



St. Matt's Matters Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Mothers are God's way of showing us how He loves us and how much more He can love us – because He is God. Last Sunday being Mother's Day gave us the opportunity to reflect on the parallels of the awesomeness of mothers and God.

Our God is faithful and so are mothers. Mothers never abandon or disown their children when they are rebellious, wayward, rude or disrespectful. The love for their children makes them kind, patient and enduring despite all the challenges that go with being a mother.

God gives good gifts just like mothers. I can recall many times when my mother provided the “extras” in the lives of myself and my brothers to make life more comfortable, convenient and gave us opportunities. Whether it was cooking a favourite meal, providing extra pocket money, driving me and my brothers to every sporting or social event, all these gifts came from a core of love.

God is a good listener. So are Mothers. Mothers are instinctively good listeners, knowing the right thing to say as well as knowing the right time to say nothing and let their children work it out. Mothers know that a harsh or insensitive word can do damage, and they know how to exercise a soft word to sooth a hurt and strengthen their child's spirit.

God sacrificed His Son for us. Mother's sacrifice daily for their children. Many mothers would rather go hungry than to let their children know hunger. Mothers would happily forgo the luxuries in life so that their children can pursue their dreams. They are willing to pass up ambition, career, sleep and opportunity, to ensure their child is safe, healthy and has every opportunity to pursue their dreams.

Thank you to all mothers, grandmothers and those who care for children who cannot be with their mothers for your contribution to your family and the community. We trust you enjoyed a wonderful day of celebration.

A Mothers' Day Prayer

We thank you for our mothers. We thank you that they gave us life and nurtured us all those years. They gave us our faith, helping us to know you and to know Jesus and his ways. They taught us how to love and how to sacrifice for others. They taught us that we should always tell the truth.

Bless our mothers with the graces they need. Help them to feel precious in your eyes today and to know that we love them. Bless her this day with our love.

Building Update

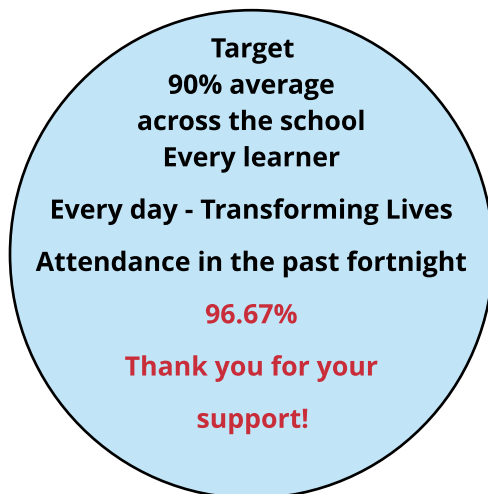
Following last week's letter and slower start than expected the building work got underway in earnest this week. Over the coming weeks the modules will be craned into position and the internal lining of the learning space completed. Thank you to everyone for your patience and consideration with the changes to routines during the installation phase.

Peace and Best Wishes for a wonderful two weeks ahead,

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

Tim Vane-Tempest,

Principal



KISS & DROP AREA

Thank you to all users of the Kiss & Drop area for assisting in the safe use of this area. With your continued support we can ensure that this service is available for all into the future. The Kiss & Drop area is located in Little Church St. It has been established to assist with traffic flow in the street and for parents who wish to drop off children without parking.

The important guidelines for using the Kiss & Drop zone are:

- Kiss & Drop operates between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.
- Cars will follow in single file through the drop zone
- Drivers should move as far as possible into the zone before stopping to allow children to get out
- Children need to exit the car on the left hand-side so they are not walking behind or between cars using the zone
- No overtaking of vehicles in the Kiss & Drop zone
- Drivers need to stay in their car at all times – no parking is permitted in the Kiss & Drop
- When leaving the Kiss & Drop zone be aware of other drivers and pedestrians using the street

