



# St Matthew's Catholic Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER WEEK 3

23 February 2017

### CALENDAR DATES TERM 1 2017

Feb 24 Fri	Welcome Carnival 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Feb 27 Mon	Assembly 2:45 pm Presented by Year 4
Feb 28 Tues	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day
Mar 1 Wed	Ash Wednesday Parish Mass Primary 9:00 am Liturgy Infants 9:45 am
Mar 3 Fri	Stage 3 Student Leaders Conference dep school 7:00 am Clean up Schools Day
Mar 5 Sun	Stage 2 Parish Mass
Mar 6 Mon	Assembly 2:45 pm Presented by Year 1
Mar 6- Mar 10	Catholic Schools Week
Mar 8 Wed	Open Morning 9:15 am Prospective new families welcome
Mar 13 Mon	Assembly 2:45 pm Presented by Year 3
Mar 15 Wed	Year 4 Parish Mass 9:00 am

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Our Welcoming Mass was a great celebration of community as we welcomed our Kinder and inducted our Year 6 leaders into their leadership roles for 2017. Thank you to parents and family who were able to join us for this celebration. There is an invitation for all parents and family to be present to celebrate any or all of our faith and community events. These events and celebrations are important to building our connectedness and commitment as a community.

Candles featured as a central symbol at our opening mass. Each class was given a candle to place in their prayer space, to be lit during class prayer. The lighting of candles is an important tradition in Catholic Churches, communities and families. They are placed at the centre of liturgies, celebration of the sacraments and to show reverence and for devotional purposes.

The image of light is one that is central to the scriptures with many references to lamps, lights and flames. Candles symbolize Christ, who said, "I am the Light of the world; the one who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have light and life" (John 8:12). When we light a candle as part of our prayer or in community, Jesus is present with us.

***Loving God help us to show your love in simple acts. Keep us strong to do good for everyone, every day. Let us continue to work together to do great things with and for each other. Let us show the world that in simple acts great change can take place. Help us to be light to others through love and service, as Jesus showed us.***

***Amen.***

Thank you to all parents who were able to attend our Parent Teacher evening in Week 3, your presence and support is greatly appreciated by the staff as they seek to work in partnership with you for the best outcomes for all children. I also acknowledge the work of the staff during the first weeks of this year. They have a strong commitment to the children, providing them with a safe, supported and stimulating environment where they can achieve their best is a gift to our community.

I look forward to celebrating our Welcome BBQ tomorrow evening with every family.

*In partnership let us continue to work to develop in the children the desire to seek truth in everything they do.*

Peace and best wishes for the fortnight ahead

Tim Vane-Tempest  
Principal

**Target - 90% average  
across the school**

Every Learner,  
Every Day

**Attendance in the past  
fortnight**

**88%**

*Well done Kinder, Year 2  
& Year 3 on attendance  
over 90%*



*DRESS UP THEME CIRCUS*

## Teachers As Learners

The ongoing professional development of our teaching staff is a critical part of providing our students with the best possible learning. It has been a very busy time of learning for two of our teachers in the early weeks of this school year. Miss Grima has attended a professional learning course on assessing Literacy skills for K-2 Students, as well as a numeracy in-service to extend and support her understanding of teaching Mathematics in K-2. Miss Viviani has also attended a course on using ICT in Stage 3 to maximise the technology that was installed as part of the recent refurbishment of the Stage 3 space. Throughout the year teachers will be attending a range of courses which we will update the community on in this section of the newsletter.

## Attendance

As a school we are aiming for an average attendance of above 90% across the year. Regular and continuous attendance at school is essential for all children to maintain continuity with their learning and assist with sustained progress. It is important that interruptions are kept to a minimum. If your child is away for a period of time please provide a note/certificate so that our school records are accurate. Please note all absences are recorded on the student's Half Year and End of Year achievement reports. Absences can also be reported via SkoolBag, email or telephone call.

The school day begins with certain routines and activities so it is essential 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 3.35pm each afternoon. Children are not supervised prior to 8.30am each morning and after 3.35pm. Parents are requested not to bring children prior to 8.30am or pick them up after 3.35pm.

