



St Matthew's Catholic Primary School

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NEWSLETTER WEEK 1

17 July 2017

CALENDAR DATES TERM 2 & 3 2017

July 17 Mon	First day of Term 3
July 18 Tue	Kindy excursion Calmsley Hill Year 1 excursion Long Neck Lagoon
July 19 Wed	School Photos Full Winter Uniform (bring joggers if your child has sport)
July 20 Thurs	Junk Percussion workshop
July 24 Mon	Bookfair Week
July 26 Wed	Grandparents Day Liturgy 9am Open Classrooms 9:30am Grandparents Morning Tea 10:30 Bookfair 11am
Aug 2 Wed	Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day
Aug 2 Wed	Police Liaison Visit
Aug 3 Thurs	Kindy Excursion—Godolphin Stables

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A warm welcome back to the new school term and I trust that all our families enjoyed a rest-filled break.

During the break there have been a number of developments happening around the school to improve our facilities as well as meet our Work, Health and Safety requirements.

Tree Pruning and Removal

Last week a message was posted on the school Facebook page and Skoolbag, regarding significant tree work being conducted around the school grounds. Each year all schools in the Diocese of Parramatta are audited for the health of all trees on site and the possible concerns they pose for those who use our school grounds. This inspection forms part of our Work, Health & Safety requirements. As you would have noticed a number of our trees have been trimmed, pruned and regrettably some have been removed. The removal of the trees next to the blue shade area and from behind the COLA was made necessary due to safety concerns for all who use our school grounds. The greatest of these concerns were the possibility of limbs dropping, damage to foundations and paving, creating trip hazards as well as damaging sewer pipes.

Building Works

Over the past 12 months there has been consultations and work conducted on the current arrangement of learning spaces. The first stage of this work was the refurbishment of our current Stage 3 classrooms at the end of 2016. The next stage has been a particular focus on the shared space currently occupied by Year 3 and COSHC. There has been and will continue to be an increasing demand on St Matthew's for enrolments as the development of new housing happens in our local area. At the forefront is what is the best way to meet this reality given our limited school grounds and the restriction to the number of students that the COSHC can accommodate.

Final decisions are close to being made as to how this challenge will be met and I look forward to sharing the outcome with the community in the coming weeks.

It is another busy term and again the invitation is extended to all members of our school community to join with us at these planned events to continue nurturing the children in their faith and learning.

Target - 90%

average across the school

Every Learner,
Every Day

**Attendance in the past
fortnight
85.3%**

Lord Jesus,

We have long seen you as offering the great example of how life should be lived.

*Help us to be models for our children. In our working together in
partnership may the children see us as people who are loving and
forgiving, peaceful and just, compassionate and generous, prayerful and full of hope for
them.*

*May our working together be inspired by the ideals we hold and the hopes we have for
the future of our children, school and community.*

Amen.

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

Peace & best wishes

Tim Vane-Tempest
Principal

School Hours

First bell	8:55 am
8:55am	Commencement of school and First Learning Session
11:00am	Lunch– children are seated and supervised by class teachers until the 15 minutes eating time bell rings
11:15am	Lunch play time – children are to tidy the eating area and move to playground area - at direction of teacher and after the eating-time bell
11:45am	Second Learning Session
12:00pm	Angelus
1:45pm	Recess – children are seated for 10 minutes eating time.
1:55pm	Recess play time - children move off at direction of teacher and after the eating-time bell
2:15pm	Third Learning Session
3:10pm	First bell – children to be packed up for prayer and dismissal
3:15pm	Final bell – children are walked to their area of pick up by staff and dismissed

The school day begins with certain routines and activities such as roll call. It is important that children arrive at school by **8:55am**. The school grounds are open to students from 8:30am each morning and remain open to students until 3:35pm each afternoon.

School Rules

At the start of the new term it is timely to remind the children of our school rules. At St Matthew's we are all expected to be:

- Safe
- Responsible
- Respectful
- Learners

These rules form the basis for the way that all those who visit or work in our school are welcomed and treated. The rules are prominently displayed around our playground and school buildings as a constant reminder to us all. Our thanks to all parents for your continued support in taking the time to discuss and model our rules with your children.

Car Park/Kiss & Drop

A reminder to all in our community about the importance of using the Kiss & Drop area with safety and care. We have been informed that our local area police are conducting random patrols of this area and will issue fines for any breaches. Last term police highlighted double parking, blocking traffic flow and staying too long in the drop off/pickup zone as the main areas of concern.

