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NEWSLETTER WEEK 3

9 February 2017

CALENDAR DATES TERM 1 2017

Feb 13 Mon	Assembly 2:45 pm Presented by Stage 3
Feb 14 Tues	Bully no more (K-Year 2) 9:30 am The Cyber Bully (Years 3-6) 11:45 am
Feb 17 Fri	Opening school Mass 9:45 am in the Church
Feb 20 Mon	Zone Athletics Carnival Assembly 2:45 pm Presented by Year 2
Feb 21 Tues	First Eucharist Parent Info evening Chisholm Primary School 7:30 pm
Feb 22 Wed	Stage 3 Parish Mass 9:00 am First Eucharist Parent Info evening St. Matthew's Church 7:30 pm
Feb 24 Fri	Welcome Carnival 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Feb 28 Tues	Shrove Tuesday
Mar 1 Wed	Ash Wednesday Parish Mass Primary 9:00 am LiturgY Infants 9:45 am

**Every Learner,
Every Day Attendance
in the past
fortnight**

94%

**Great work to all in our
community**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

New Beginnings

The start of a new school year is so important as new relationships and routines are forged as well as the promise of new beginnings. Teachers are also mindful of the need to get to know each student as a unique learner as well as establishing the sense of their class as a team.

In a special way we welcome to this community our new Kindergarten students and the new students and their families who have joined the St Matthew's community in grades 1-6. We thank you for the trust you have placed in us as we commence our partnership in forming and nurturing your child. Our common goal through school expectations of being Safe, Responsible & Respectful Learners is to help form resilient and empathetic young people who have a thirst for faith and knowledge and who have a sense of the greater good.

Our expectations for each student at St Matthew's are high. Our common work is to put aspirations into practice through our daily actions to ensure that each child sees themselves as passionate, engaged and successful learners. One of the important influences of successful learning is consistent school attendance. As we commence the new school year we encourage all families to value regular and punctual attendance – remembering that each school day does count. Each newsletter we will advertise the attendance rate for the previous fortnight as a way of highlighting our collective efforts.

Throughout the year, our school will be a place where staff, students and families have opportunities to experience God's presence in their lives, through liturgy and prayer. Our opening school mass will be Friday 17th February, where we will welcome our new Kindergarten students, induct our Year 6 leaders and celebrate as a faith community. We warmly invite families to this, and all, celebrations to share in and witness to our faith life with the students.

We all know that children receive the best education when parents and teachers work as a team. Parents' enthusiasm, support and involvement are integral to the success of our school as are the skills, dedication and professionalism of teachers. Together, staff and parents can provide educational excellence for every student, so that they can achieve their personal best. Together, we can support one another to provide an inviting, collaborative learning environment and a place to celebrate our achievements.

**“God, our Father,
we ask that Your Spirit be a constant influence in the lives of all who make up
our school community.**

**As we begin this new school year,
lead us to be welcoming to everyone new to our community, students,
families and teachers.**

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

*In partnership let us work to develop in the children strong minds and gentle hearts
Peace and Best Wishes for a wonderful year ahead,*

Tim Vane-Tempest,
Principal



3 February 2017

Dear friends,

Re: Royal Commission Case Study 50 – Catholic Church Authorities

The final hearing involving the Catholic Church at the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse commences on 6 February 2017.

For the victims and survivors, for the Catholic community and for many in the wider Australian community, this hearing may be a difficult and even distressing time, as the Royal Commission reviews the evidence it has already received and seeks to understand why and how these tragedies occurred.

Deeply mindful of the hurt and pain caused by abuse, I once again offer my sincerest apology on behalf of the Catholic Church and the Diocese of Parramatta. I am deeply sorry for the damage that has been done to the lives of victims of sexual abuse and their loved ones. As Pope Francis said recently, 'it is a sin that shames us'.

Over the next three weeks, evidence presented during the Royal Commission hearings will be analysed, statistics about the extent of abuse will be made public, and the way forward will be explored. Many of our bishops - including myself - and other Catholic leaders will appear before the Royal Commission. They will explain what the Church has been doing to change the old culture that allowed abuse to continue and to put in place new policies, structures and protections to safeguard children and vulnerable adults.