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| 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 |
| May 26 Sat | School/Parish Mass 6 pm St. Matthew's Church |
| May 27 Sun | First Eucharist Masses 11:00 am & 1 pm |
| May 28 Mon | Assembly 2:45 pm Presented by Stage 3 |
| May 29 Tue | Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day Jamison Park, Sth Penrith 8:00 am Confirmation info night 7:30 pm Chisholm Primary School |
| May 30 Wed | Confirmation info night 7:30 pm St. Matthew's Church 7:30 pm |
| Jun 3 Sun | First Eucharist Masses 11:00 am & 1 pm |
| Jun 4 Mon | Assembly 2:45 pm Presented by Kinder |
| Jun 5 Tue | Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day Jamison Park, Sth Penrith 8:00 am |
| Jun 11 Mon | Queen's Birthday Public Holiday |

MOTHER'S DAY STALL, LITURGY AND BREAKFAST

Thank you to Natalie Miskelly, Brigetta Galea and the mothers who gave their time last week to organise and assist at the Mother's Day stall. The stall was a great success with lots of excited children being given the opportunity to purchase something special to give to their mum on Sunday morning. Your commitment to helping makes these opportunities a reality for our children, is very much appreciated. Thanks to the dedicated staff of St Matthew's - Kinder for organising and leading the liturgy, Mrs Babazogli & Mrs Roberts organising the breakfast food and all the staff who set up, arranged, served and packed away the breakfast meal. Finally thank you to all the mothers and grandmothers who supported the celebration. It was wonderful to see that our numbers continue to grow from year to year for the celebration.

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2019

The enrolments continue to be open 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 2018 and are not yet connected with St. Matthew's please pass on this information. We look forward to welcoming you to St Matthew's in the near future.

TEACHERS AS LEARNERS

Each year like all schools, school undergoes a process of Quality Assurance to ensure that our teaching programs are providing the best opportunities to the students at St Matthew's. Last week Miss Viviani, Mrs Moussa, Miss Keane and Mrs Whiteman presented at a Peer Review and received excellent feedback from their peers from other schools about the work that we do at St Matthew's. Congratulations to these ladies and to all the dedicated staff we have in our school for their tireless work in providing for the students. Also last week Mrs Burke and Mrs Moussa attended training on the use of Chromebooks in enhancing learning opportunities for the students.

PUPIL FREE DAY

A reminder that on the **6th July** the staff of St. Matthew's will be involved in a full day of learning connected to the new Science & Technology syllabus as well as our PBS4L initiative. The COSHC will provide supervision for up to 45 children on this day to support those families in need of care for their child/ren. Look for the information in flier page 20 below for contact details.

WHS

Security

Over the past few weeks our emergency procedures have been reviewed including our evacuation and lock down procedures. We have also reviewed all other security procedures including our off site evacuation procedures in the unlikely event we need to leave the site during an emergency. A reminder that all visitors to the school site, including parents, must sign in at the Front Office. Schools have a significant responsibility to provide a safe environment to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all who work, learn and visit our school. As part of our regular practices we will practice one of these procedures next week.

Work Health Safety procedures are in place to ensure a safe physical environment at all times. We have a staff WHS Committee and all staff share in the responsibility for maintaining safe and orderly school facilities. If parents see anything they consider to be unsafe we would ask you to contact the school office immediately so the matter can be addressed.

WINTER UNIFORM

All children should be in Winter uniform from this week on, until late Term 3. Thank you to all families who have assisted with this. Having said this there has been an increase in the number of children who are wearing non school jackets and incorrect shoes. If there is an extenuating circumstance that requires your child to wear a jacket which is not part of the uniform or incorrect shoes, please write a note to your child's teachers to explain the situation. If you are having any ongoing difficulties with uniforms please contact Mr Vane-Tempest through the school office to discuss.

Please ensure your child's uniform is labelled. Below are the instructions for the app to order uniforms. Please make sure you are using the correct app.

