



St Matthew's Catholic Primary School

Term 3, 15th September 2020. No 19

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

As third term draws to a close this Friday can I once again congratulate and sincerely thank our students, our parents and all our staff for their endeavour, persistence and creativity throughout both Lock downs of COVID-19. What has been a year so far that we could not have imagined in our wildest dreams has brought out the best in St Matthew's Primary School Community. Yes there have been some hiccups along the way, which have undoubtedly caused some anxiety and frustration, but we have all been able to push through and move forward and do the best we possibly could.

We are not by any means out of those troubled waters, but things are on the improve. The number of daily deaths is decreasing as are the reported positive cases each day. We know we have two weeks holidays and one week of Distance Learning for our Prep, One & Two students before they commence back on Monday 12th October. We are still awaiting more good news on Monday 28th September (last Monday of the holidays) and hopefully we will learn then, when our Year Three, Four, Five and Six Senior students can return back to school. Think positive thoughts everyone as the unknown can be demoralising if we let it and then hopefully it will be far sooner than later.

LEVIES

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Some Parents have been enquiring about the Levies that they have paid at the beginning of the year for Swimming, Incursions, Excursions and also the Year 6 Camp and whether they will be refunded their money if these do not take place. If parents are up to date with paying all their School fees and ***the first three do not take place*** then we will only be refunding families that have no other children in the school, other than the Grade 6 child. All other families continuing into 2021, will have a credit put on their account for discounted levies, after school fees are paid for in their entirety.

If there are outstanding School fees ***and the first three do not take place*** then these levies would be adjusted accordingly towards the School fees. Credits will be put on accounts for any discounted levies at the end of 2020.

When will this happen? Once we are aware of when the Senior grades will be resuming we will be in a better place to judge whether these activities are still viable to go ahead or not. Please be patient with us we still would love to be able to provide your children with as many of these activities if possible in the remainder of Term 4.

HOMES DURING THE HOLIDAYS ARE 'NO SCHOOLWORK' ZONES

Please students, parents and staff do not do any schoolwork these coming holidays. After being instructed to recommence Distance Learning on Monday 20th July, which is nearly 10 weeks ago I think and recommend that we all need a very well earned break and rest from school work. For everyone's well-being please make sure you do this. Hopefully the weather is kind to all of us and we can get outside and be more active. Don't fall into the trap of becoming more immersed in more screen time. Your eyes and brains all need a rest and you need to recharge your body batteries too.

ST MATTHEW'S FUN DAY

This coming Friday is the last day of term when we are celebrating ST MATTHEW'S FEAST DAY with an online PRAYER SERVICE and it is also **CRAZY HAIR DAY** where we will be doing FUN ACTIVITIES. What a great way to finish off the term with a lot of fun and laughs. Now make sure you are already thinking about what your **CRAZY HAIR** will look like. I know the Staff are really looking forward to it and know what they are going to do. I am already thinking about mine, not quite decided yet though. Decisions? Decisions?

I can't wait to see how crazy all your hairstyles are. Yes, Mrs D'Amato you can colour your hair if you like. You might need a few cans of spray. See on the screen on Friday with your CRAZY HAIR!!

Keep Safe, Healthy and have a wonderful School Holiday Break with your Family. Don't forget to keep Smiling!!!!!!

Bob Brown

Principal

PS.

School Holidays: Saturday 19th September – Sunday 4th October

Term 4 commences on Monday 5th October: Distance learning for all Year levels, Prep – 6

Week 2: Year Prep, 1 & 2 come to school (8:40 am – 3:15pm)

Week 2: Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 continue Distance Learning until further notice

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

St Matthew's Prayer



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

ST MATTHEW'S FEAST DAY

Dear Families,

On Friday 18th September we will be celebrating the feast day of our patron saint, St Matthew. Here are some of the activities that the students may be participating in online on Friday. We have kept the movie in so you can see all the great things that have been planned for this day!

- "Did you know?" movie on St Matthew (4 mins)
- A St Matthew Read Aloud Big Book
- St Matthew Saint Information Card
- Various levels of Word Finds
- Cloze activity (gr 2 up)
- Colour in Sheets
- A variety of Youtube Clips on St Matthew
- Grade 3-6- Jam board and everyone could put a sticky note that says a positive about St Matthews School
- St Matthew's Bingo

All classes have a scheduled google meet to show off their CRAZY HAIR after watching the St Matthew's Prayer Service (9.15-9.30).

(link will be provided)

Crazy Hair Google Assembly

9.30-9.45 Prep P

9.45 -10.00 Prep L

10.00-10.15 - Grade 1GM

10.15 - 10.30 Grade 1L

10.30- 10.45 Grade 2F

10.45- 11.00 Grade 2IW

11.30 -11.50 Grade 3's

11.50 - 12.10 Grade 4's

12.10 - 12.30 Grade 5's

12.30 -12.50 Grade 6's

Mrs Howden

RE Leader

CELEBRATING ST MATTHEW'S FEAST DAY MOVIE!

<https://vimeo.com/455708439/bd1eaaa117>

Have a look at all the great things that will be happening on Friday 18th September to help celebrate St Matthew's feast Day! Thanks to Mrs Howden for our movie preview!

Well Being



ARE YOU OK?

Last Thursday was 'Are you ok?' day and classes participated in activities or discussions about how to check in on someone to see that they are ok. The grade 6s participated in a padlet activity where they shared ways they can check in on each other as well as ideas on what to do if someone isn't ok. Don't forget to keep looking out for each other!

