

St Matthew's Catholic Primary School

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NEWSLETTER WEEK 7 8 June 2017

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

In the coming week your child's report will be coming home. Accompanying this newsletter is a letter regarding reports and further information about the Student Led Conferences. We will be holding Student Led Conferences as part of our reporting process. As a refresher to parents who experienced this process last year and an introduction to new families the process and reasoning is outlined below.

Student led conferences differ from teacher-directed interviews in that students are actively involved in both the learning and the reporting process. Student led conferences take the form of a conversation between the student, the parents and their teacher. This allows students to demonstrate and explain their individual learning and growth, as well as the achievements that are significant to themselves.

The conferences have been modified from last year with each session being reduced to 30 minutes and the number of families in each conference session reduced as well. At the beginning of each session the teachers will outline the process and the core elements of your child's learning. The children will then present the work samples that support their achievement of their learning goals to their parents as a family. Teachers will be present and available during this time to share in the process and answer any specific questions you may have.

Following the conference some parents may want the opportunity to discuss further their child's achievements, behaviour or social development directly and privately with their child's teacher. We encourage parents to make an appointment to discuss these issues directly with the teachers. This offer is open to all parents at any stage throughout the school year.

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

Peace and Best Wishes for a wonderful fortnight ahead.

Tim Vane-Tempest, Principal.

CALENDAR DATES **TERM 2 2017** Jun 9 Fri Pupil Free Dau No student supervision Jun 12 Queen's Birthday Mon Public Holiday Year 1 Parish Mass 9:00 am Jun 14 Wed Year 6 Reconciliation 9:30 am Jun 15 Athletics Carnival Thur Tamplin Field, Hobartville Assembly 2:45 pm Jun19 Mon Presented by Year 1 Jun 20 Student Led Conferences Tue Student Led Conferences Jun 21 Wed Jun 22 Stage 3 Boys Soccer Thur Jun 23 Whole School Mass Fri Sacred Heart of Jesus 9:45 am Jun 26 Assembly 2:45 pm Presented by Year 4 Mon Jun 28 Mufti Dau Wed Scarf, Beanie, PJ's and slippers Gold coin donation and a tin of food Jun 29 Stage 2 Boys & Girls Soccer Thur 8:00 am Jamison Park, South Penrith Jun 30 Last day of Term 2 Fri

> <u>Target - 90%</u> average across the <u>school</u>

> > Every Learner, Every Day

Attendance in the past fortnight 89.6

Pupil Free Day

Tomorrow the staff of St. Matthew's will be involved in a full day of learning connected to our PBL work. As this is a Pupil Free day no supervision for children will be provided.

School Photos

The new date for school photos is Wednesday 19th July. (Week 1 Term 3)

Enrolling Now 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 the St. Matthew's please pass on this information. We look forward to welcoming you to St Matthew's in the near future.



Disco

The disco last Friday was a huge success with more than 180 of our children attending from K-6. Thank you to the parents who attended and supported the event by checking children in and out, with security, serving drinks and snacks and selling the glow products. These events wouldn't be able to happen without your generous support and presence. The event raised \$850 which will be used to purchase additional reading resources for the Primary classes.

Our next event will be the scarf and beanie mufti day in support of Hawkesbury Helping Hands and St Vincent de Paul. Information is below.

Scarf, Beanie, PJ's, Slippers Day

Wednesday 28th June will be Annual Winter Appeal for St Vincent de Paul and Hawkesbury Helping Hands. As part of our regular social justice work our aim is to support the most needy in our community by supporting these very important local organisations. This year as a school we will be collecting tins of food for the Hawkesbury Helping Hands organisation and a gold coin donation for our local St Vincent de Paul group. As payment for wearing a scarf, beanie, PJs and slippers (or combination of these clothing items) children are asked to bring a tin of food and a gold coin on the day. Thank you in advance for your support of these important local community groups.







