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NEWSLETTER WEEK 1

27 April 2017

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2. I trust that all have enjoyed a great rest and are ready to begin another great term of Fun, Faith and Learning at St Matthew's.

ANZAC Day is a significant national day of commemoration. On Monday St Matthew's community was represented by students, parents and staff at the Dawn service for ANZAC Day. Charlotte Reeve along with her father Sergeant Blake Reeve laid the wreath on behalf of our school community during the commemoration service. Thank you to all families who were able to support this commemoration.



Mrs Climpson and Mrs Burke organised and led the school in a very reflective and reverent prayer focusing on the resurrection of Jesus at Easter and the commemoration of ANZAC Day at our Monday morning assembly. We pray that peace comes to our world:

*Lord Jesus Christ, Bring peace into the world
By bringing Your peace into the hearts of all.
Help us to follow You in love and service.
Amen.*



CALENDAR DATES TERM 2 2017	
Apr 28 Fri	Father Arthur's farewell COLA 11:45 am
May 1 Mon	Assembly Presented by Year 4 2:45 pm
May 3 Wed	Year 1 Parish Mass 9:00 am
May 2 Tue	Diocesan Cross Country
May 4 Thur	Mother's Day Stall 9:00 am Year 2 Walking excursion Depart 12:00 pm return 1:30
May 7 Sun	Parish School Mass 9:00 am Presented by Stage 3 Parents to provide morning tea
May 8 Mon	Assembly presented by Year 1 2:45 pm
May 9- 11	NAPLAN
May 12 Fri	Mother's Day Liturgy 7:30 am for 7:45 am start St. Matthew's Church followed by breakfast

Tomorrow we will farewell Fr Arthur, who is retiring from his ministry as Parish Priest of St Matthew's. Fr Arthur has served this parish for the past 7 years and as a priest of more than 20 parishes for nearly 50 years. We have greatly and gratefully appreciated his presence and guidance of the school, the students and families during his time here. We wish him the very best of luck and good health in his future. We will be having a thanksgiving prayer in the COLA at 11:45 am which all parents are invited to attend.

As a staff we look forward to continuing to work with you, as the first educators of your children, in their growth in faith and their learning as well as strengthening the connection between school and home.

In partnership let us continue to work to develop in the children a desire to Seek Truth in everything they do.

Peace & best wishes

Tim Vane-Tempest,
Principal.

Target - 90% average
across the school

Every Learner,
Every Day

**Attendance in the past
fortnight
89.3%**

Please support our canteen service.

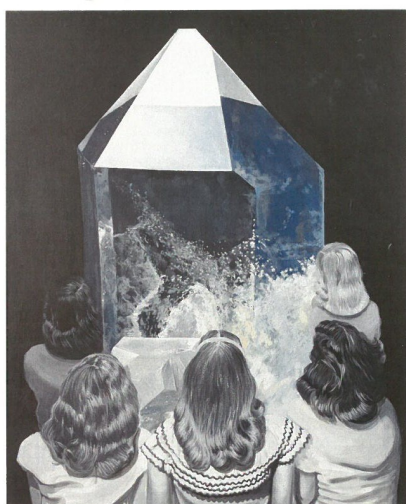


Image: ANNA DI MEZZA The Birth of Currency, 2016 acrylic on board 65 x 40 cm

ANNA DI MEZZA

OBSCURA

4 - 28 May 2017

Braemar Gallery and the artist
warmly invite you to the launch on

Saturday 6 May, 2pm - 4pm



104 Macquarie Road, Springwood
Thursday - Sunday 10am-4pm,
email: braemargallery@gmail.com



**Canteen - Open 5 days per week for
Term 2**

The continuation of the 5 day service is dependant on the level of support that the community gives to the canteen. The more support the greater the case for the 5 day service.

A decision will be made toward the end of Term 2 about the success of this trial.

New Families

This term we welcome the Krix family (Noah Year 5) to the St Matthew's community. We trust that you quickly feel a part of our school community.

Parent and Community Connections

Our annual Mother's Stall will be held on Thursday the 4th May from 9:00 am. Thanks to Brigetta Galea for taking on the organising of this activity and to the mum's who assisted in wrapping presents at the end of Term 1. Gifts start from \$2. There will also be raffle tickets for sale at the stall. The stall will be set up under the Blue Shade area or in the Hall if the weather is against us.

Our Mother's Day prayer will be held in St Matthew's Church on Friday 12th May starting at 7:30 a.m. All mothers and grandmothers are invited to join us at this morning celebration followed by a light breakfast in the Hall from 8-8:30 am.

