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## NEWSLETTER

Week 1 – Wednesday 24th April 2019. No 10

### Dates to Remember:

#### TERM 2 2019

##### APRIL:

- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April ~ **ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY. NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF.**
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April ~ "OFF THIS PLANET" SPACE SHOW/PLANETARIUM INCURSION FOR WHOLE SCHOOL

##### MAY:

- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May ~ **PARISH EDUCATION BOARD, 7:15PM IN THE OLD FAMILY ROOM.**
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May ~ **WHOLE SCHOOL MASS TO CELEBRATE TERM 2, 9.30AM IN OUR CHURCH.**
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May ~ **WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY, LED BY 5PS at 2:45PM IN THE HALL.**
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May ~ **FIRST EUCHARIST FAITH NIGHT FOR GRADE 4 FAMILIES, 7:00PM IN THE LIBRARY.**
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May ~ **MOTHER'S DAY LITURGY AND MOTHER'S DAY STALL, More details to follow.**
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May ~ **WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY, LED BY 5DP at 2:45PM IN THE HALL.**
- Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May ~ **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR MUMS!!!**
- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May ~ **YEAR 4 FIRST EUCHARIST COMMITMENT MASS, 5:30pm in the Church.**

##### JUNE:

- Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June ~ **FIRST EUCHARIST MASSES, 12:30PM & 3:00PM in St Matthew's Church.**
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June ~ **END OF TERM 2, DISMISSAL OF ALL STUDENTS AT 3:25PM.**

#### TERM 3 2019

##### JULY:

- Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July ~ **YEAR 6 CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT MASS, 5:30PM IN OUR CHURCH.**

##### AUGUST:

- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August ~ **YEAR 6 CONFIRMATION WORKSHOP, 7:00PM IN OUR CHURCH.**
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August ~ **YEAR 6 SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION, 6:00PM IN OUR CHURCH.**

## ***A BIG HELLO to all our Students, Parents, Staff and Friends of St Matthew's,***

Yes I am now back at school after being very fortunate to spend three weeks leave plus the holidays overseas with my wife Elizabeth. We spent the first 10 days in and out of London with our eldest daughter Bridget and her partner Michael. While there we celebrated her 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday and their engagement. Two great occasions! We visited the city of Bath, Cambridge and its University, Henry VIII's Hampton Court Palace, Winston Churchill's Museum (amazing man), explored the canals around London, saw "Wicked" on London's West End and even went on the enormous London Eye (Giant Ferris Wheel)



On Westminster Bridge



Punting on the river through Cambridge



Queueing up under the Eye



Wow!! Way up high on the London Eye



Our view—Parliament, Big Ben, Thames & Westminster

After London we spent a couple of days in Boston (USA). We caught up with Michael's Uncle & Aunty and participated in a re-enactment of the Boston Tea Party, explored every part of the city as it is quite small and visited Harvard University.

Boston Tea Party site & Boston Skyline



Harvard University in Boston





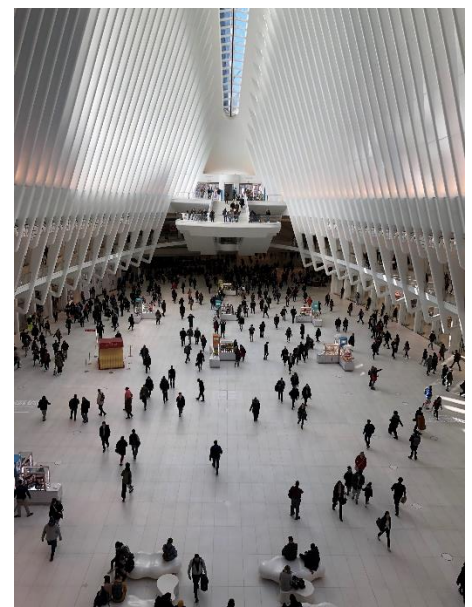
Then off to New York on the island of Manhattan for 8 days. Everything was fast paced in New York and we were no exception. Attended the New York Knicks v Miami Heat Basketball at Madison Square Garden, the New York Yankees v Detroit Tigers Baseball at Yankee Stadium, two shows on Broadway "Waitress" & "Mean Girls", went to the top of the Empire State Building, and The Rockafellar Centre (at night), really cold but great 360 degree views of New York. We went on ferries across the Hudson River to the Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island, walked across the Brooklyn Bridge and through Grand Central Park (enormous). Visited copious museums and spent nearly a day at the 9/11 Memorial, the new World One Trade Centre and the Oculus. A very moving experience.