| Kinder | Sienna Crozier: For working hard during reading groups. Nadime El Dirani: For showing his thinking and recording his strategies used in Mathematics work on fractions. Jenson Lees: For his hard work and commitment during reading groups. Spencer Sammut: For working hard in Mathematics on the 'Handfuls' warm up. Jetsun Gregory: For his consistent participation in class discussions and learning activities. | | | |
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| Year 1 | Hadyn Smith - For striving to work more independently in his writing well done. Mia Groom - For her thoughtful contributions during shared reading well done. Gabriella Lupi - For her thoughtful contributions during shared reading well done. Shelby Mitchell - For trying hard to improve her monitoring and self correcting during guided reading- well done. | | | |
| Year 2 | Amelia Cook - For her outstanding research and presentation in her PBL project. Jett Kirk - For his consistent effort in all his school tasks. Rylie Watson -Gill - For being a responsible and respectful class member who always tries her best. Matthew Clements - For his excellent discussions during maths reflections. | | | |
| Year 3 | Leihem Haines- Showing responsible behaviour in all areas of learning. Mia Wilks- Showing respect to self and others. Cooper Naylor- For being Christ- like in his words, thoughts and actions. Daniel Spiteri - For participating in class activities to a high standard. | | | |
| Year 4 | Camryn Brunker - Great enthusiasm to write and share her work when doing Quick writes. Lincoln Burgess - Great work in volume and capacity. Peter Sultana - A fabulous retell of the resurrection and a clear understanding of the references to new life in Mass. | | | |
| Støge 3 Blue | Will Machin - For writing an impressive and creative story about a secret passageway in our school. Joel Seget - For displaying a growth mindset in Mathematics and persevering with challenging tasks. Michaella Russell - For taking pride in the presentation of her bookwork. | | | |
| Stage 3 Gold | Monique Toth - Her Mature approach to her learning. Audrey Zhou - Taking care in the presentation of maths tasks. William Jin - His creative approach to writing. | | | |
| Stage 3 White | Logan McCabe - For an increased willingness to contribute to class discussions. Christopher Xiberras - For writing with improved focus, creativity and care. Marianna Palazzolo - For working collaboratively with others and being a supportive learning partner. | | | |

Greetings St Matthew's School Community!

Over the last two weeks, one hundred children in our parish received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. Congratulations to all these children and their families. We pray for them as they continue their faith journey with our prayers to support them.

Last Sunday was Pentecost Sunday. We celebrated the finishing of the Easter Season and we are now in Ordinary Time (green). We are reminded that Jesus is always with us. When the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles and Our Mother Mary on the day of Pentecost, people of many nations could understand what the apostles were saying in their own language. A very dramatic event! The Holy Spirit brought people of all nations together then and binds us all together now. The apostles were given courage to go out and speak openly about Jesus. When we receive the Holy Spirit at Baptism and Confirmation, we also receive forgiveness and healing.

This Sunday is the feast of The Most Holy Trinity- The Holy Trinity of Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, one God in three divine persons. In the Old Testament we learn that God the Father is kind and merciful. In the New Testament we experience the unconditional love and peace of God in Jesus Christ. Jesus sent us the Holy Spirit and the many gifts and fruits of the Spirit to live a Christian life. The Holy Spirit is a God of action. With the Holy Spirit we are able to do God's work through our words, thoughts and actions.

"The Spirit sanctifies, teaches, enlightens and encourages the faithful in the Christian way of life, especially in the midst of trials, temptations and persecutions." (God's Word, 2017, Daily Reflections)

May the Holy Spirit guide us and help us as we live a Christian way of life.

Our Lady of Fatima 100th Anniversary.

Tuesday the 13th of June, is another 100th Anniversary of the apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima. On the 13th of each month concluding in October, the Catholic Church remembers this special event and have organised opportunities for prayer and reflection.

On the 13th of June (after the long weekend), St Matthew's has been chosen to have a special statue of Our Lady of Fatima at our school. The statue will be in the church for the students and their families to come and pray.

You are invited to pray with us as a school community on Tuesday the 13th of June.

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2: 10.45 am in the church.

Years 3-6: 2.45pm. in the church.

Voices From The Classrooms.

Students in Stage Two have been learning about the Eucharist and the Mass. Together At One Altar is a very informative site that will help your children know more about the Mass. There are many activities and opportunities for learning for the whole family.

togetheratonealtar.catholic.edu.au

God Bless. Ann Climpson

Jesus in our hearts - Forever!