Once the 8:55am bell sounds all teaching staff have taken responsibility for the care and learning of the children and need to be fully focused on this very important task. Parents who are not acting to assist with exchanging readers or other tasks are asked not to enter the classroom during teaching and learning time.

If any parent needs to share information with their child's teacher this should be done before the morning bell rings. Alternatively, if the matter requires more than a quick chat, all staff are more than happy to make an appointment to discuss matters in detail. We thank all parents in advance for your assistance with these matters.

## Quality Catholic Schooling (QCS) project

All Catholic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta will continue our participation in the Quality Catholic Schooling (QCS) project in 2017.

QCS will provide data from students, staff and parents about our school's cultural behaviour, relationships and learning community and will assist us to focus our efforts for improvement by building on our successes to date.

The survey will be open from 20<sup>th</sup> March-31<sup>st</sup> March to all staff, all students in Years 5 and 6, as well as 60 randomly-selected parents/families who will be invited to complete the survey. Staff and students will complete the survey online at school. Parents who are invited will have the option of either an online survey or a paper survey. The survey will take about 20-30 minutes to complete.

If you are selected to complete the survey, I would encourage your participation as this will help our school to identify our strengths, give a point of reference to see the impact of the initiatives we have introduced, the work we are engaged in and also identify areas in which we can focus for further improvement.

A survey consultant (Insight SRC) has been engaged to manage the data collection. The survey data will be kept strictly confidential and no individual will be identified to the school or the Catholic Education Office. Each school will receive an information report in May and will use this report to inform their planning.

## Kiss & Drop Area

To make the Kiss and Drop Zone effective in the afternoon, we ask that all cars display the family name as they approach the pick up area. If you don't have a sign, please send a request to the Office with your Family name and child's class for easy distribution.



# General Information & Reminders

## **St Matthew's Primary School – An area of safety for children, staff, families and visitors alike!**

We have a range of procedures in place here at St. Matthew's School to create a Safe & Supportive Environment for all members of the community but especially the children.

The following are some points we would like to highlight and remind all parents about. These are a requirement of School Compliance and School Registration and are in place even though no significant issues of major concern have arisen at St Matthew's.

**Supervision commences at 8:30 a.m. each day.** The school is not responsible for supervising children prior to 8:30 a.m.

### **Collecting children from school and late arrivals**

If parents wish to collect children from school before 3.15pm the school must be notified. No child would ever be allowed to leave school early on his/her own. **If your child is late for school they must be accompanied by their parent to the office to fill out and sign a late note, your child then moves to their class by themselves.**

In the event of late bus school staff will sign the child/ren in for the day.

It is important to notify the school of any changes to your child/ren's afternoon pick up routine. If there is a change to your child's afternoon pick up routine i.e. a family member or friend is picking up the child/ren, please write a note to your child/ren's teacher.

### **Child Protection procedures**

**Schools are obliged to report any incidents or suspected incidents of harm to children. As mandatory reporters St Matthew's staff are obliged to:**

- Report of children who staff believe may be at risk of significant harm.
- Participate in staff training in Child Protection and their legal responsibility to report children at risk of significant harm
- Follow clear procedures set out within daily routines such as children doing messages in pairs
- conduct parent briefing and screening procedures for anyone who visits or works at St. Matthew's School – staff, parents, volunteers, tradesmen, visitors and guests.

The safety and wellbeing of the children remain our first and highest priorities. Having established a caring and safe environment for the children we can then focus our attention on their learning.

**Corporal punishment is not used at St Matthew's School.** We do not sanction the use of corporal punishment by parents. Our belief is that children need to be guided and supported as they learn to make safe, positive choices and take responsibility for their own actions. Support can be provided for any family in need and all matters will be dealt with confidentially and sensitively. Support may include, for example, our Child and Family Counselling service.

**Illegal Substances are prohibited at St. Matthew's School.** We have clear procedures for dealing with such circumstances and follow the Diocesan procedures. Any matter relating to the use of illegal substances would be immediately referred to the appropriate authorities.

**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.

# Sports Update

## Gala Days 2017

Welcome to an exciting year of school sport. There will be many opportunities during the course of the year for children to participate in a variety of sporting activities. Some of the most memorable and anticipated events are Gala Days when representing our school in a chosen sport. Other events are our Athletics, Cross Country and Swimming Carnivals, which can all lead to Diocesan and MacKillop representation.

