marissa Kako |
| 6L | Yohan Qiya |
| 6T | Jordan Torcasio |
| 6TH | Eddie Albeni |



Term 3 ASD Parent / Guardian Peer Support Group

Transition Pathways for Students with Autism Spectrum

*You are invited to an evening with **Victoria Houchin**:*

Victoria is the Employment Coordinator for Aspect Capable NSW & VIC which is the employment service for Autism Spectrum Australia.

This presentation will focus on the NDIS and how to secure funding for employment including the process for applying for school leaver employment support. Victoria will also discuss the Aspect Capable school leaver/young adult transition to employment programs.

There will then be adequate time dedicated for Q&A.



DATE: *Thursday July 26*
TIME: *7.15pm (for 7.30pm start)*
VENUE: *Nash Learning Centre, Bundoora Campus*
RSVP: *by Friday July 20 to Cheema Brondolino*
on 9468 3344 or cbrondolino@parade.vic.edu.au





Our last week recap:

Last Tuesday we did a giant comic drawing challenge! We made a story about a young boy became a ZOMBIE! From this activity, we learnt how to be creative and work as a team to complete a task. The next day, we started the morning fun baking activity. This time we tried different recipe on making muffin and make sure we used the right measure cup for salt as well! The muffin was so delicious! This week we also tried few new activities. First, we made beeswax wraps together. We learnt about the benefit of using beeswax wrap in our daily life, the ingredients and how to make it. Everyone enjoyed the activity and bring a beeswax wrap home for mum! Shrink art is another amazing activity we had. We draw our favourite picture on a special plastic, then put them into oven after cut it out. We then watch them shrink magically in the oven. Wow! This week, we also had a chance to independently make our own sandwiches and sushi with healthy ingredients. From these activities, children could practice their fine motor skill, gain confidence to try new thing and build their self-esteem and pride in their independence. We then wrapped up our week with creativity and sensory play together. This week, we have more interesting and fun activities!

*Yee Yin,
Team Leader*

Our Extend Superstar is...

Etta Cunningham – for being such a friendly, caring and kind friend at afterschool care. She also being brave to face all the challenges in her day.

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 18th June:

Indoor- Wink Murderer & Musical Statues

Outdoor- Fossil Digging

Tuesday 19th June:

Indoor- Finger Weaving & Lanterns, Paper Craft

Outdoor- Toy Ice discovery

Wednesday 20th June:

Indoor- Flipbook Making & Apple and Fruit Donuts

Outdoor-Picnic

Thursday 21st June:

Indoor- Soap Making

Outdoor- Line Tigi & Hide & Seek

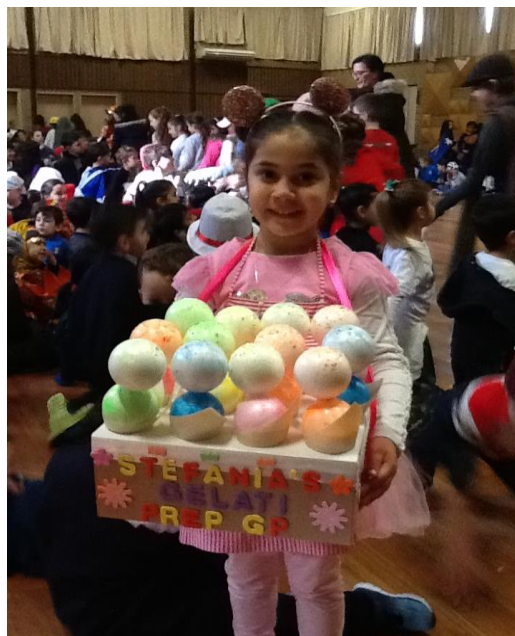
Friday 22nd June:

Indoor- Making our own Puzzles & Erupting Volcano

Outdoor-Hopscotch & Chalk Art



Prep GP getting ready for the parade



Stephanie's Gelati, Yummo!



Allegra, Miguel & Thomas getting into the spirit of things



A new type of Pizza, Pizza Juliana



"Scopa" Samuel



Nigar & Mary enjoyed dressing up



A very sparkly looking Najiya



Amanda & Yasooa looking very formal



Vostina & Valantina looking very elegant



Many of our Refugee students and Staff, except for the tall Lawrence of Arabia in the back row.

BROTHER PETER COLE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ENTRY INTO YEAR 7 2020



These scholarships honour a much-respected former Parade teacher who was raised in Preston and was a Christian Brother for almost seventy years. These scholarships are now open for students wishing to pursue academic excellence at Parade College's Preston Campus commencing Year 7 in 2020.

Continuing the tradition of academic excellence.

In 2017 our College Dukes included:

Callum Holmes, 99.95 ATAR (St Francis of Assisi, Mill Park)

Aiden Hrup, 99.70 ATAR (St Mary's, Greensborough)

Michael Barnes, 99.20 ATAR

(Our Lady Help of Christians, East Brunswick)

Simon Rebelato, 99.10 ATAR (Holy Spirit, East Thornbury)

Br Peter Cole Scholarship applications close 30th August 2018.