Our Lady of Fatima – Pray For Us.

Dates to remember-

Statue of Our Lady of Fatima prayer Opportunity.

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2: 10.45 am in the church.

Years 3-6: 2.45pm. in the church.

Sacred Heart School Mass- Friday, 23rd of June at 9.45 am.

Did you know?

Pope Francis has decided to grant a plenary indulgence opportunity throughout the entire anniversary year of - Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal. This will conclude on the 26th of November, 2017.

One way to receive this plenary indulgence is to pray before any statue of Our Lady of Fatima.

" ... the pious faithful who visit with devotion a statue of Our Lady of Fatima solemnly exposed for public veneration in any church...during the days of the anniversary of the apparitions, the 13th of each month from May to October (2017) and there devoutly participate in some celebration or prayer in honour of the Virgin Mary."

(Pope Francis)

To obtain the plenary indulgence-Go to Reconciliation Receive the Eucharist Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

** Say the Our Father, recite the Creed, pray to Our Lady of Fatima.

What is a plenary indulgence?



Please follow us on Twitter. We will be sharing school updates and learning from the classrooms.

SPORTS NEWS

Thank you to the parents that have offered their help for next Thursday. We really appreciate all the help we have received from our parents this year. Could you please meet Mrs Brand at Tamplin Field, Hobartville by 8:30 am

Some reminders for the Athletics carnival on Thursday:

• All children need to be at school promptly on the day as the buses will be leaving at 9:00 am. (Excluding the 800 m participants only who will be meeting Mrs Brand with their parents at Tamplin Field at 8:45 am)

• All children may wear a shirt in their HOUSE COLOUR or their sports uniform. (Shorts and pants will be needed but children MUST race in shorts).

• Please ensure your child has appropriate weather protection such as sunscreen, hat and jumper or jacket.

• Children must have plenty of water and enough food for the day. (The Tamplin Field canteen will be open on the day serving both hot and cold food and drinks - please place your hot food order before the carnival begins.)

• Reminder all Students who are ordering a lunch package from the school canteen on the day must have their orders in by Tuesday June 13th.

• The primary children 800m run will take place at 9:00am. Please ensure your child arrives around 8:45 am for a quick warm up and marshalling. Reminder- siblings who are not competing are not to attend due to limited supervision.

• The primary rotations will begin at 9:45am with the 8-12 year olds competing in the 100 m race, 200 m race, long jump and shot put. The infants will complete their novelty activities in the morning and enjoy their running races after lunch.

• There will be a colour house relay, as well as colour house chants at the end of the day. Bring along your colour house cheer!!

• If you wish to take your child home after the carnival finishes at 2:00 pm, there will be a sign out desk located near the canteen. Please ensure you sign out your child prior to picking them up from their colour house.



Pre-Ordering Lunches for the ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

St Matthew's Canteen lunch orders need to be returned by Tuesday June 13th. Tamplin Field lunch orders need to be written on a brown paper bag and brought on the day with correct money in the bag and labelled with Name, Item(s) and house colour. There will be a basket for collecting lunch orders placed near the colour houses on the day.



The Stage 3 boys as well as Stage 2 girls and boys have been training for their gala days coming up later in the term. Please return permission notes, money and code of conduct by Wednesday June 14. If you are able to assist with driving students on the day, that would be appreciated. Stage 3 boys' Gala day is on Thursday June 22 and the Stage 2 boys and girls Gala day is on Thursday June 29.

There is NO BOOTCAMP for weeks 7 & 8 due to school photos as well the Athletics Carnival. Boot camp will resume with Mr Malila, Miss Chico and Miss Sullivan in weeks 9 & 10.



