



# St Matthew's Catholic Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER WEEK 5

25 May 2017

### CALENDAR DATES TERM 2 2017

May 28 Sun	First Eucharist Mass 11:00 am & 1:00 pm St. Matthew's Church
May 29 Mon	Assembly 2:45 pm Presented by Stage 3
May 30 Tue	Confirmation Information night at Chisholm Primary School 7.30 p.m.
May 31 Wed	Year 3 Parish Mass 9:00 am Year 5 Reconciliation 9:30 am Confirmation Information Meeting at St Matthew's Church 7.30 p.m.
Jun 2 Fri	School Disco Infants 5:00 pm Primary 6:30 pm
Jun 4 Sun	First Eucharist Mass 11:00 am & 1:00 pm St. Matthew's Church
Jun 5 Mon	Assembly 2:45 pm Presented by Year 2
Jun 7 Wed	Year 4 Parish Mass 9:00 am
Jun 8 Thur	School Photos Order online
<b>Jun 9 Fri</b>	<b>Pupil Free Day</b> <b>No student supervision</b>
<b>Jun 12 Mon</b>	<b>Queen's Birthday</b> <b>Public Holiday</b>
Jun 14 Wed	Year 1 Parish Mass 9:00 am Year 6 Reconciliation 9:30 am
Jun 15 Thur	Athletics Carnival Tamplin Field, Hobartville
Jun 19 Mon	Assembly 2:45 pm Presented by Year 1
Jun 20 Tue	Student Led Conferences
Jun 21 Wed	Student Led Conferences
Jun 22 Thur	Stage 3 Boys Soccer

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I would like to congratulate our children who are working hard, each and every day, enjoying their learning and co-operating with others in their school environment. When many gather there is always interaction. There are many personalities that come together under the banner of St Matthew's. Each of these personalities is different, some are quiet, some are loud, some are sensitive, some are resilient, some are shy, some are confident, some are creative, all with different backgrounds and experience.

Each individual comes with their own attitude which impacts on their outlook. Children's attitudes reflect what they have seen and experienced. That is why, as parents and teachers, our role in modelling desired behaviours is so important. The following extract speaks about the importance of our attitude. As you take the time to read these extracts, consider the attitude your child brings to each situation, whether it be a challenge, a success or a setback.

*"The longer I live the more I realise the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important that the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than success, than what other people say, think, or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness, or skill."*

*Attitude can make or break a home or family. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day.*

*We cannot change our past ... we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable.*

*The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it.*

*And so it is with you. We are in charge of our attitudes".*  
(Acknowledgement: Attitude by Charles Swindell; Brand New End by Carl Bard.)

*Most people are about as happy as they make up their minds to be.*  
(Abraham Lincoln)

*In partnership let us continue to work to develop in the children a desire to Seek Truth in everything they do.*

Peace and Best Wishes for a wonderful fortnight ahead

Tim Vane-Tempest,  
Principal

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

Every Learner,  
Every Day

**Attendance in the past  
fortnight**  
**89.6%**

## Pupil Free Day

On the **9th June** the staff of St. Matthew's will be involved in a full day of learning connected to our improved PBL approach to Inquiry Learning. As this is a Pupil Free day no supervision for children will be provided.

## Teachers as Learners

During the first weeks of this term there has been a lot happening for our teaching staff with their professional learning. Outside of our usual learning at staff professional learning meetings Mrs Stockman and Mrs Whiteman have attended professional learning on student wellbeing with a focus on mental health, while Miss Keane and Mrs Baldock attended professional learning about improving student writing. This week I have attended the New Horizons conference which has included local and international education leaders looking at school improvement and student outcomes. In the coming weeks Miss Keane & Mrs Larnach will attend professional learning on Science Technology Engineering & Mathematics (STEM), while Miss Viviani and Mrs Williams will continue our work on student wellbeing and mental health attending a day on Mindfulness.

## Enrolling Now for 2018

As part of the enrolment process I have begun meeting with new and existing families who wish to enrol their children into our vibrant school. This will continue for a number of weeks. The number of applications for Kindergarten 2018 affirms the high standard of Catholic Education we provide at our school. The school's strong reputation in the local community and beyond is a wonderful accolade to all who are part of St Matthew's. If your child turns 5 before the 31<sup>st</sup> 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 or our 2017 classes please pass on this information.

## Attendance

During the first four weeks of this term there has been a noticeable increase in the number of children either arriving late or leaving early. Whilst there are times where this may be necessary, it is important that these interruptions are kept to a minimum. Regular and continuous attendance at school is essential for all children to maintain continuity with their learning and assist with sustained progress.