Pope Francis has urged the whole Church to, 'find the courage needed to take all necessary measures and to protect in every way the lives of our children, so that such crimes may never be repeated'.

Our Diocese will continue working openly and transparently with the Royal Commission and other authorities in order to ensure our child protection policies and procedures are strengthened.

Should anyone in your office require any further information please contact Claire Pirola, Manager – Office for Safeguarding & Professional Standards on 02 8838 3419 or safeguarding@parra.catholic.org.au.

For any media related questions, please direct them to Joseph Younes, Communications Director on 02 8838 3435 or jyounes@parra.catholic.org.au.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv STL DD

Bishop of Parramatta

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Teachers As Learners

2017 will be another busy year of professional learning for all staff at St Matthew's. This year staff will be engaged in a range of professional learning courses to support our school goals.

Our school goals for 2017 are:

Formation - To enhance and deepen student understanding of their faith particularly focusing on the Christian Life Strand

Literacy - Students will improve their reading comprehension, with a focus on inferential comprehension across a range of texts.

Numeracy - To develop the ability of students to use visual reasoning strategies when solving challenging multiplication and division problems.

Top Tips for a successful 2017

As we start the year I'd like to share some tips on setting yourself and your child up for a successful year...

1. Ask about your child's day -

Stay involved in your child's education, beyond helping with homework. Even small things, like asking a child what happened at school, can be the difference between a child who unplugs at the end of the day and one who continues thinking about what they learnt. Give them the kind of feedback that acknowledges and respects their feelings so they know you are really hearing them.

2. Let your child see you making mistakes -

Parents are their child's first teacher and their life time teacher. Part of being a teacher is teaching your child how to deal with making mistakes. Let them see that you can make mistakes and deal with it so they will understand mistakes are part of life and part of learning. It helps them having resilience to cope when they trip up.

3. Keep up to date with what is happening at school -

Check for the Newsletter each fortnight and read through all the information, note important dates on your family calendar or in your electronic calendar. You can also follow what is happening on our website and by using the SkoolBag app and Facebook page. If you are unsure of something come and ask. Show your child you value education and they will too.

4. Avoid telling your child that you weren't good at school -

("I was never a good speller" or "I was hopeless at maths"). Some parents might feel intimidated by the thought of talking with their children about their learning at school. Whether it was spelling, reading or maths, it is important to give your child a sense that they can succeed. Success at school starts at home with parents showing they are positive about learning. Make learning fun!

5. Avoid comparing your child with others -

Often children feel pressure to be just like others through the things we say or suggest. Each child is uniquely different. They all have strengths and weaknesses, they all have talents and challenges.

6. Help your child make connections to literature -

To help your child get the most out of books, focus on problem-solving, social skills and life experience. Having a wide variety of life experiences, being able to ask an adult for help if they lose something (problem-solving) or to hold the door for others (social skills) all contributes to helping make connections when reading. With skills like these, children are able to relate their own life experiences to those of book characters. If they don't have these life experiences making deeper connections then reading becomes hard for them.

7. Encourage your child to do things for themselves -

Sometimes it's faster to do things yourself than wait for your children to complete a task. But having everything done for them means they don't learn to take care of themselves. Empower your children to think for themselves and be more responsible for themselves.

School Improvements

During the holidays work and maintenance was carried out in learning spaces and grounds in readiness for the return of the students. All classrooms were cleaned, including the professional cleaning of carpet areas and all glass fixtures across the school. Furthermore our Stage 3 learning space was refurbished and the Mary Garden was replanted. There is no doubt that positive aesthetics and cleanliness of a school make a difference to student learning and motivation.

Whole School Assembly

Our first Primary Assembly for the year will be on Monday next week at 2:45 pm. Kinder will attend our Prayer assembly on Monday morning of next week.

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– 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. Students 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 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 pupils from 8.30am each morning and remain open to pupils until 3.40pm each afternoon.