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Step 2 Register
Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

Step 3 Find our school
Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

Step 4 Register your children
When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'

Search for our school name

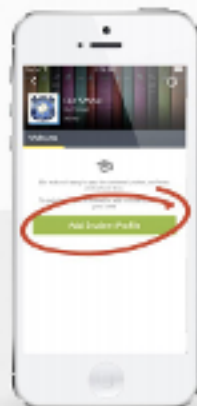




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Add your children's details in Student Profiles

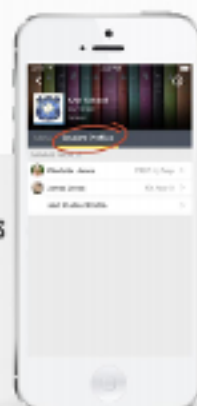
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Add each
child's details

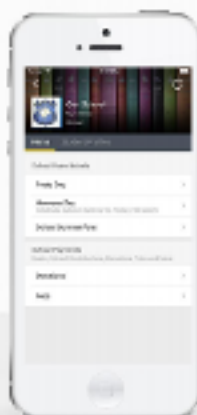


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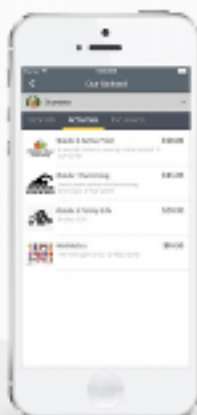


Purchase school items

Select a menu
from our school

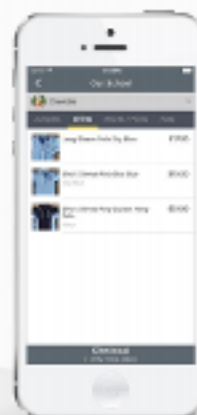


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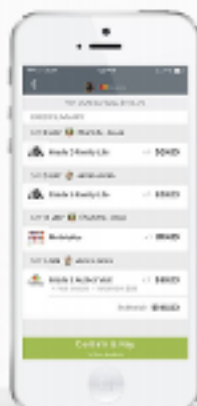
Select your items

Tap 'Checkout'
then confirm and pay



Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet



At checkout select which card to
pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted
by the school.

Once your payment is approved you
can continue to the home page, or
view your receipt.

Greetings St Matthew's School Community! Thank you to the families who provided food for the Hospitality Mass on the 6th of May. Our parish community enjoyed the different treats with their coffee and tea. Thank you for your generosity.

Mother's Day Liturgy and Breakfast

I hope all Mothers, Grandmothers, Great Grandmothers, Carers and those who are Mothers to us, had a wonderful Mother's Day. Thank you to Kindergarten who led us in prayer last Friday. It was a very enjoyable experience with our Mothers truly honoured and acknowledged for the many things they do for us.



International Family Day

This Friday St Matthew's are celebrating International Family Day, where we celebrate and give thanks for families. We give thanks and pray for not only our own families, but also all the families that make up our school family. Families provide love, care and guidance each and every day. The Holy Family – Jesus, Mary and Joseph provide a perfect example of how to live in peace and harmony as a family.

On Friday it is also a gold coin donation Mufti Day to raise money for Catholic Care – an organisation that provides support services to families in need. This week we also pray for Christian Unity. May the joy of The Holy Spirit pour out upon the St Matthew's community and the whole church this Sunday on the feast of Pentecost.

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

We ask that you keep the students making their First Eucharist and their families in your prayers.

Catholic Identity

What is Catholic Identity? How would we explain this to someone? Over the next few months we will look at what makes up our Catholic Schools. We will explore the importance of meeting all the needs of our students and their families and connecting this with our Catholic faith. We already provide a living witness to the Gospel, but how do we make connections to the tradition that evolves from generation to generation?

St Matthew's Formation Goal:

To enhance student learning by establishing and implementing a consistent whole school agreed practice in Religious Education lessons.

Teachers at St Matthew's are consistent in their teaching of Scripture: using the Three Senses of Literal, Spiritual and Application and making connections to Catholic Values, Catholic Teachings and Practices. As we reconnect with Catholic tradition, our Catholic faith becomes more meaningful to us and we become part of that process to enhance and develop the tradition for the future.

Voices from the Classroom

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"What are you learning in Religion Education?"