Enrolling for 2018

The enrolments continue to be open for Kindergarten 2018. If your child turns 5 before the 31st July, 2018 and you would like them to start at St Matthew's please contact the school office to pick up or have an enrolment pack sent to you. If you know of any family who are seeking enrolment for 2018 and are not yet connected with St Matthew's School please pass on this information. We look forward to welcoming you to St. Matthew's School in the near future.

Enrolment Policy

Our Enrolment policy is in-line with the Diocesan Policy. The enrolment criteria is included below:

Children of Catholic families who:

- i) live within the geographic boundaries of the parish (or parishes) for which the school was established, on which the school depends; OR
- ii) live outside the parish geographic boundaries but regularly attend such a parish.

Children of Catholic families who are parishioners of a parish other than the parish of the school they intend their child to attend provided there are no vacancies at the child's own designated community parish school

Children of other Christian churches who, with their parents, respect and agree to support the Catholic mission of the school including the religious education it offers for their children.

Children of other faiths who, with their parents, respect and agree to support the Catholic mission of the school including the religious education it offers for their children.

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We are continuing to accept applications for enrolment for Years 1-6 for 2017.

The school office can be contacted on 4577 3463 for an enrolment pack or to have any enrolment questions answered.

NAPLAN 2017

From 9-11th May our Year 3 & 5 children will participate in the annual NAPLAN assessments. Teachers and students are continuing to work on their preparations for these assessments. We wish them the best of luck and hope their results reflect their level of preparation and effort.

Dance Fever

In Term 2 we will have our Dance Fever program running each Wednesday. To ensure all students are best able to participate all students will wear their Sports uniform on **Wednesday**. The days for sports uniform for each class is as follows

Kinder - Wednesday/Thursday
Year 1 - Wednesday/Friday
Year 2 - Wednesday & Thursday
Year 3 - Wednesday/Friday
Year 4 - Wednesday/Friday
Stage 3 - Wednesday/Thursday

Teachers as Learners

Teachers are always on a path to improvement from their professional reading, professional learning and working together with their teaching partners. Teachers are also required to keep a log of their professional learning and practice to meet standards for their ongoing accreditation to teach. This process has been in place for teachers who trained from 2004 onwards. During the holiday break Mrs Thornton and Miss Keane attended a conference "How Words Work, Spell it out". Also this week Miss Keane and Mrs Baldock will attend a professional learning meeting on writing.

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Winter Uniform

As we head into Term 2 students should make the change from Summer to Winter uniform. By the start of Week 3, Monday 8th May it is expected that all children will be wearing the correct Winter uniform. If you need to order from Oz Fashions the order needs to be placed by Monday for delivery Friday 12th May

The winter uniform is:

Girls: Check Tunic, Yellow Blouse, Check Ribbon tie, Navy Jumper/Vest, Navy Blue Tights, Navy Knee High Socks, Black Leather Shoes

Boys: Grey Trousers, Long Sleeve Blue Shirt, Navy Jumper/Vest, Grey Socks, Black Leather Shoes

Sport: School Sports Track pants & Jacket, School Sports Shirt, White socks, Sports Shoes.

Sport Uniform to be worn on the days as shown above.

Please check with the front office if you have any questions regarding the school uniform.

Greetings St Matthew's School Community!

I hope everyone had a great Easter celebrating the Risen Lord and spending special moments with family and friends. On ANZAC Day, there was another opportunity to pray and remember all the men and women who gave up their lives for others. Thank you to all the students, teachers and parents who participated in our Easter and ANZAC Day Liturgy on Monday morning. Thank you Year Three for making this opportunity to pray, remember and reflect such a reverent and meaningful experience.

Farewell To Fr. Arthur

St Matthew's School have organised a special Liturgy on Friday morning at 11:45 am for Fr Arthur to thank him and farewell him as he moves into his Retirement. We are very grateful for all his hard work and guidance over the years leading us all to love God and to know God personally. We thank him for his care and encouragement and being an example of faith to all of us. The teachers, staff, students and families of St Matthew's wish Fr Arthur all the best for the future.

Parish/School Mass and Hospitality.

On Sunday the 7th of May, St Matthew's School is rostered on to organise the morning tea after the 9 am Mass. If you are able to donate food for this, it will be much appreciated. You can send cakes and biscuits to the School Office through the week or drop off food before the Mass. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

First Eucharist

Please pray for the children and their families in our Parish who are preparing for their First Eucharist. May they grow closer to Jesus each day and show the Face of Jesus to others through their Words, Thoughts and Actions. We ask Jesus to help them and their families as they live a Christian life following His example.