The Famous Statue of Liberty



The New One World Trade Centre



The Oculus next to 9/11 Memorial



On the Top of the Rockefeller Centre Building, 70<sup>th</sup> Floor, 850 feet above the Ground. It was so cold our eyes were Weeping.



Madison Square Garden, New York Knicks v Miami Heat



Brooklyn Bridge, New York

Our next destination was San Francisco (4 days) where we caught up with my eldest brother-in-law Peter who is now an America citizen and resides in California. We visited the Presidio (a war cemetery) where Elizabeth's Great, Great Grandfather is buried. A veteran of the American Civil War. We also took a ferry to Alcatraz prison, rode many times on the Tramcar trolleys up and down the steepest of hills, walked across and back on the Golden Gate Bridge being chased by the afternoon fog and explored Fisherman's Wharf and the famous Pier 39.

From San Francisco we ventured to Los Angeles (also 4 days). Here we walked through Hollywood, down the famous and extremely expensive Rodeo Drive, spent a huge day at Disneyland with all its scary rides. Elizabeth was very brave and went on all the rides with me, we even saw Mickey & Minnie Mouse & Donald Duck. We walked out onto the very long Santa Monica Pier and visited Venice Beach renowned for its body building, skateboarding and roller blading. Our final outing before we left was a tour of Paramount Pictures which was quite fascinating seeing and hearing about all their famous movies.

By this stage we had started to run out of energy and our plan was to stop off at Honolulu in Hawaii to simply relax and catch our breath before we headed back to Australia. This we did and we arrived back home in pretty good



shape. We had a wonderful a trip, but it is always nice to be back home again to celebrate Easter with family and Friends and now back at school. Hope you enjoy some of our photos.



**Santa Monica Pier**



**The Famous Alcatraz Prison**



**Fog sets in on the Golden Gate Bridge**



**Donald Duck at Disneyland**



**The Dolby Theatre in Hollywood**



**A Waikiki Sunset, Honolulu**

### **MY SINCERE THANKS**

I would like to personally and publicly thank Mrs Carmela D'Amato for all her wonderful work as Acting Principal while I was on leave. Although many plans were already put into place there was much to be done, especially with the relocation of our Administration block and Staffroom. Carmela was very ably assisted by Mrs Natalie Moreira, Mrs Almoza Chahoud and Mrs Lina Fieschi from the Admin team. Thank you Ladies! To our two Maintenance men Mr Damian Lyons and Mr Steven Micallef who did all the heavy lifting, shifting and cleaning out of furniture, Thank you Gentlemen!

To our members of the Leadership Team – Mrs Helen Howden (Acting Deputy Principal), Mrs Rina Carfi and Mrs Katrina White for all their assistance behind the scenes, my sincere thanks too! Finally to all the staff who covered my before and after school duties and any extras, thank you so much. It was very reassuring to know that all was in excellent hands while I was away. Well done everyone on a great Team Effort!

### **UPDATE ON RENOVATIONS TO ADMINISTRATION**

The Building contract will be signed next Monday afternoon. Soon after this the builders will come on site and renovations will be commencing. Last Term an alert was sent through Skoolbag App letting families know that our front office will no longer be accessible and the new office entrance will be operational instead. Parents, staff, students and visitors can only access the front office in the following way:

### **REMINDERS:**

**BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL:** The double gates at the front of the school will not be accessible as this will be the building site entrance. The entrance to the Parish carpark will be the entrance to the school. Everyone will need to walk through the double gates onto the Asphalt area into school. LOWSON St and SELOLA Court will still be accessible. The Drop Off and Pick Up area will remain the same at the front of the school however; the students will need to walk through the church carpark.