"We are learning about Jesus and His family. We are learning about who is in our family. God is our Father and Mary is our Mother. We love our Mums and Dads and the other people in our families. We are learning about families and who we belong to.

We are learning about other families and learning about Jesus. Our teachers told us that we are in Jesus' family. We are all in God's family."

Kindergarten: By Chloe and Kaytlyn.

God Bless.
Ann Climpson

Jesus in our hearts – Forever!

Mary Our Mother– Pray for us.

St Matthew- Pray for us.

Reminders-

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

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

- First Eucharist Masses

- Sunday the 27th of May – 11 am and 1 pm

- Sunday the 3rd of June- 11 am and 1 pm.

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.



Canteen open Tuesday,
Wednesday & Thursday for
recess.

Selling Water, Juice, Chips, Ice
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Thank you to our volunteer
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Order before 11 pm on Thursday night & Sunday night

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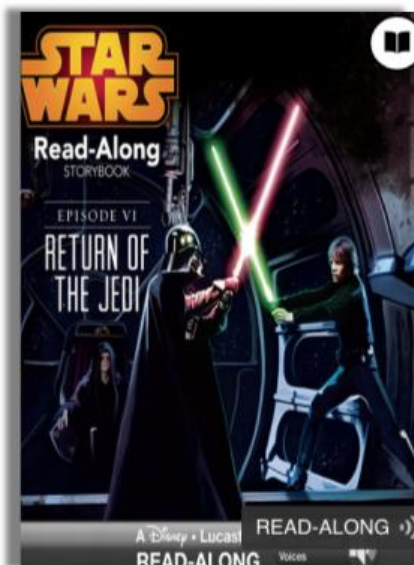


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| Kinder | Hayley |
| Year 1 | Hayden, Mia, Hamish, Oliver |
| Year 2 | Flynn, Alex, Angie |
| Year 3 | Noah, Jaxen, Monique |
| Year 4 | Andrew, Selina, Jacob, Joseph |
| Year 5 | Jessica, Sophie, Noah, Sean |
| Year 6 | Alexis, Julian, Audrey, Taylah, Jackson, Leila, Crystal |



Student eBook Of The Week

~ Primary Schools
May 07 2018



ACEN OverDrive
Audio & eBooks

<http://bit.ly/2I2K8aZ>

In this read-along storybook, the Rebellion begins a desperate mission to defeat the Empire once and for all. This epic retelling of Star Wars: The Return of the Jedi includes thrilling music, sound effects, and character voices. Follow along as Luke Skywalker and the rebels take on the Empire's deadliest weapon yet—a new Death Star.

Suitable for years 2 - 4

learning exchange



Student eBook Of The Week

~ Secondary Schools
May 07 2018



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Audio & eBooks

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My disease is as rare as it is famous. Basically, I'm allergic to the world. I don't leave my house, have not left my house in seventeen years. The only people I ever see are my mom and my nurse, Carla.

But then one day, a moving truck arrives next door. I look out my window, and I see him. He's tall, lean and wearing all black—black T-shirt, black jeans, black sneakers, and a black knit cap that covers his hair completely. He catches me looking and stares at me. I stare right back. His name is Olly.

Maybe we can't predict the future, but we can predict some things. For example, I am certainly going to fall in love with Olly. It's almost certainly going to be a disaster.

Suitable for years 10 - 12

learning exchange



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

Week 4

Sporting Schools Basketball Program commences Thursday and Friday afternoons

Friday morning Cardio Tennis starts 8:00 - 8:30 am.

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

Soccer Gala Day

Soccer Gala Days are coming! Stage 3 teams have been selected, training starts this week. Stage 2 trials will be held over the next week.



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 on athletic skills of running, jumping and throwing as well as cardiovascular and strength training.



Wanderers Soccer Clinic

We had a great time learning skills on how to best pass, dribble and kick soccer balls while controlling the ball. Tim and Alana were great coaches and all of our St Matthew's students used beautiful St Matthew's manners. We look forward to seeing them again in the future!!

