



St. Matt's Matters Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Last Sunday's Gospel reminds us of the Doubting Thomas. Our belief in the teachings and resurrection of Jesus is central to our commitment to our Christian community. In turn our experience of a Christian community strengthens our faith. In the story of Thomas it was only when he was with the other disciples that he sees the risen Christ and his doubt is turned to belief. It is a simple truth that faith builds community and in turn community builds faith.

At our Monday morning assembly this week we acknowledged the students who have maintained 100% attendance in Term 1. As is widely known improving the attendance of each student at school has been a major focus for us. The aim is to have every student at school everyday when they are well enough and able to be here. Thanks to the support of our families we have seen a significant increase in the daily attendance this term and look forward to continuing to work with every family to continue this for the rest of this year.

As of Monday 85 students had not missed a day of school so far this year. This is a fantastic result, representing a third of our school population of 259 children. This is large part due to you, our parents and caregivers, and your commitment to improving the learning opportunities for our children in supporting the school. Our thanks to all who have supported us in our efforts. We will continue to recognise 100% attendance each term and also those who maintain 100% attendance across the year.

Applications for Leave

The Minister for Education has approved changes to the use of the Attendance Register codes for 2016. These changes will implement the ACARA National Standards for Student Attendance Data Reporting. ACARA developed the National Standards to establish nationally consistent parameters, for the collection and reporting of student attendance data. As part of the implementation of the National Standards, holidays taken by students outside of school vacation periods will now be included as absences. A Certificate of Exemption can no longer be granted for this purpose. Families are encouraged to holiday or travel during school vacations. If travel during school term is necessary the following considerations apply:

- If the principal accepts the reason for the absence, the absence will be marked as "L"
- If the principal does not believe the absence is in the student's best interests and does not accept the reason, the absence is unjustified and will be recorded as "A"
- If the period of absence is in excess of 50 days, the student may be eligible to enrol in Distance Education.

Leave of five (5) or more school days will require a formal application for leave in writing. The application form for leave is available on our school website under the Community, Notes and Forms and then Whole School Forms or by using this link <http://www.stmatthewswindsor.catholic.edu.au/notes-forms>

This letter of request should be addressed to the Principal **prior** to commencing the leave period indicating the specific reason or purpose for the request of leave.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the teachers for their dedication and commitment to Catholic Education over the past term. Together the teachers facilitate learning so that the children work towards reaching academic and human excellence in a faith filled community. Their generosity in terms of time, self and sharing of skills is often outside the normal hours of the day but it is in giving so much that they truly receive.

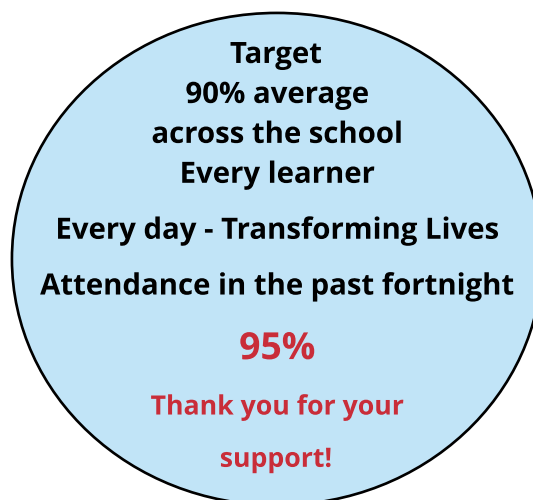
I would like to extend to all of you, wishes of happiness, relaxation and Christ's blessings over the holidays. Make and take time as a family to enjoy each other. The primary years are certainly precious and pass quickly. The time invested now is paid back tenfold in the quality of your child's relationships with you and others.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back when school resumes on Monday 30th April for all students for another term of learning and growing together.

In partnership let us continue to work to develop in the children strong minds and gentle hearts

Peace and best wishes,
Tim Vane-Tempest,
Principal.

Apr 13 Fri	Stage 3 Touch Gala Day
Apr 13 Fri	Last day Term 1
Apr 25 Wed	ANZAC Day Assemble 5:30 am on the green beside St. Matthew's Church. Wear full winter uniform
Apr 30 Mon	First day Term 2
May 1 Tue	Diocesan Cross Country
May 6 Sun	Hospitality Morning Tea 9:00 am Mass St. Matthew's Church
May 9 Wed	Soccer Clinic
May 10 Thur	Mother's Day Stall. Gifts \$1 - \$5.
May 11 Fri	Mother's Day Liturgy & Breakfast 7:30 am
May 15 -17 Tues - Thur	NAPLAN
May 18 Fri	International Family Day Gold Coin Donation Mufti Day to support CatholicCare
May 23 Wed	First Eucharist Workshop in Hall



BUILDING UPDATE

We are continuing to work to resolve the heritage matters that have placed the installation of the additional classroom for Yr 4 on hold. At present we are in discussions with Hawkesbury Council, Heritage Officers and the Parish. Progress is being made with the expectation of final approval in the near future.

