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NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 27th March 2018. No 8.

TERM 1 2018 ~

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

Wednesday 28th March ~ **GRADES 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 ~ **HOLY THURSDAY**, Jesus celebrated the Last Supper, the First Eucharist

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

* 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.**

Sunday 3rd June ~ YEAR 4 EUCHARIST MASSES, 12:30pm & 3:00pm both in St Matthew's Church.

Tuesday 26th June ~ **PARISH EDUCATION BOARD MEETING**, 7:15pm in the Parish House.

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

As Term 1 draws to a close we reflect back on what has been an extremely busy term, but we also focus and look forward to Holy Week – Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, a sacred time when Jesus celebrated the Last Supper, Good Friday when he died on the Cross for us and then on Easter Sunday he rose from the dead. Easter is also a wonderful time for families to come together for quality time with one another. Enjoy!!

REMINDER - 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 4:00pm today, Tuesday 27th March**. So please come into the office and asked Zina, "Could I please have the Easter Colouring in Competition sheet?" Good Luck Everyone!!



PAST STUDENT MEETS POPE FRANCIS

Here is Angela Markas, a past student, also eldest daughter of Bushra our Playgroup Leader and older sister to Joseph in 6TH having an audience with Pope Francis in Rome recently. Angela was chosen to represent the Victorian Chaldean (Iraqi) community. How lucky is she to come so close to and speak so candidly with Pope Francis. I am sure this will be an experience she will treasure for ever and never forget. Congratulations Angela.

REMINDER - 019 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, Week 3 or 4**. So please get those enrolment forms in as soon as possible.

REMINDER - 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 page 5 for further information and explanations.**

REMINDER - EASTER RAFFLE – All ticket stubs and money was due back to school by yesterday Monday 26th March. You have to 4:00pm this afternoon to still get them in. Thanking you for your support.

REMINDER - EASTER BONNET PARADE & CASUAL CLOTHES DAY.

This Thursday 29th March, the last day of term, 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 8** for all details.

YEAR 6 INTER-SCHOOL DISTRICT SPORT RESULTS

Congratulations to our Year 6 Students on their wonderful achievements in their first year competing in the District Sports, which consisted of 7 other schools and St Matthew's. The Mixed Bat Tennis finished 1st and will play off in the Grand Final on Thursday Morning at St matthew's, Girls Bat Tennis were 3rd, the Girls Softball came 4th and the Boy's Cricket came 5th. Congratulations and well done to Miss Annie Thompson (6 TH) for coaching & co-ordinating the Inter-school Sport program and also to Mrs Annie Torres (6 T) & Peter Lucantonio (6 L) for the coaching of their respective teams. Great team efforts by all concerned!!!!

Cricket								
		Wins	Losses	Draws	Points	For	Against	Percentage
1	Glenroy Central	7			28	795	406	195.81%
2	Oak Park	6	1		24	1537	612	251.14%
3	Bell Vue Park	4	3		16	1048	959	109.28%
4	St Thomas More	3	4		12	680	565	120.35%
5	St Matthews	4	3		16	687	726	94.62%
6	Glenroy West	2	5		8	765	949	80.61%
7	St Franics	3	4		8	494	613	79.00%
8	Westbreen	1	5		4	537	1027	52.28%
Bat Tennis Mixed								
		Wins	Losses	Draws	Points	For	Against	Percentage
1	St Matthews	6	1		24	139	89	156.17%
2	St Francis	5	2		20	110	75	146.66%
3	Glenroy Central	4	2	1	18	108	125	86.40%
4	St Thomas More	4	3		16	118	62	190.03%
4	Westbreen	3	4		12	136	168	80.95%
6	Bell Vue Park	3	4		12	139	174	79.88%
7	Glenroy West	1	5	1	6	133	164	81.09%
8	Oak Park	1	6		4	97	134	72.38%
Bat Tennis Girls								
		Wins	Losses	Draws	Points	For	Against	Percentage
1	Oak Park	6	1		24	174	67	259.70%
2	Westbreen	6	1		24	215	109	197.24%
3	St Matthews	3	3	1	14	107	149	71.81%
4	Bell Vue Park	3	4		12	136	184	73.91%
4	St Franics	3	4		12	77	105	73.33%
6	Glenroy Central	3	4		12	98	138	71.01%
7	Glenroy West	2	4	1	10	116	172	76.31%
8	St Thomas More	1	6		4	77	109	70.64%

Softball Girls								
		Wins	Losses	Draws	Points	For	Against	Percentage
1	St Francis	7			28	27	5	540.00%
2	Oak Park	5	2		20	46	25	184.00%
3	Bell Vue Park	4	2	1	16	55	35	157.14%
4	St Matthews	3	4		12	23	29	165.55%
4	Westbreen	3	4		12	36	49	73.46%
6	St Thomas More	2	4	1	10	25	16	156.25%
7	Glenroy West	2	5		8	15	47	31.91%
8	Glenroy Central	1	6		4	20	39	51.28%

We look forward to celebrating our HOLY WEEK LITURGY with all our Students, Parents and Staff tomorrow Wednesday 28th March at 2:40pm in our Church. Come early before you pick up your children. Enjoy a Happy & Holy Easter Everyone and have a wonderful two week break from school!! See you all on Monday 16th April.