School Uniforms

The Uniform is available through the school office and Oz Fashions. It is as follows:

Summer Worn 1st and 4th Terms

Girls: ***Check dress with yellow tab tie***
Short blue socks
Black shoes (those which can be polished - no joggers or skate shoes)
Hair ribbons in school colours
School bucket hat

Boys: ***Blue shirt (short sleeved)***
Grey shorts
Short grey socks
Black shoes (those which can be polished – no joggers or skate shoes)
School bucket hat

Girls/Boys: ***Sport shirt***
Navy school sports shorts in summer, navy track pants in winter
Plain, short white socks
Joggers/sandshoes
Navy school hat

Kiss & Drop Area

The Kiss & Drop area is located in the drive through at the front of the school in Little Church St. It has been established to assist with traffic flow 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 and 9:00 a.m. and then again for the afternoon pick up from 3:15-3:35pm.

Cars will follow in single file through the drop off/pick up zone

Drivers should move as far as possible into the zone before stopping to allow children to get out. For safety, 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.

Medical Forms & Medicare Number

Throughout the year there are occasions when students will attend excursions or represent the school at sporting or cultural events. To avoid asking for multiple forms throughout the year we are asking all families to complete and return a medical form for each child at the school which we will keep and use when needed. Included on this form is a space to record your child/rens Medicare number to assist should medical treatment be required whilst on an out of school activity. It would be appreciated if these forms could be returned to school by Friday 17th February.

Notes and Newsletter Day

A reminder that we will, as far as possible, have one day in the week for sending home information and notes. That day will be **THURSDAY**.

Appropriate Use of Photographs and Video

This a reminder to all parents, as we start the new year, about the appropriate use of digital images or video.

At this point there is no restriction on parents wishing to take and use photographs of their own **child or children** at school activities.

However, the use of photographs that include children other than your own, where permission has not been sought from the other child or children's parents is not acceptable. This is a significant breach of privacy and we all need to be aware and respect the privacy of others.

It is possible that the taking of any digital image, be it a still photograph or video at school events by parents and families may be prohibited if material is not handled and used appropriately. It would be unfortunate if this were to occur however, the privacy and security of others is an important consideration in respect to this matter.



AIRWATCH

As a Catholic school in the Parramatta Diocese we have the capacity to manage how students access the internet at school and to share apps with students through an app called 'Airwatch Agent'.

If your child has a device that they wish to bring to school they will need to install the app 'airwatch agent'. We are unable to install this app at school because we do not have access to their apple account password.

If you could assist us by installing 'airwatch agent' at home students will be able to work and learn more efficiently at school with their device.

Any apps which are rated 14+ will be hidden from your child's device while at school. If these are needed at home a simple restart of the device will reinstate them to the home screen. Thank you in advance for your continued support and assistance.

Greetings everyone at St Matthew's!

It is wonderful to be back! I would like to thank the many students and their families, staff and parishioners who persistently and faithfully prayed for my daughter Michelle last year. After an intensive treatment for Leukaemia and then a Bone Marrow Transplant last December, Michelle is recovering at home. Thank you again for your kindness. God was with us during this time and we are thankful for His love and mercy.

Last week's Gospel concentrated on 'salt' and 'light' – two simple necessities of life. Jesus tells His disciples, 'You are the salt of the earth,' 'You are the light of the world'. They were called to live the Gospel message. We are also called to live the Gospel message and live a Christian life by following the example of Jesus.

Here at St Matthew's, we strive to be a light to others by accepting and caring for each other. Our school rules –to be 'Safe, Respectful and Responsible', help us to think of others in our school community and help us to live a Christian life. With the many gifts given to us by God, we have many opportunities to support each other in our faith and show mercy to those in need. Let us ask Jesus to help us recognise our unique gifts and share them with others.

We have many special events coming up this term.

First Eucharist-

If you would like your child to make their First Eucharist, they need to have made their First Penance. (Year 4 students and any Year 5 and 6 students).

There is a parent information meeting on

Tuesday, 21st of February- 7.30 pm at Chisholm Primary School or Wednesday , 22nd of February- 7.30pm at St. Matthew's Church

Please contact me if you need more clarification.

Next Sunday's Gospel is – Matthew 5: 17- 37

We ask Our Mother Mary and St Francis for their help in our daily lives.

Prayer of St Francis of Assisi.