Representation St Matthew's at events such as Gala Days, Zone and Diocesan carnivals are an opportunity to represent our school and are therefore considered a privilege rather than a right. Representing our school at a these events is earned by contributing positively to all aspects of school life especially following our school expectations of being a safe, responsible and respectful learner.

Gala Days in particular are a great opportunity for students to compete in a fun atmosphere. These days have a focus on fun, teamwork, discipline and technique rather than high intensity competition.

The process for selection for Gala Days is as follows:

- Students in Years 3-6 will be given the opportunity to nominate for any Gala Day that is offered (Stage 1 students are invited to nominate for the Netball Gala Day in Term 3.)
- Depending on the number of students who nominate trials will be run to select teams
- Teachers will make decisions on who will represent based on a number of factors including those listed above as well as students sense of fair-play, contribution to the team for which they are selected, cooperation during trials and training leading up to the Gala Day.
- Once selections have been made those chosen will be provided with a permission note, which needs to be signed and returned to school by the due date with any monies which are required.
- The opportunity to attend these events is conditional on student behaviour and commitment to school/class expectations and to the team for which they are chosen being of the highest standard.

Parent assistance is essential to the participation of the children at these sporting days. We appreciate all the assistance we have received in the past from our St Matthew's families. We look forward to seeing familiar faces as well as new faces throughout the year at our carnivals and gala days. Parent assistance with transport, coaching and refereeing for gala days is always gratefully accepted.

As a staff we thank you for your support of the school in ensuring that we are represented in a way that reflects positively on our entire community. If you have any queries regarding Gala Days or any sport event please contact me at school.



## Sports News from Mrs Brand

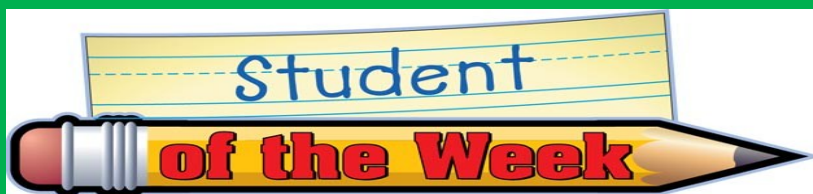
*Thank you to all of our fabulous students who represented St Matthew's at the Hills Zone Swimming Carnival. There were plenty of PB's beaten, cheering for teammates and smiles as each student completed their race. Thank you as well to all the parents who came to help with timekeeping, your assistance is always appreciated.*

*Please have a look at the Sports Record Wall near the Friendship Bench on the playground for recent St Matthew's record breakers.*

*We had a great turnout of students at boot camp last week. Just a reminder boot camp is optional and it is held every Thursday morning from 8:00 am to 8:30 am.*

*Mrs Williams and myself have selected the Touch teams for Stage 3. Permission notes will be sent home soon. The girls team will be training on Tuesdays and the boys team will be training on Thursdays each week. The gala day will be held on Friday April 7, we will need transportation assistance so please let me know via the note if you are able to assist on the day.*

*St Matthew's Cross Country Carnival will be held in week 10 this year on Friday March 31 at Don't Worry Oval (next to McQuade Park). There will be a note and more information coming soon.*



Kindergarten	Awards presented this Friday
Year 1	Awards presented this Friday
Year 2	Awards presented this Friday
Year 3	Awards presented this Friday
Year 4	Darcy Buckingham - finding a range of solutions in maths. Matthew Simpson - using great adjectives in writing. Cecilia Wong - consistent effort in all learning.
Stage 3 Blue	Will Machin - for intuitive strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems . Crystal Murray - for persevering with new concepts and ideas . Lola Layton - for sharing her ideas with her peers and explaining her working out logically. Jayden Xerri - for developing confidence and a growth mindset in Maths.
Stage 3 Gold	Tayah Lyons - using efficient strategies in maths Kade Burgess - using efficient strategies in maths Jon Pierre Dagher - a mature approach to the start of the year Jordan Sharp - a mature start to the start of the year
Stage 3 White	Tatiarna Valente - for showing kindness and care when looking out for the needs of others. Anna Kennedy - for being a positive role model and striving for excellence in all tasks. Jack Isles - for developing confidence and a growth mindset in Mathematics. Taylor Kerin - for applying herself diligently across all learning areas.