It has been noticed in the first days of this term that:

- some young children are riding in the front seat of cars,
- others are out of their seat belts before the car has come to a stop, and
- some parents are talking on hand-held mobile phones whilst driving.

These practices are a breach of NSW road rules and compromise the safety of other road users.

For all parents and uses of the Kiss & Drop area I have included the guidelines for using this service

- ***Kiss & Drop will operate between 8:30 am and 9:00 am and 3:15 pm and 3:35 pm***
- ***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 or when picking up***
- ***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.***

Teachers as Learners

Over the coming week's many of our teachers will be involved in a range of professional learning sessions. Next week Mrs Burke and Mrs Whiteman will be attending a session about NAPLAN online for 2018.

Save The Date!

This is an early notification for the annual St Matthew's Parish Dinner Dance on Friday 3rd November. This event is the major social and fundraising occasion for the parish. It is a great night of fun and entertainment, bringing together the three schools of our parish as well as the wider Catholic community. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

Enrolling Now for 2018

The enrolments continue to be open for Kindergarten 2018. If your child turns 5 before the 31st July, 2018 and you would like them to start at St Matthew's please contact the school office to pick up or have an enrolment pack sent to you. If you know of any family who are seeking enrolment for 2018 and are not yet connected with the St. Matthew's please pass on this information. We look forward to welcoming you to St Matthew's in the near future.

Sports Uniform Days for Term 3

The days for Sports uniforms from next week for classes Term 3 are:

Kinder - Monday & Thursday

Year 1 - Monday & Friday

Year 2 - Wednesday & Thursday

Year 3 - Wednesday & Friday

Year 4 - Tuesday & Friday

Stage 3 - Tuesday & Thursday

TERM 2 SCHOOL FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE

Any unpaid Term 2 fees are now due.
Any family that is experiencing
financial difficulty 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.

ST MATTHEW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 12 Tebbutt Street, Windsor



MASS TIMES

Monday - Saturday: 9.00am
(Thursday Hospital): 10.45am
Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm
Sunday: 7.30am, 9.00am & 5.00pm

SUNDAY CHISHOLM PRIMARY MASS: 9.30am

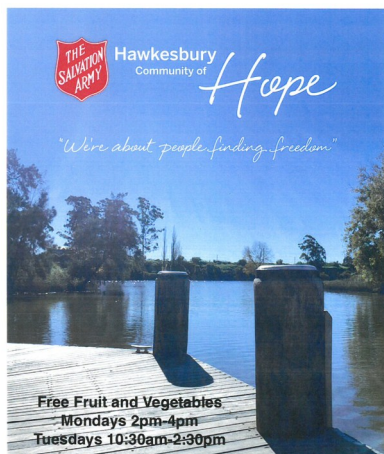
INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION

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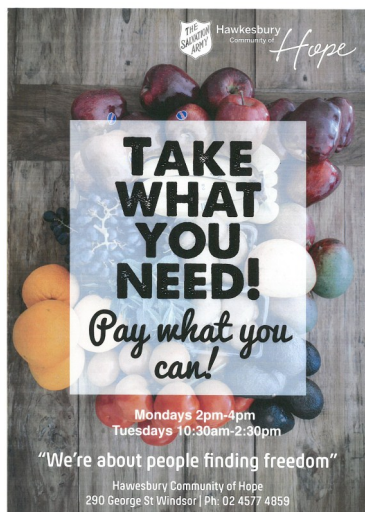
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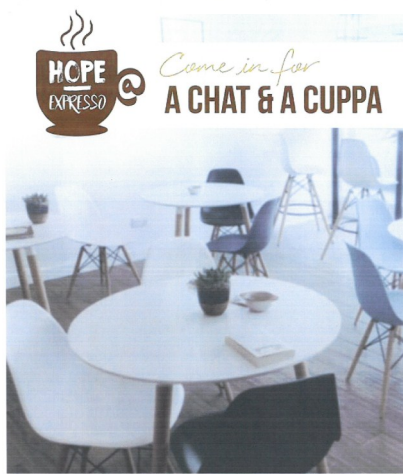
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Information for Newsletter

MindQuest 2017

Glenwood HS

Cnr Forman Ave and Glenwood Park Ave
Glenwood 2768

Saturday 9 & 10 September 9.30am-3.30pm

The 85th *MindQuest* program will be held for gifted and talented primary students from Years 1-6 at Glenwood HS. These include gifted and talented students, gifted underachievers and students with well above average ability with a special interest. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over 36 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, drama, lego robotics, chemistry and much more. Most of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students' evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience. The cost of the weekend is \$195 (including GST). Send your applications in early to avoid disappointment.

