



St. Matthew's School

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NEWSLETTER

Week 10 – Tuesday 2nd April 2019. No 9

Dates to Remember:

TERM 1 2019

APRIL:

- Wednesday 3rd April ~ 9.30 am **EASTER BONNET PARADE & CASUAL CLOTHES DAY. Gold Coin donation. Everyone welcome to attend.**
- Thursday 4th April ~ Stations of the Cross in the Hall at 2.30. Everyone welcome to attend. Please be mindful that this is a reverent occasion and we ask everyone to enter the hall silently.
- Friday 5th April ~ Whole School Mass 9.30am
~ **LAST DAY OF TERM 1, All Students dismissed at 3:25pm.**

TERM 2 2019

- Monday 22nd April ~ **EASTER MONDAY HOLIDAY. NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF.**
- Tuesday 23rd April ~ **FIRST DAY OF TERM 2, First bell rings at 8:50am, don't be late!**
- Thursday 25th April ~ **ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY. NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF.**
- Friday 26th April ~ "Off this planet" space show/planetarium incursion, whole school

MAY:

- Friday 3rd May ~ Whole School Mass to celebrate Term 2 9.30am
- Tuesday 7th May ~ First Eucharist Faith Night for Grade 4 families in the library
- Friday 10th May ~ **MOTHER'S DAY LITURGY AND MOTHER'S DAY STALL, More details to follow**
- Sunday 12th May ~ **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR MUMS!!!**
- Saturday 25th May ~ **YEAR 4 COMMUNION COMMITMENT MASS, 5:30pm in the Church.**

JUNE:

- Sunday 2nd June ~ **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES, 12:30PM & 3:00PM in St Matthew's Church**

Dear Students, Parents, Staff and Friends of St Matthew's,

What a busy, busy term we have had! The staff would like to thank all the families for your contributions, which have all helped to make a wonderful term. This term we have been involved in learning about keeping ourselves and others safe and in learning strategies to make sure we are always spiritually, physically and emotionally healthy and safe. I'd also like to personally thank all families and staff for their support over the last two and half weeks while I've been acting principal. It is always amazing to see how a community bands together to support each other in times of change. We look forward to having Mr Brown back in term 2 after his well-deserved break. Mr Brown sends his best wishes to everyone and has sent through many photos, which we will share in our first newsletter back in term 2. This week also has definitely been all about the moving! As always, the best thing about moving is the discussion that takes place when something that has never been seen is finally found or seen again. Often the phrase this week has been, "I remember when....." "Oh, yes, we did that....." and from an outsider's perspective, it has been great getting to know how St Matthew's became St Matthew's. Having various contractors coming in this week to work on different aspects of the relocation has also been insightful as many of these contractors have been part of the developing space of St Matthew's. The stories of the people: past staff, past priests, past students and past families is all an integral part to building up an identity and I'm proud to belong to a school so rich in story. Once again, thank you for your patience while we have been relocating the office and staff room to their new/temporary locations. Please read about the changes taking place from now on.

Catholic Easter Prayer

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal. Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it. Amen

RENOVATIONS TO ADMINISTRATION

Just a reminder that renovations will be commencing either in the school holidays or sometime in term 2. Yesterday an alert was sent through Skool bag 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:

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. 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. **For the remainder of this week, children can use the normal front gates.**

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 30th 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.

FOOTY FUN DAY

The Northern Saints Football Club ran a very successful footy fun day at St Matthew's primary school on **THURSDAY 28th MARCH**. It was great to see so many students in their school sports uniform or in their footy team colours. On the day, each year level participated in some fun footy activities run by staff from the Northern Saints FC. Thank you to the parents who came along to watch and help and thank you to the volunteers in the canteen who cooked the hundreds of party pies, sausage rolls and frankfurts on the day. A big thank you to Paul Senior for organising this extremely fun day.



Easter Bonnet/Hat Parade

It's that time of year again when the Parents and Friends are inviting all students to take part in the EASTER BONNET/HAT competition. Ever wondered why people make Easter Bonnets? Traditionally, *"according to Christian tradition, the fashion for new bonnets came thanks to Easter being known as a time for renewal. With the fasting of Lent over and people keen to mark the religious occasion, female churchgoers were eager to make and show off their new clothes, including hats."*

STUDENTS WHO COME IN CASUAL CLOTHES AND PARTICIPATE IN THE EASTER BONNET PARADE ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING A GOLD COIN AS THIS IS A SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

The Easter Bonnet Parade will be taking place **tomorrow Wednesday 3rd April at 9.30am** in the hall. **All welcome.**

We pray that all families, staff and students have a safe and happy break and we wish everyone a very Happy Easter.

Mrs Carmela D'Amato (Deputy Principal, Learning & Teaching Leader)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

First Holy Communion, each family who has booked online would have received a notice to confirm the time of their child's Communion Mass time. If you have a child who is in Grade 4 and is eligible for their First Holy Communion and you have **not** put their name down please come and see Mrs Howden immediately. We have no spaces at the 3pm mass but we do have spaces at the 12.30 mass. Please do not leave this to the last minute.

Reminders for First Holy Communion are:

- Book your mass – can only be done now by seeing Mrs Howden
- Communion Workshop – May 7th May 7.00 pm in the Library
- Commitment Mass – Saturday, 25th May 5.30 pm.
- First Holy Communion – Saturday 2nd June 12.30 pm or 3 pm



Communion Passport (Year 4 Families): will be handed this week

A reminder to all parents and children in Year 4 who are receiving the Sacrament of First Communion on Sunday, 2nd June that your passport is required to be completed by Sunday, 19th 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 or Mrs D'Amato for them to sign and keep a record.

