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NEWSLETTER

Week 3 – Tuesday 7th May 2019. No 12

Dates to Remember:

TERM 2 2019

MAY:

- Tuesday 7th May ~ **FIRST EUCHARIST FAITH NIGHT FOR GRADE 4 FAMILIES, 7:00PM IN THE LIBRARY.**
- Friday 10th May ~ **MOTHER'S DAY LITURGY AND MOTHER'S DAY STALL,**
- Sunday 12th May ~ **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR MUMS!!!**
- Friday 17th May ~ **WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY, LED BY 5DP, 2:45PM IN THE HALL.**
- Friday 24th May ~ **SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR STAFF – “7 STEPS TO WRITING SUCCESS” – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
- Saturday 25th May ~ **YEAR 4 FIRST EUCHARIST COMMITMENT MASS, 5:30pm in the Church.**

JUNE:

- Sunday 2nd June ~ **FIRST EUCHARIST MASSES, 12:30PM & 3:00PM in St Matthew's Church.**
- Monday 3rd June ~ **YEAR 6 STUDENTS ANNUAL CAMP TO CANBERRA COMMENCES.**
- Friday 7th June ~ **YEAR 6 STUDENTS RETURN FROM ANNUAL CANBEERA CAMP.**
- Monday 10th June ~ **QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS & STAFF.**
- Friday 28th June ~ **LAST DAY OF TERM 2, Dismissal at normal time, 3:25pm.**

TERM 3 2019

JULY:

- Monday 15th July ~ **FIRST DAY OF TERM 3, First Bell rings at 8:50am, Don't be late!**
- Saturday 20th July ~ **YEAR 6 CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT MASS, 5:30PM IN OUR CHURCH.**

AUGUST:

- Tuesday 6th August ~ **YEAR 6 CONFIRMATION WORKSHOP, 7:00PM IN OUR CHURCH.**
- Friday 9th August ~ **YEAR 6 SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION, 6:00PM IN OUR CHURCH.**
- Tuesday 13th August ~ **ST MATTHEW'S BOOK FAIR!!! Author Due De Gennaro**
- Monday 19th August ~ **ST MATTHEW'S BOOK WEEK!!! Authors Hilary Badger & Sue De Gennaro**

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

Thank you to all the Students and Parents who asked me about my trip and enjoyed seeing my photos. It was my pleasure to share them with you. Just letting you all know that I start my treatment next Tuesday and this will take place over the next three months. When I feel well enough I will be in school for short bursts and when unwell obviously I will be away. If I am wearing a beanie you will know what has happened to my hair. I look forward to returning full time late July early August

PLEASE NOTE ~ YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY IS A PRIORITY AT ST MATTHEW'S LOWSON STREET

Parents there are a few directives regarding Lowson Street that all parents need to adhere to:

1. Only Staff and deliveries are allowed to drive into the Staff Car Park. Parents need to park in Lowson Street. If parents continue to park in the Staff Car Park their cars will be towed away. This will then mean they incur a cost to get their car back.
2. Parents can only park on the School Side of Lowson Street at all times. There are parking restriction signs on the opposite side of the road. If you choose to park on the wrong side during these restrictions you will receive a hefty fine from the Moreland City Council
3. So please for your Children's Safety and your financial status do the right thing and no one will get hurt or angry.

WILLIAM STREET –

It is quite obvious that a lot more parents are using Lowson Street instead of William Street to drop off their children, which is causing the congestion mentioned above.

This is extremely dangerous as there is no School Crossing or Crossing Supervisor in Lowson St. I think a number of parents are doing this because they are concerned that their children have to walk past the old School Double gates to the Parish Car Park and they cannot see them go into school.

Once the Building Site Fencing is erected we will be moving the Drop Off Zone to the south side of the School Crossing (Before the School Crossing). The cones and sign will be along the grass nature strip and past the Parish Car park entrance for the children to be picked up & dropped off.

REMINDER - SELOLA COURT -

TO ALL PARENTS WHO DROP OFF OR PICK UP YOUR CHILDREN IN SELOLA COURT. SELOLA COURT ENTRANCE WILL BE CLOSED FROM APPROXIMATELY WEDNESDAY 22ND MAY DUE TO THE CONSTRUCTION & INSTALLATION OF A LIFT NEXT TO THE STAIRWELL. This whole area will be closed off extensively until work is completed.

Thanking you for your cooperation.

REMINDER - ENROL NOW FOR ALL GRADE LEVELS IN 2020

Enrolments for 2020 for all grades are now open. If you have a younger son or daughter who turns 5 years old before April 30th 2020 then they are eligible to enrol for prep. There are also a few vacancies in all other grade levels. 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.

REMINDER - WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM

After two years of fazing in our new Winter School Uniform it is now mandatory that all students are wearing the full Winter School Uniform and the proper School Sports Uniform. There should be no skivvies, no Grey Jumpers & no old Polo shirts. Also all students should be wearing black school shoes, not black runners or black soft shoes. Runners only on Sport days with our Sport Uniform. We have a most impressive and striking uniform, let's be proud of it and wear the right garments. Please see the photos below for the proper full range.