ANZAC SCHOOL'S COMMEMORATION DAY

On Monday Miss Mortimer accompanied our SRC students to the school's commemoration of ANZAC Day at the Hyde Park Cenotaph. Our thanks to Windsor RSL for this support in sponsoring our students to attend this important commemoration service. My thanks to Miss Mortimer for committing to attend and to our SRC who represented themselves, their families and our school community with great reverence and respect.

NAPLAN 2018

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit for the [National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy](#) (NAPLAN) test in May. The assessments are an opportunity for students to demonstrate what they have learned in class. Teachers use these results to meet the individual literacy and numeracy needs of all students. The dates for NAPLAN 2018 are 15th-17th May.

There are four tests covering numeracy, reading, writing and language conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar).

	Tuesday 15th May	Wednesday 16th May	Thursday 17th May
Year 3	Language Conventions <i>40 minutes</i> Writing <i>40 minutes</i>	Reading <i>45 minutes</i>	Numeracy <i>45 minutes</i>
Year 5	Language Conventions <i>40 minutes</i> Writing <i>40 minutes</i>	Reading <i>50 minutes</i>	Numeracy <i>50 minutes</i>

The NAPLAN assessments will be conducted in the Year 3 and Stage 3 learning spaces. Year 6 will relocate for the assessment times.

ENROLLING FOR 2019

The enrolment process has begun for Kindergarten 2019. If your child turns 5 before the 31st July, 2019 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 this year or 2019 and are not yet connected with the St Matthew's your support and encouragement is greatly appreciated.

ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION

St Matthew's students will be participating in the annual ANZAC Day commemoration to be held at McQuade Park on Saturday 25th April. An invitation is extended to all students and their families to attend this important local and national day of commemoration. Each year we nominate a student and parent to lay the wreath on behalf of the St Matthew's community. This year Madeleine McDonald will represent our community in laying the wreath.

The commemoration service will begin at 6:00 a.m. and will conclude by 7am. We look forward to seeing as many from our community in attendance at this important local and national commemoration.



WINTER UNIFORM

All winter uniforms are now available for purchase.

Orders can be placed via email to

elle@ozfashions.com.au (order forms found on your school website)

Or you can order via the QKR APP. All size samples are at the school office for trying on if unsure of the size.

Please note:

Uniforms cannot be purchased from OZ FASHIONS warehouse in Granville.

As we head into Term 2 students should make the change from Summer to Winter uniform. By the start of Week 2, Monday 7th May it is expected that all children will be wearing the correct Winter uniform.

The uniform is:

Girls: Check uniform, 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 and jacket, school sports shirt, white socks, sports shoes.

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



At the start of the year we presented a brief overview of PBS4L. Work has been continuing this term on setting this support up for the whole school. This is the first of the regular updates that will appear in the newsletter to keep you informed.

What is PBS4L?

It stands for Positive Behaviour Support For Learning. It is an evidenced based framework (as opposed to a program) so it will look a bit different in every school setting. This means by implementing it we can make it more relevant to our school community.

The purpose of PBS4L is to develop effective school wide systems and practices that are informed by data to get more positive outcomes for students both socially and academically. The basic principle behind PBS4L is that behaviour is learnt and therefore can be taught.

It is important to understand that PBS4L is for EVERYONE! It is not just for kids with challenging behaviours. Implementing PBS4L at the school means that the expectations of behaviour are made very clear to all in the community, these expectations are actively taught, positively reinforced by staff when these behaviours are observed, and corrected and re-taught by staff when problem behaviour arises.

PBS4L is a transparent framework that encourages parent, student and teacher voice. It is a collaborative community effort aimed at encouraging more positive behaviours within our school community to maximise student wellbeing and learning outcomes.

Next Term, St. Matthew's will be running a competition to help us get our PBS4L up and running. We need everyone to be involved. Watch this space!!!



Greetings St Matthew's School Community! We have reached the end of Term One! The time has passed so quickly and we have had many liturgies, events and learning happening during that time. The holidays will be a great opportunity to spend time with your family and friends. May God keep all of our St Matthew's community in His love and care- especially anyone who is sick and in need of our prayers.

Hospitality Sunday Mass

After the 9am Mass every Sunday, St Matthew's Parish organise a morning tea for parishioners to enjoy and catch up with each other. Each school and group in the St Matthew's Parish are rostered on to provide food for one of the Sundays throughout the year.

Sunday the 6th of May is St Matthew's turn to provide cakes or biscuits or anything you think will be handy for you to make/buy.