Voices From The Classrooms.

This term, every Wednesday, our Year 6 Servant Leaders will be leading prayer in the Library during recess. It will be an opportunity to reflect on the Mysteries of The Rosary and pray for those who are in need of prayer. The Servant leaders will research and organise this prayer opportunity for our students with teacher supervision.

*God Bless.
Ann Climpson*



Sport News

Welcome back to another term with plenty of sporting opportunities for all the children at St Matthews. We have a very busy term so please take note of the following dates:

Week 1

Thursday April 27 - Stage 3 Girls Soccer Trials

Week 2

Tuesday May 2 - Diocesan Cross Country Carnival

Week 3

Friday May 12 - Stage 3 BOYS Soccer Trials

Week 4

Wednesday May 17 - Stage 2 BOYS Soccer Trials

Friday May 19 - Stage 2 GIRLS Soccer Trials

Week 5

Thursday May 25 - Stage 3 GIRLS Soccer Gala Day

Week 8

Thursday June 15 - St Matthew's School Athletics Carnival

Week 9

Thursday June 22 - Stage 3 BOYS Soccer Gala Day

Week 10

Thursday June 29 - Stage 2 BOYS & GIRLS Soccer Gala Day

Diocesan Cross Country

The Diocesan Cross Country event will be held at Eastern Creek Raceway on Tuesday 2nd May. Following our school carnival on the last day of Term 1 the following students have been selected to represent St Matthew's. Congratulations to:

<u>8/9 Year old boy</u> Darcy Buckingham Lucas Sheehy William Crozier Samuel Murphy Ryan Henson Matthew Clements	<u>8/9 Year old girl</u> Holly McKay Sarah Beattie Emily El Hindy Hannah Kent Abby Caldwell Montana Charles	<u>10 year old boy</u> Sean Miskelly Matthew Simpson Jonathan Sheehy Peter Sultana Simon Su Lincoln Burgess	<u>10 year old girl</u> Georgia Crozier Emerson Finch Audrey Zhou Madison Rowley Charlize Anderson
<u>11 year old boy</u> Willem Machin Christopher Xiberras Ben Bugeja Brayden Haines Kade Burgess Jude Deguara	<u>11 year old girl</u> Isabella Stanford Lola Layton Keiara King Georgia Boulos Chanel Refalo Crystal Murray	<u>12 year old boy</u> Liam Henson Jon Pierre Dagher Eric Su Dylan Sheehy Jayden Xerri Edward Kennedy	<u>12 year old girl</u> Anna Kennedy Natalia Tabone Jordyn Bezzina Danijela Prasnicki

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CROSS COUNTRY FAMILIES

Essential that children hydrate and eat breakfast!

Children should not participate if unwell the week before the Cross Country.

Children & parent helpers should be appropriately dressed (Including warm clothes if it is a cool day). Cross Country should be run in sports uniform /suitable clothing such as running shorts or bike pants e.g. no track pants / jumpers etc.

All the best at Diocesan!!

Mrs Brand

McCarthy Catholic College
75 Mackellar Street, Emu Plains



Trade Training Centre

INFORMATION EVENING FOR YEAR 11, 2018:

Date: Wednesday 24 May 2017

Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Start your trade and complete your HSC with no external examinations

Trades offered:

Automotive Bricklaying Carpentry Childcare Electrotechnology
Hairdressing Hospitality Plumbing Metal Fabrication

Enrolment Enquiries:

Mrs Katrina Gill: 02 4728 8129

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OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA

College Open Morning Tour Monday May 8, 2017

expanding beyond what we know we can be

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on Monday May 8, 2017.

Tour the College and discover why a Mercy Education is treasured for life and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team.

The College is now enrolling for 2019.

Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au to reserve your place. Contact the Registrar 8838 1222 to discuss how your daughter can be a Mercy Girl.

School Banking 2017 is off to a flying start.



This year's School Banking adventure is well underway, as the new-look Dollarmites lead the journey up towards the amazing Savings Hover Park. Students are demonstrating a remarkable saving behaviour.

New reward items

There are two new reward items to keep students saving in Term 2: the 3D Chalk Set and Tablet Case. Your child can redeem one of these, while stocks last, after making 10 School Banking deposits.

