



St. Matthew's School

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NEWSLETTER

Week 4 – Tuesday 21st May 2019. No 14

Dates to Remember:

TERM 2 2019

MAY

- Wednesday 22nd May ~ Simultaneous Story time
Friday 24th May ~ **SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY** – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Professional Development for staff – “7 steps to writing success”
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 CANBERRA CAMP.**
Monday 10th June ~ **QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS & STAFF.**
Wednesday 26th June ~ Parent teacher Interviews. Students finish school at 1pm. Interviews begin at 1.30pm
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 Sue 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,

Last Thursday the leadership team attended the Northern Zone leadership mass where we were commissioned as leaders into our schools. It was a wonderful opportunity to gather with other school leaders and to listen to the words of Fr Luciano who spoke about the call to each of us as educators. He spoke about being called to connect, be kind and act. Those words resonated strongly with what we as educators want for our community of students and parents. We want each of us to be available to connect with what is occurring in the world around us, to be kind when dealing with each other and to go forward and put into action what it is we have learnt for the good of the community. In the daily readings for this week, we read about Jesus' commandment to love one another. We are to love as Jesus loves, not selectively, but with a love that extends to all people. This kind of love will be a sign that they are truly his disciples and that he is still living in them. The love that we are asked to give is also an act of connecting to the world around us and being aware of how people might need us.

Through our inquiry Big Questions this term, we are also looking at how we can physically help those around us, not just through love but also through action. Our classrooms are full of learning about how we can innovate on items and processes already in place to help those around us right now. A BIG QUESTION for all of us is: *How can we fulfil the call to love and to help those around us?*

Just a reminder that Selola court is closed until further notice. Thank you to everyone for your patience during this time and for following the road signs and rules to ensure that our children's safety is paramount.

Prayer for the Week

Dear Lord,

May we be ready to receive the abundant love Jesus gives us; then may we let this flow out to others. Lord, help me to see how you live in me as I seek to put your love into action. Help us to live Jesus' commandment to love one another. Amen

Have a wonderful week,

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

SCHOOL NEWS

EDUCATION IN FAITH

First Eucharist / First Holy Communion Information:

The word 'communion' means to be united with; Catholics believe that in Holy Communion we are united in a special way with Jesus Christ.

At his last supper, Jesus said of the bread that he shared among his followers, "Take and eat, this is my body." When we receive Holy Communion, Catholics believe that in a mysterious way we are sharing in the body and blood of Christ.

Holy Communion and the whole celebration is also known as Eucharist, from a Greek word meaning 'thanksgiving'.
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The Year 4 children are still busy learning about and preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion to take place over two masses (12:30pm and 3:00pm) on **Sunday, 2nd June**. All are welcome to attend to support the Communicants.

Please remember to keep the Year 4 children in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare to receive Jesus' body in the Eucharist for the first time.

This **Saturday, 25th May at 5:30pm** the Year 4 Communicants and their families will be joining the parish community to celebrate a Family Mass as part of their final preparation for this Sacrament. All in our community are welcome to attend.

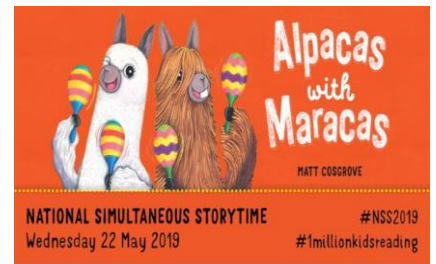
Mrs Helen Howden
Religious Education Leader



LITERACY NEWS

National Simultaneous Reading Time

National Simultaneous Story time is this week! We are joining over 1,085,587 participants across Australia and New Zealand reading 'Alpacas with Maracas' on Wednesday, 22 May 2019, the biggest NSS ever!



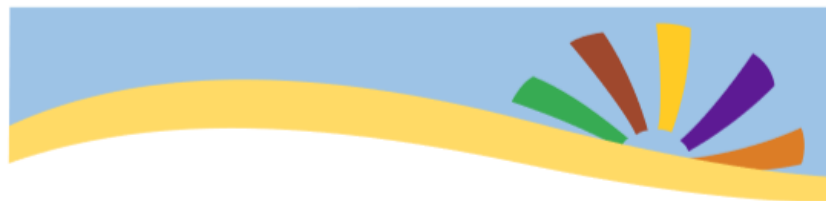
Seven Steps to Writing Success

The closure day on Friday is for all our teachers to be involved in a Professional Development day centred on Writing. Our aim is to transform our students into confident and engaged writers. Modern teaching practices such as collaboration, verbalisation and multimodal literacy are promoted and activities are aligned to the Australian Curriculum and cover multiple text types across all ability levels.