Mrs Brand

TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO CELEBRATE THEIR BIRTHDAY DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| Kindy | Savanah Dale Tycho Grant | Jetsun Gregory | Levi Walsh | |
| Year 1 | Natanjia Zambrano-Chung Amelia Kent | Mia Groom Mala McGgown | Abigail Quigley Lauren Kesby | |
| Year 2 | Sarah Beattie Allegra Portelli | Alex Refalo Penelope Gage | Josip Prasnicki | |
| Year 3 | 5 Samuel Murphy | Jada Regan | Gemma Seget | |
| Year 4 | Gecilia Wong Christian Dagher | Gracie Cansfield | Georgia Crozier | |
| Year 5 | Harmony Martin Amy Galea | Alex Zairis | Ben Bugeja | |
| Year 6 | 6 Edward Kennedy | Anna Kennedy | Jordyn Bezzina | |
| | Bethany Artz | Tatiarna Valente | Juliana Zambrano-Chung | |



Goodluck & best wishes Mrs Worrall

Mrs Worrall will begin maternity for the birth of her first child from this Friday 9th June.

I am very pleased to inform you that we have employed Mrs Jessica Chatterton to replace Mrs Worrall during her period of leave. Mrs Chatterton has recently moved to Sydney from the Northern Territory where she taught in the township of Katherine.



Parents Representative Council SUPPORT | CELEBRATE | EDUCATE



KNOW WHO YOU ARE

Our Parent Representative for St. Matthew's School Natalie Miskelly recently attended a talk on raising resilient children.

Partners in learning

Natalie has been given a copy of Dr Justin Coulson's book.

If anyone is interested in borrowing this book written by Dr Justin Coulson, please see the front office.

Knowing your identity is a powerful predictor of resilience

hen our children are young, they're not too concerned about big questions like "Who am I?" But knowing who you are, where you're from, and how you fit in - in other words - knowing your identity is a powerful predictor of resilience.

Children with a strong sense of identity are more likely to be confident and enjoy positive social interactions, do well in a variety of situations including at school (and later in life, at work), behave pro-socially, avoid alcohol and other drugs of abuse, and choose good friends who also know who they are and make positive, safe, healthy decisions.

So how do our children work out who they are?

The answer might surprise you. It is often through being challenged and experiencing adversity that our children begin to question the stuff they're made of. Challenges grow character.

But for younger children, we want to cocoon them. The best way to build resilience in our younger children is to teach them about their roots. When they know who their parents are, and where their family comes from, they can begin to construct their own personal identity in powerful

Bishop Office

Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)

Early-bird registration has now opened for the largest gathering of young Catholics since World Youth Day Sydney in 2008!

Bishop Vincent & Catholic Youth Parramatta invite young people from Year 9 to 30 years of age to celebrate the young heart of the Church, with 15,000 others, at this year's triennial ACYF being hosted by the Archdiocese of Sydney (December 7-9) at Sydney Olympic Park.

Here's how to register:

Student in our Catholic System - speak to your REC

Student in State School System - contact Catholic Youth Parramatta

Over 18 years of age – register as an individual Visit <u>www.acyf.org.au</u> now to secure the \$250 early bird rate before August

For all enquiries contact Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta, James Camden, 02 8838 3428, jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au

Position Vacant – Housekeeper/Cook

Applications are invited for the position of Housekeeper/Cook based at an Auxiliary Bishop's residence located in the Inner West of Sydney in the Sydney Archdiocese. Details of this position, including the job description may be viewed at <u>www.catholicjobsonline.com.au</u>. Applications close 19 June 2017.

Time for Us Weekend for Families: 16-18 June

Time for Us Weekends at Mount Schoenstatt include inputs for adults, programmes for children of all ages including baby-sitting, couple and family time, games fellowship with other families, prayer, reflection and Holy Mass. For more detail or to register contact: Sr M Julie Brcar ISSM, tel 0408 738 334, juliebrcar@gmail.com and https:// www.facebook.com/events/1835800090073744/

St. Anthony of Padua relic to visit Diocese of Parramatta: 20-21 June

To Mark the Centenary of the Apparitions in Fatima a Relic of St. Anthony of Padua, Venerated by both Sister Lucy of Fatima and Pope Francis will be visiting Australia in June 2017.

Tuesday, 20th June 2017, Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 8 Diana Avenue KELLYVILLE. Mass: 9:15am & 7:00pm

Wednesday, 21st June 2017, St Anthony of Padua Church 27 Aurelia Street TOONGABBIE. Mass: 9:30am & 7:30pm

Shrine Time for Young Adults 18-35: 25 June

One Holy Hour with prayer, reflection, meditation, praise & worship. 2017 is devoted to Praying for Vocations and Devotion to Mary as per our Holy Father's intentions for WYD 2018 in Panama. From 7.30pm-8.30pm followed by social gathering.