**LATE ARRIVALS and LATE PICKUP:** Students should be at school by 8.45, ready to start the school day at 8.50am. Any students arriving after 9am should be taken to the LOWSON St entrance so that they can be signed in. At the end of the school day, all students should be picked up by 3.45pm at the latest. If you are arriving later than this, you will need to pick your child up from the LOWSON St office.

**DURING SCHOOL TIME:** The only entrance will be through one open gate at LOWSON St. Students and Parents will need to proceed through the carpark and the single gate at the end to the Senior building. There will be a doorbell to ring to let the office staff know that there is someone there. Further double gates and a single gate have been installed to prevent people moving further into the school. The Visual Arts room has now become the Administration Office and the former Wellbeing Office is Mr Brown and Mrs D'Amato's combined office. The Staffroom is now in the Family Room along with the Playgroup.

## ENROLMENTS

Enrolments for 2020 are now opened. If you have a younger son or daughter who turns 5 years old before April 30<sup>th</sup> 2020 then they are eligible to enrol. If you have relatives or friends from kinder let them know about our amazing school and get them to come to the office to pick up an enrolment form.

## ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION



On Wednesday afternoon the whole school gathered in the church to commemorate ANZAC (Australian and New Zealand army Corps) Day.

Although Gallipoli represents different things to different people, the story of the ANZAC's who fought at Gallipoli is one of perseverance and courage in the face of failure and despair. Of all the events in Australia's history, the battle of Gallipoli in World War 1 stands out as having defined the spirit of our Nation. So, today, when you hear someone speak about the ANZAC spirit, think of courage, bravery, endurance, mateship, determination and sacrifice. These are the values that were demonstrated so strongly by the soldiers at Gallipoli and are important in defining Australia as a nation.

At our service we remembered with thanksgiving those who made the supreme sacrifice for us in times of war. We prayed that the offering of their lives may not have been in vain. We also dedicated ourselves to the cause of JUSTICE, FREEDOM and PEACE; and for the wisdom and strength to build a better world for now and the future.

**LEST WE FORGET.**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### EDUCATION IN FAITH

#### ➤ **Mother's Day Liturgy:**

The Grade 1 classes are planning a special Liturgy to celebrate mothers and special women in our lives to be held on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> May at 2:45pm in St Matthew's Church. To make this Liturgy more special we will be including a photo reflection. All families and staff of the school are invited to email in ONE photo of children with their mothers, grandmothers or special women in their lives to be included. Please note, only ONE photo per family will be included.

Please email your photos by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> of May and to the following email address:

[hhowden@smfawknernth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:hhowden@smfawknernth.catholic.edu.au)



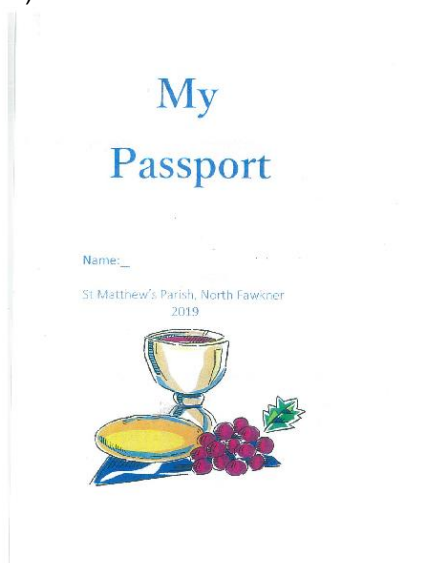
### Communion Passport (Year 4 Families):

A reminder to all parents and children in Year 4 who are receiving the Sacrament of First Communion on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June that your passport is required to be completed by Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> May. Three weekend masses need to be attended prior to the sacrament day. It is very important that you bring your passport with you and have the Parish Priest sign their name as well as writing the name of the Parish (if outside St Matthew's) at the conclusion of the mass. Once your child has attended three weekend masses they will then be required to hand their passport in to Mr Brown for him to sign and keep a record.