If you able to provide something for this morning tea, could you please drop the food to the office when we come back from the holidays or on the morning of the 6th of May.

Thank you for your generosity.

Project Compassion

Thank you everyone at St Matthew's for giving so generously to Project Compassion during Lent. We raised \$494.50! This money will help children and their families who live in poverty to receive opportunities to go to school or create food sources or even be empowered to run their own business. Thank you for helping others who are disadvantaged and need our help.

" Cultivate with love the seeds of goodness, beauty and truth that God sows in every new generation."

Pope Francis.

First Eucharist

Please keep in your prayers the students and their families who are preparing for their First Eucharist. These families are making a strong commitment to support their children to grow in their faith. May you receive many graces for your hard work and sharing your faith with your children.

Matthew 19:14

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

First Eucharist Workshop Day – St Matthew's School on Wednesday 23rd of May.

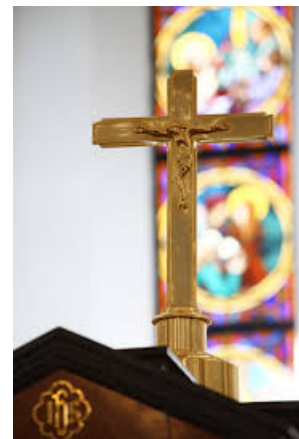
Confirmation (Students in Stage 3)

Information Nights-

Tuesday, 29th of May at Chisholm Primary School at 7.30 pm. **OR**

Wednesday, 30th of May at St Matthew's Church at 7.30pm.

" I Serve" – Servant Leaders Respond.



Easter Liturgies.

Last week each class were involved in one of the Holy Week and Easter liturgies. All classes explained through song, acting, readings and prayers, the events of Holy Week. After our Easter break, we celebrated the joy and hope of Easter. We learnt a lot of things about Jesus and how God loves us so much. Thanks everyone including Ava, Christina, Alexis.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday.

God Bless.

Ann Climpson

Jesus in our hearts – Forever!

Mary Our Mother– Pray for us.

St Matthew- Pray for us.



Reminders-

Parent Reflection Day

Thursday 3 May, 9.30am - 2.00pm, Holy Shrine of the Innocents, Kellyville. Our Lady of the Rosary Parish.

International Family Day - **Gold Coin Donation Mufti Day on Friday the 18th of May** to support CatholicCare.

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr Robert William
Sacramental Co-Ordinator: Ms Cita Adams
Parish Secretary: Mrs Judy Rigg
Telephone: 02 4577 3073
Fax: 02 4577 2124
email: stmc@tpg.com.au
Website: www.stmatthewswindsor.org.au
Office hours: Monday-Friday
9.30am - 4.00pm

CHURCH SERVICES

Masses: Saturday (Vigil) 6.00pm
Sunday 7.30am
9.00am
(Chisholm) 9.30am
5.00pm

Monday (Communion Service) 9.00am
Tuesday - Saturday 9.00am

Reconciliation

Saturday 9.30am - 10.30am

Special Monthly Masses

First Thursday 10.45am Hospital Mass
First Friday 6.30pm Exposition and Mass
First Saturday 9.00am Anointing the Sick

Baptisms

1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays

Marriages

By appointment

PARISH GROUPS AND SERVICES

ACOLYTES

Minister who assist the Priest at Mass.
Funerals and distribute Communion to the sick. **Contact Fr Robert.**

ALTAR SERVERS

Young people who assist at Mass.
Contact the Parish Office.

CATECHISTS

A ministry to Catholic children in the Parish's
State Primary Schools.
Co-Ordinator Delores Vella.

CENTRING PRAYER

Meets Wednesday at 8.00pm
Contact Judy Newland.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

An opportunity to involve children 4-11 in
activities related to the Scripture Readings
during the 9.30am Chisholm Mass on the 1st
Sunday of each month.
Contact Jane Adams.

CHOIR/MUSIC

Contact Cita Adams.

COMMENTATORS/READERS

Contact the Parish Office.

CHURCH /SACRISTY CLEANING

Contact the Parish Office.

COUNTERS

Groups who assist in the counting of money on
Sunday mornings.
Contact the Parish Office.

St Matthew's Windsor is the eldest Parish in the
Diocese of Parramatta. It was established in
1832 and the Church was blessed and opened
by Bishop Bede Polding in 1840. St Matthew's
is the oldest Catholic Church in continual use
on mainland Australia.

James and Esther Cassidy opened the first
Catholic School in 1834 and by 1838 Mrs
Cassidy was teaching over 100 children on her
own. The Good Samaritan Sisters arrived in the
Parish in 1875 and began a boarding school and
in 1882 took over the primary school which was
located in the old presbytery. In more recent
times, educational efforts have spread with the
opening of Bede Polding College in 1986 and
Chisholm Catholic Primary School opening in
1996.