Greetings everyone at St Matthew's!

Thank you to everyone who came to last week's Welcoming School Mass. Even if you were unable to attend, you were in our prayers. All the students at St. Matthew's school participated with reverence and with our school choir, we were praying twice. Thank you to all our students, teachers, parents, school choir and Fr. Reggie for a very welcoming and prayerful celebration of the Eucharist.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of May, it will be the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady in the small village of Fatima in Portugal. Our Lady appeared six times to Lucia and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta. This occurred from the 13<sup>th</sup> of May to the 13<sup>th</sup> of October, 1917. Our students will be learning about this special celebration in their classrooms and on the 13<sup>th</sup> of each month, we will be having a special prayer/Liturgy to honour Our Lady.

The theme for the Year in the Parramatta Diocese is – Our Mother Mary. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about Mary Our Mother and emphasise the importance of Mary in our lives. To Jesus through Mary!

St Matthew's School will be highlighting the importance of our "Words, Thoughts and Actions " as we live as Christians and follow the example of Jesus. These concepts will be explored when our students read the Scriptures and relate them to their everyday lives.

### Families and Pope Francis

#### 'The hidden beauty and the power of the family'

Pope Francis reminds us that "God chose to come into the world in a human family...in a remote village of the Roman Empire", and that the first 30 years of His life were spent in the mundane things of family life.

"Our society might say, 'What a waste!' But what was important, there was the family! And this is not a waste! Each Christian family can first of all – as Mary and Joseph did- welcome Jesus, listen to Him, speak to Him, guard Him, protect Him, grow with Him, and in this way improve the world."

( Pope Francis)

(Taken from 'Families and Pope Francis' Family and Life Office, Diocese of Parramatta. [www.parrafamlife.org.au](http://www.parrafamlife.org.au))

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).

Next Sunday's Gospel is – Matthew 6: 24- 34

God Bless,  
Ann Climpson

Jesus in our hearts – Forever!

### **Dates to remember-**

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| ** Tuesday, Feb 28 <sup>th</sup>    | Shrove Tuesday<br>The Burning of Palms.  |
| ** Wednesday, March 1 <sup>st</sup> | Ash Wednesday Mass at 9.00 a.m.<br>Primary classes, Years 3-6<br><br>Ash Wednesday Liturgy at 9.45 am<br>Infant classes, K-2 |
| ** Sunday, March 5 <sup>th</sup>    | School/ Parish Mass – 9 am.  |
| ** Friday, March 10 <sup>th</sup>   | Catholic Schools Week Mass – 9.45am  |



Please note Project Compassion Mufti Day has been changed to St. Patricks Day. More information to follow.

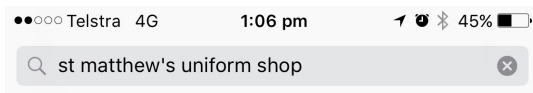
## The St Matthews Uniform Shop App is now available for ordering uniforms.

Please search St Matthews Uniform Shop in the App Store to download- a guide for first time users of the app is below.

Orders will be delivered to the school on a fortnightly basis. To receive delivery in time parents will need to place orders by close of business on Monday the week of delivery. The next delivery date is located on the top of the app and will change accordingly.

Try on samples are held at the school.

### St Matthews Uniform Shop App Guide for First Time Users:



St Matthew's Primary  
Uniform Shop  
SASSCO Pty Ltd

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**Step 1:** Download St Matthews Uniform Shop App from the App Store.

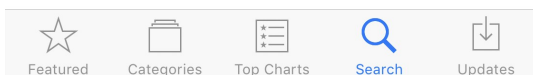
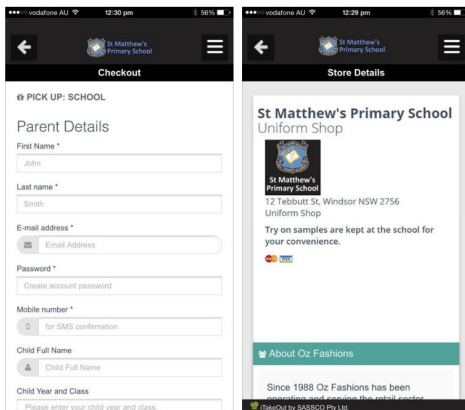
**Step 2:** Choose the school uniform items you would like to purchase and add them to your cart/basket.