Modern ways to teach money skills with the CommBank Youth app

Through the School Banking program, CommBank has been offering engaging ways for Australian children to learn the value of saving and smart money management since 1931. In 2017, the introduction of the CommBank Youth app, an innovative digital banking tool, will help enhance the School Banking program.

With the CommBank Youth app, your child can:

- Check the balance of their Youthsaver account.
- View School Banking deposits in their transaction history.
- Track the number of Dollarmites tokens they collect.
- Set up savings goals and monitor their progress.
- Create a list of chores they can do to earn pocket money.

Explore more about the CommBank Youth app, and how to get your child started, by visiting commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

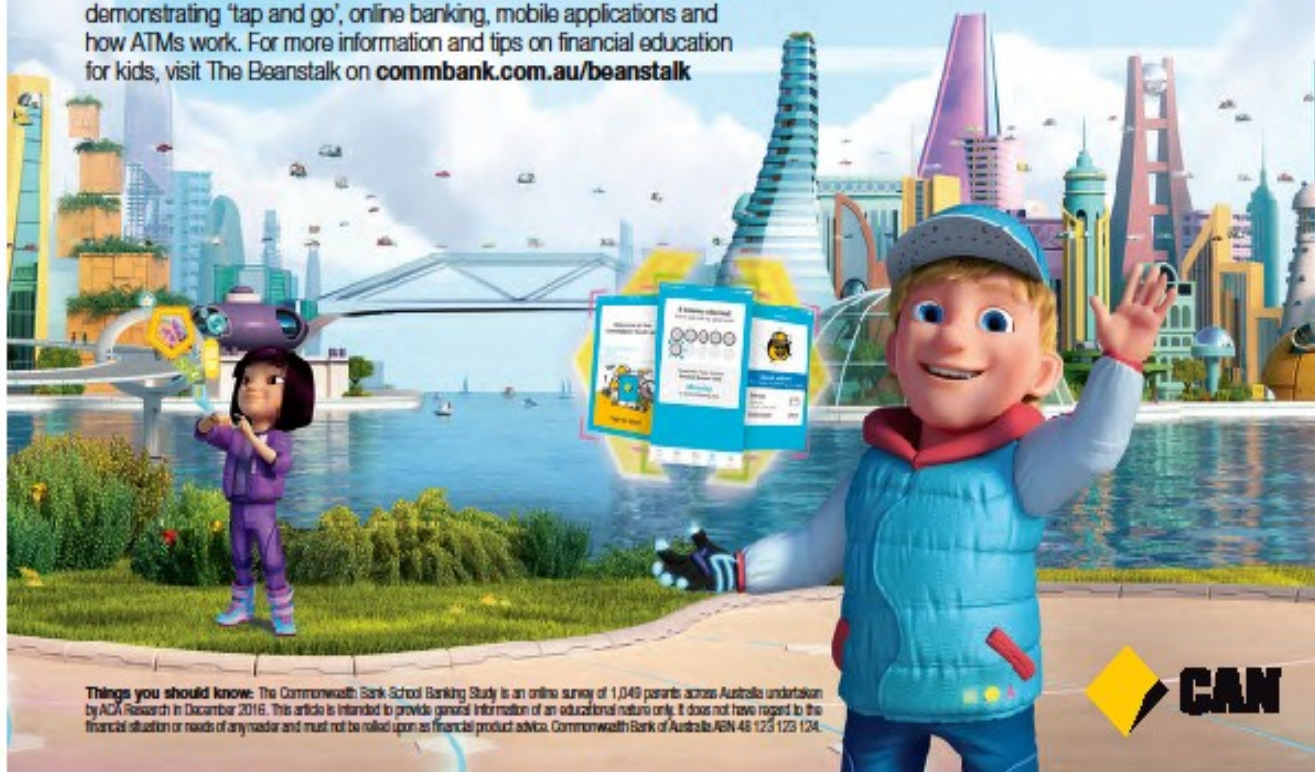
Learning the value of digital money

Did you know that approximately one in five parents are trying to teach their children about cashless transactions and digital money management? CommBank research shows parents are alternating between cash and online bank transfers when giving their children pocket money, and actively demonstrating 'tap and go', online banking, mobile applications and how ATMs work. For more information and tips on financial education for kids, visit The Beanstalk on commbank.com.au/beanstalk



3D Chalk Set

Tablet Case



Things you should know: The Commonwealth Bank School Banking Study is an online survey of 1,049 parents across Australia undertaken by ACA Research in December 2016. This article is intended to provide general information of an educational nature only. It does not have regard to the financial situation or needs of any reader and must not be relied upon as financial product advice. Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124.