Basketball Sessions

We have filled both basketball sessions that will be taking place starting next week. It will continue until week 9 this term. The Hawkesbury Jets will be coaching the sessions and I will be attending each coaching session each Thursday and Friday. Please ensure you are aware which day your child is attending. The note that was sent home on Monday had a highlighted section with the date your child is to attend.

Cardio Tennis

Cardio Tennis with Fiona Roseby from Simply Smashing Tennis will start next Friday morning from 8:00 - 8:30 am. If you have not signed up for the Cardio Tennis and are interested in it please come along on the morning or see Mrs Brand. Please remember that the cost is \$5 per session.



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to make sandwiches more exciting!

Making small changes to lunches can make a big difference to the overall nutritional value and make them more exciting for your kids to eat. Here are our top tips:



Try different breads – wholemeal, wholegrain, rye, soy and linseed, sourdough, rolls, pita, Lebanese or Turkish.

Try a variety of different fillings – vegetarian, lean meat or fish. Combine the following tasty sandwich fillings and spreads:

- Salad.
- Vegetables – lightly grilled or roasted.
- Lean meat e.g. roast beef, lean skinless chicken breast or turkey.
- Fish - tinned tuna, salmon or sardines (in springwater or brine).
- Tabouli.
- Egg.
- Tasty cheese.
- Banana.
- Healthy spreads e.g. avocado, hummus, mayonnaise, cottage or cream cheese, mustard, chutney, pesto or salsa.

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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 Tiverton 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 on a guitar stand, see prices and included in the table and their equipment can be used and more is included.

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

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| KINDERGARTEN | <p>Callum - for his commitment to his learning in literacy time.</p> <p>Vincent - for his effort in reading groups.</p> <p>Katalina - for her excellent work in guided reading groups.</p> <p>Alison - for her hard thinking in mathematics warm ups.</p> |
| YEAR1 | <p>Tycho - for displaying a growth mindset when solving challenging maths problems.</p> <p>Mia - for displaying a growth mindset when solving challenging maths problems.</p> <p>Addison - for working hard to improve his handwriting.</p> <p>Charlotte - using descriptive language and creating compound sentences when writing.</p> |
| YEAR2 | <p>Nicholas - for a great start to Term Two and huge improvement in completing writing tasks. Keep it up!</p> <p>Natanjia - for showing enthusiasm in her learning and contributing ideas to class science discussions.</p> <p>Angie - For composing a detailed recount using a range of adjectives to describe the animals she saw at the zoo, well done!</p> |
| YEAR3 | <p>Savanah - problem solving using arrays in multiplication and division.</p> <p>Mikaella - for consistent effort in Mathematics lessons.</p> <p>Matthew - for consistent effort in all subject areas.</p> <p>Harry - improvement in the structure of his writing, particularly persuasive text.</p> |
| YEAR4 | <p>Jamie - for taking time to be neater in his handwriting and presentation of work</p> <p>Lucas - for answering questions in discussion time to further enhance his learning</p> <p>Emma - for working hard to complete tasks to a higher standard.</p> <p>Montana - for her enthusiasm in all areas of her school work.</p> |
| STAGE 3 | <p>Zac - for an interesting discussion on the topic: 'Is water more precious than gold?'</p> <p>Logan - for using a variety of connectives in his discussion text</p> <p>William - for writing a descriptive paragraph using some interesting figurative language.</p> |



Social Media @ St Matt's



Our Facebook page allows us to share student achievement and events at St Matthews.

Please follow us on: <https://www.facebook.com/St-Matthews-Catholic-Primary-Windsor-1209409313395661>

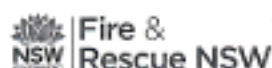
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Our Twitter page is a window into our classrooms allowing us to share what is happening on a daily basis.

Follow us on: <https://twitter.com/stmattswindsor>

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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 engine and firefighting equipment up close – always a highlight of this much anticipated day. They'll also be able to take home a "Firegate Kids" activity booklet, which includes fun and 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 learn about all the things we do in the community," he said.

