



St. Matthew's School

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NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 13th February 2018. No 2.

TERM 1 2018 ~

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.

Friday 16th February ~ **FIRST PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION MEETING,** 9:05am in the Family Room.

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

Friday 23rd February ~ **YEAR 6 LEVEL MASS WITH THEIR YEAR 1 BUDDIES, 9:30am in the Church.**

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.**

Tuesday 27th February ~ **PARISH EDUCATION BOARD MEETING, 7:00pm in the Parish House.**

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

Friday March 9th ~ **5M ASSEMBLY, 2:45pm in the hall.**

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.**

Friday 23rd March ~ **YEAR 5 LEVEL MASS WITH THEIR PREP BUDDIES, 9:30am in the Church.**

Friday 23rd March ~ **6T ASSEMBLY, 2:45pm in the hall.**

Thursday 29th March ~ **5P ASSEMBLY & PRINCIPAL AWARDS, 2:45pm in the hall.**

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

Friday 30th March ~ **GOOD FRIDAY the day that Jesus died on the Cross for us.**

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

The Staff have been back two weeks and the majority of Students just over a week and the holidays seem like a distant memory. St Matthew's is certainly now well and truly in full swing. Congratulations to the Staff and Students for settling in so quickly this year. Keep up the great work everyone! We look forward to a very productive Term 1. This week's newsletter has quite a number of reminders from last week's newsletter, but it also has some important request and announcements. Please take note of these as they will not appear again next week.

FIRST PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION MEETING FOR 2018

This Friday in the Family Room, commencing at 9:05am, we invite all Mums & Dads to attend our first P & F Meeting for the year. It is a great opportunity to meet other parents and join together to help raise funds for your children at St Matthew's. Last year the P & F donated just over \$32,000 to the school to purchase an extensive number of Flat Interactive Screens, replacing our old Interactive Whiteboards, which have found their home in both the Junior and Senior grades. I know they hope to do something similar again this year. So come along, make some new friends and help those you care about most, your children.

SCHOOL & PARISH CAR PARKS

We ask that parents do not park in the Parish & School Car parks as they are reserved for Visitors and Staff from 8:00am in the Morning until 4:00pm in the Afternoon.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CANTEEN

Anna our Canteen Manager is sending an SOS to all Mums to see if the Canteen can recruit some more Volunteers for these dates –

**This Thursday 15th February,
Wednesday 21st February, Thursday 22nd February, Friday 23rd February,
Wednesday 28th February, Thursday 1st March,
Tuesday 6th March & Thursday 8th March.**

If we can't get the volunteers then unfortunately we will be left no choice but to close the Canteen on certain days as well as the current Mondays and not be able to have Special food days like today – Pancake Day.

PREP ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND CURRENTLY OUT OF ACTION

Late last year all our Adventure Playgrounds underwent a Safety Audit and unfortunately our Prep Adventure Playground, because of its age was well below current safety standards. For it to reach current safety standards it has had to undergo extensive modifications. Quite a number of parts had to be removed and are currently being modified and hopefully will be put back in place very soon. We were hoping this would take place during the holidays, but due to unforeseen circumstances the company was running behind time. Please be patient with these works as the safety of your children is paramount at St Matthew's. As soon as it is rebuilt and ratified as being totally safe the Prep, 1 & 2 students will be able to enjoy playing on it again.

The Grade 3 and 4 & 5 and 6 Adventure playgrounds being a lot newer will only need some small modifications to meet current safety standards. Those students will only miss out on playing on them for a day or two. How does the saying go? "Better Safe Than Sorry."

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT SHEETS

All parents would have received a Code of Conduct sheet which we asked you to read and sign. Now that you have read them could you please sign them and return with your children to school. It is requirement by law that every family does this to ensure your children are safe. We thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

CHURCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED URGENTLY

Father Boy, our Parish Priest has asked that the following volunteer duties be advertised in today's and coming week's newsletters. They are important to the life, maintenance and continuous running of our Church.

READING AT SATURDAY 5:30 PM & SUNDAY MASSES 9:00 AM

BUS (VAN) DRIVERS to pick up our elderly for Mass on Saturday 5:30pm & Sunday 11:00am

CHURCH CLEANING for Vacuuming and Dusting etc

ALTAR Flower arrangement and cleaning of Altar

TRAINING PROVIDED Volunteer Forms are in the Church Foyer. For further information please contact the Parish on **9359 2369**

COLES DOCKETS You may have seen the advertisements with Sally Pearson & Usain Bolton on the television advertising the "Coles Sports for Schools" vouchers. Last year we went with Woolworths so this year we are asking you if you shop at Coles to collect the vouchers. For every \$10 spent you receive 1 voucher. We haven't received the box to deposit them in so please hand them into the office or send them along with your children to put in their class tub. We look forward to your assistance and support for your children with this initiative of Coles.

REMINDER - 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.

REMINDER - 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

REMINDER - 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

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.

Even though it was sweltering outside last week, we – Students & Staff, were very comfortable in our air conditioned classrooms, offices, hall & rooms. Thank God for Air Conditioners!
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



Ash Wednesday School and Parish Mass

When: Wednesday, 14th February 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 Lent.



STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS

➤ ST MATTHEW'S CLASSROOM AND YARD / PLAYGROUND RULES AND CONSEQUENCES:

Please find below a reminder of our School Rules and Consequences consistent across the school. Each classroom and specialist class displays a large poster with the rules and a separate poster displaying the consequences (refer below).