In 1895 the Church was renovated - the roof
being redone and the interior "handsomely
decorated". A hundred years later the process
was repeated!

To those who have gone before, we say 'Thank
you'. We acknowledge the great debt played by
the early pioneers of the Parish. Please help us
to continue to support our Parish Community of
St Matthew's.

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CHISHOLM MASS

30 Collich Avenue High Park

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

A ministry involving the distribution of
Communion at Mass and to the sick in their
homes and in Hawkesbury Hospital.
Contact the Parish Office.

GENESIS YOUTH GROUP

Young people meet for social activities.
Youth Masses are held occasionally at both
St Matthew's and Chisholm
Contact Michael Watkins.

LIGION OF MARY

Meet every Saturday morning after Mass in the
Parish House.
Contact Fely Watkins or Terry Vickinson.

LITURGY

Contact Cita Adams

MONDAY CLUB

A group who meet each Monday for coffee,
prayer and a chat after the 9am Mass. Social
outings on a regular basis and lunch on the
1st Monday of the month in the Parish Hall.
Contact Celine or Antonette.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Constitutive lay body who help the Parish
Priest in the administration of the goods of the
Parish.
Chairperson Leon Walker

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Lay people assisting and supporting the Parish
Priest with the pastoral needs of the Parish.
Chairperson Jeanette Holland

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS R.C.I.A.

A programme for those interested in becoming
part of the Catholic community.
Contact Fr Robert

ST MATTHEW'S PARISH WINDSOR NSW



PARISH DIRECTORY

A COMMUNITY OF WORSHIP AND

FAITH SHARED IN SERVICE



ROSARY GROUP

Small groups pray the rosary in their homes.
Contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

Parish based, family centred programmes for
Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation.
Contact Cita.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Meet fortnightly to work with the poor and
needy in the Windsor area.
Contact the store in George Street Windsor.

TRANSPORT ON PARISH BUS

Transport to the 9am Sunday Mass if needed.
Contact the Parish Office.

SCHOOLS

St Matthew's Catholic Primary 4560 2300
Principal: Mr Tim Vann-Tempoe

Chisholm Catholic Primary 4587 8916
Principal: Mr Michael Miford

Bede Polding College 4577 6455
Principal: Mr Kevin Jones

Canteen open Tuesday,
Wednesday & Thursday for
recess.

Selling Water, Juice, Chips, Ice
blocks & Ice creams.

Thank you to our volunteer
helpers.



TUCKSHOP2U

Monday & Friday

Order before 11 pm on Thursday night & Sunday night

<https://tuckshop2u.com.au>

**Payment options include PayPal and Credit Card (VISA,
MasterCard and American Express)**



Kinder	Bethany, Nicholas, Jaxon, Lily, Kaytlyn, Saoirse, Jhett
Year 1	Addison, Samuel
Year 2	Tyler, Hollie, Minyi, Lacey
Year 3	Jacob, Indiana, Mia
Year 4	Ashton, Jordan, Miles, Emily, Allison
Year 5	Xander, Camryn
Year 6	Ava, Hannah, Isabella, Zac, Christopher, William

MOM

Happy Mother's Day

Mother's Day Stall

Thursday 10th May

Gifts from \$1 - \$5

Parent helpers needed for stall.

*A special thank you to Natalie
Miskelly, Samantha Naylor, Karena
Crozier, Ayse Martinez, Natalie Reeve,
Amanda Gregory & Lisa Kirkland for
wrapping all the Mother's Day gifts
yesterday.*

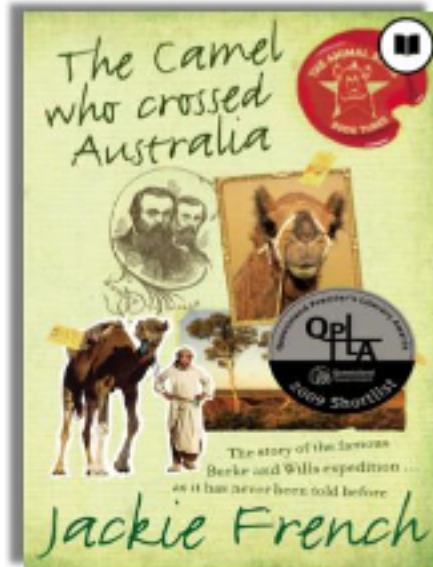


Student eBook Of The Week

~ Secondary Schools

April 4 2018

**Premier's
Reading
Challenge**



<https://goo.gl/sQPuer>

This is the story of the famous Burke and Wills expedition ... as it has never been told before .

