



St Matthew's Catholic Primary School

Term 3, 3rd August 2021. No 12

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Principal's Message

Hello to Students, Parents, Staff and Friends of St Matthew's,

Here we are again starting back and getting into the swing of things from another Lockdown. I can only praise all the students, parents and staff for adapting so quickly back into school mode. I think after 5 lockdowns we are becoming experts now. Even though it is very disruptive we have all learnt how to deal with it and simply do the best we can. Thank you everyone for all your extra efforts, it certainly doesn't go unnoticed. Pray to God and keep those fingers crossed there isn't another snap lockdown soon. Stay safe, warm and dry and take care of your loved ones.

YEAR 6 SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

Congratulations to the Year 6 students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Friday evening. Many thanks to their Sponsors and Parents for presenting them and joining in and making it a most joyous celebration. We are so grateful that we could still go ahead. It didn't look too promising the Friday before.

Also many thanks and well done to Mrs Helen Howden (Religious Education Leader), Ms Sarah Frank, Mr Simon McKenzie and Mr Matthew Donlon (Year 6 Teachers) for their preparation of the students at such short notice. Once again many thanks to Mrs Howden for photographing all the students being confirmed. I am led to believe all families received these by Sunday evening. Thank God for mobile phones.

Bishop Terry Curtin was excellent again and we are very grateful to him and Fr Boy for their personal concelebrating of the Mass. Also many thanks to Mrs Carmela D'Amato (Deputy Principal), Mrs Anna Proud (Catechist) & Mr Brad Proud (QR Code Supervisor) for all their assistance on the evening.

It ran like clockwork, the students were fantastic and it was a very reverent and memorable celebration with the permitted limited congregation of 100. Please find all the students names all listed later in the newsletter. Well done everyone on a superb team effort!!!!

MASK WEARING:

Just a reminder to all Parents that it is Mandatory that all adults, parents, staff and visitors wear a face mask properly when in public and on our school site. If parents are coming onto the school site for an important meeting then you need to sign in on our QR code. Until further restrictions are lifted by the government we are still only allowing Prep parents to drop off and pick up their children from their rooms. Parents of children in all other grade levels one – six need to drop off and pick up their children at one of the three gates, William St, Lowson St and Selola Crt.

I sincerely thank you for your cooperation to keep us all safe and St Matthews a Covid-19 free zone.

100 DAYS OF PREP:

Last Friday the Grade Prep students dressed up and celebrated 100 days at school and didn't they look an absolute treat. There is a report with photos to follow later in the newsletter. Please enjoy reading and viewing these.

PREP SCHOOL NURSE QUESTIONNAIRE:

Last Friday all Prep parents received an envelope with a School Nurse Questionnaire inside. We ask that all parents please fill their child's form in as this is vitally important for the nurse to have all up to date information on your child. It is an extremely valuable service provided by the Moreland City Council that all schools have access to. If any parents have difficulty in filling out the form please ring the main office and we can arrange assistance for you.

Once again I stipulate how important it is for these questionnaires to be fill out and returned to school as soon as possible for the benefit of your child.

CHANGE OF STAFF:

We warmly welcome Ms Linda Odgers, who has taken over from Ms Sarah Frank as she commences her Maternity Leave. We celebrated a morning tea with Sarah last Friday morning wishing her all the very best. We look forward to hearing the good news of her baby's arrival at the end of the month. Please make yourself known to Linda and make her feel most welcome.

RECIPE BOOK

Just a reminder that if you have a favourite recipe that you would like to share for our Parents' and friends' association's recipe book then please send your recipe to link listed below <http://publishedauthors.com.au/> or to Mrs D'Amato at cdamato@smfawknernth.catholic.edu.au

THIS WEEK'S ASSEMBLY:

Once again because there are still some restrictions in place, unfortunately our Assembly this week will once again be Virtual, online. This week is **Year 2B**. Please tune in at 2:45pm this Friday. A Link will be sent via our SkoolBag App just prior to the commencement time. See you there!