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.

We start each Monday with a morning assembly to ensure that all students are greeted and that any important information is shared. It is important that all children are on the assembly with their class to meet the teacher. If any parent needs to share information with their child's teacher this should be done before the first bell rings for the children to assemble. If the matter requires more than a quick chat, staff are more than happy to make an appointment to discuss matters in detail.

Once the first bell has rung, 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. I thank all parents for your assistance with these matters.

## School Photos

Our Winter school photographs will be taken on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June**. This year St Matthew's is going online!

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**SCHOOL CODE: 795M17**

Please note the following requirements of the photographers:

**Family photographs will commence from 8.30 am in the hall.**

If you require and have paid for family photos, please have the eldest sibling advise the office ladies.

Please ensure you place your order by **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June**. Late fees will apply.

**Kinder, Year 2 and Stage 3 will need to wear their WINTER uniform and bring joggers for sport that day.**

Please ensure your child wears their **full WINTER school uniform** on photo day.

Your cooperation with the above will ensure that our school photography runs smoothly and everyone's needs are taken care of.

If you are unable to order online please contact the school office.

## School Disco

A disco has been organised for the children of St Matthew's to be held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2017.

**Infants 5:00 – 6:15pm and Primary 6:30-8pm.** Unfortunately siblings not at St Matthew's will not be able to attend.

The cost is \$6 per child. This includes the DJ, a drink and chips (water will be available throughout the event). We will also have a variety of glow sticks and novelty bracelets, necklaces, flashing items available from \$1.

Please return the RSVP below with the \$6 payment per child for catering purposes.

Parents will be required to sign their children in and out on the night. We are also looking for parent helpers for the evening if you can spare some time, please fill in the slip below.

### DISCO RSVP

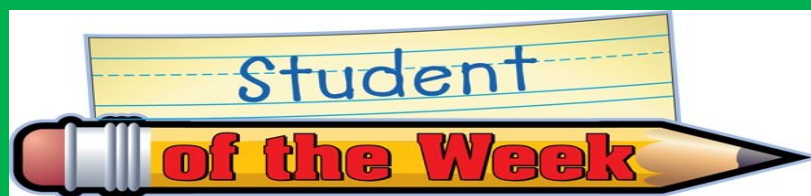
Child's Name: ..... Class: ..... **I have enclosed \$6**

### PARENT HELPER RSVP

Please circle

I can help on the night with      Infants      Primary

Name: ..... Contact no: .....



<b>Kinder</b>	Caelen Zambrano-Chung- For independently using 'bubble-gum' stretching skills in writing. Eli Leighton - For his consistent participation in class discussions and learning activities. Liam Griffiths - For his focus and 'hard thinking' in Mathematics. Eli Falkenmire - For working hard in reading to re-read and self-correct independently when needed.
<b>Year 1</b>	Alex Dessman - For an improvement in reading and writing– well done. Addison Jordan - For an improvement in reading and writing– well done. Mala McGeown - Working more independently in writing- well done. Nicholas Spiteri - Working more independently in writing- well done.
<b>Year 2</b>	Xavier Brunner - his consistent effort towards his learning in all class activities. Alexander Grayson - for writing a detailed description of his mum using adjectives and similes. Chase Kerin - for consistent effort in reading groups and applying himself to his work. Sienna Tierney - for being a responsible respectful class member who contributing thoughtful ideas to class discussions.
<b>Year 3</b>	Emma Sultana- Showing initiative and responsibility in her PBL. Ashton Vista- Working enthusiastically in his PBL. Montana Charles- For displaying excellent communication skills in her PBL. Jordan Ide- Working diligently on his PBL.
<b>Year 4</b>	Peter Sultana - A fabulous retell of the resurrection and a clear understanding of the references to new life in Mass. Jonathan Sheehy - For completing his work and being a good role model to others around him. Marley Henderson - For focusing and completing his work in writing time. Emerson Finch - For outstanding effort in her maths work. Camryn Brunner - Great enthusiasm to write and share her work when doing Quick writes.
<b>Stage 3 Blue</b>	Bronte Naylor - for being a responsible and respectful role model. Alex Zairis - for his thoughtful contributions to class discussions. Jackson Murphy - for always using beautiful manners and showing respect to others.
<b>Stage 3 Gold</b>	Nicholas Touma - applying a variety of problem solving strategies when undertaking investigations in maths. Brayden Haines - his perseverance when attempting challenging tasks in maths. Simon Su - his contributions to class discussions.
<b>Stage 3 White</b>	Isabella Matthews - For her positive attitude and engagement in all learning activities. Dylan Sheehy - For a more focussed approach in Mathematics and a can do attitude. Christina Xerri - For listening to feedback and reviewing her work with great care.

