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NEWSLETTER

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ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL FOCUS FOR WEEKS 1 & 2

"Everyone Belongs"

CALENDAR DATES TERM 1

Feb 7 Thurs	Swimming Carnival Stages 2 & 3
Feb 8 Fri	Beginning of School Year Mass 9.15 am Followed by SRC Induction Bush Dance 6.30 pm-8.30 pm
Feb 13 Wed	Ash Wednesday Parish Mass Years 3-6
Feb 22 Fri	Assembly 9.00 am

Uniform Shop

If you require any uniform pieces an order form can be collected from the front office or downloaded from the website.

Congratulations
Mrs Wright.

Braxton was born
on 24th January
Weighing 3.7 kg



PEACE BE WITH YOU

Welcome to the 2013 school year at St. Matthew's. Yesterday, many new students began in Kindergarten and other classes. The morning went very smoothly. Thanks go to the new and existing families for their obvious great preparation in readying the students for a successful introduction to school. Pictures from today are available through our school facebook site which can be access from our website.

Welcome our **new teachers**. This year we welcome Mrs Usher, Mrs Han, Mrs Holm and Mrs Sherwin to our teaching staff.

I would like to invite you all to our **Beginning of School Year Mass** on Friday 8 February at 9:15am in St. Matthew's Parish Church. We gather together as a community as we begin our year of peace, love and learning. This mass will take the place of our school assembly next week. The 2013 student leaders will also be inducted. Our **Welcoming Bush Dance** is scheduled for that evening. This is always a tremendous and fun way to begin our year together and welcome our new families.

An advertisement for the position of **Parish Sacramental Coordinator** has been distributed. I encourage suitably qualified people from within our parish community to apply for this important position. For further information, contact the parish office on 45773073.

Our school **Swimming Carnival for Years 3 to 6** is being held next Thursday. Please complete and return the relevant documents. We rely on helper support for this day - so please volunteer if you are able.

Term Overviews will be uploaded to the "Teaching and Learning" section of our school website in the coming days. These will assist families to be informed about and support the focus of student learning for the term.

Thank you for your assistance with the **purchasing of uniform items**. Your generosity and cooperation is greatly appreciated by our front office ladies.

Term Dates 2013

Term 1

January 29 - April 12

Term 2

April 29 - June 28

Term 3

July 15 - September 20

Term 4

October 8—20 December

We are all very excited about the great start to what will be a wonderful year for our students.

Peace be with you,
Stephen Dowd
Principal

STAFFING FOR 2013

Principal	Mr Stephen Dowd
Assistant Principal	Mrs Rosemary von Keisenberg
Administration	Mrs Sophia Babazogli
	Mrs Stacey Roberts
	Mrs Ruby McCulloch
Kindergarten	Mrs Annette Larnach
	Miss Michaela Cullen
Year 1	Miss Ally Trefoni
	Mrs Sue Cividin
Year 2	Miss Noreen Keane
	Mrs Fiona Baldock
Year 3	Mrs Aimee McGee
Year 4	Mrs Ann Climpson
Year 5	Mrs Anne Burke
Year 6	Mrs Rachael Usher
Learning Support	Mrs Mary Thornton
	Mrs Rhona Hughes
	Mrs Sue Venables
Teachers Aid	Mrs Kathy Richards
	Mrs Joanne Liso
Language Teacher	Mrs Hoseon Han
Sport Teacher	Mr Brian Hafsteins
Drama Teacher	Mrs Karen Holm
School Counsellor	Mrs Bev Sherwin
Grounds Keeper	Mr Danny Bugelli
Itinerant Teachers:	
Hearing	Mrs Sue Pinkerton
New Arrivals	Mrs Linda Drayton

Supervision in school grounds

School grounds are supervised from 8.30am until 9.00 am when school officially starts. It is important for parents to consult and make arrangements with Before & After School Care for supervision outside of these hours.

If children arrive after this time a late note available at the front office needs to be signed by the parent (not the child).

Lunch is from 11.00 am—11.45 am.

Recess is from 1.45 pm—2.15 pm.

The grounds are supervised during these times.

School is dismissed at 3.15pm.

WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW FAMILIES

BUSH DANCE
Friday 8th February
6.30 pm-8.30 pm

Bring a blanket & chairs
 Fancy Dress
 Prizes for Best Dressed Boy & Girl



Sausage sizzle and
 Drinks for sale
 Slushies & Donuts for sale
 Raffles and
 Lucky Dips

Help Needed

Canteen help needed for Bush Dance

Please let the office know if you are available to help in the canteen or on the BBQ.

Many hands make light work.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Thursday 7th February
Hawkesbury Oasis Pool, South Windsor



- Year 2 students who will be turning 8 this year can attend if they are able to swim either 100 m, 50 m or 25 m competently without stopping.
- **All children in Stages 2 & 3 will all be attending the carnival regardless of their swimming ability.**

- Full sports uniform (house colour shirt optional), enclosed shoes (thongs may be worn at the pool only), swim wear. Please ensure your child has appropriate sun and weather protection.
- Recess & Lunch

Parent volunteers are needed.

Greetings everyone and welcome back to a new and exciting year.

As a school community we will continue to have "Prayer" as our focus. The Prayer Bags will continue to go home this year to encourage prayer at home.

Please keep in your prayers all the members of our community who are sick and needing our support.

*Everyone is welcome to our **whole school Mass on Friday, the 8th of February, at 9:15 am**
We would love to see you there.*

Ash Wednesday** is early this year - the **13th of February.

Peace be with you.

God Bless.

Ann Climpson



What's happening in your class? Term 1 Weeks 1 & 2

Kinder

We are settling into the Kinder routines with ease. Kindergarten are so excited to share what they would like to learn this year. We are looking forward to starting "News" next week and taking home readers in Week 3.

Stage 1

Year 1 and year 2 have settled in beautifully. Year 1 completed Australia Day activities and painted pictures of their Summer Holiday. Year 2 wrote recounts on their Favorite Part of the Holiday and started Gem groups for Talking and Listening. Don't forget Fridays are Sports/Library days for Year 1 and Year 2. Miss Trefoni has taken up swimming long distances from interstate.

Stage 2

Stage 2 have settled into school for 2013. They have taken charge of their own learning by jointly constructing the class rules. We have been busy writing our personal goals for Term 1 and are working hard to achieve these!

Stage 3

2013 is shaping up to be a busy year for Stage Three. Already we are looking forward to learning about Democracy and Government in preparation for our Canberra Camp in week eight. This is also a great opportunity for us to learn about, to grow and develop as leaders within our school and parish community.

We will be doing some interesting experiments when learning about the weather and creating some beautiful artworks in our watercolour unit. Everyday we will continue to work hard on improving our literacy and numeracy skills. The Stage Three students are looking refreshed and well presented after returning from their holiday break and they are encouraged to keep taking pride in their uniform and school throughout the term.

**CANTEEN WILL BE OPENING ON WEDNESDAY
13TH FEBRUARY**

The School Canteen operates Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Help Needed.

We require volunteers for Thursday's & Friday's

If you are interested in helping out please contact the front office or our Canteen Co-ordinator Ros Brassil on 0419 745 146

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kindy	Coen Williams	Akshaya Gounder	
Year 1	Jack Isles	Daniel Muscat	Mitchell Cwojdzinski
	Jack Austin	Charleise Vella	
Year 2	Kate Mitchell	Jye McDonald	Alixandria Paget
Year 3	Alexander Turner	Ellie Galea	Simon Hindy
Year 4	Nancey-Rose El Hendy	Madison Kirk	Victor Su
	Rebecca Robertson		
Year 5	Caitlin Millar	Shawnie-Beth Anderson	Noah Moncrieff
Year 6	Andrew Canciani	Kymerlea Pellizzon	Mikayla Sharp

Opening accounts for School Banking – great news!



School Banking accounts can now be opened at any Commonwealth Bank branch. You no longer need to complete application forms and return them to school. Just go into any branch and ask to open a Youthsaver account for School Banking.

Remember to take in identification for you and your child (such as drivers license and birth certificate), you will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book on the spot and be able to start banking on the next business day – it is that easy!

If you are a Commonwealth Bank customer with NetBank you have the option to open the account online as well! When your child makes their first deposit they will get their first token and our school will also receive \$5 commission. Thank you for supporting our school and teaching your child good savings skills.

Don't forget that Wednesday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.