



St. Matthew's School

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NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 17th July 2018. No 20.

TERM 3

Monday 16th July ~ **FIRST DAY OF TERM 3.** School commenced at 8:50am sharp.

Wednesday 18th July ~ **OPENING OF TERM 3 WHOLE SCHOOL MASS, 10:30am in the Church.**

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

Friday 27th July ~ **6TH ASSEMBLY, 2:45pm in the Hall.**

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

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

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

Friday 10th August ~ **1P ASSEMBLY, 2:45pm in the Hall.**

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.** In the morning, more details to follow.

Friday 24th August ~ **2D ASSEMBLY, 2:45pm in the hall.**

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**

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

Friday 7th September ~ **3V ASSEMBLY, 2:45pm in the Hall.**

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

Friday 21st September ~ **4Y & PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS ASSEMBLY, 2:45pm in the Hall.**

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,
Welcome back one and all to what promises to be another very exciting and super productive term at St Matthew's. Please make sure you look all the way through the newsletter, not just the dates on the first page, as there will be plenty to take note of from the Moreland Council, Mercy and Parade Colleges and many more. So get on board for what will be another eventful ride.

NEW DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Our new Deputy Principal Mrs Carmela D'Amato will be starting with us in Week 3 on Monday 30th July. We are very excited to have her joining St Matthew's staff. Mrs D'Amato was in during the holidays meeting with both Mrs Hocking and myself as part of a thorough handover and transition to our school in preparation for her start here.

Also we have a new teacher who is replacing Mrs Camille Voce in 2VF, Ms Nicola Howard has done a fair bit of relieving as an emergency teacher at St Matthew's and we were thrilled to be able to gain her services until the end of the year

I know that you all will make both ladies feel very welcome, just as you did when Mrs Hocking and I were both new to the school. I also know that is something that the Students and Parents are very good at doing to everyone who is new to our school.

OUTSTANDING FEES

Statements for outstanding fees were sent home on Monday via your child's schoolbag. Your current outstanding balance needs to be paid by the last week of this term commencing Monday 17th September.

There are multiple options available for payment of school fees:

- * Cash, Cheque, Eftpos or Creditcard at the School Office;
- * Direct deposit of funds into our bank account;
- * A weekly, fortnightly or monthly direct debit arrangement;
- * Or if necessary, credit card payments can be taken over the phone.

If the outstanding fees are not paid, the debt will be referred to **Waterman's Receivables** in Term 4.

As you may be aware Waterman's have already been concentrating on families that have had fees outstanding from last year. If you are in this category they should have contacted you already. Thank you to those families who have now paid their outstanding balances.

Can I remind parents that St Matthew's is like any other Catholic school where parents have to pay fees if they wish to send their children here. Unfortunately some parents have been neglecting their commitment to doing this, hence why we have contracted Waterman's.

If we compare neighbouring Catholic schools (see below) and what they are charging then it is obvious that we supply your children with an excellent education with extensive facilities and resources for a cost far less than most of these schools. At St Matthew's ~ Family Fees = **\$1,050** (per family) & Individual Student Levy = **\$330**
This is something I have deliberately done as a Principal, because I want to be able to offer a Catholic Education affordable to as many catholic families as possible.

If you are experiencing financial strain or genuine hardship, please make a time to speak with me during this term before your account is referred to Waterman's.

NEIGHBOURING SCHOOLS FEES

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| St Mark's PS Fawkner | ~ Family Fees = \$1,200 (for 1 child), \$1,400 (for 2 or more children) |
| | ~ Individual Student Levy = \$390 - \$430 depending on which grade |
| St Bernard's PS Coburg East | ~ Family Fees = \$1,500 (per family) |
| | ~ Individual Student Levy = \$435 |
| St Pauls' PS Coburg | ~ Family Fees = \$1,950 (per family) |
| | ~ Individual Student Levy = \$485 |
| St Thomas More's PS Hadfield | ~ Family Fees = \$1,770 (per family) |
| | ~ Individual Student levy = \$365 to \$480 depending on which grade |

STUDENT ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

A reminder once again that all students need to be at school by 8:50am sharp at the very latest to commence their school day in their grade at 9:00am so that they are not behind in their learning right from the start of the day

If students arrive after 9:00am they will be required to come via the office and register on our VPass IPad just as all visitors, tradesmen and casual relief teachers do so that we have an electronic record of their attendance at school for that day.