Humans called him 'Bell Sing', but to the other camels he is known as 'He Who Spits Further than the Wind'. transported from the mountains and deserts of the 'Northwest Frontier', Bell Sing accompanies explorers Burke and Wills as they try to cross Australia from south to north. Bell Sing has never had a high opinion of humans - or horses. And this expedition is the worst managed caravan he's even been in. Camel handler Dost Mahomet and soldier John King are also beginning to wonder if their leader is competent, or crazy.

ACEN OverDrive
Audio & eBooks

Suitable for years 7 - 9

learning exchange

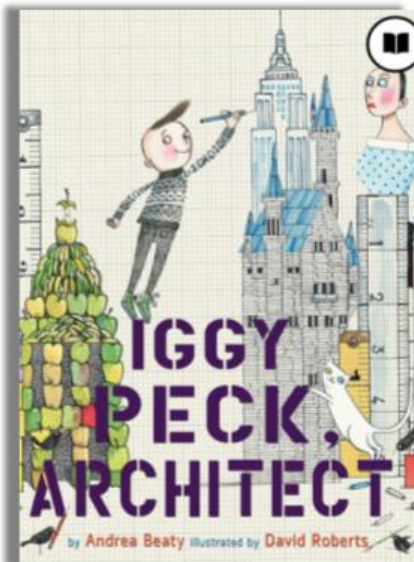


Student eBook Of The Week

~ Primary Schools

April 03 2018

**Premier's
Reading
Challenge**



<https://goo.gl/szY3FG>

Meet Iggy Peck—creative, independent, and not afraid to express himself! I

Iggy has one passion: building. His parents are proud of his fabulous creations, though they're sometimes surprised by his materials—who could forget the tower he built of dirty diapers? When his second-grade teacher declares her dislike of architecture, Iggy faces a challenge. He loves building too much to give it up!

With Andrea Beaty's irresistible rhyming text and David Roberts's puckish illustrations, this book will charm creative kids everywhere, and amuse their sometimes bewildered parents.

ACEN OverDrive
Audio & eBooks

Suitable for years K - 2

learning exchange



Please take note of the following important sport related dates over the next term:

Sport Agenda

Term 1

Week 11

Stage 3 Touch Gala Day at St Mary's Friday April 13

Term 2

Week 1

Tuesday May 1 - Diocesan Cross Country

Week 2

Wednesday May 9 - Wanderers Soccer Clinic



Week 4

Sporting Schools Basketball Program commences Thursday and Friday afternoons - more information coming next term.

Week 5

Tuesday May 29 - Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day

Week 6

Tuesday June 5 - Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day

Week 8

Tuesday June 19 - St Matthew's Athletics Carnival

Week 9

Tuesday June 26 - Stage 2 Boys & Girls Soccer Gala Day



Touch Gala Day

The touch gala day is tomorrow, thank you to the parents who have volunteered their time to help manage a team. We have some very excited Stage 3 students attending the day. Just a reminder the bus will be leaving from St Matthew's on Friday April 13 at 7:30 am.



BOOTCAMP is every Thursday morning at 8:00 am. Students will meet at the front gate of the school each morning. If your child attends COSHC in the morning please speak to them regarding permission to attend. The focus this term is to build up strength and endurance for events such as Swimming, Cross Country and upcoming gala days.

St Matthew's Cross Country Diocesan Team 2018

Thank you to all the parents who helped out on the day of the Cross Country Carnival! It was a great success and the students challenged themselves on a rather warm autumn day. Here is our team for 2018:

Stage 3 (yr 6)	Stage 3 (yr 5)	Year 4	Year 3	Year 2
Lola Layton	Emerson Finch	Abby Caldwell	Adrienne Murray	Lily Roberts
Amy Galea	Georgia Crozier	Myah Cowled	Sophie Roberts	Lacey Deguara
Crystal Murray	Holly McKay	Allison Rose	Ryan Henson	
Audrey Zhou	Camryn Bruner	Montana Charles	Matthew Clements	
Madison Rowley	Sean Miskelly	Hannah Kent	Joshua Baffo	
Liam Henson	Jonathan Sheehy	Emily Su	Alex Refalo	
Christopher Xiberras	Noah Beattie	Lachlan Cwojdzinski		
Julian Martinez	Peter Sultana	Samuel Murphy		
Kade Burgess	Darcy Buckingham	Jacob		
Linkin Cowled		Barron-Manosalva		
Zac Refalo		William Crozier		
Cody Kirkland		Cooper Naylor		
Mitchell Cwojdzinski		Lucas Sheehy		
		Luka Layton		

The Diocesan is on Tuesday May 1 (week 1 of term 2). An order of events was sent home last week, please ensure your child is there at least 1 hour prior to their race. Please ensure your child trains over the holidays, ideally with some hills or inclines. On the day it is recommended that your child drinks plenty of water in the morning along with a hearty breakfast.