Rina Carfi

Literacy Leader

WELLBEING NEWS



Morning Tea

Do you have a child with ASD, Asperger's, a physical disability or even suffers from anxiety.

Come and join us* for a morning tea get together where we can share stories, ask questions of each other, have a listening ear and even a shoulder to lean on. It's a time for no judgements, no pressures, no lecturing!

Friday 14th June, 2019 9.30 am – 10.45 am

St Matthews Hall

RSVP: hhowden@smfawknernth.catholic.edu.au
For catering purposes.



ITALIAN DAY 2019



In planning for Italian Day this year I would like to extend an invitation to parents who would be available to volunteer and share a special skill they may have related to the Italian culture and language.

You may have a skill in the following things or another talent you would like to share:

- playing Italian card games such as scoopa,
- demonstrating how arancini, pasta, bread, pizza, gnocchi, biscuits,
- cooking a recipe such as minestrone, preparing a traditional salads, a pasta dish, bruschetta
- play an Italian musical instrument such as piano accordion, a mandolin, a zampogna, a flute,
- singing Italian songs and teaching the children a song,
- dancing a traditional dance
- lace embroidery
- playing bocce

Italian day is in Term 4 will take place on Thursday the 17th of October. If you would like to share a skill and are not able to make it on this day but are available during this week on the 14th, 15th, or 16th of October we could possibly accommodate you visiting the school.

I would also like to extend this invitation to the teachers if they would like to share a special skill or talent they have relating to the Italian culture that they would like to share with our children.

Please be aware that if you would like to share a skill with the children you would be required to obtain a working with children check. This is very simple to obtain and we would be able to tell you how to do this.

If you would like to share your talent and skill with another parent please indicate on the slip below.

Please fill in the following slip below. Return to the class teacher.

Italian Day Parent Volunteers to share their special skill or talent

Name of Parent

Name of Child at the school and Grade they are in:

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Skill/Talent:

Contact Number.....

Day Available.....

**Grazie mille
Signora Cesile
Italian Teacher.**

EXTEND UPDATE:

20/5/2019 Theme: Science Experiments



What's Been Happening?


What a fantastic week at extend it has been! In light of mental health awareness week, the theme of last week was based around friendship by building positive and meaningful relationships with one another. The children began the week by exploring a shape that represents them, after doing this, they wrote down what characteristics make someone a good friend. Following this, the children also explored different friendship bracelets and team building activities. This was a great and interactive way for the children to form meaningful friendships with one another! At the beginning of after school care every day, the children became more involved in 'group time', this is a time for the children to wind down and open

up about their activities at school that day, it has also been used as a time to remind the children of the rules we have set at extend. Group time is now a usual everyday activity for the kids. We all cannot wait to begin another exciting week. Thank you for reading.

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Morning: Group Time & Free Arts and Crafts. | Morning: Inverted Balloon in a bottle. | Morning: What's inside a penny? | Morning: Each Morning Yoga. | Morning: Writing Invisible Messages. |
| Afternoon: Coke & Mentos. | Afternoon: Making Frozen Slime. | Afternoon: Making Jelly. | Afternoon: Making Lava Lamps. | Afternoon: Making Hot Ice. |

The Extend Superstar is...


Tyler Wilson! For displaying excellent behaviour and patience throughout the week. Tyler has been positive throughout the week and always willing to lend a hand when needed without any hesitation! Thanks for leading by example, Tyler. Congratulations!



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Christina Sanaty - Team Leader

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PARENTS AND FRIENDS:

AUSTRALIA'S
Biggest Morning Tea



RAISE YOUR CUP & MAKE EVERY DROP COUNT FOR CANCER RESEARCH

The P&F Committee invite you to join us for Morning Tea and help make a difference by donating to this worthy cause

Tea, Coffee and Light Refreshments Provided,
Door Prizes To Be Won.

WHERE: St Matthew's Family Room
WHEN : Thursday 23rd May
TIME: 9am

ALL MONIES RAISED GO TO THE CANCER COUNCIL



DISCOVER MERCY

OPEN DAYS

Meet our Principal, explore the facilities and chat with
our students and staff

Wednesday 29 May – 9.30am or 6.00pm

Saturday 1 June – 10.00am

Presentation and tour will take approximately 90 minutes

Book your sessions online or call 9319 9299
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