After the roll has been taken in each classroom electronically at the beginning of the day it is then checked in the office by our Admin staff – by either Lina, Zina, Almoza or Nicole. If there are any students absent either of these ladies will then ring their parents for an explanation as to why they are away from school. If your child is away you can avoid this phone call by registering your child's absence on our Skoolbag App or calling the school by 8:45am before school starts.

As all gates will now be locked at 9:00am at the very latest parents need to start leaving after the first bell at 8:50am. If the gates are locked and Parents are still in the schoolyard they will then need to leave through the Office door.

Please Note: All these procedures are now directives from Catholic Education Melbourne and the Department of Education as a result of our Child Safety Policy and we are mandated to enforce them.

SCHOOL UNIFORM – WHITE LONG SLEEVE SHIRTS

Once again I seek the support of parents in making sure that your boys and girls tuck their Winter Long Sleeve Shirt in their pants or skirts before they leave home or get out of your car. I noticed yesterday quite a few students looking like they just got out of bed with their shirts hanging out and all creased. Not a good look when we have such a smart looking uniform. I thank you parents in advance for your support with this.

MINECRAFT & FORTNITE – Kids gamed, Child Data stole & sold

I have included another article from a recent Herald Sun which is quite alarming. **Are your children playing Minecraft or Fortnite?** If they are then you need to read this article and then keep a close check on your children and their privacy and security. Unfortunately there are predators out there who seek young children and teenager's information to exploit. You would hate to think your child was being stalked online. **Find the article on page 10.**

Although it has been really cold the days are getting longer as we head towards Spring. Bring it on.

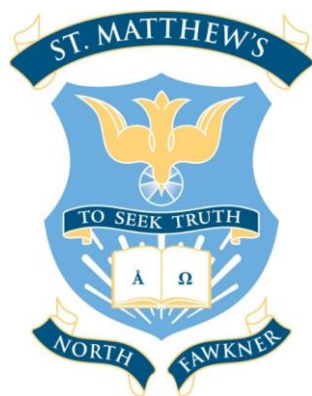
Bob Brown – Principal

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

EDUCATION IN FAITH

OPENING OF TERM 3 WHOLE SCHOOL MASS

You are invited to the



Opening of Term 3 Whole School Mass

When: This 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.

EDUCATION IN FAITH CONTINUED....

GRADE 6 SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Please keep the children of Grade 6 in your prayers as they prepare to receive their Confirmation an important step in their faith journey on *Friday, 10th August at 6:00pm in St Matthew's Parish Church*. The candidates have been busy learning about the Sacrament and getting ready for this important step with the support of their other classmates and teachers.

The 29 Confirmation candidates will receive the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit which are: **Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord (Wonder)**. They also receive the Fruits of the Holy Spirit which are **Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control**.



NEW ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE / CHANGES FOR CONFIRMATION

We have been informed by the Archdiocese of Melbourne that Most Reverend Archbishop Denis Hart is retiring after 17 years as Archbishop of Melbourne and that His Holiness, Pope Francis has appointed *Bishop Peter Andrew Comensoli* of the Diocese of Broken Bay, New South Wales as the next Archbishop of Melbourne. Bishop Comensoli will become the 9th Archbishop of Melbourne.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION AT ST MATTHEW'S?

Due to Archbishop Hart retiring, he will no longer celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Matthew's this year as previously planned. Archbishop-Elect Peter Comensoli will celebrate the *Sacrament of Confirmation Without Mass* on the same day and time. The term, 'without mass' essentially means that the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Matthew's this year will become a Liturgy without 'The Liturgy of the Eucharist' (Communion) and without some important prayers normally recited. This is a directive from the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

An Outline of the Sacrament of Confirmation Liturgy is as follows:

1. The Introductory Rites
2. The Celebration of the Word of God (includes readings, homily and presentation of the candidates)
3. The Renewal of Baptismal Promises (for the candidates)
4. The Laying on of Hands
5. The Anointing With Chrism (candidates come forward to receive the Sacrament with the support of their Sponsor)
6. Prayers of the Faithful
7. The Recitation of The Lord's Prayer
8. Final Blessing / Prayer Over the People

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.

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.