Kind regards,

Mrs Brand

Sport Teacher/Sport Coordinator





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WHAT INSTRUMENTS CAN MY CHILD LEARN?

Today your child was introduced to a range of musical instruments that are available through the school's Instrumental music program and they now have the chance to express their interest in learning an instrument. Learning a musical instrument brings many benefits to your child's overall academic and emotional development.

ELECTRIC PACKAGE

- Vocals
- Electric Guitar
- Electric Bass Guitar
- Keyboard
- Drum Kit

ACOUSTIC PACKAGE

- Flute
- Clarinet
- Alto Saxophone
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- Percussion
- Violin
- Acoustic Guitar

Now is the time to take advantage of the opportunity for your child to participate in the school's instrumental music program!



ALL INCLUSIVE PROGRAM

Our Turlington program is an inclusive, not just the keywords! Your chosen instrument, and more is also provided for both the lessons and home use.

HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

1/2 hour small group lessons are provided by specialist Musicorp teachers each week at the school.

WHAT DOES THE PACKAGE INCLUDE?

Both packages include a minimum of eight lessons, the use of an instrument for home and lessons, tutor books, a music stand - everything your child needs to begin their musical journey!

- The Acoustic Package is \$214 per term.
- The Electric Package is \$248 per term.
- For your convenience, all payments are made using either credit card or direct debit from a bank account.

*Guitarists can also learn to drum, play guitar, sing, keep a record, included in the electric and acoustic packages. Drums can be purchased from Musicorp.

Call 1300 858 911 for more information

Every Wednesday, music group lessons (Years 1 - 6) take place in the Hall in the morning period during school hours. The groups are no larger than 6 students per half hour and they are run by Musicorp . In Term 2, there are vacancies in both the keyboard and guitar groups. If your child is interested, please feel free to take an expression of interest form from the front office or call Musiccorp on 1300 858 911 or Miss Anna Di Mezza on 0401 913 037 for more information

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

KINDERGARTEN	No assembly Week 10 due to Easter Monday Public Holiday
YEAR1	No assembly Week 10 due to Easter Monday Public Holiday
YEAR2	No assembly Week 10 due to Easter Monday Public Holiday
YEAR3	<p>Rebekah - for working consistently in all subject areas.</p> <p>Chase - for always demonstrating a positive and hardworking attitude to his learning.</p> <p>Zachery - for writing interesting sentences that engage the audience.</p> <p>Sienna - for explaining in detail her thinking during Reading Groups.</p>
YEAR4	<p>Jacob - for his extra effort into his Indigenous Australian slide show.</p> <p>Nicholas - for his extra effort into his Indigenous Australian slide show.</p> <p>Joseph - for being more focused on completing tasks in the required time.</p> <p>Lucas - for improvement with his oral reading skills.</p>
STAGE3	<p>Mitchell - for working collaboratively on his PBL project.</p> <p>Georgia - for a consistent effort with all tasks undertaken.</p> <p>Jessica - for her focused and positive attitude.</p> <p>Taylor - for her commitment to challenge herself in all key learning areas.</p> <p>Jude - for showing a growth mindset when it comes to challenging tasks in maths.</p> <p>William - for using efficient problem solving strategies in maths.</p> <p>Lola - for showing enthusiasm and creativity in her PBL on Australian Identity.</p> <p>Rachael - for showing enthusiasm and creativity in her PBL on Australian Identity.</p> <p>Natalia - for working hard to complete all tasks in her Literacy contract.</p>

Our school is a place of "Holy Ground."

As **LEARNERS**

We are

SAFE RESPONSIBLE RESPECTFUL

Of

✧ **SELF**
 ✧ **OTHERS**
 ✧ **SCHOOL**




What's On at Penrith Observatory in April

Date: 14 April

Event name: Astronomy Night: Stars, Supernova, & the size of the Universe

Event details:

Speaker – Dr Luke Bozzetto

Come and explore the life-cycle of stars, from their birth all the way to their deaths - in some cases the cataclysmic explosion known as a supernova. Followed by a journey through the Universe - starting from our position on Earth we will explore our surroundings by travelling outward to gain some perspective of the vast space that we live in.

Includes presentation, short 3D movie, tour of the dome and viewing of the night sky through a range of telescopes (weather permitting).

\$18.00 Adult

\$12.00 Child/Concession

\$50.00 Family (2 adults + 2 children)

Children under 3 years of age free.

BOOKINGS VIA OUR WEBSITE ESSENTIAL

Time: 7pm – 9pm

Venue Address: Penrith Observatory (Building AO), Western Sydney University, Werrington North campus, Great Western Highway, Werrington 2747

Contact phone or website for public enquiries and bookings:

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/observatorypenrith/penrith_observatory/whats_on

Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1657296901021184/>

Date: 20 April

Event name: Hands On Workshop: Rockets

Event details:

Speaker – Ms Raelene Sommer

Lots of fun for children ages 4 - 12. Build and launch paper rockets using compressed air and watch a demonstration of a model rocket launch.