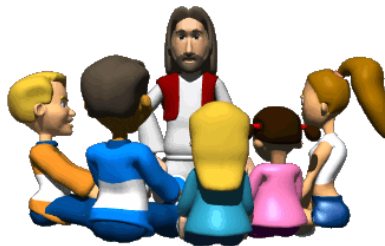
Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.

Welcome back to a new school year.

God Bless,
Ann Climpson

Jesus is in our hearts – Forever!



Dates to remember-

Thursday February 8th - Altar Servers Training

Friday February 17th- Welcoming School Mass in the Church at 9.45 a.m.

First Eucharist Parent Information Meetings-

Tuesday 21st of February- 7.30 pm at Chisholm Primary School or Wednesday, 22nd of February- 7.30pm at St Matthew's Church

Tuesday February 28th – Shrove Tuesday – The Burning of Palms.

Wednesday March 1st - Ash Wednesday Mass at 9.00 a.m. Primary classes, Years 3-6
Ash Wednesday Liturgy at 9.45 am Infant classes, K-2

Sunday March 5th - School/ Parish Mass – 9 am.

Friday, March 10th – Catholic Schools Week Mass – 9.45am

BUILDING CHILD SAFE COMMUNITIES – NEW FORMS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS AND CONTRACTORS

There is a new procedure for those wishing to volunteer to assist with activities at school and on excursions. Please be aware that this a procedure that is mandated by our Child Safeguarding guidelines and has been instituted by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta.

‘Building Child Safe Communities’ is a new initiative developed by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta that enhances our commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all students in our care. It is now a requirement that all volunteers and contractors complete an online undertaking form that confirms expectations in relation to behaviour whilst volunteering or contracting at schools, Catholic Out of Schools Hours Care and Catholic Early Learning Centres. This undertaking form also seeks to determine the suitability of volunteers and contractors by requiring them to declare that they do not have a criminal history involving children.

Volunteers – please access the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>, then click on ‘Child Protection Training Forms’ (halfway down page on the right hand side).



Then click on '[Volunteer Form](#)' (halfway down page).

This will then take you to Building Child Safe Communities page. On the left hand side menu click the volunteers button this then takes you to the two step process.

Step 2 Online Training Module

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are volunteering.

Contractors – please access the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage

<http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>, then click on ‘Child Protection Training Forms’ (halfway down page on the right hand side).



Then click on '[Contractor Form](#)' (bottom of page).

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are contracting.

Please note that a new form is required:

- For each location that you are a volunteer or contractor
- If any of the details you have provided on the form change

SPORTING NEWS

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Welcome back to a new and exciting sports year!! We have started off with a bang and have lots of new and exciting events taking place.



***Hills Zone Swimming Carnival will take place on Monday February 20 2017
at the Hawkesbury Oasis, Windsor.***

Congratulations to our St Matthew's Swimming Team 2017:

St Matthew's Zone Swimming Team 2017		
Abby Caldwell William Crozier Chaise Jordan Darcy Buckingham Georgia Crozier Emerson Finch Holly McKay Matthew Simpson Max Turner	Ben Bugeja Kade Burgess Mitchell Cwojdzinski Jude Deguara Amy Galea Madison Rowley	Bethany Artz Charlie Burton Jon Pierre Dagher Anna Kennedy Edward Kennedy Keiara King Kurt Seget Natalia Tabone Monique Toth

Stage 3 Touch Football trials will take place in Week 4 on Thursday February 16th 2017. Please keep in mind the gala day will be held on Friday April 7 2017 (last day of Term 1).

We will be holding BOOTCAMP every Thursday morning at 8:00 am starting Week 4. Students will meet at the front gate of the school each morning. The focus this term is to build up strength and endurance for events such as Swimming, Cross Country and upcoming gala days.

Kind regards,
Mrs Brand



Building Healthy Habits

Children are learning habits that will often last them a lifetime. Consider the following:

- Breakfast is important. Children who eat breakfast have better concentration. Eating breakfast can reduce snacking on high-energy foods in the afternoon in both adults and children.
- Be realistic about the size of the serve you offer children. Forcing children to finish what is on their plate when they are not hungry may lead to overeating and/or strong food dislikes.
- Avoid giving children processed snack foods high in sugar.
- Encourage brushing teeth in the morning and before bed to develop good dental habits.

TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO CELEBRATE THEIR BIRTHDAY DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY & FEBRUARY **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Kindy	Nathanigel Zambrano Chung	Victoria Tjerneg	Jenson Lees
Year 1	Zahlia Baldacchino Peter Clements Lachlan Parmenter	Zach Baldacchino Pyper Phillips	Jack Caldwell Nicholas Spiteri
Year 2	Gwenllian Gregory Louis Gatt Joshua Baffo	Alishya Zhou Savanah Flewin	Dominique Xerri Julianne Nguyen
Year 3	Hannah Kent Lucas Sheehy Abby Caldwell	Luka Layton Nicholas Lupi	Emily Su Bailey Bloor
Year 4	Rylan Sheridan Gabriel Birdsey	Darcy Buckingham	Jasmin Crinnion
Year 5	Jack Isles Madison Rowley	Mitchell Cwojdzinski Simon Su	
Year 6	Reiara King Olivia Ryman	Noah Holland Jordan Sharp	Alyssa Kirk Kate Mitchell



**ORDERS NEED TO BE
RETURNED
BY FRIDAY
17th February 2017**

School Fees 2017

School fee statements for Term 1
will be posted very soon direct
from Head Office.

If you foresee any difficulties in
meeting this commitment, please
contact Stacey Roberts or make an
appointment to discuss your
situation with
Mr Tim Vane-Tempest.

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
Saturday: 9.30-10.30am

Telephone: 4577 3073
Office Hrs: 9.30am-4.00pm ~ stmcc@tpg.com.au



Meal Deal \$5.00



Meal Deal 1

- Salad Roll
- Bottle of Water
- Frozen Juice Cup



Meal Deal 2

- Chicken Fingers
- Juice Popper
- Icy Mony



Available from Monday 30th January – Friday 18th February



Every Day Hot Food

Chicken Nuggets	each \$0.70
Chicken Nuggets	6 for \$4.00
Party Pie	\$1.00
Corn on the Cob	\$1.00
Hash Browns (3)	\$1.50
Garlic Bread	\$2.00
Sausage Roll	\$3.00
Hot Dog with Sauce	\$3.00
Chicken Fingers (6)	\$3.50
Traveller Pie	\$3.50
Lasagne	\$4.00

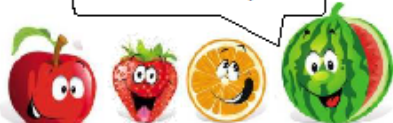
Burgers

Chicken Burger	\$4.00
Veggie Burger	\$4.00
Add cheese to any burger for	\$0.50
All Burgers include salad	

Wraps

Salsa Wrap	\$4.50
Chicken Caesar Wrap	\$4.50
Nemo Wrap	\$4.50

Fruit available for \$1.00



Order Your Lunch Online
Orders can be placed before 8:30am
www.flexischools.com.au



Sushi Roll

(Available Wednesday only)	
Chicken & Cucumber	\$3.50
Chicken Teriyaki	
Tuna & Avocado	

Sandwiches

AVAILABLE IN WHITE OR MULTIGRAIN WRAP OR ROLL ADD 0.50c TO SANDWICH PRICE	
Vegemite, Jam, Devon	\$2.00
Tomato, Cheese	\$2.50
Tuna or Egg	\$3.00
Leg Ham, Chicken or Salmon	\$3.50
Salad Sandwich	\$3.50
Lettuce Tomato, Cucumber, Beetroot & Carrot	
Salad with Devon or Cheese	\$3.90
Salad with Tuna or Ham	\$4.20
Salad with Chicken or Salmon	\$4.50
EXTRAS – Including Toasting	\$0.40

Salad

	Bowl	Box
Fresh Fruit Salad	\$2.50	\$4.00
Garden Salad	\$3.00	\$4.00
With Ham or Tuna	\$3.50	\$4.50
With Salmon or Chicken	\$4.00	\$5.00
Chicken Caesar Salad	\$4.50	\$5.50