**Step 3:** Once in your cart/basket please select the delivery option you would like- either pick up from school (the next delivery date) or delivery to your home or work address. Please note the next school delivery date is located at the top of the app and is changed regularly.

**Step 4:** Click checkout and fill out your details, child's details and your credit card details. Please note you will be able to use your email and password to login and reorder the next time you wish to place an order.

**Step 5:** Click send order. Once your order has been approved you will receive an email confirmation within a few days stating that your order has been received and when it will be delivered.

If you have any problems please email [elle@ozfashions.com.au](mailto:elle@ozfashions.com.au) .



## Uniform Shop Hours

Friday 9:00 am - 12 noon

Uniform orders for socks, bags and hats can be placed at the front office or the form can be downloaded from the website.

Amanda will be able to assist you on Fridays only between the hours of 9:00 am & 12 noon.



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

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

# St Matthew's Primary School

## Pancake Day

### 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017



Dear Parents/Caregivers

To celebrate the beginning of Lent and Shrove Tuesday, we would like to offer all children the following Pancake Day Lunch Pack.

With each order placed the Canteen will make a donation to Project Compassion.

This is available for this day only, and will be sent with the class baskets at lunch time.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class**

### Lunch Pack Combined Total \$4.50

- Plain Hot Cakes with Maple Syrup
- Juice Popper



### 2 ITEMS IN TOTAL



All orders MUST be pre-paid and handed to the Canteen by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February. No late orders will be accepted.

Thank you, Canteen

# Meal Deal \$5.00

## Deal 1

- Pick & Mix Box
- Bottle of Water



Select any 5 items: 2 bread triangles, chicken, ham, tuna, cucumber, cheese, tomato, egg, beetroot, orange wedge

## Deal 2

- Sausage Roll
- Flavoured Milk
- Zooper Dooper



Available from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March



## Bede Polding College Year 7 Enrolments 2018

Enrolment Application forms for Year 7 2018 will be available from the school office from **Monday 27 February 2017**. **All feeder schools will also have enrolment forms available from this date**. Completed applications **MUST** be returned to the College no later than **Friday 26 May 2017**.

It is absolutely essential that families with children at Bede Polding ensure that they collect an enrolment form for siblings they wish to commence at Bede Polding in Year 7 2018. **The school has no way of knowing that you wish to enrol a sibling unless you submit an application.**

School tours will be conducted during Catholic Schools Week (Monday 6 March to Friday 10 March 2017). If you wish to come to a tour of the College on Wednesday 8 March from 3:30pm to 5:30pm, please call the office to express your interest on 4577 6455.

# Bishop Office

## Position vacant

Junior Graphic Designer: Full-time role based in the Diocesan Office in Parramatta. This entry-level role would suit a final year design student or recent graduate. Further details available at: <http://parracatholic.org/employment/> Don't delay – apply today. Please send applications to: [careers@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:careers@parra.catholic.org.au)

## Natural Fertility

Natural Fertility Services (NFS) has recently moved to the diocesan Life, Marriage & Family Office. NFS promotes natural fertility awareness and provides couples with access to three methods for practising responsible parenthood. For more details visit [www.parralmf.org.au/nfs](http://www.parralmf.org.au/nfs)

If you are interested in becoming an educator in this area, the FertilityCare Practitioner Training Program may be of interest. Are you interested in teaching a modern method of natural family planning that is 99.5% method effective and collaborates with medical doctors to restore fertile health to couples struggling with infertility? You may be interested in the upcoming FertilityCare practitioner training program. The program is 13 months in duration, tuition fees apply. Part 1 of training program: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston, QLD, from 1-8 April. Inquiries: [katiefullilove@dbb.org.au](mailto:katiefullilove@dbb.org.au)