Parishes Making Connections NSW Conference: 2 May

Shane Dwyer, director of the National Centre for Evangelisation, keynotes this year's NSW Catholic Pastoral Conference. Includes presentations and networking with parishes and schools offering successful ministries with small faith groups and with youth engagement. For parishioners, school staff and clergy. Lidcombe, 10.00am-4.00pm, optional dinner. \$60 registration: www.trybooking.com/PBCM Endorsed by our Pastoral Planning Office. For inquiries and flyer: Greg Byrne tel 0427 918 568, gregbyrne3@bigpond.com

"My Soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord": 6 May

Reflection Day for Women on Saturday 6 May 9.30 am – 3.00 pm at Mt Schoenstatt, Fairlight Rd Mulgoa. Hosted by Sr Mary Louise Walsh.

Cost \$25 BYO lunch, tea & coffee provided. To register: info@schoenstatt.org.au

New Testament Workshops: 10, 12 & 13 May

The internationally respected Scripture scholar Prof van Than Nguyen SVD will be conducting three face-to-face workshops at The Broken Bay Institute which will be of practical interest to teachers, parishes and religious communities. Prof Nguyen is the Chair of Catholic Missiology at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and the Director of its widely respected Master of Divinity Program. He has published extensively in the areas of New Testament Studies and on Spirituality in a Pluralistic Society. Topics: Interpreting and Preaching the Gospel of Matthew (10 May), The Lukan Spirituality of Jesus (12 May) and Reading the Bible in the Context of World Christianity (13 May). For further information and to register: www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/BBites

LIFTED Live! Featuring Steve Angrisano: 13 May

Join Catholic Youth Parramatta for our first LIFTED Live! in 2017 at our new central venue in the Rooty Hill RSL. Last year, more than 400 young people were inspired by Catholic musician, singer, songwriter and storyteller Steve Angrisano. You can expect music, prayer, worship, adoration, drama, laughs and a great night as the LIFTED Band and Steve join forces in faith, formation and fun! \$5 entry fee to be inspired and upLIFTED for your ongoing ministry! From 7.00pm-10.00pm at Rooty Hill RSL, 55 Sherbrooke Rd, Rooty Hill. RSVP thru the Catholic Youth Parramatta Facebook event. Inquiries to James Camden, Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta, tel (02) 8838 3428 or jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au

Nigerian Mass in Igbo: 14 May

Rev Fr Chukwunonyerem Akamadu, Chaplain to the Nigerian Catholic community, will celebrate Mass at 11.30am at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. Contact Fr Akamadu tel 0451 174 438, Stella Nwosu 0405 478 472.

The Shrine of Mt Schoenstatt – 'Oasis of Faith, Hope and Love': 21 May

Come and experience a special day at The Shrine of Mt Schoenstatt – 'Oasis of Faith, Hope and Love' - 230 Fairlight Road Mulgoa for the Annual Marian Pilgrimage to be held on Sunday 21st May, 2017. The celebrations begin at 10am with Holy Mass at 10:30 am and Eucharistic Procession and Benediction from the valley to the Shrine at 2pm. There will be an alternative programme for the sick and elderly at the Shrine. This is an Outdoor event. Please bring your own chairs and picnic rugs. Food stalls available or bring your own lunch. For more details ring 02 4773 8338 or visit www.schoenstatt.org.au

St Anthony's Parish, Clovelly, Centenary Mass: 21 May

St Anthony's Parish was formed in 1917, and St Anthony's Primary School opened in 1918. Past parishioners, students and friends are cordially invited to the Centenary Mass at 10.00am on Sunday 21 May, at which Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will be Principal Celebrant. Refreshments will follow in the parish grounds. For more information or to indicate attendance, email: centenary@stanthonyclovelly.org.au Facebook: St Anthony's Clovelly Centenary

Christian Meditation Introduction & Renewal Day: 21 May

Presentations, Introduction to Christian Meditation, two periods of meditation, Eucharistic Celebration and information exchange. BYO picnic lunch – tea & coffee provided. Arrive 10am for 10.30am, concludes about 3pm. Books & CDs for sale. St Benedict's Monastery is at 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, tel (02) 9653 1159. Self-catering accommodation may be available in the monastery guest house. Contact Br Terry 0438 282 318. Inquiries: Ann Bergman (02) 9498 2625, anniebergman@hotmail.com or Ann Lomas (02) 9456 4775, atlomas@bigpond.com

For more events please go to: <http://parracatholic.org/events/>