



St Matthew's Catholic Primary School

Term 1, 4th February 2020. No 1

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

Hello everyone,

A Big Hello to all our Students, their Parents, Grandparents and Friends,

Welcome back to our returning families and a special welcome to all our new families. 2020 promises to be a most exciting year at St Matthew's with this term being no exception. Please make sure you check the date's page regularly as you don't want to miss out on a thing. Term 1 is only 9 weeks and we are already into week 2 so join us for what will be a great journey of great experiences and exciting learning.

PREPS WEDNESDAY

Just a reminder that our Prep students do not have classes at school for the next three Wednesdays commencing tomorrow **Wednesday 5th February, Wednesday 12th February and Wednesday 19th February.**

Please Note: Assessments for each Prep student will take place over these three Wednesdays. Parents will need to go online and book their child in for **one** of these Wednesdays.

NEW ADMIN BLOCK & FENCING

Yes we are finally in our new Administration Block. We are very happy with the finished product and are open for business. If you haven't visited us yet please come in and have a look. I am sure you will be impressed.

Please Note: As of tomorrow the worksite fencing will be going back up again as the Cladding that goes in front of the roofline will be delivered. Our builders NewPol have stated that they will be installing this next week. Then the landscaping in front of the building will take place. While the worksite fencing is up Students and Parents can enter via the Parish Carpark and walk across the front of the Church and into the double doors opposite to the new Family Room.

Also for those parents who use Selola Court Entrance, it is now opened permanently.

FAMILY ROOM

We have relocated our Family Room to Room number 1 next to the Admin area. Playgroup operates from there every Monday & Tuesday from 9:00am – 11:00am. Our Parents and Friends Association will hold all their meetings in there and we hope to run varying information sessions for parents periodically in there as well.

So come in sit down, relax and have a cuppa before the gates are open at 3:15pm, before you pick your children up.

UNIFORM SHOP

Please Note: The new Opening Time for the Uniform Shop is Thursdays 8:45am – 9:30am.

OPENING OF THE 2020 YEAR WHOLE SCHOOL MASS

We warmly invite all our Parents, Grandparents and Carers to our Opening of the 2020 year **Whole School Mass** this coming Friday 7th February at 9:30am in St Matthew's Church

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos are coming up real soon on Thursday 13th February. All students are required to be in Full Summer School Uniform. Black shoes, not runner please.

PARENT TEACHER CONVERSATIONS

This year we are reintroducing Parent/Teacher conversations (**Wednesday 19th February**) where our parents come and meet their child's teacher/s and have a conversation about their child. The teachers would like to learn as much about your children as possible as we commence the 2020 school year. A log in code will be available by the end of this week for you to book an appointment.

NEW STAFF AND NEW ROLES

We welcome three new teachers to St Matthew's this year:

Mrs Anna luele in Grade 2IW, Mrs Ef Lazari in Grade 1L and Miss Sarah Frank in 6F. We look forward to all three ladies having a long and enjoyable career at St Matthew's.

Also there is a curriculum change this year. Instead of Drama, as we did 3 years ago, we are having

Visual Arts with a Visual Arts Show late in third term. Mrs Annie Torres is our Visual Arts Leader. She is also combining her role as the Student Wellbeing Leader. Mr Robert Yacoub replaces Mr Peter Miller, who retired last year as our new Digital Technologies Leader. We look forward to both Leaders sharing their expertise this year.

PLEASE NOTE: NO CANTEEN UNTIL NEXT WEDNESDAY

ST MATTHEW'S PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

The Parents and Friends would like to invite you to join us for our annual general meeting.

We are currently seeking new members to join us. This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved in the school community and find out what's happening.

Please meet us in our brand new family room enter via the front office on ***Thursday 6th of February 2020 at 9:00am.***

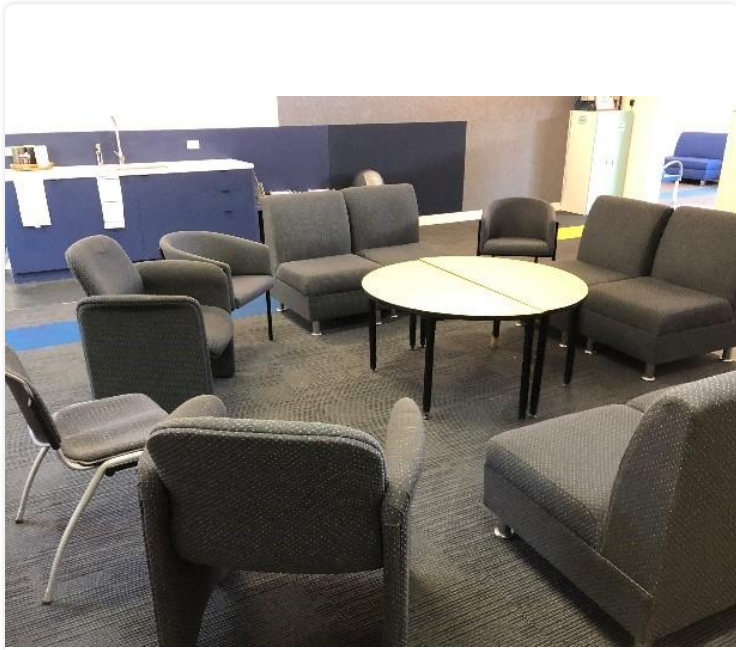
We look forward to meeting new parents and catching up with current members.