Mary, honoured as the Mother Thrice Admirable, offers 3 graces in the Shrine, this monthly event is a unique opportunity to experience them regularly: Discover your HOME in the hearts of Jesus and Mary; See breakthrough TRANSFORMATION in your life; and Get your spiritual boost to be an authentic WITNESS. In the Shrine at Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: 30 June

Hear Rebekah Rojcewicz, highly experienced leader in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd from the US, speak over dinner on 'The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – A Gift to the Church at this Time'. Cost: \$60 per person. From 6.30pm at North Ryde RSL, cnr Magdala & Pittwater Rds, North Ryde. To book: <u>https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=256587</u>. For more information: <u>cgsaust.org.au</u>

Sea Sunday Appeal: 9 July

Parishes are asked to support chaplains helping seafarers at ports and at sea.

This year's theme is 'In the midst of the storm', highlighting the mental vulnerabilities of seafarers on the oceans. You can donate by posting a cheque to: Stella Maris Seafarers Centre, PO Box 368 Canberra ACT 2601 or via electronic banking to: BSB Number: 083-347; Account Number: 649 518 680, Account name: Stella Maris Seafarers Centre. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Nigerian Mass in Igbo: 9 July

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.

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



OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA

College Open Morning Tour Wednesday June 7, 2017

expanding beyond what we know we can be

OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on June 7, 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 or phone 8838 1222 to reserve your place or obtain further information.



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Macquarie Towns Arts Society's

School Holiday Art & Craft Workshop Program

July Holidays, 2017

Monday 3th July

10am-12noon Draw Dinosaurs

1pm-3pm Make Little Clay Animals

Tuesday 4th July 10 am - 12noon Make Butterfly Wind Chimes 1pm - 3pm Decorate Masks

Wednesday 5th July 10 am - 12pm Draw Cartoons 1pm - 3pm Pottery

Thursday 6th July 10 am - 12pm Make Mini Monsters 1pm - 3pm Draw Fairies, Elves & Mermaids

Friday 7th July 10 am - 12pm Draw Mandalas

Monday 10th July 10 am - 12pm Paint Pet Rocks 1pm - 3pm Paint a Landscape

Tuesday 11th July 10 am - 12pm Decorate Photo Frames 1pm - 3pm Paint an Underwater Scene

Wednesday 12th July 10 am - 12pm Pottery 1pm - 3pm Make Sock Puppets

Thursday 13th July 10 am - 12pm Make Fairy Lanterns 1pm - 3pm Make Dragons

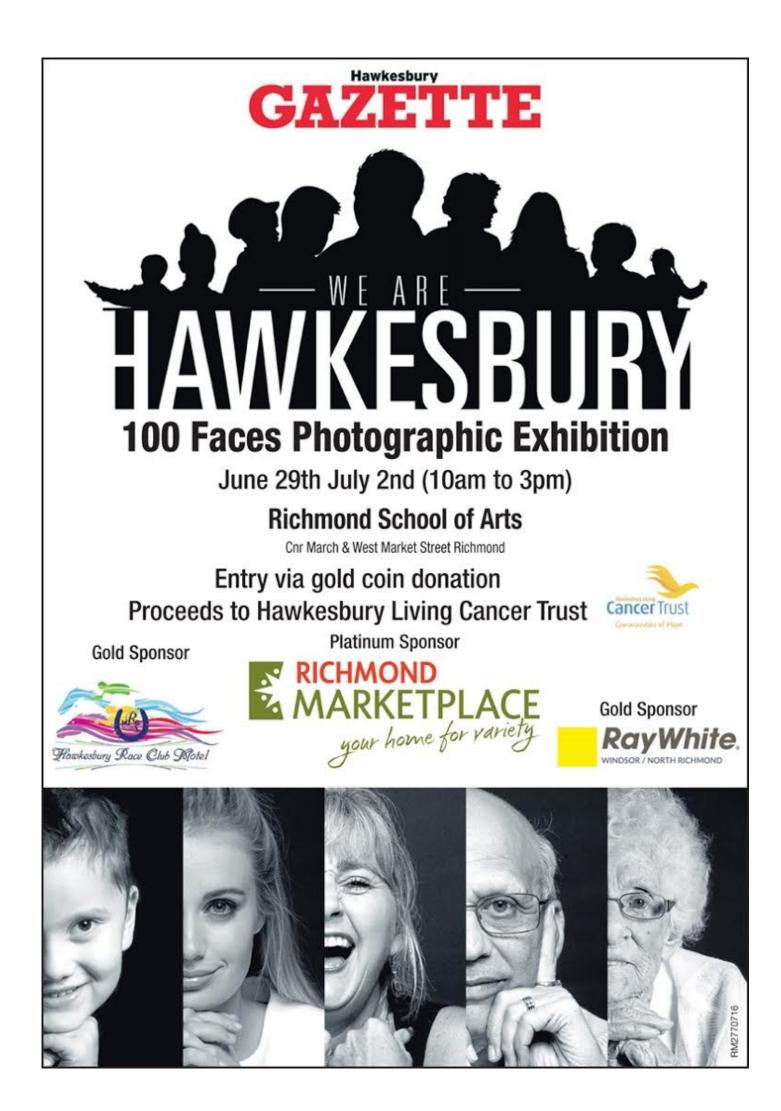
Friday 14th July 10 am - 12pm Make Jewellery