Padlet Activity: Are you OK?

R U OK? - Signs that a friend may not be OK		
Zoning out alot	Being really werid	Getting angry even thoug didn't do anything
crying	wearing a smile instead of smiling	looking very very sad
Looking sad	not as exided to play	Being sick and not te
always being sarcastic	doesn't won't to play with you	avoiding you
Getting annoyed and into trouble	avoiding everyone around them including their friends.	Pretending to be ok v really they're not
Start acting a little frantic	Arent joining into conversations	not doing anything
feeling upset	really quiet	Ignoring you
not doing the things they love to do	getting distracted easily	Not as upbeat
Not Talking, Fake smiling	not coming school for a long time	has her head down a
not having fun	Won't play minecraft	not eating food
Saying mk alot		Feeling down

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ARE U OK? POWERPOINT FOR PARENTS

As parents we are often so worried about our children's well being that we sometimes forget about our own. This PowerPoint is aimed at all parents and caregivers. Don't forget to remember about yourselves!

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Wellness Wednesday

Don't forget about taking some time out each day without any devices. Make Wednesday afternoon a Wellness Wednesday! Have a look at the attached photo for some great ideas!

This Wellness Wednesday you might also like to do an activity based on GREEN TIME. The website 'Inform and Empower', a cyber safety resource suggests SIX key green time activities.

See the attached power point that has some great suggestions for 'green time' during the holidays.

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Wellbeing Calendar for September

September 2020

Theme of the Month:
Growth Mindset

and emotional
MAKE SOCIAL ^ LEARNING STICK **TODAY**

Help Your Child Build a Growth
Mindset One Day at a Time

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 (C) MakeSocialLearningStick.com		1 Focus on the process, not the outcome.	2 Praise your child for their effort.	3 Teach your child that mistakes are part of learning.	4 Talk about a mistake you learned from.	5 Ask your child how it felt to see the outcome of hard work.
6 Instead of saying "Good job", say, "You worked so hard on that!"	7 Model trying something new today.	8 Talk about something new you learned today.	9 Instead of saying "You are so smart," say, "You have great ideas!"	10 Tell your child that you believe in them.	11 Ask your child to share their opinion or ideas for something you are working on.	12 Talk about the joy of learning something new.
13 Encourage your child to be happy for other's accomplishments.	14 Start a family "idea jar."	15 Teach your child about the brain and how it works.	16 Say "I see how hard you are trying."	17 Encourage collaboration and making a plan together.	18 Talk to your child about what a strategy is and how they can help.	19 Practice calming strategies for when things get harder/stressful.
20 Teach and model positive self-talk such as "I can do this."	21 Set goals and break them into smaller chunks together.	22 Try a new cooking recipe with your child.	23 Brainstorm with your child to come up with a new game.	24 Tell your child a story of how you overcame something.	25 Read stories about characters trying hard at something.	26 Ask your child how to turn a negative situation into a positive.
27 Look up inventions that were born out of a mistake.	28 Brainstorm a new invention together.	29 Keep a journal/record of cool things learned each day.	30 Help your child notice what gets in their way.			

Great Works of Art!

Visual Arts

Congratulations to all the Students who continue to participate in Visual Arts Online Distant Learning.

Thank you for being so creative!

This term the students are experimenting with natural materials and ingredients discovering how Science and Art can go hand in hand. Keep up the great work!

Year 5 and Year 6

Students in year 5 and 6 were asked the question. How can we create a mosaic using natural resources?

Please take some time to look at the impressive artwork the students designed and created. Well done students!



MRS PENGELLY'S VIRTUAL LIBRARY

A place where you can sit back and enjoy listening to stories! Mrs Pengelly is regularly adding links and stories to her library, so make sure you keep checking. If there is a story attached to a book, you will see a hand displayed..... otherwise it's coming soon!

[Mrs Pengelly's Virtual Library LINK](#)

Community News



Lorne St Kindergarten Enrolments

If you have a younger child who is ready to attend Kinder in 2021, Lorne St Kindergarten are taking enrolments. Please see the attached flyer for details.

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Secondary School Enrolment Flyers

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



Penola Catholic College

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BR. PETER COLE SCHOLARSHIP (PARADE COLLEGE – PRESTON)

The Br. Peter Cole Scholarship was created to honour a great man and to acknowledge his connection to the Preston area. Through the generosity of the College Foundation, we are pleased to offer a limited number of academic scholarships into the Altior Gifted and talented program at our Preston Campus, a reward and acknowledgement of the boys who have achieved exceptional academic outcomes in Year 5. Applicants must have a confirmed enrolment in Year 7 Preston for the applicable year.

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MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER ONLINE WEEKEND

If you are spending time together, but feel the distance between you ...

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND A WEEKEND IMPROVING YOUR COMMUNICATION IN THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME

This VIRTUAL Weekend gives couples the chance to sleep in their own beds and check-in on kids or animals during meal times.

Come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing!

The weekend we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

Couples from regional areas may find this option ideal.

Next weekend is on 9-11th October 2020.

Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

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3. Add your School

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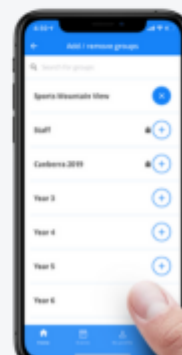
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