



# St Matthew's Catholic Primary School

Term 3, 27th July 2020. No 13

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## A BIG HELLO to all our Students, Parents and Friends of St Matthew's,

May I extend a warm welcome back to everyone to Term 3.

Who would have thought as we neared the end of Term 2 that we would be going back to Lockdown and Distance Learning so quickly? Unfortunately, it is what it is, but I know that all of us need to continue doing what we have been doing so far to remain safe and healthy.

Last week our Distance Learning got off to a great start with just a few glitches. Many sincere thanks to Mrs D'Amato, Mr Yacoub, our Leadership Team and all our Staff for all their assistance and help to make sure all families were up and running and our students were right into their Distance Learning once again. Many thanks to all our Students and their Parents for adjusting again to what is a very tough situation. You are doing a mighty job. Keep it up!

### **Update on wearing face coverings and extending the State of Emergency throughout this Pandemic.**

In line with advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer, the Victorian Government has announced that if you live in Metropolitan Melbourne or Mitchell Shire, you must wear a face covering when you leave your home from 11.59pm on last Wednesday 22 July 2020.

If you live in these areas, and we all do, there are still only 4 reasons to leave home:

- Shopping for food and supplies
- Care and care giving
- Exercise and outdoor recreation
- Study and work – if you can't do it from home

There will be some reasons for residents of Metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire not to wear a face covering, including:

- Medical reasons
- If you're under the age of 12
- If you are doing strenuous physical exercise you do not need to wear a face covering but you must carry one with you. Strenuous exercise includes activities like jogging, running or cycling but not walking

Please use your common sense and do the right thing as you are protecting you and your loved ones or, otherwise, there will be a fine for not wearing or carrying a face covering to the value of \$200.

If we can all do this then, hopefully, it will eventually assist our suburb, our city and our state in bringing the number of positive cases down to a more acceptable level. St Matthew's and your houses are safe havens in a hotspot suburb, Let's keep it that way. Please stay safe, be sensible and remain healthy.

### **Assembly on Friday 31st July**

Please join us for assembly on Friday 31st July at 2.45pm. We will share the link once again via skoolbag app. We will be announcing our Classroom achievement Awards, so be sure to be watching. If you would like your photo to be added to our mini movie of you or your family wearing your favourite masks, please email it to [cdamato@smfawknernth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:cdamato@smfawknernth.catholic.edu.au) no later than Wednesday 29th July 4pm

### **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.

Hang in there everyone we can do this.

Bob Brown

Principal

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

### COVID-19: A Prayer of Solidarity

For all who have contracted corona virus, We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable, We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety, We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety, We pray for policies that recognise their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance, We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status, We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world, We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decision makers, We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may you be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.

Grant peace.

Grant comfort.

Grant healing.

Be with us, Lord.

Amen.

## LEARNING AND TEACHING

### What's on for this term?

Welcome back to Distance Learning for Term 3. It seems like a while ago now when our teachers came together to begin planning what Term 3 would look like for the students at St Matthew's. Term 2, gave us

a great insight into what worked best and what needed to be refined in regards to working online. Teachers all enjoyed having that face to face contact through google meets and really wanted to make some changes to how this term would look in order to ensure that continuity of learning continued. In Prep to 2, the teachers will be incorporating many more google meets and face to face guided reading sessions as they found these to be very valuable at the end of last term. In grade 3-6, the teachers have also incorporated more 'live teaching' sessions where the students are able to ask questions about the work as they are working. Teachers are able to give feedback as it is happening rather than only leaving written comments on the students' work. Please note that although the students may not receive feedback on every piece of work that is turned in, the teachers are looking at each piece of work every day therefore it is important that tasks are completed.

Last term we sent home the Distance Learning policy where we outlined the various online learning platforms that the students would be using. We explained Mangahigh, Seesaw, Google Classroom, Studyladder, Epic books and a few more. A new learning platform this term for the 3-6 students is in the area of Mathematics. Please read the Mathematics section for more information about MATIFIC.