## Family Lenten Program

The diocesan Life, Marriage & Family Office has produced a Family Lenten Program as a support for families in their faith journey towards Easter. The program is based around the theme of 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. Copies of this resource are available in your parish and for download at <https://parralmf.org.au/lent2017/>

## Holy Hour for Vocations: 2 March

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth invite women aged 18-35 to join them for Holy Hour for Vocations. From 7pm-8pm at Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. Join the Sisters for pizza afterwards. RSVP to Sr Paula tel 0451 965 638, [vocationscsfn@gmail.com](mailto:vocationscsfn@gmail.com)

## The Acts of the Apostles

The Diocese of Parramatta is offering you the opportunity to attend Study of Paul's Journeys in the Acts of the Apostles, presented by Dr Laurie Woods for five Fridays: 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 March. Join us as we look at the birth and growth of the early Church and journey with Peter, Paul and the other disciples as they take the message of Jesus to the wider Jewish and Greco-Roman world. From 10am-2pm at the Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown (downstairs). BYO lunch. Registration: Maree Collis @ CCD Parramatta tel (02) 9890 4731 or [mcollis@ccdparramatta.com.au](mailto:mcollis@ccdparramatta.com.au)

## Children's Meditation and Relaxation Workshop: 4 March

This fun workshop is for children aged 5-12 and aims to build a healthy body and mind. By teaching a variety of simple meditation techniques children are encouraged to find that centre of stillness and spirituality inside. Facilitators Fiona Borland and Vicki O'Leary are experienced practitioners in the field. From 1pm-4.30pm at the Mount St Benedict Centre, 449D Pennant Hills Rd (entrance off Hull Rd). Cost: \$30 per child; \$25 per sibling. Bookings close Monday 27 February tel (02) 9484 6208, [mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au](mailto:mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au)

## Lenten Retreat Day for Families: 5 March

Families of all ages are welcome! 11am Holy Mass followed by BYO picnic. Afternoon program begins at 1.30pm with Input for Adults and Program for children; 3pm Prayer followed by afternoon tea. Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Free event but registration is essential: [www.trybooking.com/251605](http://www.trybooking.com/251605) [www.facebook.com/events/1244146132342173/](http://www.facebook.com/events/1244146132342173/)



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

Feeling on the fringe of the Church? Retreat led by Andrea Dean. Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Early bird registration: \$420, includes course, individual sessions, accommodation, linen and all meals. Registration and further details at: [www.andreadean.com.au](http://www.andreadean.com.au) or tel 0487 388 873.

## Lenten Retreat Day for Women: 11 March

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth invite women aged 18-35 to join them for a day of Lenten reflections and prayers, followed by social gathering. From 9.30am-5pm, lunch and dinner provided. Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. No cost. RSVP 8 March to Sr Paula tel 0451 965 638, [vocationscsfn@gmail.com](mailto:vocationscsfn@gmail.com) Visit [www.csfm.org.au](http://www.csfm.org.au)

## St Patrick's Family Festival: 18 March

This festival is organised by the Life, Marriage & Family Office and will be held from 2pm-5pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Precinct, 1 Marist Plc, Parramatta. The Irish themed event will include live entertainment, food, rides for all ages and a historical display about the contribution the Irish have made to our Diocese. The event will also raise awareness about the World Meeting of Families taking place in Dublin next year and raise funds for families to be able to attend. All are welcome! For more information check out: [www.parralmf.org.au/St-patricks-day](http://www.parralmf.org.au/St-patricks-day). Anyone interested in volunteering to help run stalls, prepare food, assist with crowd management and other duties tel (02) 8838 3441, [lmf@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:lmf@parra.catholic.org.au)

## Formation for Young Adults at Mt Schoenstatt: 19 March

For young adults aged 18-35 – Love of Mary. Love of the Church. Love of the Mission of Christ. Want to know what it means to be human? Want to become an authentic Christian? If Yes, then join us for formation in the Schoenstatt Spirituality. On 3rd Sunday of every month, noon-3pm, please bring a plate to share for lunch. Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Further details tel 4773 8338.

