

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.

The ANZAC tradition was forged 103 years ago on 25 April 1915, when the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula. It marked the start of a campaign which lasted eight months and resulted in some 26,000 Australian casualties, including 8,159 who were killed or died of wounds or disease. The bravery and spirit of those who served on the Gallipoli Peninsula shaped a legend, and so the 'ANZAC' became a part of the Australian and New Zealand lexicon. In 1916, the first anniversary on the landing was observed in Australia, New Zealand, England and by troops in Egypt. That year, 25 April was named 'ANZAC Day'. By the 1920's, ANZAC Day ceremonies were held throughout Australia and the states had designated ANZAC Day as a public holiday. Commemoration of ANZACDay continued throughout the 1930's and 1940's with World War II veterans joining parades around the country. Over the ensuing decades, returned Australian servicemen and women from conflicts such as Malaysia, Vietnam, Korea, East Timor, Iraq and Afghanistan as well as peacekeepers and veterans from allied countries, now march proudly in the parades.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not wear them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them. Lest We Forget



Stage 3 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. During the prayer, we remembered all those who died defending our country during the wars which Australia has been involved in this century.



We pray that peace comes to our world: Lord <u>Jesus</u> 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

NEW LEARNING SPACE/COSHCUPDATE

Following on from the recent update on the new learning space, it is expected that the process of installation will begin very soon, possibly as early as next week. The top part of the playground will be fenced off for the duration of the installation with the completion of the work expected to take approximately 4 weeks. Once complete Year 4 will move into this new space with the current Year 4 classroom becoming a dedicated COSHC space. This will allow the COSHC to have an increased capacity, being able to cater for up to 45 children at a time. Our new COSHC coordinator Mrs Keira Lahoud has started working on site during the holidays and this week.



Keira is keen to hear from any family who is interested in making use of the COSHC service. There is space on all days, however some days have only a few places available. Keira can be contacted via email at <u>coshcstmatthewswindsor@parra.catholic.edu.au</u> or by calling 0418 170 921.

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 strong minds and gentle hearts.

Peace & best wishes

Tim Vane-Tempest

Principal.

CALENDAR

NEW FAMILIES

This term we welcome the Hayek family (Harry Year 6) and the Owen family (Pia Year 1) to the St Matthew's community. We trust that you quickly feel a part of our school community.

NAPLAN

A reminder that our Year 3 & 5 children will participate in the annual NAPLAN assessments from Tuesday 15th -Thursday 17th May. 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.



MOTHER'S DAY STALL AND Breakfast

Our annual Mother's Day Stall will be held on Thursday the 10th May at 9:00 am. Thanks to Natalie Miskelly for the organizing of this activity, and also to the mum's who assisted in wrapping presents at the end of Term 1. Gifts start from \$1. There will also be raffle tickets for sale 0.50c each at the stall. The stall will be set up in the Hall.

Our Mother's Day prayer will be held in St Matthew's Church on Friday 11th 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.

May 6 Sun	Hospitality Morning Tea 9:00 am Mass St. Matthew's Church	
May 7 Mon	Assembly 2:45 pm Presented by Year 2	
May 9 Wed	Soccer Clinic	
May 10 Thur	Mother's Day Stall. Gifts \$1 - \$5. 9:00 am	
May 11 Fri	Mother's Day Liturgy & Breakfast 7:30 am	
May 14 Mon	Assembly 2:45 pm Presented by Year 3	
May 15 -17 Tues - Thur	NAPLAN	
May 18 Fri	International Family Day Gold Coin Donation Mufti Day to support CatholicCare Family Day Liturgy 11:45 am	
May 21 Mon	Assembly 2:45 pm Presented by Year 1	
May 23 Wed	First Eucharist Workshop in Hall Year 6 Leader's Day	
May 25 Fri	Captivate Rehearsal	



ENROLLINGFOR 2019

The enrolments continue to be open for Kindergarten 2019, as well as other grades in 2018. 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 2019 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.

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We are continuing to accept applications for enrolment for Years 1-6 for 2018.

The school office can be contacted on 4560 2300 for an enrolment pack or to have any enrolment questions answered.

WINTER UNIFORM

All winter uniforms are now available for purchase.

Orders can be placed via email to <u>elle@ozfashions.com.au</u> (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 3, Monday 14th 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.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Please note that the final day of Term 2, 6th July will be a Pupil Free Day. On this day there will be no supervision provided for students as teachers will be involved in a day of Professional Learning.

TELL THEMFROMME SURVEY

This survey is an opportunity for our school to gather valid and reliable data from students, teachers and parents. This data can be readily used for school improvement planning and evaluation while providing insight on what Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta key members have to say about Engagement, Well-being and Effective Teaching.

