



St. Matthew's School

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NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 20th March 2018. No 7.

TERM 1 2018 ~

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.**

Tuesday 27th March ~ **PARISH EDUCATION BOARD MEETING, 7:15pm in the Parish House.**

Wednesday 28th March ~ **PREP – 6 HOLY WEEK LITURGY, 2:40pm in the Church. Come One. Come All & Celebrate this most sacred time of Holy Week with your Children and their teachers.**

* Thursday 29th March ~ **EASTER BONNET (HAT) PARADE, 9:15am in the Hall or on the Oval depending on the weather.**

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

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

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

Sunday 1st April ~ **EASTER SUNDAY, Jesus rose from the Dead.**

TERM 2

Monday 16th April ~ **TERM 2 COMMENCES at 8:50pm sharp. Don't be late.**

Tuesday 17th April ~ **PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION MEETING, 9:05am in the Family Room.**

Friday 20th April ~ **WHOLE SCHOOL COLOUR FUN RUN.**

Tuesday 24th April ~ **ANZAC DAY LITURGY, 2:40pm in the Church.**

Tuesday 24th April ~ **PARISH EDUCATION BOARD MEETING, 7:15pm in the Parish House.**

Wednesday 25th April ~ **ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY. No School for Students and Staff.**

Thursday 26th April ~ **STAFF ANNUAL CONFERENCE, No School for Students.**

Friday 27th April ~ **STAFF ANNUAL CONFERENCE, No School for Students.**

Saturday 26th May ~ **YEAR 4 FIRST EUCHARIST FAMILY MASS, 5:30pm in St Matthew's Church.**

Monday 28th May to Friday 31st May ~ **GRADE 6 CAMP TO CANBERRA.**

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

This week there are a lot of advertisements for upcoming events both in and out of school, so please scroll through to the appropriate pages to find out all the details.

AUSSIE 2018 EASTER COLOUR IN COMPETITION

One of our Dads Mr Paul Senior (Harrison 1MC & Zachary PGP) works for Aussie Home Loans and has offered the students of St Matthew's the opportunity to enter an Easter colouring in competition. The competition is open to all students in Grades Prep – 2 and optional for students in Grades 3 – 6. Students in Grades 3 – 6 need to get the colouring in sheet from the school office. All details must be filled out and returned to school by next Tuesday 27th March. So please come into the office and asked "Lina/Zina, "Could I please have the Easter Colouring in Competition sheet?" Good Luck Everyone!!

2019 ENROLMENTS FOR GRADES PREP – 6 ARE NOW OPEN.

Yes Enrolments are now open and enrolment packages are available from the School Office. If you know of a family member, friend or neighbour who is thinking of sending their child to St Matthew's in 2019 they can ring the School Office on 9359 5423 and request an individual tour at a time that is both convenient to us and them. Mrs Hocking and I do try to make ourselves available as much as possible for these individual tours.

Parents who have older siblings already at St Matthew's and a younger sibling due to start in 2019 (turning 5 before April 30th 2019) we ask that you come and pick up an enrolment package and return a filled out enrolment form as soon as possible as we are already planning our grade structures for 2019. We hope to start interviewing Parents and Students in the first half of Term 2. So please get those enrolment forms in as soon as possible.

NDIS – NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME ~ The NDIS is being introduced by region in Victoria. This means that in some parts of the state the NDIS is already available, while in others it has yet to begin. From March 2018, the NDIS will become available in the Hume Moreland Region. **Please see the following page and also the last page for further information and explanations.**

EASTER RAFFLE – The Parents and Friends' Association are once again running their annual Easter Egg Raffle and raffle tickets came home last recently. We ask that you support this fundraiser as all profit from the Raffle goes directly back into resources and equipment for your children. Please refer to **page 8** for the flyer with all the details. Also if you can donate or know of anyone that could donate eggs or chocolate please send them along to school with your children or drop them off in the school office. **All ticket stubs and money are due back to school by next Monday 26th March. Thanking you in anticipation of your support.**

EASTER BONNET PARADE & CASUAL CLOTHES DAY.

Don't forget to put Thursday 29th March, the last day of term, in your diary. Once again the Parents and Friends' Association are organising another event, an Easter Bonnet (Hat) Parade combined with a Casual Clothes Day. This is an opportunity to put together some extraordinary things to create an Easter Bonnet/Hat. Come on Parents and Kids get your thinking caps on and let's see what wonderful Easter Bonnets you can come up with!! As it is also a casual dress day, all students are allowed to wear casual clothes as long as they bring along a gold coin, \$1 or \$2. See the flyer on page **9** for all details.

VICTORIAN PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE ~ Please see all details on Page **7**. If you have any further queries please see Mrs Helen Howden, our Literacy Leader.