Media contact: Station Commander Kim Roche
Windsor Fire Station
Ph: 4577 3182

Fire & Rescue NSW

General Enquiries: 02 925 2001

Operational Enquiries: 02 925 2002

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Applying for a School Opal card

To apply for a School Opal card, you will need to live a minimum distance from your school to be eligible:

Years K-2 (Infants)

No minimum distance.

Years 3-6 (Primary)

1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking or further.

Years 7-12 (Secondary)

2km straight line distance or 2.9km walking or further.

Who needs to apply?

You will only need to make a new application if:

- Applying for a School Opal card for the first time
- Enrolling in Kindergarten
- Requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility (joint custody) situation.

If you do need to apply, the application must be made by a parent or legal guardian if you are under 16 years of age. If you are 16 years or older you need to complete and sign the application form yourself. Applications are subject to [eligibility criteria](#).

You will need to [update your application](#) if you have a current School Opal card and:

- Your circumstances change, e.g. change of school, home address or school year outside of the usual progression.

Transport operators will allow a grace period at the start of the new school year to give time for you to receive your School Opal card.

How to apply

Step 1

There are two different application forms – one to apply for a new School Opal card and one to update your details, for example changing schools, your address or your name.

Choose the one below that applies to you:

- If you're **applying for a new School Opal card** see link below
<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails#/howToApply>
- If **your details have changed** complete this on line

Step 2

The school endorses your application. You will be advised if you need to do anything further when you have completed your online application.

Step 3

Transport for NSW then processes the application. Once approved, the School Opal card will be sent to the home address you provided in the application.

Remember: Parents must apply for students aged 15 and under. Students must apply if aged 16 and over.

This term will see Busways Inspectors checking to ensure students are using their Opal cards when boarding the school bus. Students that do not present a valid Opal card will be asked to pay a fare. Failure to produce a valid Opal card or bus fare will result in the Inspector recording the student's name and emailing the school for us to follow up.



10 May 2018

Route 675A

Dear Parents and Students,

Due to Transport for NSW requirements, commencing **Monday 4 June 2018** Busways is changing **Route 675A** currently departing **Windsor Station** at **7:55 AM**.

Route 675A will now depart at **7:53 AM** from **Windsor Station** and operate **2 minutes earlier** throughout the trip.

There will no other changes to **Route 675A**

For further information please contact Busways Customer Service on **9497 1870** or **9497 1869**.

Alternatively visit our website at www.busways.com.au

Yours sincerely,

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| 150 Glendenning Rd Glendenning NSW 2761 | 47-53 Mullins Rd Penrith NSW 2750 | 91 Mulgrave Rd Mulgrave NSW 2756 | 42 Empire Bay Dr Kincumber NSW 2251 | 9 Arizona Rd Woongarah NSW 2259 | 6-8 Denham St Port Macquarie NSW 2444 |

9th May 2018

ROUTE 661 – AM SERVICE

Dear Parents and Students,

Commencing **Monday 4th June 2018**, due to Transport for NSW requirements, there will be a change to the Morning **Bus 661** departing Windsor High School.

Route 661 will continue to depart at 8:17am from Windsor High School and continue to travel along the same route as present until arriving at Windsor Station where it will be **re-numbered to School Bus 5020** before continuing along its existing path.

Route 661/School Bus 5020 will continue to operate along the current route and does not require students to alter their current travel arrangements in any way.

For further information please contact Busways Customer Service on **9497 1870** or **9497 1869**. Alternatively visit our website at www.busways.com.au

Yours sincerely

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9th May 2018

SCHOOL BUS 5640 - PM SERVICE

Dear Parents and Students,

From our earlier consultation, commencing **Monday 4th June 2018** there will be a change to **School Bus 5640**.

School Bus 5640 will omit St Matthew's Catholic Primary School.

St Matthews Catholic Primary School students travelling to **Wilberforce and Freemans Reach** will be required to utilise **School Bus 5557** departing at **3:34pm**.

Bede Polding College students travelling to **St Mathews Catholic Primary School** will be required to utilise **School Bus 5557** departing at **3:20pm**.