Glenwood HS is in the Baulkham Hills area close to the M7 and is easy to get to from most parts of Sydney. It is 20 mins Beecroft, 35 mins North Sydney, 25mins Strathfield, 30 mins from Richmond, Penrith and Hornsby.

Contact your school for a brochure or call Shelagh 02 4232 2494
Closing Date: Monday 14 August 2017

Greetings St Matthew's School Community!

Welcome back to an exciting Term Three. Last term concluded with a beautiful Mass celebrating the end of the term, the Feast of the Sacred Heart, NAIDOC Week and saying goodbye to Fr. Reggie. Thank you Year 4 for organising this Mass and for the parents and grandparents who attended.

All the students of St. Matthew's made their parents and teachers proud by their reverence, singing and participation at Mass. Thank you to Mrs Neave and the choir who led us in song and the altar servers who assisted so reverently at Mass. Well done everyone.

Grandparents Day

Next week we are celebrating Grandparents Day on the Feast of the Saints Joachim and Ann- the parents of Our Mother Mary and the Grandparents of Jesus.

Stories are recorded about the St. Joachim and Ann in an apocryphal Gospel from the 4th Century AD called the Protoevangelium of James. It is told in this document that after years of childlessness, an angel appeared to Ann and Joachim and told them that they would have a child. Ann promised to dedicate this child to God. It is assumed that Mary grew up in a Jewish home and raised to be faithful to God.

(Adapted from www.catholic.org/saints)

Grandparents are a gift and a source of faith, love, hope and wisdom. Grandparents also have the special gift of presence. They are around to help out, boost self- esteem or just to listen and love unconditionally.

Grandparents have lived through many experiences, made decisions and can pass onto the younger generation a balanced view of life that is filled with joy and hope. They also have the opportunity to pass on their faith and their love of God.

“How important grandparents are for family life, for passing on the human and religious heritage which is so essential for each and every society! How important it is to have intergenerational exchanges and dialogue, especially within the context of family.

Children and the elderly build the future of people: children because they lead history forward, the elderly because they transmit the experience and wisdom of their lives... Grandparents are a treasure.”

Pope Francis. *(Taken from The Australian Catholic Marriage and Family Council for the Bishops Commission for Pastoral Life.)*

The Sacraments of Penance, Eucharist and Confirmation.

If your child is in Year's 4, 5 or 6 and they have not made their Sacraments and you would like them to be included in the programs - please contact me through the school office.

They can be enrolled into the First Penance Program – meetings are being held on the 29th of August and the 30th of August.

If for some reason you are unable to be part of a parish group to complete the programs, we can work something out to include your child in the programs.

If you would like to have your child baptised, this can also be arranged.
God Bless.

Ann Climpson

Jesus in our hearts – Forever!

Our Lady of Fatima – Pray for us.

St Matthew- Pray for us.

Dates to remember-

Wednesday 9th of August : **Confirmation Workshop** – Chisholm Primary School 9:30 am – 2:30 pm

Wednesday 16th of August: **Confirmation Mass**- 7pm

Thursday 17th of August: **Confirmation Mass** – 7pm

Saturday 19th of August: **School/ Parish Mass** - 6pm

Wednesday 23rd of August: **Confirmation Mass** - 7pm

Thursday 24^h of August: **Confirmation Mass** – 7pm

Tuesday 29th of August: **First Penance Information Night** - 7:30 pm (Chisholm Primary School)

Wednesday 30th of August: **First Penance Information Night** - 7:30 pm (St Matthew's Church)

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

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Scholastic Book Fair

Monday 24th July – Thursday 27th July

The scholastic Book fair will be open on the following times:

Monday 8:30am and 11:15am

Tuesday 11:15am and 3:15pm

Wednesday 11:15am

Thursday 8:30am and 11:00am



There will be an extra opening on Grandparents Day from 11:00am – 11:45am.

The students will be given the opportunity to look at the books before opening day and make a "wish list" of the books they like.