TOMORROW NIGHT WEDNESDAY 21ST MARCH - NETBALL - Please see the Advertisement on page **11** for Girls & Boys to join a Netball competition.

THIS FRIDAY 23RD MARCH - FOOTBALL – Also please see the Email Ad on page **12** again for Girls & Boys for Football.

PARENT REMINDER – The Teachers' Car Park is a **NO GO ZONE** for Parent Parking after 8:30am in the morning & not before 3:45pm in the afternoon. Please remember your children's safety is our number one priority. Drop Offs & Pick-ups at Before and After School Care work well with these times.

We look forward to celebrating our HOLY WEEK LITURGY with all our Students, Parents and Staff next Wednesday 28th March at 2:40pm in our Church. Come early before you pick up your children.

Bob Brown – Principal

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



NDIS Information

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) information for students who live in Hume Moreland (HUME) in receipt of the following programs/supports:

- Students with disability transport program (Specialist School Bus, taxi or conveyance allowance); and/or
- Personal care support at school (Program for Students with Disabilities (PSD) funding at level 4, 5 or 6; and/or Medical Intervention Support (MIS)).
- Students receiving PSD funding for Vision Impairment ·
- Students enrolled at a Specialist School exclusively for students with Moderate to Profound Intellectual Disability

How do I know if my child is eligible for NDIS?

From October 2016, students in receipt of these programs/supports can access the NDIS if they meet the age, residency and disability requirements. If your child meets the disability requirements and you live in Hume Moreland which is the following Local Government Areas outlined below, your child may be able to access the scheme.

- Hume
- Moreland

When will parents be contacted?

From September 2018 the NDIA will phone you or send you a letter to begin the initial paperwork.

What do I need to do after the NDIA contacts me?

As the NDIS may fund supports and services in addition to what your child is currently receiving at school we encourage you to respond to the NDIA as soon as they get in touch.

It is important to note the NDIS does not fund supports that relate to your child's learning. These will still be the responsibility of schools and the education system.

If your child is eligible for the NDIS, you will be asked to work with the NDIA to develop a plan which will identify the services and support best suited to your child.

What will change and what won't?

Your child will be assessed for need and may be eligible for a range of supports. For now, your child's bus to school and support for personal care needs at school will continue to be delivered in the same way. If there are changes to arrangements in the future these will be gradual and we will talk to you first. For now there is no change.

What if my child isn't receiving personal care or transport?

If you live in Hume Moreland and your child is not currently receiving these services through the Victorian Government, and you believe they might be eligible for the NDIS, we encourage you to approach the NDIA to be assessed. You can contact the NDIA on 1800 800 110.

What if I don't live in Hume Moreland?

The NDIS is transitioning across Victoria, Local Government Area by Local Government Area from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2019.

To see when the Local Government Area you live in is scheduled to transition, please refer to the website: <https://myplace.ndis.gov.au/ndisstorefront/about-us/our-sites/vic.1.htm>

PREP – 6 HOLY WEEK LITURGY INVITATION:

*Parents and Friends of the St Matthew's School and Parish
Community are invited to the*

*HOLY WEEK LITURGY PRESENTED BY THE PREP
TO 6 CHILDREN*

When: Next Wednesday 28th March at 2:40pm

Where: St Matthew's Church

*We hope to see as many parents and friends of the St
Matthew's School and Parish community there to celebrate
with us.*

Mr Steven Hubbard
Religious Education Leader



EDUCATION IN FAITH

GRADE 1 PARENT AND CHILD FAITH / WORKSHOP NIGHT THANK YOU:

Thank you to the Grade 1 Parents and Children who attended the Faith/Workshop centered around the children developing their own prayer life as a way of coming closer to God. It was wonderfully presented by Sister Rita Malavisi (Sisters of St Joseph of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus) and well received by all who attended. Below are some photos of the night.



PREP GUEST SPEAKER

This week the Prep students were visited by guest speaker, one of our Dads, Constable Bradley Proud (Zachary 3PW & Timothy PL) to further explore their Inquiry topic of 'Keeping Happy, Safe and Healthy'. Constable Proud was able to touch on a variety of the topics covered throughout the Preps Inquiry unit, as well as providing other insights into how students could apply this knowledge into real life and practical situations. This included educating the students on the features of the Victorian Police uniform, so that they are able to correctly identify a police officer when they require assistance, providing students with various scenarios and how to best approach each problem, as well as strategies to stay calm in situations where they might feel scared or anxious.

Thank you to both Bradley and Anna Proud for their involvement and for making our Inquiry topic come to life. It was a great learning experience for all involved.