St Matthew's Parish Mass Times:

Saturday – 5:30pm

Sunday – 9:00am, 11:00am (Italian)

LITERACY

Dear Parents,

Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge:

We have 137 children from our school who expressed interest in joining the Challenge. All these children have been registered now and will have received their personal username and password.

1. Go to www.education.vic.gov.au/prc and click on 'Register and log in' and then click on 'Student Log in'.
2. Enter your registered student username and password.
3. Click 'Log in'.
4. Your homepage will appear.

WELL DONE on accepting this challenge! The children have until September to complete their quota of books. Remember you can visit the Fawcner Library during the holidays. Just ask the Librarians where the recommended books are for the challenge.

Volunteers: Thank you to this wonderful group of parents who consistently turn up every Monday morning to change over the Home Readers for the junior children. We really appreciate your care and commitment to our St Matthew's students. We have new tubs to accommodate all the readers going home, too!



PREP NEWS- LITERACY

Last week the preps read the big book 'Mrs Wishy Washy'. On Friday as part of their fine motor rotations the students had lots of fun retelling and sequencing the story. They even had a visit from Mrs Wishy Washy herself!

"I liked Mrs Carfi being Mrs Wishy Washy because she was cleaning us" – Jonah Prep L

"I liked that the animals got washed then jumped in again" – Taylah Prep L

"I liked washing the duck with the mud on its head" – Annika Prep L

"I liked washing the animals"- Valentino Prep L

"I liked washing the animals and how Mrs Wishy Washy pretended to wash us"- Milo Prep P

"I liked when we were washing the animals off"- Mia Prep P

"I like Mrs Wishy Washy washing me"- Mukil Prep P

"I liked washing the animals"-Prep P



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 9th, 10th & 11th, 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!

LEARNING AT ST MATTHEW'S- GRADE 5 NEWS

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As a year level, the grade fives have been working on a project to fix our school. We have different groups to fix different areas such as rubbish, drop off area, toilets and safety. Our group has been working on problems in the drop off area. We are collecting data to see what things the parents are doing such as were they are parking and dropping off their children.

From Angela, Mary, Amelia, Mrs D'Amato and the Drop off area group.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Come down to Mutton Reserve this Friday 5th April @ 5pm for a taste of what Auskick is all about.

Open to Girls and Boys aged 5 -12

There will be:

- footy fun,
- a sausage in bread for kids,
- registration
- prizes

This is where Footy begins for the little ones.

Share this invitation with your friends, family and neighbours. All welcome.

Register now by selecting Northern Saints Fawkner online: <https://play.afl/auskick>

Auskick starts from Friday 26th April at 5pm and runs every Friday at 5pm.

If you have any queries about our program please get in contact with our club or come down on Friday and chat with Andrea, Paul, Joseph or Emma.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

WEEK 10 TERM 1

Congratulations to the following people who will receive a PRINCIPAL award at assembly on Friday 5th April, 2019

PREP L Jacob Khawaja

PREP P Sonny Cross

1M Jayden Audish

1PV Vostina Talal

2H Myiesha Aziz

2F Sebastian Almeida

3V Emilia Fileccia

3PM Katia Scarfo

4C Isabella Goro

4K Nathan Hurmiz

5D Patrick Sanaty

5DP Erik Agustsson

5PS Stefan Raddino

6YG Sarita Kossifas

6T Calvin Carpenter

6TH Charlise Segi

EXTEND UPDATE: 25/3/2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning: Skipping to Music. Afternoon: The Bunny Hop!	Morning: Free Craft. Afternoon: Easter Basket Creations!	Morning: Easter Egg Painting. Afternoon: The Bunny Salad!	Morning: Bunny Ear Creations. Afternoon: The Easter Parade!	Morning: Making Pancakes. Afternoon: Easter Egg Hunt!

The Extend Superstar is...

Gabrielle Lecuru... For never hesitating to lend a hand when needed. She has been very helpful this week to both of her friends and educators. Congratulations Gabby!

What's Been Happening?

Last week we had a great time experiences new things. We especially had a blast at our dance party, which was led by our very own, Sarah Galea! On Tuesday, we took advantage of the lovely weather by having a picnic outside and enjoying the facilities of the playground! On Wednesday we came together as a group and created our farewell cards to Yee Yin. On Thursday we had a blast by creating our very own individual board games! Afterwards, we explained the rules and instructions of the board games to each other before playing them! On Friday we had a goodbye party for Yee, this included fun, games and dancing, as well as giving her our goodbye cards and gifts. Yee Yin has sadly gone back to her home country of Malaysia. Thank you for all of your time and dedication to Extend Before and After School Care, Yee. We wish you all the best in your future endeavours! Just a friendly reminder that the Art Exhibition is still on display, all parents and families are more than welcome to come and view these spectacular art pieces during operating hours. All are welcome.

On another note, I would like to officially welcome myself to the community of St. Matthew's Primary School! My name is Christina Sanaty and I am the new Team Leader / Coordinator for Extend Before and After School Care. I am very excited to be coming and working back at my very own primary school. St. Matthew's has given me a great deal of skills and knowledge over the years, and it is natural that I am excited to give back to the community. If any parents or families have any enquiries, please do not hesitate to come and speak to me during the operating hours of Extend at St. Matthew's. Thank you.

Christina Sanaty, Service Coordinator

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