REMINDER - LATEST UPDATE ON RENOVATIONS TO ADMINISTRATION

This afternoon the Building contract was finalised by Father Boy representing the Parish, myself representing the St Matthew's PS, our Architect Stuart Harrison, the Builders "NEWPOL", a representative from the Archdiocese of Melbourne and also one from Catholic Education Melbourne. Hopefully next week the builders will come on site and renovations will start 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 in the Senior Building will be operational instead.

2F KEEPING HEALTHY

In Term 1, our Inquiry unit was about keeping healthy. We re-arranged our classroom to help our spiritual, mental and physical wellbeing.

We changed our **Reading Corner** to help our mental and spiritual health. We have included Religion books so we can read about God. We also included funny books, to make us laugh when we are feeling sad.

We came up with **classroom rules** to help our mental and physical wellbeing when we are in the classroom. We made these rules to keep ourselves and others happy and safe. One of these rules was Stop, Think and Do.

We created a **Relaxation Station** to make people feel happy, relaxed and calm. We added teddy bears to hug when we are feeling sad as well as squishy toys to help us relax when we are angry.

We created a **Spiritual Space** to help our spiritual wellbeing. We added a prayer tree to hang prayers on when we want to talk to God or Jesus. We also included prayer books and a prayer roster for our daily prayer time.

Lastly, we made posters for children who have allergies or anaphylaxis. We spread awareness about the dangers to keep those children safe.

We made these changes to make our classroom safer and a more relaxing space to learn in.

Thanks for reading!

From the students in 2F.

BEFORE:



AFTER:



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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 FRIDAY, 10TH 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 7th May and to the following email address:
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, 3rd June that your passport is required to be completed by Sunday, 20th 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

UPDATED LITERACY NEWS

Dear Families,

Did you know how **rewarding** being a parent helper in the junior classrooms is?

Rewarding for **you** – to see and help little minds grow.

Rewarding for the **children** – another adult in the room to help them and listen to them!

Rewarding for the **teachers** – more adults in the room enables us to use small groups to meet student needs.

We love parent helpers at our school.

If you can be a part, we'd love to have you!

Thank you to all the parents who have responded. There is still time to volunteer as a Classroom helper. Read the separate letter that went home asking for parent helpers for Literacy in the Classroom, starting in Term 2. Fill in and detach the bottom, then return to your child's teacher. Remember the **Literacy Classroom Helpers Training Course** is this **Thursday, 9th May, in the Literacy Centre at 9am to 11am.**

Rina Carfi - Literacy Leader

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION NEWS

After the students have purchased their gifts for their Mums the P&F Mother's Day stall will be open at lunchtime and after school on Friday for any last minute gifts. The P&F will be hosting Australia's biggest morning tea for the Cancer Council on Thursday May 23rd in the Staffroom. More details to follow.



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning: Group Time & Free Arts and Crafts. Afternoon: Children will write hello in their own language and hang it up on the classroom door for all to see.	Morning: Experiencing music from different cultures through abstract line drawing. Afternoon: Students will be exposed to different fashion through dress up.	Morning: Students will paint their favourite landmarks around the world. Afternoon: Students will shade their country of origin on a big classroom map.	Morning: Students will be exposed to different cultural practices through role play. Afternoon: Students will create images through printing, painting or drawing of something that represents their own culture and identity.	Morning: Students will take part in a range of ethnic dances from different cultures around the world. Afternoon: Students will cut out prints of their hands with the flag of their country drawn on it and name written on the back to be hung on the wall.

The Extend Superstar is...

Dusty Cullen! For always using her manners and making other people feel safe and secured through free play and team work. Thanks for leading by example, Dusty. Congratulations!

What's Been Happening?

It has been a great week at extend! The children began the week by exploring what their favorite sea creatures were, they did this through classroom discussion and positive student interaction. Furthermore, the children continued to learn more about their most cherished sea creature by discovering its unique qualities and practices. Later during the week, the children experienced their favourite sea creatures through different types of arts and crafts, such as painting! We then ended the week by watching Shark Tale on the big screen using an overhead projector!. The children loved this as it was a new experience for them. We all cannot wait to begin another exciting week. 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





FAWKNER NETBALL CLUB

**COME and TRY DAY
&
6-WEEK TRAINING CLINIC**



**Ever wanted to play netball?
Now's your chance.
Come along and join in the fun.**

Open to all boys & girls
aged 5-7yrs, U9's, U11's, U13's, U15's & U17's,
as well as Open Ladies & Mixed teams (social comp).

Commencing Wednesday 15th May and running weekly until
19th June, 5-6pm, Charles Mutton Reserve Netball Courts
(access via Tyrell Crescent, Fawkner).



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