"I learnt to call 000- ambulance, fire engine and police when there is an emergency" –Rio Prep F

"I learnt about handcuffs, they have a lock and a special key to open and close, they also keep us safe" –Julian Prep F

"I learnt that if a stranger tries to take me I yell "you are not my mum or dad!" –Jayden Prep L

"I learnt about the police uniform. It is blue and has a belt, stick, pen, name tag, handcuffs and three badges. One badge on the hat and two badges on the shoulders" –Mysha Prep L

"I learnt to hold my mum's hand to keep me safe" –Hannah Prep GP

"I learnt to call 000 in an emergency" –Thomas Prep GP





Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and St Matthew's is excited to be participating.

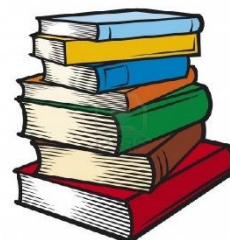
The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition, but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 7 September 2018.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll. If you would like your child's name to appear on the Honour Roll, please sign the form provided and return to Mrs Helen Howden.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

If you would like your child's name to appear on the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge online Honour Roll, please sign this form and return it to your school.



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Definitions: *Department* refers to the Victorian Department of Education and Training, *Person* refers to the child/adult listed below in the consent declaration.

1) Privacy Protection

The Department takes its privacy obligations seriously and any personal information collected or used by the Department will be handled in accordance with the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014* (Vic). This law sets out what we must do when the Department collects, uses, handles and destroys personal information. Personal information includes personal details such as an individual's name and school that could be used to identify an individual.

2) Collection, use, disclosure and storage of personal information

If you provide your consent your school will collect and disclose your child's first and last name, and the name of the school to the Department. The Department will then:

Publish your child's name on its online Honour Roll located at: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc at the completion of the Challenge with no other identifying factors such as early childhood setting name.

3) Accuracy, access to information and withdrawal of consent

The Department will endeavour to ensure that any personal information held about your child is up to date and accurate. You can access, correct and withdraw personal information held by the Department by written request in accordance with the Department's Information Privacy Policy located at:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/privacypolicy.aspx>

Consent may be withdrawn at any time by writing to the Department's Privacy Unit on:

privacy.enquiries@edumail.vic.gov.au.

If you have any questions about this form, or if you need more information, please contact the PRC Challenge Coordinator at the Department readingchallenge@edumail.vic.gov.au or (03) 9637 3624.

Yes I consent to my child's name appearing on the online Honour roll

Name of child.....

Parent Signature.....



St Matthew's Parents and Friends Association

Easter Raffle

PRIZES TO BE WON

Easter Hampers and more!

Be in it to win it!

All tickets, money and donations* to be returned to school

no later than Monday 26th March

Raffle will be drawn at the school on Thursday 29th March.



*If anyone has any Easter goods they would like to donate as raffle prizes please hand in to the office.

St Matthew's Parents and Friends Association

CASUAL CLOTHES DAY & EASTER BONNET PARADE

Thursday 29th March 2018 @9.15

GOLD COIN DONATION



Easter Bonnet and Hat Competition



Share Your Easter Bonnet /Hat Creation and Win!

In celebration of Easter, we are running a fantastic Easter Bonnet/Hat competition. Everyone put your thinking caps on and start getting creative as there are prizes to be won. Parade will be held on the same day as casual clothes day, along with drawing of Easter Raffle. Parents are welcome to attend, more information to follow.



SIMONDS
CATHOLIC COLLEGE
Phone: 03 9321 9200 Web: www.sccmelb.catholic.edu.au

OPEN AFTERNOON

Meet the Principal, teachers and current students to learn how we implement our vision to develop confident, well-rounded young men who have hope for their future

- Guided tours by current students
- Faculty displays
- Demonstrations by staff and students
- Principal Information Session with Q&A
- Discussion panel with current students

Thursday 22 March 2018

3.30pm to 6.00pm

St Mary's Campus,

273 Victoria Street West Melbourne

Further information: 9321 9207

School Registrar, Katie Hadjab

khadjab@sccmelb.catholic.edu.au

SCHOOL TOURS

Our school tours commence at 9.15am and are a great opportunity to see the school in operation and speak with our Principal directly regarding any questions you may have about Simonds Catholic College.

SCHOOL TOUR DATES Term 2 2018

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| • Friday 20 April | • Wednesday 30 May |
| • Monday 30 April | • Monday 4 June |
| • Tuesday 8 May | • Tuesday 12 June |
| • Friday 18 May | • Friday 22 June |

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: www.trybooking.com/TFFJ

Year 7 2020

Enrolment Applications Close 3 August 2018

St Mary's Campus
273 Victoria St
WEST MELBOURNE VIC 3003

St Brigid's Campus
Cnr Alexandra Pde & Nicholson St
FITZROY NORTH VIC 3068

FAWKNER NETBALL CLUB - COMMUNITY MEETING

Tomorrow Wednesday 21st March 7pm,

The Fawkner North Coburg Sports Association, based at Charles Mutton Reserve, Fawkner, is starting a Netball Club for the community. If you are interested in helping to start this initiative, coaching, volunteering on committee, or have girls or boys interested in playing netball, you are invited to attend a community meeting on Wednesday 21st March at 7pm. The meeting will be held at the Northern Saints Football Club Social Club Rooms at Charles Mutton Reserve, Creedon St, Fawkner.