#### **St Matthew's Parish Mass Times:**

Saturday – 5:30pm

Sunday – 9:00am, 11:00am (Italian)



### ➤ Sacrament Home Visit Form (Years 3, 4 & 6 Families):

Fr Boy is continuing the Family Home Visits for all children making a sacrament this year. These visits are for him to talk about the importance of the sacrament and to get to know your family. The visits are short and informal. A reminder to all families who have children making a sacrament this year to please fill in the Home Visit details form for each child making a sacrament and return it to school as soon as possible. If you require a new form, please ask for a new copy at the School Office. Thank you for your support.

**Mrs Helen Howden**  
**Religious Education Leader**

## MUSIC AND DRAMA

Every three years at St Matthews, the whole school participates in a concert. This year, we will be performing the Disney Classic 'Aladdin Junior'. The children are all very excited and have started preparing already for the auditions, which will take place in weeks 1 and 2 of term 2.

The children in Grades 4, 5 and 6 are eligible to audition for main parts, but every child in the school will be participating on stage. The musical will be performed in term 3 on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, in our school hall, with the main characters performing in all three shows and everyone else, one show only.

This is a huge undertaking with the whole school, including staff involved, so if there are any parents who have a particular talent in painting, or sewing, or prop making, please email Mrs Chayna at school to let her know. Any help is greatly appreciated!!



## EXTEND UPDATE: 23/4/2019

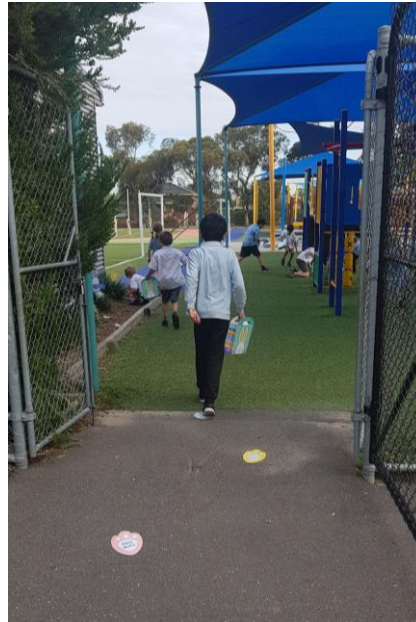
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday7	Thursday	Friday
Easter Monday Public Holiday.	Morning:  Welcome Back & Group Time.  Afternoon: Reading ANZAC Book followed by coloring in favourite image from said book.	Morning: Creating Poppies.  Afternoon: Writing Thankyou Cards to our ANZACS.	ANZAC Day Public Holiday.	Morning: Creating the Australian Flag.  Afternoon: Making ANZAC Biscuits.

### The Extend Superstar is...

**Shayan Yogit!** For making others feel welcomed and included during sports activities. Thank you for setting a great example of what it means to be inclusive. Congratulations Shayan!

**What's Been Happening?** Before the school holidays commenced, we enjoyed a great week filled with Easter arts and crafts, games, chocolate and an Easter egg hunt! The children especially loved the Easter egg hunt, it was a great opportunity for them to be introduced to the Easter season. On Monday we played the bunny hop, and on Tuesday we made easter baskets, followed by the bunny salad on Wednesday. On Thursday we enjoyed creating Easter bunny ears, and on Friday we enjoyed our final day of the term together with a large Easter egg hunt.





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The Extend team at St. Matthew's is very excited to be starting a new a fresh term. We hope this term is filled with many new opportunities and learning experiences!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me during office hours.

*Christina Sanaty.*

*Team Leader*

**Enrol and book now: [extend.com.au](https://extend.com.au)**