Includes presentation, short 3D movie and safe viewing of the Sun through a telescope (weather permitting).

PLEASE NOTE:

Parents/carers to remain with children at all times.

All attendees (parents/carers and children) require a workshop ticket \$12 each.

ALL CHILDREN and any parents/carers that wish to participate in rocket building need to also pay for the rocket kits \$12 + \$5 = \$17 each.

BOOKINGS VIA OUR WEBSITE ESSENTIAL

Time: 10am – 12pm

Venue Address: Penrith Observatory (Building AO), Western Sydney University, Werrington North campus, Great Western Highway, Werrington

Contact phone or website for public enquiries and bookings:

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/observatorypenrith/penrith_observatory/whats_on

Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/232689780633424/>

Date: 28 April

Event name: Astronomy Night: Space Rocks & Cosmic Collisions

Event details:

Speaker – Ms Raelene Sommer

Asteroids, Comets and Meteors, oh my! What are they and what happens when they hit Earth? Want to know more about the first interstellar asteroid we detected?

Includes presentation, short 3D movie, tour of the dome and viewing of the night sky through a range of telescopes (weather permitting).

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BOOKINGS VIA OUR WEBSITE ESSENTIAL

Time: 7pm – 9pm

Venue Address: Penrith Observatory (Building AO), Western Sydney University, Werrington North campus, Great Western Highway, Werrington

Contact phone or website for public enquiries and bookings:

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/observatorypenrith/penrith_observatory/whats_on

Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/214801002596693/>

Catholic Education Office

School Zones

A reminder to all our parents ahead of the break at the end of Term 1 that school zones remain in place for the safety of our children and families.

School zones operate on all gazetted schools days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil free days.

Bishop Office

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Lecture Series

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) has engaged Dr Laurie Woods to present on the Gospel of Mark. Venue: IFM, Marion St, Blacktown. Time: 10 am - 2pm. Dates: Friday April 13. All are welcome. BYO lunch. RSVPs to Maree 02 9890 4731

Positions Vacant

- Risk Officer - Chancery Office, Parramatta
- Interviewer - Tribunal Office, Parramatta

More details at: www.parracatholic.org/employment

- Credo Youth Group Coordinator - St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

For further information, please visit www.stpatscathedral.com.au

NSW Pastoral Conference: 1 May

NSW Pastoral Conference: Forming Missionary Disciples - Join with pastoral council members, parish clergy, staff and volunteers across NSW to explore strategies for forming missionary disciples. How do we renew our baptismal call and enable our gifts in parish and school life? Tuesday 1 May, Lidcombe, cost \$65. Find out more: www.tinyurl.com/disciples2018 or contact Tanya Quinn: 02 8838 3441 or tanya.quinn@parra.catholic.org

The Permanent Diaconate: 6 May

The discernment program for those who are interested in finding out more about this Vocation will be held at St John 23rd Parish, 160 Perfection Avenue, Stanhope Gardens 2768. Come and learn more about vocations to the Diaconate and have a chat with our team members. We are looking for men aged between 35 to 55 and residing in the Diocese of Parramatta. Our discernment program consists of five sessions, with each session dealing with different aspects of the Diaconate. The meetings will commence at 3.00pm until 6.00pm followed by the Parish Mass and Fellowship. The 2018 dates on Sundays: 8 July, 9 September, 4 November. For further information visit www.parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate or please contact any of the following deacons: Deacon James – 0425 213 832, Deacon Tan – 0407 270 782, Deacon George – 0408 440 769

Plenary Council 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. All people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia?" Find out more at: plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

PROCLAIM 2018: National Conference on Parish Renewal and Evangelisation 12 – 14 July 2018

The Archdiocese of Brisbane, in collaboration with the ACBC's National Centre for Evangelisation, will host PROCLAIM 2018. This national conference will engage parishes and faith communities in a conversation focusing on five key areas: Leadership, Culture Change, Young People, Belonging and Evangelisation.

During the conference participants can attend keynote presentations, expert panel sessions and discussions facilitated by leaders with 'on the ground' experience. Ideally, this will help those participants to contribute to the formulation of some practical strategies to assist your parish or faith community's own goals in the areas of renewal and evangelisation.

Keynote speakers include Cardinal John Dew (Archdiocese of Wellington, New Zealand), Ron Huntley (Divine Renovation – Canada), Ms Lana Turvey-Collins (Plenary Council 2020 Facilitator), Mons Enrique Figaredo SJ (Cambodia) and host of PROCLAIM 2018 Archbishop Mark Coleridge (Archdiocese of Brisbane). To find out more visit www.proclaimconference.com.au and register at our early bird rate.