Pick & Mix Box (select 5 items)	\$4.00
2 bread triangles, chicken, ham, tuna, cucumber, cheese, tomato, egg, carrot, beetroot, orange wedge	

Check with the Canteen for the current Meal Deals \$5.00

Snacks

Piece of Fruit	\$1.00
Cookies, Delights, Popcorn, Jumpy's	\$1.00
Assorted Chips	\$1.30
Gingerbread Man 97% Fat Free	\$1.60
Screw Top Yoghurt	\$2.00
Fruit Yoghurt Cup	\$2.00
Banana Bread—Slice	\$3.00

Drinks

Juice - Poppers	\$1.60
Plain Milk 300ml	\$1.60
with Sippah Straw	\$2.20
Pop Top Juice	\$2.00
Bottled Water 600ml	\$2.00
Flavoured Milk Lite 300ml	\$2.30
Sparkling Water 500ml	\$2.50
Natural, Lime or Berry	
Iced Tea NO SUGAR 500ml	\$3.00
Sparkling Flavoured Water 600ml	\$3.00
Green Apple or Wild Raspberry	

Ice Blocks

Zooper Dooper	\$0.80
Frozen Juice Cup/ Icy Mony	\$1.00
Vanilla Ice Cream Cup	\$1.20
Paddle Pop	\$1.60
Slushie Cup	\$2.00
Streets Paddle Pop Cup	\$2.20

Visit the Canteen for ice block specials

PLEASE NOTE

- Recess orders are to be **PICKED UP FROM THE CANTEEN.**
- All **ICE CREAMS** ordered with lunch are given out when the **LUNCH BAG IS RETURNED TO THE CANTEEN.**

Catholic Education Office

Catholic Schools Week

2017 Catholic Schools Week (CSW) celebrations will take place this year from 5-11 March. CSW will also announce the start of the official enrolment period. The theme this year is 'Learning connected', a theme strongly focused on learning and one that compliments our system theme of 'Everything's Connected'. More information and resources are available on [OSCAR](#) to support schools in creating events such as liturgies, community events and open days, and raising awareness of CSW in your community (media release templates, newsletter items etc).

Don't forget to communicate your CSW and enrolment activities within your community. Please contact Patrick Whiteley, CEDP Communications Officer, on email news@parra.catholic.edu.au with details about your CSW events and activities for possible media coverage. Below are some other suggestions to leverage this opportunity for enrolments at your school:

- Provide details about your enrolment Open Day on your website, school newsletter, social media site/s (Facebook, Twitter) and Parish newsletter
 - Contact your local Member of Parliament and or local businesses to invite them to one of your CSW events
 - Contact your local media about the event at your school, or send them a media release.
- Please contact Trudy Gosney on phone 9840 5683 or email tgosney@parra.catholic.edu.au if you have any questions.

Bishop Office

Diocesan Works Fund Appeal

The DWF Appeal is being held across the Diocese during February. Donations to the appeal will provide financial support to our not-for-profit social services. Each year, more than 20,000 inquiries for assistance are received by the Ephpheta Centre, which supports the deaf, and CatholicCare from refugees, youth, families, young mothers, the elderly and people with disability. Appeal envelopes are available from your parish or donate online at: www.faithatwork.org.au

Position vacant

Manager of Pastoral Services: CatholicCare Social Services Diocese of Parramatta is currently recruiting a Manager of Pastoral Services, who will be responsible for providing leadership and management to a team of Lay, Clergy and Religious Chaplains. For a confidential discussion about this role or to obtain a Position Description please contact Gregory tel (02) 8822 2222 or email an updated CV to careers@ccss.org.au Applications close 19 February.

Family Lenten Program

The diocesan Life, Marriage & Family Office has produced a Family Lenten Program as a support to families in their faith journey towards Easter. The program is based around the theme 'Lead us to Living Water'. It is based on the Sunday Gospel reading with reflections, colourful pictures, prayers and activities that the whole family can do together. This resource will be available in your parish on Sunday 26 February, prior to the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday.