Yours Sincerely,

Bob Brown

School Principal

Our New Area



Family Room



Our beautiful foyer



Our new Reception Area



2020 School Levies and Fee structure

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Dates to Remember:

2020

February

Monday 3rd: All classes commence. Please be here by 8.45 am ready for 8.50 start

Thursday 6th: Parents and Friends AGM. 9am in the new family room. All welcome!

Friday 7th: Whole School Mass 9.30am

Monday 10th: Jump Rope For Heart (Information to follow)

Thursday 13th: School Photos

Friday 14th: Year 6 Level Mass, 9.30am. All families welcome

Wednesday 19th: Parent/Teacher Conversations 1.30-7.30pm. Please note that students finish at 1.00pm.

Friday 21st: Year 5 Level Mass, 9.30am. All families welcome

Year 6 Round 1 Inter School Sports

P&F Movie night.

Wednesday 26th: Ash Wednesday mass 10.30am. All families welcome

Friday 28th: Year 6 Round 2 Inter School Sports

Saturday 29th: Prep family welcome mass and BBQ, 5.30pm

March

Friday 6th: Year 6 Round 3 Inter School Sports

Monday 9th: Public Holiday- no school

Friday 13th: Year 4 Level mass, 9.30am All welcome

Tuesday 17th: St Patrick's Day

Wednesday 18th: Reconciliation Workshop

Friday 20th: Year 2 level Mass, 9.30am. All families welcome.

Year 6 Inter School Sports Final

Market Fresh Incursion- Preps

National Day Against Bullying and Violence

Saturday 21st: Reconciliation Commitment Mass

Friday 27th: End of Term 1. Whole School Mass, 9.30am. All welcome

A photograph of a classroom with several students sitting at blue and yellow tables, working on projects. The text 'LEARNING AT ST MATTHEW'S' is overlaid in white.

LEARNING AT ST MATTHEW'S

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2020

RECONCILIATION:

Workshop - Wednesday 7.00 pm 18th March 2020

Commitment Mass – Saturday 5.30 pm 21st March 2020

Sacrament of Reconciliation- Tuesday 7.00 pm 21st April 2020

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

Workshop – Wednesday 7.00 pm 6th May 2020

Commitment Mass – Saturday 5.30 pm 16th May 2020

Sacrament Holy Communion – 14th June 12.30pm & 3.00pm 2020

CONFIRMATION:

Commitment Mass – Saturday 5.30 pm 20th June 2020

Workshop – Tuesday 7.00 pm 21st July 2020

Sacrament of Confirmation Friday 6.00 pm 24th July 2020

Mrs Helen Howden

Religious Education Leader

Student Services/ Learning Diversity

Dear Parents,

If you have any new or additional information from pediatricians or psychologist in regards to your child could you please ensure that you send it through to the school office so that we are up to date with NCCD (National Consistent Collection of Data) that is required by the Government and by the Catholic Education Melbourne.

Also, if you have any student concerns or questions about the NCCD please contact Mrs Howden on 93595423 or by email hhowden@smfawknernth.catholic.edu.au



Parents and Friends MOVIE NIGHT

Nelson Alexander

Under The Stars Movie Night.

The Parents and friends Movie night for the students, staff and Families, will be held on the **21st of February 2020** on the oval.

All movie tickets will be \$8.00 Until Feb 20th! On the night all tickets sold will be \$10.00

Please support our school all profits go to purchase new school equipment.

A big thanks to Nelson Alexander Realestate for continuing to support our **Under the stars Movie Night**. With a \$500 donation to help us organise this event.

Thanks to all the Families who have already purchased tickets we hope to see you under the stars in February.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Download the SkoolBag App

The SkoolBag app is the easiest way keep up with school events, last minute notices, newsletters and all school communications.

5 Easy Steps to Staying Informed



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SkoolBag: School Communication



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