Bob Brown – Principal

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

EDUCATION IN FAITH - 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: 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. We also thank the teachers and children for the time and effort they have put into this important event in our school & church calendar!

Mr Steven Hubbard - Religious Education Leader





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>

STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS

➤ **Michael Grose's Parenting Ideas:**

Topic Three: Good Kids

Discipline is one of the most important parts of parenting. It's about keeping kids safe, making them social and enhancing their chances of success. It's also about getting more cooperation from kids. Discipline is easy if you have easy kids or they are in an easy stage of development. But getting cooperation from kids who are challenging, going through a 'difficult' stage or who have difficult temperaments is a real discipline challenge for many parents. Get it right and family-life is a breeze. Don't have a plan and parenting can be a constant struggle.

Well-behaved kids

Effective parents use a broad range of strategies to promote appropriate behaviours and change behaviour when it's less than perfect.

They also use strategies that are in line with modern teaching and child care methods ... so smacking is out, but consequences, behaviour rehearsal and other forms of teaching kids to behave well are in.

Keep the following five principles in mind as you teach your kids to behave well:

1. Avoid the first impulse when kids misbehave. Most children's misbehaviour has a pay-off, so it's important to change yourself, if you are going to change your children's misbehaviour.
2. The more time you spend teaching kids to behave well the less time you'll spend responding to poor behaviour.
3. Kids want good A-grade attention from parents. If they don't get it they will settle for B-grade every time. Make sure you spend 1-on-1 time with kids each day, and get better at catching them doing the right thing.
4. When you get tired you revert to your lowest level of parenting technique, so if that means yelling to get cooperation then that's what you'll do. The key is to practise better techniques when you aren't stressed, so that when you do get tired your responses will be better.
5. Effective parents have a big repertoire of strategies to use when kids misbehave, rather than rely on one or two techniques to improve behaviour. Build your repertoire of tools and language to promote better behaviour and get cooperation from kids.

More information can be found on the following website: <http://www.parentingideas.com.au/>

Mr Hubbard
Student Wellbeing Leader



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

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.

EXTEND AT ST MATTHEWS



This week at before and after school care we have had so much fun doing lots of different activities! We began our week with soccer, we took advantage of the nice weather and played many mini matches of soccer on the oval. This was a really fun activity as we were able to be in teams and play productively with our friends. We then proceeded with painting ceramic animals. We were able to choose from fairies, under the water creatures and jungle animals to paint, we really loved being able to use different colours to make the ceramic animals come to life. We then had a musical afternoon with pass the parcel and musical statues. The children really loved participating in these activities as they were able to dance around the room, and complete funny dares in the pass the parcel. There were giggles all afternoon. We then proceeded our week with making popsicle stick people. The children made little houses for their families and made animals out of the popsicles. To finish off our week we made playdough! The children love playing with playdough, and adding all the different ingredients, to see the playdough form. They added some paint and glitter to make their playdough super unique and fun. We then used our playdough to have a playdough competition where we set a timer and the kids had to make love hearts, cupcakes and animals. They really loved this competition. We can't wait to continue this fun with all after the Easter break!

We wish you all a safe Easter holiday.

*Sarah,
Team Leader*

Our Extend Superstar is...

Stella Haritos, for playing productively and creatively with her friends. Keep up the great work Stella!

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 26th March:

Sports Activity – Poison Ball

Tuesday 27th March:

Science Activity - Slime

Wednesday 28th March:

Arts & Craft – A3 painting

Thursday 29th March:

Baking Activity – Pizza

Good Friday

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

ATTENTION ALL
GIRLS & WOMEN!

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HOME TO
17 AFLW
DRAFTEES!

CONTACT US TODAY

Soccer - soccer@falcons.org.au
AFL - youthgirls@falcons.org.au
A.H. Capp Reserve, Halwyn Cres, Preston

2ND BIGGEST
GIRLS SOCCER
PROGRAM
IN VIC

Darebin Women's Sports Club is looking for women and girls
to join us and play AFL and SOCCER in 2018!

AFL

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

SOCCER

- U16's, U12's, Seniors and
Mini Roos Kick Off (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