For further information please contact Busways Customer Service on **9497 1878** or **9497 1869**.
Alternatively visit our website at www.busways.com.au

Yours sincerely,

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catholic out of school hours care

Tuesday 6th May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

St Matthew's Catholic Primary School: Pupil Free Day

As families are aware, **Friday 6th July 2018** is a Pupil Free Day at **St Matthew's Catholic Primary School**. Catholic Out of School Hours Care at St Matthew's is able to offer limited places for care on this day. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, priority given to families already enrolled at the service.

Opening Times: 6:30am to 6:30pm

Flat Fee: \$50.00 per child for the day, prior to Child Care Benefit deductions.
Families that already attend COSHC on Fridays will have their regular fee deducted from the \$50.00 fee.

How to secure a position for Friday 6th July 2018

Simply complete the tear off slip below and return to the school office or COSHC to secure your position. Families new to COSHC will be required to complete an enrolment form

No further applications will be accepted after 1:00pm on Friday 22nd June 2018.

Please note: If your child would normally attend Before &/or After School Care on a Friday and do not attend on this Friday, they will be marked as absent and normal fee charged.

Further enquires are to be directed to the COSHC Supervisor on 0418170921 or coshcstmatthewswindsor@parra.catholic.edu.au

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PUPIL FREE DAY REQUEST FORM – Friday 6th July 2018

I will require all day care on the Pupil Free Day, **Friday 6th July 2018** at COSHC St Matthew's.
I accept that if I book care for my child/ren and they do not attend on the day, my child/ren will be marked absent and the daily fee will still apply.

Child's Name: _____ School Class: _____

Parent / Carer Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

☐ I am new to Catholic Out of School Hours Care. Please send me an enrolment form.





College Open Morning Tour

Wednesday May 23, 2018

expanding beyond what we know we can be

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on Wednesday, May 23, 2018.

Tour the College and discover how a Mercy Education empowers girls to expand beyond what they know they can be and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team.

The College is now enrolling for 2020.

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

Catholic Education Office

The Council for Australian Catholic Women want to hear YOUR voice!

The Council for Australian Catholic Women is an advisory body to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. The group will be holding a consultation session with women in the Diocese of Parramatta. The details of the event are below:

Event: The Council for Australian Catholic Women Consultation

Date: 21 June 2018

Venue: OLMC Parramatta, Victoria Road (opposite St Patrick's Cathedral)

Time: 6.15pm

All women in the Diocese of Parramatta are welcome to participate in this consultation. Come along and share your thoughts with us. Even if you are unable to attend the event, you can still let contribute by completing this short online survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParraWomen>. Whether you are a woman working in one of our Catholic schools or offices, a parent of a student in a Parramatta Catholic school or a student, we want to hear from you.

We look forward to your contribution.

Bishop Office Catholic Outlook Survey

Tell Bishop Vincent and the Diocese of Parramatta what you think about CatholicOutlook. All responses are anonymous and confidential. Take the survey here: www.surveymonkey.com/r/catholicoutlook

The Catholic Foundation May Appeal

The Catholic Foundation May Appeal is focusing on Diocesan works of Faith, particularly in support of our seminarians. Your donation supports our growing number of seminarians and the good works they do in the community of feeding the hungry, visiting the housebound and sick and conducting catechises in state schools. Donations can be made via the envelopes or online www.yourcatholicfoundation.org.au. Thank you and God bless.

Volunteers Required

Blacktown Neighbour Aid, a program with CatholicCare, are looking for volunteers to support our clients in the Blacktown area who are over 65 and living in their own home. You may be able to spare a couple of hours once a week or fortnight to take a client out shopping or to a medical appointment or just stop by for a cuppa and a chat. We also require drivers who are able to drive a 12 seater Hiace bus. If this interests you, please contact the Manager, Deb Woolacott on 8843 2541, 0418 114 055 or via email on deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au.