The upcoming survey will be available from 21st May - 4th June. The survey can be completed at any time during this period with surveys taking approximately 20 minutes to complete. All surveys will be automatically closed on 4th June at 5:00pm.

The student survey is completed during class time. Parent consent ensures that parents have information about the initiative and an opportunity for their child to 'opt out'. A letter will be sent home in the next week for those students eligible to complete the survey which will include further information as well as a form to withdraw your child from the survey if you wish.

TERM1SCHOOL FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta have confirmed all of the mistakes made with the roll-out of the new billing system have been rectified.

Any unpaid Term 1 fees will be included in Term 2 statement.

Any family that is experiencing difficulty paying the fees is asked to contact Stacey Roberts or make an appointment to discuss with Tim Vane-Tempest.

School fees can be paid by BPAY/EFTPOS or cash at the school office.

TEACHERS AS LEARNERS

Congratulations to Miss Schembri who attended her graduation ceremony at the end of Term 1. This is a significant event for Miss Schembri as she begins her teaching career. 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. At the end of Term 1 Mrs Galea, Miss Viviani, Miss Schembri and Mrs Burke attended professional learning in Mathematics. This week Miss Keane begins training as a specialist support teacher for Year 2 reading, while next week Mrs Moussa, Miss Viviani supported by Miss Keane and Mrs Whiteman will attend our annual compliance process which checks the quality of our teaching programs.

ANAPHYLAXIS

There has been some conversation among some in the parent group regarding bringing nuts and nut products to school. St Matthew's is a nut aware school, meaning we are aware of the potential risks that nuts and nut products pose to children with anaphylaxis. One important action that supports the school and our community is the limiting of such foods as nuts, nut products like nut based spreads (peanut butter and nutella) as well as egg based products from coming to school. Also we have a clear expectation that children do not swap or share food due to the risk of an allergic reaction. It is important to understand that anaphylaxis is potentially life threatening and

always requires an emergency response. There are number of children at St Matthew's who have an extreme, and potentilly life theatening reaction, to some allergens including nuts, eggs and insect stings. We ask parents and carers for their support in avoiding the possibility of this happening by not sending foods with these known allergens to school to ensure the wellbeing and safety of all children.



Last term we gave you a brief overview into what PBS4L is. It is about schools, families and the wider community working together to

- Improve student learning outcomes by
- Increasing appropriate behaviours and
- Decreasing the incidents of negative behaviours across the school.

How will PBS4L operate?

- Our St Matthew's community has four expectations that we are <u>SAFE</u>, <u>RESPECTFUL</u> and <u>RESPONSIBLE LEARNERS</u>.
- Our expected behaviours will be taught to the students for the differing situations that occur at our school.
- Staff will monitor the achievement of these expectations.
- Data will be collected, analysed and used as a means for setting future goals and targets.
- Behavioural errors will be corrected and supported.
- The implementation and achievement of success will take time to be fully embedded into our school culture.

Don't forget that this term, St. Matthew's will be running a competition to help us get our PBS4L up and running. We need everyone to be involved. So...





Greetings St Matthew's School Community! Welcome back to another term of learning, growing, prayer and friendship. The term started in prayer with our ANZAC Day liturgy prepared by our Stage Three students. We remember all the men and women who have died in war and the many people who suffer the effects of war today.

Hospitality Sunday Mass

This Sunday the 6th of May, St Matthew's School will provide the morning tea after the 9am Mass. If you are able to donate cakes or biscuits, it will be greatly appreciated. You can send food to the office this Friday or drop off the food at the church on Sunday morning at 9 am. Thank you again for your generosity.

Mother's Day Liturgy and Breakfast

Who cooks our meals each day, washes our clothes, takes care of us when we are sick or sad – Mum! (Yes, Dad's do these things as well) The list is endless! A mother works hard and is always there for everyone, everyday. We appreciate our mothers and everything they do for us.

We would like to invite all our mothers, grandmothers, great grandmothers and carers to a special Mother's Day Liturgy and breakfast on Friday, 11th of May, for a 7.30 am start in the church. After the liturgy, breakfast will be served in the hall.

<u>Mary Our Mother</u>

Mary is the most special of all mothers. Jesus gave us His mother Mary as our mother, when He was dying on the cross. Mary loves us and helps us come closer to Her son Jesus. There are special times when Catholics honour Mary. The month of May is Mary's month. During the months of May and October, we pay special attention to praying The Rosary. Even saying one decade a day is a special way to grow stronger in our faith. Mary is an example for us. Her faith was very strong and She never stopped trusting in God.

" I assure you that if you have faith as big as a mustard seed, you can say to this hill, 'Go from here to there!' and it will go. You can do anything!"