## 24 Hrs for the Lord - Living Water @ Schoenstatt Shrine: 24-25 March

Come and spend some time with Our Lord and His Mother in the Schoenstatt Shrine during this very special 24 hours. This annual gathering will begin with Holy Mass at 6pm on Friday and finish with Holy Mass at 5pm on Saturday. Reflection and Music every hour for 30 minutes following by silent pray time. Accommodation at the retreat house is available for anyone who might wish to immerse themselves in this 24 hours. Schoenstatt Shrine, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Inquiries & bookings tel (02) 4773 8338 or email [manager@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:manager@schoenstatt.org.au)

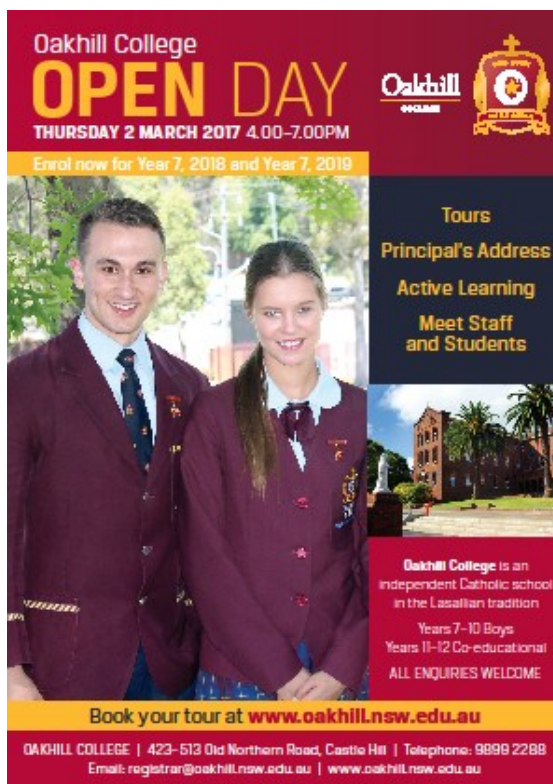


ARE YOU LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SUPPORT PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM IN AUSTRALIA?

The Jesuit Refugee Service's Arrupe Project is looking for schools, churches or community groups to help in 2017.

We need donations of non-perishable food items and/or financial contributions to help supply our foodbank. Our foodbank provides much needed groceries to over 100 people seeking asylum living in the Australian community every fortnight.

Before you begin collecting, please get in touch with Matthew Potts: 02 9098 9336, [matthew.potts@jrs.org.au](mailto:matthew.potts@jrs.org.au) for information about becoming a partner and a list of what's needed.



Oakhill College  
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Tours  
Principal's Address  
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### Oakhill College Year 7, 2018 and Year 7, 2019 Enrolments

Applications for enrolment into **Year 7, 2018** will close on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2017** and enrolment into **Year 7, 2019** will close on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2017**. Parents who wish to apply for enrolment of their sons in Year 7 at Oakhill College, and who have not yet submitted an Application for Enrolment, are requested to contact the Registrar before the closing dates on 9899 2288 or [registrar@oakhill.nsw.edu.au](mailto:registrar@oakhill.nsw.edu.au)

14<sup>th</sup> February 2017

## SCHOOL BUS 5105 - AM SERVICE

Dear Parents and Students,

Commencing **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017** there will be a change to the School Bus 5105.

Due to operational requirements, **School Bus 5105** will now depart from **Boundary Rd & Old Pitt Town Rd, Oakville 5 minutes earlier.**

There will be no changes to the route of School Bus 5105.

For further information please contact Busways Customer Service on 9497 1870 or 9497 1887. Alternatively visit our website at [www.busways.com.au](http://www.busways.com.au)

Yours sincerely,

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**Enrolments for 2018  
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## St Dominic's College 2017 OPEN DAY Sunday the 5th of March

You are invited to join us for our Annual Open Day at the College from 10am to 2.30pm.

The morning session starts at 10:00am, followed by a tour of the College at 10:30am.

The afternoon session starts at 12:30pm followed by a tour of the College at 1:00pm.



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Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm  
Sunday: 7.30am, 9.00am & 5.00pm

**SUNDAY CHISHOLM PRIMARY MASS: 9.30am**

**INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION**  
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 20 West Market Street, Richmond, NSW 2753



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