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)

CONFIRMATION STOLE / SASHES (YEAR 6 FAMILIES)

Last Term, 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 ANOTHER visit to the school, **Today 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

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

STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS

WHY SCREEN TIME BEFORE BED IS BAD FOR CHILDREN – PART 1:

Sleep is an essential part of our development and wellbeing. It is important for learning and memory, emotions and behaviours, and our health more generally. Yet the total amount of sleep that children and adolescents are getting is [continuing to decrease](#). Why?

Although there are potentially many reasons behind this trend, it is emerging that screen time – by way of watching television or using computers, mobile phones and other electronic mobile devices – may be having a [large and negative impact](#) on children's sleep.

Electronic devices intrude on time for sleep

The presence and use of these devices is incredibly widespread. A 2006 [survey](#) showed that nearly all adolescents have at least one electronic device in their bedroom. Given this, and the increasing exposure to screen time – particularly in the hours before bedtime – it is perhaps not surprising that screen time is now associated with insufficient and poor quality sleep.

A [2014 review](#) found consistent evidence that sleep was hampered by screen time, primarily in relation to shortened sleep duration and a delay in the timing of sleep. The latter finding was reported in 90% of the studies reviewed. But the relationship between screen time and sleep is more complex than that. Screen time could be negatively influencing sleep in many ways.

The timing of screen time is one important factor. The use of these devices can lead to [delays](#) in the time that children and adolescents go to bed and, consequently, shorter sleep overall. These negative impacts on sleep can be due to screen time in the evening cutting into the time that children would normally be preparing for bed and sleeping, delaying sleep onset and reducing the overall duration of sleep. There is simply less time available for it.

This article was retrieved from the following website: <http://theconversation.com/why-screen-time-before-bed-is-bad-for-children-46464>

Mr Hubbard - Student Wellbeing Leader



Moreland City Council

Upcoming Parent Information Sessions: [Please see attached flyers](#)

Screen time (On page 9)

Date/Time: Tuesday 7 August 2018, 7 – 9 pm
Venue: Moreland Civic Centre, 90 Bell Street, Coburg
Presenter: Early Life Foundations
Cost: \$11 per person

Wishing Away Worries (In next week's newsletter)

Date/Time: Wednesday 15 August 2018, 7 – 9 pm
Venue: Moreland Civic Centre, 90 Bell Street, Coburg
Presenter: Parentzone
Cost: FREE

GREAT KIDS HAVE GREAT DADS

A THREE (3) WEEK PROGRAM FOR DADS (In next week's newsletter)

Date/Time: Wednesday 5, 12 & 19 September 2018, 7 – 9 pm
Venue: Coburg Early Years Centre, 1 Wardens Walk, Coburg
Presenter: Parentzone
Cost: FREE

Bookings are essential as places are limited. **For further information or to make a booking please visit:** www.moreland.vic.gov.au/community-care/children-and-families/parent-information/

Please promote and advertise the above sessions at your school. [Flyers attached.](#)

Regards

Cathy Marinelli

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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.

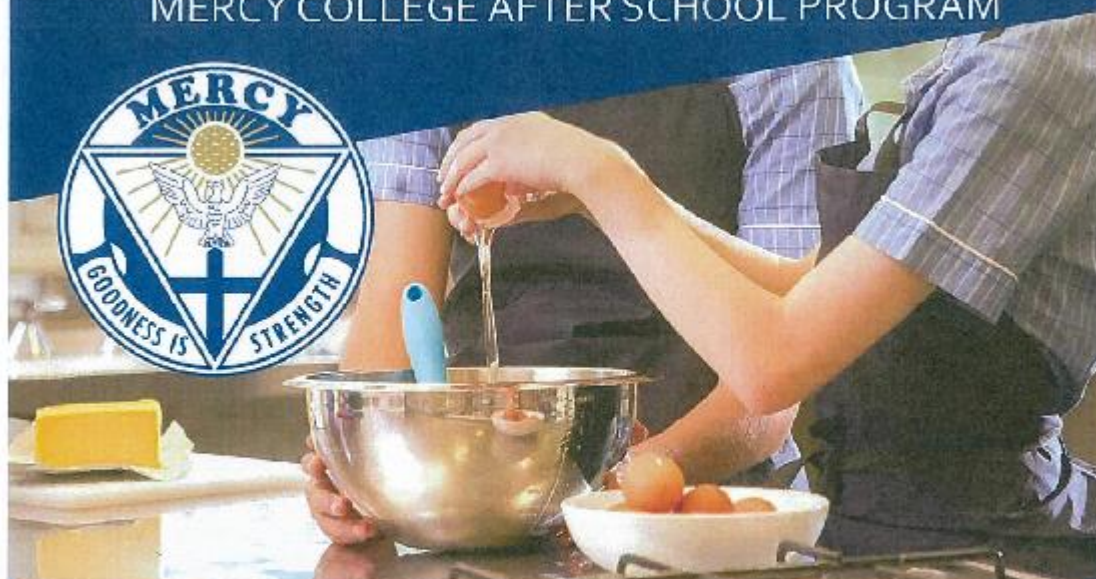
There will then be adequate time dedicated for Q&A.