Positions Vacant

- Administrative Assistant - CatholicCare, Orchard Hills
- Financial Counsellor - Richmond & Blacktown offices
More details at: www.ccss.org.au
- Head of Property Development Services – Diocese of Parramatta
More details at: www.parracatholic.org/employment
- Communications & Stakeholder Officer – Catholic Schools NSW
More details at: www.csnsw.catholic.edu.au
- Diocesan Director Archdiocese of Sydney/Community Participation Leader – Caritas

More details at: www.caritas.org.au

Ordination to the Diaconate of Christopher del Rosario: 26 May

Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, will be the principal celebrant for the Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate of Christopher del Rosario on Saturday 26 May 2018 at 6.30pm. The ordination will take place at St Monica's Church, Richmond. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Ordination to the Diaconate of Jack Green: 2 June

Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, will be the principal celebrant for the Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate of Jack Green on Saturday 2 June 2018 at 6.00pm. The ordination will take place at Sacred Heart Church, Westmead. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Feast of Corpus Christi: 3 June

Santa Sophia Catholic College invites everyone to come celebrate the great feast of Corpus Christi. 3 June at Santa Sophia Catholic College, Schofields. Lunch from 12pm and 2pm Eucharistic Procession with Fr Warren Edwards. RSVP Daryl 0407 406 668 or dcastellino@parra.catholic.edu.au

Nigerian Mass in Igbo: 10 June

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.

Candidacy for Holy Orders: 24 June

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv will be accepting into Candidacy for Holy Orders of Mr Roderick Pirotta, Mr John Cinya, Mr Roque Dias and Mr Thong Nguyen at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 24 June at 11am.

Plenary Council 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online:

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

ACU Short Course on Death and Catholic funerals during July

The ACU Centre for Liturgy is offering a public Short Course "From death to new life: preparing and celebrating Catholic funerals" at Strathfield on 4 Wednesday evenings in July. Experienced priests (including Fr Peter Williams) and funeral directors will discuss how they care for the dead and for those who grieve. There will be an opportunity to prepare a Catholic funeral for yourself or a loved one. Register at:

www.acu.edu.au/acu_centre_for_liturgy/short_courses or 02 9701 4751 for more information.

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 Fiquaredo 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.

The Parramatta Catenians: 24 May

The Parramatta Catenians invite you to celebrate their 200th dinner meeting at a special dinner event with guest speaker, Mr Andrew Scipione, NSW Police Commissioner Emeritus. To be held at Lachlan's Restaurant, Old Government House, Parramatta Park on 24 May from 6:45pm. Contact Peter 0427 276 443 for more information, RSVP by Friday 11 May.

Taize Retreat and Prayer: 25 - 26 May

Br Ghislain from the Taize Community in France will be visiting Sydney and Bathurst in May. Bathurst - Two-day retreat at St Joseph's Conference Centre, Perthville (Bathurst), on Friday 25 May - Saturday 26 May. Contact and information: Carmen Ph: (02) 6334 6407 or Email: taizeretreatbathurst@gmail.com

Taize Retreat and Prayer: 27 May

Br Ghislain from the Taize Community in France will be visiting Sydney and Bathurst in May. For young adults: St Mary's Catholic Church, Miller St, North Sydney - half day prayer/workshop on 27 May 10am-3pm. Contact: Carmen (02) 6334 6407

Catalyst for Renewal: 27 May

Catalyst for Renewal – Q & A in the Crypt of St Patrick's Church, Grosvenor Street, The Rocks, Sunday 27th May 2018, 1.30pm – 3.00pm with Robert Fitzgerald AM. Topic "What are the Implications for the People of God arising from the Royal Commission". Entry \$10 per head or donation. No need to book. For further information: Phone 02 9990 7003 (Message Bank); Email: catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au or website: catalystforrenewal.org.au

Holy Hour for Vocations: 7 June

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite YOUTH (age 18-35) to join us for Holy Hour for Vocations on Thursday, 7 June at 7:00 pm. Join us also for the pizza at 8:00pm, Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP: Sr Paula by 1st June, e-mail: vocationscsfn@gmail.com mob: 0449 656 406