Yours sincerely,

Bob Brown

(Principal)

PRAYER FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES



2021 Term Dates

2021 TERM DATES

TERM 3 Monday 12th July - Friday 17th September

TERM 4 Monday 4th October - Friday 17th December

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



**“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you” Matthew 7:7
Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit**

Congratulations to:

Aailya Cox, Adenia Tralongo, Alessia Barel, Charlie Tucci, Dehan Liyanage, Elizabeth Velluto, Emma Zivanovic, Ethan Bertola, Jack Cavanagh, Jack Mazzuco, James Mustica, John Nunez, Katherine Moshi, Olivia Berenzy, Preston Vaccaro, Roman Demontis, Sarah Galea, Sofia Rujak, Sophie Carrafa, Tristan Bernal, Vanessa Lorenti, Zachary Proud, Zeno Ephraums, Tiana Tese, Bartola Spano, Michelle Truilocio, Ella Benders.



LEARNING AND TEACHING

Our BIG questions for Term 3

Each Term, the students inquire into a BIG question to do with a curriculum area. This term our Focus area is HISTORY and the Big question range from learning about our own history, the history of FAWKNER and Australian History. This year, our Parish also celebrates 60 years, what a lot of history for us to look at!

Here are the various questions that we will be inquiring into:

PREP	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
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What is my story?	What is my family's story?	What clues in the past tell us about the present?	Fawkner, HOW did we get here?	How did the great journeys of the world impact people and places?	Australia: Where did we come from?	Australia: Who are we?
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Year 3 questions: Can you help us?

The Year 3 students have compiled a list of questions to help them with their investigations. if you grew up in Fawkner, or your family grew up in Fawkner, could you please take some time to answer some of these questions. The Year 3 students thank you for helping them.

Year 3 Inquiry: Fawkner, HOW did we get here?

100 Days of Prep



If you were at school last Thursday, you would have noticed that the Prep students seem to have disappeared and were replaced by 50 small 100-year-olds. This was part of a special day of celebrating the Prep students' milestone of being at school for 100 days! To celebrate the occasion, both Prep A and Prep B had a day filled with all things 100 - creating chains of 100 links, 100 days crowns, mosaics with 100 pieces and portraits of what they would look like in 100 years. A big thankyou to the Grade 5 buddies who helped with some of the crafty activities and made the prep students feel extra special. All prep students were presented with a certificate to remember the achievement by before they no doubt went home to have a well-earned nanna nap!



Gardening Club News

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St Matthew's Gardening Club



Those lemons just keep coming! This week, we used them to make pink lemonade which is a recipe given to us by Emilia Fileccia in Grade 5. This recipe will be in the St Matthew's Recipe Book if you'd like to make your own pink lemonade. The Gardening Club raised \$33 from selling it.



Design Our Logo Competition

Are you creative? Do you like drawing?
Have a go at designing our new logo for
the Gardening Club.
Entries close August 14.

We need your help!

We are looking for volunteers to help us fix up the garden space.
If you have are a local business or have some **spare gardening equipment** and would like to
get involved, please contact Mrs Jessica Mazzone at
jmazzone@smfawknernth.catholic.edu.au

Parade College

WHO COULD YOU BECOME?

Enrol your son for Year 7 in the
Manchester City Football School
at Parade College



**FOOTBALL
SCHOOL**



mancity.parade.vic.edu.au

Parade College - Grade 5 Boys

www.parade.vic.edu.au



APPLICATIONS FOR YR 7 2023 FOR CURRENT YR 5'S CLOSE ON 20 AUG 2021



Limited places are available in some other year levels.

Contact the College Registrar on **9468 3304** (enrol@parade.vic.edu.au) for further information

PARADE COLLEGE – A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES!

Mercy College- Discovery Day



Discover Mercy College

The Mercy culture of learning together through collaboration, partnerships and life-giving relationships enables all in our community to fully flourish.

The QR Code will take you to our College website where you can:

- Take a virtual tour of our College
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Applications for Year 7 2023 are open

Limited places available for 2022

P: 03 9319 9299

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School Holiday Program - Moreland Council

Please find attached a timetable of activities from the Moreland Council regarding the upcoming school holidays

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Extend outside school hours care

The information provided in the following attachment will assist families with any bookings and services provided by Extend.

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EXTEND HOLIDAY PROGRAM

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St Matthew's Catholic Primary School respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation, who are the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we live, learn, work and play. We pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.

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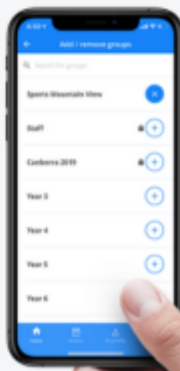



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