Although learning will look differently again this term, we have many learning opportunities for the students at St Matthew's to explore SCIENCE in their world. For many, the word **SCIENCE** conjures up images of white lab coats, microscopes, explosions and much more, however we want the students at St Matthew's to explore science through their everyday interactions. Science really is all around us!

The Victorian Curriculum provides us with this rationale about Science: *Science provides an empirical way of answering interesting and important questions about the biological, physical and technological world. Science is a dynamic, collaborative and creative human endeavour arising from our desire to make sense of our world by exploring the unknown, investigating universal mysteries, making predictions and solving problems. ....Students can experience the joy of scientific discovery and nurture their natural curiosity about the world around them. In doing this, they develop critical and creative thinking skills and challenge themselves to identify questions, apply new knowledge, explain science phenomena and draw evidence-based conclusions using scientific methods.*

Although the students are not within our physical classroom, their online classroom is full of rich learning experiences to help them discover the scientific world around them.

This term, the students will be exploring the following big questions/statements:

**Year 1:** Everything is made from something. (Chemical and Earth Science)

**Year 2:** May the force be with you! (Physical Science)

**Year 3:** How do we use forces to innovate? (Chemical and Physical Science)

**Year 4:** Why in the World are We Changing? (Biological and Earth science)

**Year 5:** What's the matter? (Chemical and Physical Science)

**Year 6:** What's out there? (Biological and Earth Science)

As the **preps** are home with their families this term, they will be looking at their family history and exploring the questions: Who am I?

## Mathematics



### MATHEMATICS - DISTANCE LEARNING PLATFORM: MATIFIC

This term the grades 3's to 6's are using Matific. This is a teaching tool that gives us the opportunity to explicitly teach and model using virtual manipulatives like paper shapes, collections of objects and number lines. Students need to be part of the live maths lessons in Google Meet to see the episodes modelled and ask questions - exactly the way it would be if we were using an electronic whiteboard at school. Matific is not a games platform and is not intended to be something that students just go on by themselves. The work assigned to be done independently is based on the student's participation in previous lessons and as we become more familiar with the platform we will be able to set up smaller teacher groups - the way we do at school.

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## Well Being



### Wellness Wednesday

Please read the following attachment regarding Wellness Wednesday for the 29th July 2020

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### FOR CHILDREN, WHAT TO DO WHEN I GET FRUSTRATED WITH ONLINE WORK

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## FOR PARENTS, WHEN MY CHILD GETS FRUSTRATED WITH ONLINE WORK

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### Community News

## Secondary School Enrolment Flyers

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



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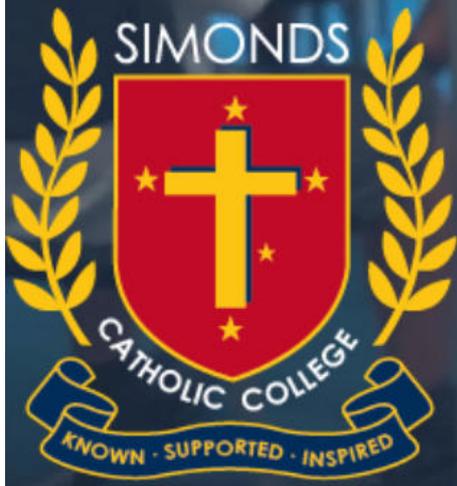
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**2022**  
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**Moomba Park Kindergarten Enrolments**

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## Learn at Home

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**1. Download SkoolBag**

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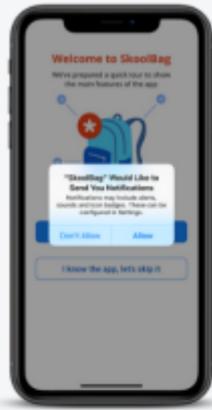
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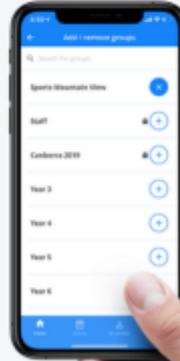
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