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



MERCY COLLEGE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM



KITCHEN KAPERS

- WHO:** Grade 4 and 5 students (NEW registrations only)
- WHEN:** Wednesday 25 July , 1 August, 8 August and 15 August 2018; 4.00pm to 5.00pm
- WHERE:** Mercy College
760 Sydney Road COBURG NORTH 3058
- COST:** \$25 for the 4 week program
- RSVP:** Register at www.trybooking.com/WPCB

Join us for a fun term of developing skills and confidence whilst preparing a range of recipes in the Mercy College kitchens.

Students are to be dropped off at the College office at 3.45pm and can be collected at 5.00pm.

Parents/guardians are welcome to stay and enjoy a cup of coffee and a chat.

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

MORELAND'S CHILDREN

Screen Time

Do you find it difficult to get the children off the computer or away from the TV?

Is screen time starting to become dominating or excessive?

This session considers how powerful screen time and social media actually are – along with the traps to avoid excessive use and practical strategies for families.

This session will be presented by Melinda Vander Roest, Consultant from Early Life Foundations. Melinda is a passionate children's advocate with more than 28 years of experience working with young children and their families in Community and Independent settings. She has Early Childhood and Primary training as well as a Bachelor of Special Education and an Advanced Certificate of Child and Family development.

As part of her role at Early Life Foundations, Melinda mentors educators working in the Early Childhood sector as well as providing support to teachers implementing the play-based pedagogy Walker Learning. Melinda is a sort after speaker and facilitator across Australia and has experience consulting internationally.

Moreland Language Link

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| 廣東話 | 9280 1910 | 英語 | 9280 1918 |
| Italiano | 9280 1911 | 菲律賓語 | 9280 0750 |
| Tagalog | 9280 1912 | 印地安語 | 9280 0751 |
| 阿拉伯語 | 9280 1913 | | |
| Turkçe | 9280 1914 | All other languages | |
| Tiếng Việt | 9280 1915 | 9280 1919 | |



KEY DETAILS

Time: 7 – 9 pm

Date: Tuesday 7 August 2018

Venue: Moreland Civic Centre,
90 Bell Street, Coburg
(Enter via Urquhart Street)

Cost: \$11 per person

Bookings:

Bookings are essential as places are limited.

To make a booking visit:

moreland.vic.gov.au/parent-information

Bookings close Monday 6 August 2018

For more information please phone
9240 1111.

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Kids gamed

Child data stolen, sold

CHILDREN'S data, including email addresses, phone numbers and passwords, is being sold online after being stolen from gaming websites such as Fortnite and Minecraft.

Cyber-criminals are selling "data sets" of children's personal information for as little as \$15 on the dark web — a hidden part of the internet known for illegal activity.

Federal Law Enforcement and Cyber Security Minister Angus Taylor is planning new laws to crack down on criminals using gaming applications to exploit children.

Datasets advertised for sale online included passwords and email addresses for gaming accounts and phone numbers obtained from social media site Snapchat.

Security in Depth chief executive Michael Connory, who has provided cyber security advice to the government, said the sale of children's data online was a growing trend.

ANNABEL HENNESSY

"We've found over the past 18 months the number of children's IDs being advertised for sale has grown substantially.

"The advantage to having children's ID is that it's far more usable for someone to perpetrate long-term identity theft. It's unlikely a child will look at their credit history, or if they're applying for loans or setting up bank accounts."

He said there were also fears paedophiles could use the data for grooming purposes.

Cyber safety expert Ross Bark said criminals could use a child's username and password for a gaming site to extract more data, including phone numbers, credit card details, birthdates and home address.

"Websites like Fortnite ask users to hand over a lot of personal information, which is very valuable to criminals," Mr Bark said.

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