Matthew 17:20

Praying the Rosary

The Rosary helps us to pray to Jesus through Mary. When we pray the Rosary, we think about the special events, or <u>mysteries</u>, in the lives of Jesus and Mary. The Rosary is made up of a string of beads and a crucifix. We hold the crucifix in our hands as we pray the <u>Sign of the Cross</u>. Then we pray the <u>Apostles' Creed</u>.

Between the crucifix and the medal of Mary, there is a single bead, followed by a set of three beads and another single bead. We pray the <u>Lord's Prayer</u> as we hold the first single bead and a <u>Hail Mary</u> at each bead in the set of three that follows. Then we pray the <u>Glory Be to the Father</u>. On the next single bead we think about the first mystery and pray the Lord's Prayer.

There are five sets of ten beads; each set is called a decade. We pray a Hail Mary on each bead of a decade as we reflect on a particular mystery in the lives of Jesus and Mary. The Glory Be to the Father is prayed at the end of each set. Between sets is a single bead on which we think about one of the mysteries and pray the Lord's Prayer.

We end by holding the crucifix in our hands as we pray the Sign of the Cross.

RELIGION

Reminders-

Parent Reflection Day

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

Mother's Day Liturgy and Breakfast- 11th May at 7.30 am in the Church.

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

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

First Eucharist Masses

- Sunday the 27th May 11 am and 1 pm
- Sunday the 3rd June- 11 am and 1 pm.

Confirmation (Students in Stage 3)

Information Nights-

- Tuesday, 29th May at Chisholm Primary School at 7.30 pm. OR
- Wednesday, 30th May at St Matthew's Church at 7.30pm.

God Bless. Ann Climpson

Jesus in our hearts – Forever! Mary Our Mother– Pray for us. St Matthew- Pray for us.



Canteen open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday for recess.

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

Thank you to our volunteer helpers.



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)





Mother's Day Stall 9:00 am in the Hall Thursday 10th May Gifts from \$1 - \$5 Parent helpers needed for stall. We will be holding a raffle 0.50c per ticket Drawn Mother's Day Breakfast

BEDE POLDING COLLEGE

YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS 2019

Enrolment forms for Year 7 2019 are now available from the office. Feeder schools have been given enrolment forms. Completed applications MUST be returned to the College no later than Friday 25th May 2018. It is absolutely essential that families with children at Bede Polding ensure that they collect an enrolment form for siblings they wish to commence at Bede Polding in Year 7 2019. The school has no way of knowing that you wish to enrol a sibling unless you submit an application. Please take note of the following important sport related dates over the next term:

- Week 2 Wednesday May 9 Wanderers Soccer Clinic
- Week 4 Sporting Schools Basketball Program commences Thursday and Friday afternoons
- 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

Thank you to Mrs Williams and Mrs Peare for taking the Stage 3 students to the Touch Gala day on the last day of term. Thank you to the parents who helped with managing teams on the day, we really appreciate your time and assistance. Stage 3 represented St Matthew's beautifully and played some excellent games on the day.

Soccer Gala Day

Soccer Gala Days are coming. Stage 3 team selections will be finalised this week.

Stage 2 trials will be held in a few weeks time. Training will take place on Wednesday, Thursday or Fridays.

St Matthew's Cross Country Diocesan Team 2018

We had another successful Cross Country day on Tuesday at the Diocesan. All the students ran the challenging track with great skill and passion. We had several students place in the top 30 ranking which is a great achievement! Congratulations to Holly McKay who will be representing the Parramatta Diocese as the MacKillop Cross Country on June 15.

Congratulations to Darcy Buckingham and Ryan Henson who both placed 1st reserve for the MacKillop Cross Country team.



<u>is every Thursday morning at 8:00 am</u>. 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 on athletic skills of running, jumping and throwing as well as cardiovascular and strength training.











Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

... to stock lunch box basics.

Stocking the fridge, freezer and pantry with lunch box staples really helps with preparing quick and easy healthy lunches. It can also help save time during the morning rush!



Eat It To

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Suggested lunch box staples include:

 Dried fruit – apricots, banana chips, currants, sultanas, raisins, dates

Cancer Council

- Canned fruit in natural juice
- Baked beans
- Canned cannellini beans, chickpeas and lentils
- Pepitas
- Canned tuna or salmon
- Cheese block cut into cubes or slices.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

- · Wholegrain crackers
- Crispbread or corn thins;
- · Long-life milk poppers;
- Cottage cheese
- Hummus
- · Natural yoghurt tubs
- Boiled eggs
- Healthy baked snacks from the freezer
- Wholegrain pasta
- Wholegrain/ wholemeal bread and wraps.





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 new 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	ACOUSTIC PACKAGE	
Vocals Bectric Guitar Bectric Bass Cuitar Keyboard Drum Kit	Flute Trombo Clarinet Percus Alto Sakophone Violin Trumpet Accust	sion

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



HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

1/2 hour small group lessons are provided by specialist Musicarp teachers each wack 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 bagin their musical journey"

- The Acoustic Package is \$214 per term.
- The Electric Package is \$249 per term.
- For your convenience, all payments are made using either credit card or direct debit from a bank account.