Volunteer bus driver needed

St Hedwig Village aged care facility in Blacktown is in need of a volunteer bus driver for residents' outings, usually two a month. Excellent driving record and current LR (light rigid) or equivalent licence essential. For further information contact the Manager (02) 8822 9903 or send your resume to admin@sthedwigvillage.com

Catholic Charismatic Renewal 50th Anniversary: 17-19 February

Everyone is invited to join CCR's Holy Spirit Mission for a weekend of Renewal, Restoration and Revival. Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv will preside at the opening Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral on Friday at 7.30pm. On Saturday & Sunday, the program at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Seven Hills, includes children's ministry, Reconciliation from 1pm-2pm, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, closing Mass at 4pm on Sunday. Presenters include: Archbishop Christopher Prowse and Fr Ken Barker MGL. Entry is free. For more information, visit www.ccrparramatta.org

Christian Meditation Introduction & Renewal Day: 19 February

Presentations, Introduction to Christian Meditation, two periods of meditation, Eucharistic Celebration and information exchange. BYO picnic lunch – tea & coffee provided. Arrive 10am for 10.30am, concludes about 3pm. Books & CDs for sale. St Benedict's Monastery is at 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia. Inquiries: Ann Bergman (02) 9498 2625, anniebergman@hotmail.com or Ann Lomas (02) 9456 4775, atlomas@bigpond.com

Lenten Retreat for Young Adults: 24-26 February

Jesus invites you to journey with Him this Lent and allow your heart to be transformed. Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Cost: students \$180, employed \$210. Registration essential, contact Sr M Julie juliebrcar@gmail.com

LIFTED Breakfast with the Bishop: 4 March

Catholic Youth Parramatta invites secondary school students (16+), youth and young adults to breakfast with Bishop Vincent. Join us as we 'launch into the deep' this 2017! \$5 donation towards a full buffet breakfast from 9am-11.30am at the Novotel Sydney, Rooty Hill. RSVP Friday 24 February via CYP Facebook or by email to James Camden (CYP Director), jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au

Retreat for Mature Catholic Women – Food for Mind & Soul: 10-12 March

Retreat led by Andrea Dean. Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Early bird registration: \$420, includes course, individual sessions, accommodation, linen and all meals. The retreat program will invite reflection on personal faith stories, a healthy Catholic spirituality, a 'second half of life' spirituality and the various ways that women can nurture and develop their spirituality. Registration and further details at www.andreadean.com.au or 0487 388 873.

Pilgrimage Information Session: 12 March

Fr Wim Hoekstra, Parish Priest of St Michael's Parish, Baulkham Hills, is accompanying a pilgrimage 'Of Celtic Saints, English Martyrs and Aussie Links'. The pilgrimage to Ireland, Scotland and England will depart on 25 September and return on 25 October. Some of the saints are: John Henry Newman, Patrick, Oliver Plunkett, Catherine McAuley, Columba, Mary MacKillop, Hilda of Whitby, Venerable Bede and Thomas Becket. English martyrs Margaret Clitheroe, Edmund Campion and John Fisher. Places include Birmingham, Stratford-upon-Avon, Oxford, Glastonbury, Dublin, Knock, Fort William, Iona, Holy Island (Lindisfarne), Durham, York, Cambridge, Walsingham, London and Canterbury. Information afternoon starts 2.30pm in Downey Room, St Michael's Parish Offices, 1-3 Chapel Lane, Baulkham Hills. Brochures available via e-mail to Fr Wim at wimh@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au or PO Box 1501, Baulkham Hills, NSW, 1755.

Walk the Camino! 20-day Pilgrimage

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St Patrick's Family Festival: 18 March

Everyone is welcome to this festival hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta and the Life, Marriage & Family Office. Rides, food and entertainment from 2.00pm-5.00pm in St Patrick's Cathedral Precinct. Visit parralmf.org.au/st-patricks-day

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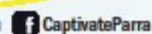
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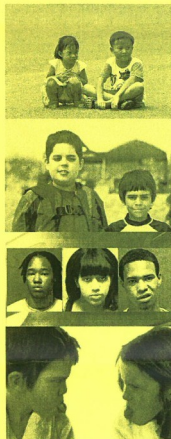
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