Marist Sisters College Woolwich Annual Reunion: 6 May

Annual Reunion Day for Marist Sisters College Woolwich will be held 6 May at the College, 66 Woolwich Road Woolwich, with Mass at 11am in the School Chapel, followed by luncheon in the School Hall. It will be the 50th anniversary for those who left school in 1968 either in Year 10 or Year 12. For more information please contact MSCW Ex-Students Association, PO Box 96 Hunters Hill NSW 2110, email: MSCWexstudents@gmail.com, or FaceBook: MSCW Ex-Students' Association. OR call Julie Biber McLeay 0414 689 462 or Louise Shapter Hymas 0403 779 155. RSVP by 15 April.

Healing after Abortion: 12 May

Rachel's Vineyard, Sydney is hosting a workshop with Jessica Lockhart, author of *The Woman at the Tomb*, Abortion and Redemption, and Rachel's Vineyard Retreat ministry to hear about spiritual and emotional healing after an abortion. All welcome - priests, pastoral carers, parish teams, professional health practitioners and those suffering post abortion stress in their own life. Saturday May 12, 10am - 3.30pm at Good Samaritan Centre, 2 Avenue Rd. Glebe. Free. Limited numbers, RSVP essential for catering - info@rachelsvineyard.org.au or 0400 092 555. Details: rachelsvineyard.org.au

Seminar Understanding the Process of Annulment of Marriage within the Catholic Church

Presented by Rev. Fr. Paul Collins, Director of the Office of the Vicar General
and Director of the Office of the Vicar General

Date: Wednesday 10th May 2018

Time: 7pm - 8pm

Venue: St. Patrick's Cathedral - Parish Hall
Car Market Place and Victoria Rd (On site parking via Victoria Rd)
Parramatta

Marriage is a sacrament, a sacred covenant between a man and a woman, a covenant that is made in the presence of God and the Church.

The Church teaches that in a sacrament, the outward signs are made to make the inward grace more effective.

How does the Church teach about marriage? What are the sacramental signs? How does the Church teach about marriage?

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How long does it last?

Are children of a marriage considered children of the Church?

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PRESENTERS

Rev. Fr. Paul Collins
Director of the Office of the Vicar General

PRESENTATION TOPICS

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Younger Widowed Support Group



- Has your spouse or partner died and are you searching for someone who understands the enormity of your loss?
- Are you overwhelmed with the impact this is having on your life?
- Do you long to connect with others who have experienced a similar loss?
- Are you unsure of how to assist your children through their grief?
- Would you like support as you deal with your changed circumstances?

If so please call PH: 8843 2530 or

E-mail: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au us find out more about our monthly support group

VENUE: 13 Buller St, North Parramatta

DATE: 3rd Tuesday of each Month (Feb-Dec)

TIME: 7.00pm - 9.00pm

COST: \$5.00

Stepping Beyond

Support Group for Separated / Divorced Adults



- Are you separated or divorced?
- Have your emotions overwhelmed you at times?
- Are you struggling with the impact this is having on your life?
- Is communication difficult with your ex-partner?
- Do you find it difficult to support your children through this process?
- Would you like support as you deal with your changed circumstances?

If you relate to any of the above, please call PH: 8843 2530 or e-mail Rita at soloparentservices@ccss.org.au for more information about our Support Group.



VENUE: 13 Buller St, North Parramatta

DATE: Last Tuesday of each Month (Jan-Nov)

TIME: 7.00pm - 9.00pm

COST: \$5.00

Upcoming events at DESTINY MARTIAL ARTS AUSTRALIA

LADIES SELF DEFENCE CLASSES

Ladies Self Defence Class
When: Friday 13th April
Time: 6.00pm
\$10 each (incl. GST)

BOOK NOW

VENUE: 13 Buller St, North Parramatta
DATE: Friday 13th April
TIME: 6.00pm
COST: \$10 each (incl. GST)

Before and After school martial arts fitness classes will return in the school hall week 1 next term.

Morning session 8-8.30am
Afternoon session 3.30-4pm

\$3 per person per session
All students welcome.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY FUN DAYS

BOOK NOW SPACES ARE LIMITED

We are hosting fun activity days during the school holidays at the following dates:

WEDNESDAY 11th APRIL
THURSDAY 12th APRIL
FRIDAY 13th APRIL
SATURDAY 14th APRIL

COST: \$10 per child
(incl. GST) \$15 per family
(incl. GST) \$5 per family

BOOKS YEAR 6-8 (LUNCH / 1.00pm)
There will be provided for working and otherwise too.
Each day incorporates fun, physical activities.