Please call 0438 884 950 to register your interest.

NORTHERN SAINTS JUNIOR FC FAWKNER <NORTHERNSAINTSFCJUNIORS@GMAIL.COM

Hello Everyone,

We would like to welcome and ask for your support for our upcoming Active Community event - **FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS**

We will be hosting a free event open to the whole community to come with their families for a range of activities, competitions, food, fun and meet some guests.

Event: Friday Night Lights

Date: This Friday 23rd March

Time: 6pm - 8pm

Location: Charles Mutton Reserve - 12 Creedon St, Fawkner

FREE Event!

We would welcome your support and involvement in this event and ask that you also promote this event to your families.

This event will be serving food that is Halal and there will be NO alcohol served at this event.

Our aim for this event is to have a fun and active environment for all families and juniors to also promote Girls sports in their local area.

Our Girls Football team and clinic is currently taking Expressions of interest for girls aged between 8 to 17.

We will ask that all participants enrol to take part in the nights events on the day and we will have a host of guests, sponsors and local council at this event to show their encouragement towards sports in the community.

If you would like to also take part or would like to discuss your involvement further please feel free to contact me.

We ask kindly that you promote this event at your school, centre or with your local families by including this in your newsletter, noticeboard or via any other communication.

Please see the flyer attached as PDF, PNG and JPEG.

We will be in contact with you shortly to follow up on your support.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Emma Bretherton

Junior and Girls Football Coordinator

0403 664 984

<http://www.northernsaints.org.au/>



**FAMILY FRIENDLY
EVENT WILL BE
HELD AT
COBURG LAKE**

**HOSTED BY:
PETER HITCHENER**

**FROM CHANNEL 9
NEWS**

**SUNDAY
15th April**



WWW.3058WORKOUT.COM

FREE REGISTRATION ONLINE

**10am-2pm in Support of
Cancer Council Victoria**

**Food, drinks, showbags, face painting &
t-shirts for sale online or on the day!**



Presented by: Coburg Osteopathy & Health Services WWW.COBURGOSTEO.COM.AU



Your child's secondary school journey begins here

Enrolment Information Evening

Wednesday, 2nd May 2018 at 6:00pm

John Fawkner College, 51 Jukes Road, Fawkner VIC 3060

Phone: 9359 1166



Thank you for exploring John Fawkner College for your child's education. We warmly invite you to our presentation evening on Wednesday 2nd May 2018. The evening is a perfect opportunity for prospective families to learn more about life as part of the John Fawkner College community. All parents and students are encouraged to attend. The evening includes College tours hosted by current students and presentations from the College Leadership Team.

Mark Natoli
Principal

Applications for entry into other year levels are welcome at any time and are processed subject to the availability of places at the College.

Phone 9359 1166 or visit us at <http://www.jfc.vic.edu.au>

NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

HUME MORELAND AREA

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is a new, national approach providing individualised support and services for people with disability. The NDIS is administered by the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).

The NDIS commenced operation in some parts of the State on 1 July 2016 and will rollout progressively across the remainder of the State, Area by Area, until it is fully operational on 1 July 2019. Key information for Hume Moreland is as follows:

Area start date	Local government areas	Local Area Coordinator
1 March 2018	Hume, Moreland	Brotherhood of St Laurence

Participants will transition to the NDIS based on where they live, not where they attend school.

Eligibility is focused on lifelong, functional impairment. NDIS eligibility information is available on the [NDIS Access Checklist](#) which is on the NDIS website.

There are two possible pathways for students with a disability to access the NDIS:

1. Students who are receiving specified disability programs or supports will have their details automatically provided to the NDIA. Your school will be able to advise you if your child is receiving one of these supports. These students may be contacted by the NDIA up to six months prior to their Area's start date and invited to test their eligibility for the scheme.
2. Students who do not receive any of the specified programs or supports can directly contact either the NDIA or the NDIA Local Area Coordinator to test their eligibility. This can commence up to six months prior to their Area's rollout date.

Further information

Contact your NDIA Local Area Coordinator or the NDIA for information about the NDIS. Your school has also been provided with general information about the NDIS and what it means for students with disabilities.

NDIA Local Area Coordinator
Brotherhood of St Laurence
Phone: (03) 9483 1183 Email: ndis.info@bsl.org.au Website: www.bsl.org.au
National Disability Insurance Agency
Phone: 1800 800 110 Email: enquiries@ndis.gov.au Website: www.ndis.gov.au