



St Matthew's Catholic Primary School

Term 2, 23rd June 2020. No 12

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

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Today's newsletter is probably the shortest in my seven years at St Matthew's, mainly because I think what has needed to be said has been coming home constantly via the Skoolbag App and our few recent newsletters.

Yes, it is the last week of Term 2, 2020. Certainly one term we all won't forget in a hurry. 11 week terms are always long no matter what the circumstances, but with the obstacles we all have had to face this term, I am sure it seems like such a long time ago when Daniel Andrews instructed students to start their Term 1 holidays early. Those holidays commenced on Tuesday 24th March meaning that by Friday when we break up this week it will be 14 weeks (3 ½ months). Even though we had our holidays with Easter in there, followed by Mother's Day life hasn't been the same with all the unknowns and uncertainties since then. No wonder we are all feeling the need to take a big breath and have time to just enjoy being at home with our immediate families.

As I wrote last week, when we do start our holidays this Friday afternoon I want everyone – students, parents and staff - to forget about school for two weeks. Relax, unwind and enjoy plenty of quality family time. I hope you are all looking forward to it because you certainly all deserve it.

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Finally, please take note of the Restrictions enforced by the Government as they are for our own good. If they tighten them because they need to, take another big breath and let's all do the right thing. We want to see all our school community; students, parents, relatives and staff back here at school on Monday 13th July safe and healthy. Take care everyone!

Bob Brown

Principal

PS. We will notify you during the last week of the holidays as to whether start and dismissal times stay as they are or if we will resort back to how they were in Term 1.

CANTEEN

At this stage in time our School Canteen will not open until Tuesday 21st July in the second week back. Due to not knowing for certain if the canteen will open, all ordering of food will take place the first week back. There will only be Lunch Orders. Students will be able to order a hot meal and a snack. The Canteen will not be open at Recess or Lunchtime for any other food. There will be five choices in each. A flyer with instructions and what is available will come home during the first week back next term.

REPORTS

Each student's individual Mid Year School Report will come home in a sealed envelope this Friday afternoon. Parent/Teacher Interviews will be via Google Meets in Week 4/5 of next term.

SCHOOL FEES

Just a reminder to check your School Fees Statement. Accounts with outstanding balances were sent out in the mail last week.

Payment methods available to settle your account with the school are:

Cash - directly paid to office

Credit card - by phone or in person at office

Direct Payment to School Bank Account-

BSB: 083-347

Account number: 540385132

(Please use Account Number or Student Name as a reference)

Please contact our Bursar - Natalie on 9359 5423 should you have any queries or if you would like to set up a payment plan to manage your account / outstanding balance.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear Heavenly Father,

You are the God of all compassion and comfort. We thank you that you listen to our prayers. We pray today for our world, our nation, our city and our church as the Coronavirus continues to spread. Please bring help to all our communities according to their needs. Heal those afflicted and strengthen all who have the responsibility for care. In your mercy, please provide a cure and give wisdom to those seeking to develop a vaccine for this condition. We pray, too, for ourselves. Enable us to walk by faith. Help us to be careful and wise in taking whatever precautions are necessary to limit and contain the spread of this virus. Strengthen us to remain calm while vigilant; responsible citizens seeking the welfare of others above ourselves. At times of uncertainty and anxiety, help our world to look to security in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Library News

BOOK RETURNS

Could all Library books please be returned to the Library by the end of this week. Some of the students in Years 3-6 still have 5 books outstanding. These all need to be returned so that borrowing may resume in Week 1 of Term 3.

READING DURING THE HOLIDAYS

During Distance Learning, I created a [Mrs. Pengelly's Virtual Library](#). Here you will find many books you can read along with, books to listen to, drawing tutorials and author chats. There are books for all ages from Prep to Year 6. I am adding books to the shelves all the time. I hope you enjoy using this resource as much as I enjoyed creating it.

Community News

Secondary School Enrolment Flyers

Please find attached flyers from various schools regarding enrolments for 2021 and 2022.



Penola Catholic College

Download



Mercy Catholic College

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Parade College

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Pascoe Vale Girls College

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Simmonds Catholic College

CONTACT THE REGISTRAR ON 9321 9200 OR
INFO@SCCMELB.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU
TO BEGIN THE ENROLMENT PROCESS.

LIMITED PLACES
FOR 2020 & 2021 ENTRY ARE
CURRENTLY AVAILABLE AT ALL YEAR LEVELS.

YEAR 7
2022
APPLICATIONS
OPEN



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SkoolBag: School Communication



2. Create an Account

Follow the prompts to create your account in seconds.

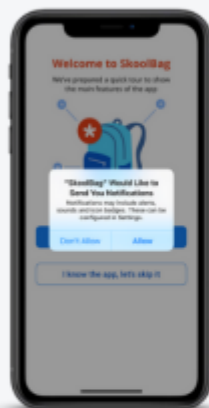
3. Add your School

Type your school's name and press enter. Tap the plus icon to add.



4. Allow Notifications

Ensure you Allow SkoolBag to send you push notifications when prompted.



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Select Year Groups / Sports Teams to appear in your feed.





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