Cost: \$15 per 2hr workshop; all equipment supplied.

Venue: Richmond Art Supplies, Shop 1, 328 Windsor St, Richmond

Bookings Essential: phone Deidre 0412 979731

MTAS After School Art Classes for Term 3, 2017, also Now Enrolling.





Dealing With the Legal System

PRESENTED BY:

Mr. Richard Brading Solicitor

At this Seminar you will learn

- How the Legal Process Works
- How to choose the best lawyer for your situation
- How best to prepare for and communicate with your Lawyer so as to minimize your legal fees,
- The importance of having a Will
- Options if you can't afford a lawyer or representing yourself Opportunity for Question Time

DATE Tuesday, 13th June 2017 TIME

7pm—9pm

FEE

\$7.00



VENUE 38 Prince St, Blacktown (Cnr First Ave)









Entry forms with full terms and conditions are available online at www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au. Entries close: 28 June 2017 (strict size limitations apply)

Prizes awarded for stages

1st Prize \$200 gift voucher for art supplies

2nd Prize \$100 gift voucher for art supplies

3rd Prize \$50 gift voucher for art supplies

Highly commended art gift hampers

An Anniversary

commemorate

All queries regarding the Waste2Art Competition please call Council's Waste Education Officer, justin.murphy@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au or phone (02) 4560 4566. This project is a NSW EPA Waste Less, Recycle More initiative funded from the waste levy



PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Friday 23 June - Sunday 25 June

Friday 23 June

- FLOOD! An exhibition in the Hawkesbury Museum
- Flood walking tours from the Hawkesbury Museum 11am and 2pm
- Flood Boat Display in the Hawkesbury Museum Precind An 'Evening in the Square' Thompson Square, Windsor 5 pm-9 pm
- Hawkesbury Museum and Howe House, Thompson Square, Windsor open fill 9pm

- Saturday 24 June FLOOD! An exhibition in the Hawkesbury Museum
- Flood walking tours from the Hawkesbury Museum 11am
- FLOOD! Curator Tour at Hawkesbury Museum 1pm
- Flood Boat Display at Hawkesbury Museum Boatmen to the Rescue at Hawkesbury Museum
- A history of flood rescue 2pm
- An 'Afternoon in the Garden' at Howe House, Thompson Square,
- Windsor 3pm

Sunday 25 June

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Combined church service at St Mathews Anglican Church, Windsor 2pm A.L. V



message to share ...

wkesbury Regio nal Museum 8 Baker Street, Windsor

Howe House 7 Thompson Square, Windsor

St Matthews Anglican Church 1 Moses Street, Windsor

Thompson Square, Windsor Corner George Street, Bridge Street and Thompson Sauare Road, Windsor

For further details of site locations please see over leaf. For further details about Flood 1867 please visit www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au