RULES:

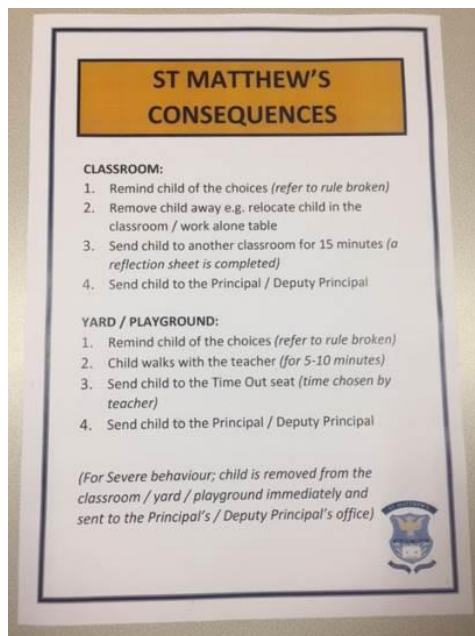
- ❖ Follow directions
- ❖ Keep ourselves and others safe
- ❖ Speak appropriately
- ❖ Be an active listener
- ❖ Take care of all school property

CONSEQUENCES:

CLASSROOM	YARD / PLAYGROUND
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Remind child of the choices (<i>refer to rule broken</i>)2. Remove child away e.g. relocate child in the classroom / work alone table3. Send child to another classroom for 15 minutes (<i>a reflection sheet is completed</i>)4. Send child to the Principal / Deputy Principal <p>(<i>For Severe behaviour; child is removed from the classroom / yard / playground immediately and sent to the Principal's / Deputy Principal's office</i>)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Remind child of the choices (<i>refer to rule broken</i>)2. Child walks with the teacher (<i>for 5-10 minutes</i>)3. Send child to the Time Out seat (<i>time chosen by teacher</i>)4. Send child to the Principal / Deputy Principal <p>(<i>For Severe behaviour; child is removed from the classroom / yard / playground immediately and sent to the Principal's / Deputy Principal's office</i>)</p>

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



CASEA Newsletter - Reminder



As mentioned in last week's newsletter, St Matthew's School has invited the CAMHS and Schools: Early Action Program (CASEA) to be part of the school community for Semester 1, 2018. This is an early intervention program for young children (Grade Prep, Grade 1, Grade 2 & Grade 3) who present with challenging behaviours.

Reminder for Parents of Grade Prep to Grade 3 Children:

The CASEA Program offers a behavioural screen for all Prep to Grade 3 children. Parents of Prep to Grade 3 children should have received additional information about the program, a permission form, and questionnaire, which were sent home with their child. **The due date for the return of the permission form and questionnaire has now been extended to - Thursday, 15th February.** 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.

Thank you in advance for your support of this program.

Jo Winther and Sara Arnold
The Royal Children's Hospital



Everyone had a lovely first week back at before and after school care! We began our week with an arts and craft activity, painting unicorns, fairies, under the sea creatures, and animals. We picked our favourite animal and decorated them in a fun and creative way. We then made 'My Summer Holiday' posters which we drew and coloured all the fun and exciting adventures we had on our holidays. Being the first week back we had to do our favourite activity, SLIME. We had missed making slime at afterschool care. We added paint and glitter and made super cool stretchy galaxy slime. We then did pass the parcel where the parcel was full of dares. This was really funny as we danced around the room acting like monkeys or roaring like lions. It was an afternoon full of laughter. We finished off our week with a picnic outside, as the weather was lovely and warm. We had yummy jelly and crackers and played some music outside. We also made playdough and this was really enjoyable as we added our favourite colour and took it home.

*Sarah,
Team Leader*

Our Extend Superstar is...

Isabella Mhaya, for being really optimistic and for always helping her friends. Keep up the great work Isabella.

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 12th February:

Grass Heads

Tuesday 13th February:

Sock Bunnies

Wednesday 14th February:

Mindfulness Rainbow

Thursday 15th February:

Paper plate rainbow fish

Friday 16nd February:

Blossom tree paintings

PARENT PORTAL: [extend.com.au](https://www.extend.com.au)

REMINDER - MORELAND SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

The Moreland School Holiday program brochure will be available for the **April 2018 School Holiday Program from Friday 16 February 2018, 5pm,**

Families are able to make a casual booking via our online booking system by visiting council's website **from Friday 16 February 2018, 5pm. Bookings will close on Friday 2 March 2018.**

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

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www.parade.vic.edu.au

PARADE COLLEGE OPEN DAY



SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY

10am-2pm Preston 8 Clifton Grove **11am-3pm Bundoora** 1436 Plenty Rd

- Join us for a tour
- Talk to our students and staff
- Listen to the Principal's address at 10.30, 11.30, 1.00 (Preston) and 11.15, 12.15, 1.15, 2.15 (Bundoora).

Yr 7 2020 Enrolments Now Open!

registrar@parade.vic.edu.au p (registrar) 9468 3304

p (college) 9468 3300



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



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

ATTENTION ALL
GIRLS & WOMEN!

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COME & TRY AFL & SOCCER

• DAREBIN WOMEN'S SPORTS CLUB •

COME & TRY DAY

HOME TO
17 AFLW
DRAFTEES!

Sunday 18 February

Girls Soccer: 9-10am | Girls Footy: 10-11am
A.H. Capp Reserve, Halwyn Cres, Preston

2ND BIGGEST
GIRLS SOCCER
PROGRAM
IN VIC!

Darebin Women's Sports Club is welcoming women and girls
of all ages and abilities to play AFL and SOCCER in 2018!

AFL

- Junior teams
- Auskick, U10's, U12's, U14's, U16's, U18's

SOCCER

- Girls only mini-roos
clinic for ages 4-9

★ PLACES FOR 2018 ARE LIMITED SO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST TODAY! ★

Come and give soccer and footy a go! For more info contact info@falcons.org.au