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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

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Media Release

1st May 2018

Open Day at Windsor Fire Station

Firefighters are encouraging people to visit Windsor Fire Station at 1 Anderson Place, South Windsor for the Fire & Rescue NSW (FRNSW) annual Open Day on Saturday, 19 May 2018.

Windsor Fire Station will be open from 10.00am to 2.00pm and families can go along and meet their local firefighters and learn more about home fire safety and fire prevention.

A range of free activities will be on offer; including firefighting demonstrations, station tours and fire safety presentations. Firefighters will also be able to provide advice on installing or replacing smoke alarms, and preparing a home fire escape plan.

Children will be able to see the fire engines and firefighting equipment up close – always a highlight of this much-anticipated day. They'll also be able to take home a "Brigade Kids" activity booklet, which teaches them vital fire safety lessons.

Station Commander Kim Roche said FRNSW firefighters - who are amongst the most highly trained in the world - do so much more than just fight fires.

"This year we are reminding people about the wide range of our capabilities," he said.

"From chemical spills, car accidents and natural disasters to education, prevention and humanitarian relief, across the state, across the country and even overseas, our firefighters are prepared for anything, anywhere, anytime."

Station Commander Roche said Open Day is a great opportunity to talk to the experts about making homes fire-safe ahead of winter.

"Why not come along to Windsor Fire Station this Open Day and hear about all the things we do in the community," he said.

Media contact:

Station Commander Kim Roche Windsor Fire Station Ph: 4577 3182

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SCHOOL BANKING DAY WEDNESDAY



This year's School Banking Super Savers adventure is well underway, giving children an engaging way to learn good saving habits that will last a lifetime. Check out the latest rewards below to encourage super saving behaviour from students in Term 2. If you'd like to find out more about School Banking, or if you'd like to explore fun activity sheets for your child, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

New Super Savers reward items.

To encourage regular saving behaviour, children can redeem a reward after they've made 10 School Banking deposits. There are two new reward items available in Term 2 (while stocks last):

- Sparkle Glitter Pens
- Glow Light

Activity.

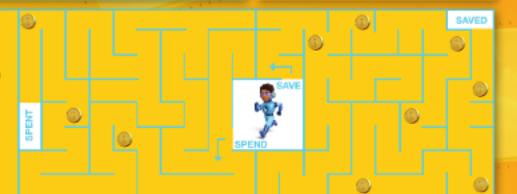
Lucas received \$10 for his birthday. Help Lucas through the maze and count the \$1 coins to find out how much of his birthday money he spent and saved along the way.



Good saving habits support your school.

Your school will receive \$5 for every 10 School Banking deposits made per student.

This Regular Savers Contribution can be used for new school resources like learning materials, such as books and sports equipment, or other school fundraising needs.



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FREE INTERACTIVE HOLIDAY WORKSHOP FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN AGED 9-12 YEARS





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This free holiday workshop provides a fun learning experience for primary school aged children 9-12 years who have difficulties in socialising with peers. Through art activities making masks and playing theatre games led by experienced facilitators in the creative arts in a supported environment children will develop confidence, enhanced self-esteem and communication skills that will improve their relationships with others.

9.30am-12.30pm Tuesday 10th July 2018

AT: Richmond Neighbourhood Centre 20 West Market St, Richmond NSW 2753 Call: 4588 3555 e: admin@rcsi.ngo.org.au Places are limited so BOOKING ESSENTIAL



Richmond Community Services Inc. in partnership with Windsor Professional Centre is pleased to be able to offer a FREE 4 week ongoing group for primary school kids aged 7-9years

Calm Kids For primary school children 7—9 years old dealing with

Anxiety

Strategies for keeping cool and dealing with stress at home, in school and life. Fun, helpful skills to practise and use in everyday life.

- * Support
- * Social and Communication Skills
- * Managing Emotions.

4 x Mondays—3.30-5pm: 14th, 21st & 28th May and 4th June 2018 BOOKING ESSENTIAL! 02 4588 3502 Email: admin@rcsi.ngo.org.au At: Richmond Neighbourhood Centre 20 West Market Street, Richmond, NSW 2753

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YEAR 10 Students & Families

Combine your HSC Studies with Trade Qualifications and the opportunity to be employed as a School Based Apprentice/Trainee

Trades/Vocations Include but are not limited to:

- Automotive
- Metals and Engineering
- Carpentry
- Hospitality
- Electrotechnology
- Hairdressing
- Bricklaying
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- Shopfitting

2019 INFORMATION EVENING

6PM WED 30 MAY



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