Thanking You

Joanne Digwood

Assistant Principal

Catholic Education Office

Light Up St Pat's joins the Winter Light Festival

Light Up St Pat's was an initiative started by the St Patrick's Cathedral Parish to connect with the diverse and growing community of Parramatta. Working with Parramatta City Council, building projects will be running similar to Vivid and Lights of Christmas at St Mary's Cathedral. The projections will run throughout the duration of the Winter light festival held across the road at Prince Alfred Park.

Opening night is on the 30th of June 6pm – 10pm and Closing night is 9th of July. Projection runs 6-10pm on week nights and 7-10pm on weekends.

Bishop Office

Palms Australia

[Palms Volunteers in 2018](#). Is your work not the vocation you expected? Here is the living proof that you can provide sustainable solutions to global poverty and so create a more just world.

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If you [inquire now](#) we can fit you into preparation for a 2018 placement.

Positions Vacant

Parish Financial Services Project Manager, Diocese of Broken Bay. For more information please visit www.dbb.org.au or contact Mr Tony Davies, Chancery Human Resources Manager at recruitment@dbb.org.au or on 02 9847 0446 or m: 0439 930 926.

Family Educators: Applications are invited for the position of Family Educator based in 24 systemic Catholic primary schools across the Archdiocese of Sydney. To see locations please go to <https://sydcatholicschools.nsw.edu.au> Click on Employment , Positions Vacant. Applications close August 4, 2017. For further information contact meredith.lemos@syd.catholic.edu.au

Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)

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

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

Here's how to register:

- Student in our Catholic System – speak to your REC
- Student in State School System – contact Catholic Youth Parramatta
- Over 18 years of age – register as an individual

Visit www.acyf.org.au now to secure the \$250 early bird rate before August

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

Volunteers for ACYF? ACYF is looking to engage around 600 volunteers will be needed for this festival, providing leadership to the young people through service and hospitality. Way Finders, Program & Stage Management Support, Ushers, Marshals, Welcomers & more. All volunteers must be 26 years of age or older (as at 1st December 2017) and must hold a valid Working With Children Check. For more information and volunteer registration please visit: <http://youthfestival.catholic.org.au/get-involved/volunteers>

Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth – Holy Hour for Vocations: 3 August

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite YOUTH (ages 18-35) to join us for Holy Hour for Vocations. Thursday, 3rd August 2017, at 7:00 pm. Join us also for the pizza at 8:00pm. Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP: Sr Paula by 28th June, email: vocationscsfn@gmail.com or mobile 0449 656 406.

Single Life Vocation Retreat: 4 - 6 August

A Retreat for Women at Mt Schoenstatt who would like to find out more about the Vocation to Single Life. The weekend will provide an opportunity to meet Women who are living the Single Life vocation and learn about how this vocation is lived and fostered. For more information or to register contact: Sr M Julie Bracar ISSM, tel 0408 738 334, juliebracar@gmail.com Visit: <https://goo.gl/eLoMMg>

Grace & Silence Retreat day: 5 August

A Silent Retreat day at Mt Schoenstatt for vocation discernment to Marriage & Family life, Single Life or Consecrated Life. Commences with an input on love followed by silent prayer and reflection and concludes with group prayer. Cost \$30 includes morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and materials. Registrations: Sr M Julie Bracar ISSM, tel 0408 738 334, juliebracar@gmail.com Visit: <https://goo.gl/R5ApCo>

Discernment to the Permanent Diaconate: 6 August

Discernment Sunday #3 with the Deacon's Vocations Team. Come for a chance to learn more about vocations to the Diaconate and have a chat with the team members. We are looking for men between the ages of 35 to 55 and who are residing in the Diocese of Parramatta. Our discernment program consists of total five sessions and each session will be dealing with different aspects of the Diaconate. This is the third session of the 2017 program and subsequent sessions will be announced in due course. Time: 3.30pm to 6 pm + Mass. Venue: Mary, Queen of the Family, Blacktown. 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown, NSW 2148.

For further information visit <http://parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate/> or please contact the following Deacons for your intentions:

Deacon James= deacon@stanthonyschurch.org.au

Deacon Tan= deacontan@john23rd.org.au

Deacon George= g.bryan1@bigpond.com



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OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on Wednesday, July 26 2017.

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The College is now enrolling for 2019.

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