## BEDE POLDING COLLEGE

Year 7 2018 Enrolment Applications (together with the requested supporting documents) for Bede Polding College need to be submitted to the College office by Friday 26th May.

It is absolutely essential that families with children at Bede Polding ensure that they complete and submit 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.**

*Greetings St Matthew's School Community!*

*For the next two Sundays, students in our parish will be receiving Jesus for the first time in the Eucharist. We support these young people and their families by our prayers as they continue in their journey of faith.*

*The Fruits of Holy Communion. (#s 1391-1397)*

*Causes an intimate union with Christ.  
Preserves, increases and renews the life of grace received at Baptism.  
Cleanses past sins and preserves from future sins.  
Strengthens the unity among members of the Church.  
Fosters a commitment to those who are poor.*

*(Taken from- The Catholic Source Book. Brown-Roa. 2000)*

*This Sunday is The Ascension of The Lord. (Matthew 28: 16- 20)*

*The Ascension of the Lord lets us draw closer to Jesus, with His presence all around us. St Paul says we should lift our eyes up from our worries and anxieties to see Jesus seated at the right hand of the Father. This gives us great comfort and peace to know that Jesus is always waiting for us to put our troubles into His hands.*

*"The family which experiences the joy of faith communicates it naturally. That family is the salt of the earth and the light of the world; it is the leaven of society." (Pope Francis)*

*On Wednesday, the 24th of May it was the feast of Our Lady Help of Christians.*

*Under this title, Our lady was proclaimed patroness of Australia in 1844. As we strive to live a Christian life in our words, thoughts and actions, we turn to Our Lady Help of Christians to assist us in our daily lives.*

*...Jesus said to His mother, 'Woman, this is your son.' Then to the disciple He said, 'This is your Mother.' And from that moment the disciple made a place for Her in his home. (John 19: 25- 27)*

#### *Voices From The Classrooms*



*Year One waiting to pray as a school community.*

*God Bless.  
Ann Climpson*

*Jesus in our hearts – Forever!*

*Our Lady of Fatima – Pray For Us.*

*St Matthew- Pray for us.*

#### **Dates to remember-**

*First Eucharist Masses- 28th of May and 4th of June. (11am and 1pm)*

*Tuesday 30th of May- Confirmation Information night at Chisholm Primary School – 7.30 p.m.*

*or Wednesday, 31st of May- Confirmation Information Meeting at St Matthew's Church- 7.30 p.m.*



# SPORTS NEWS



Good luck to the Stage 3 girls at their Soccer Gala Day today!  
The remaining Soccer teams have been selected and have started training.  
The Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day will be held in Week 9 on Thursday June 22  
and the Boys & Girls Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day will be held in Week 10 on  
Thursday June 29.



The Athletics Carnival notes have been sent home and need to be returned by the end of the week. If you are able to help out on the day, we would love the assistance!! There is a form in the note regarding helpers, please fill out and return it to the office. If your child is 8 years old and above and wishing to take part in the 800 m race (this is optional) you need to have your child that is competing at the venue by 8:45 am at the latest, please return the consent note to the office this week. The carnival is being held on Thursday June 15 at Tamplin Fields, Hobartville.

At Bootcamp we will be working on our fitness and athletic skills each Thursday morning at 8 am. This is optional and families do not have to commit to each and every week, however, it is a great opportunity to get active!

Mrs Brand

## 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.

**Winter has arrived and remember we sell jumpers and vests.**

## 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](mailto:stmcc@tpg.com.au)

# DR JUSTIN COULSON

## RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN



**WHEN:** Monday, 29 May 2017 (Doors open 6.30pm for 7:00pm start)

**WHERE:** Catholic Learning Communities of St John XXIII – St Mark's College,  
Meeting will be held in the staff room – entry via main school foyer.  
160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens (parking available)

*The PRC Annual General Meeting will be held prior to our seminar.*

### What others have to say:

*"...an engaging and dynamic presenter..."*

*"...are we getting him back next year? He's fantastic!.."*

**FREE PARENT/CARER SEMINAR!**

**Registrations are open – visit:**


[www.prc.catholic.edu.au/news-events](http://www.prc.catholic.edu.au/news-events)




*One of the most frequent questions Kidspot parenting expert Dr Justin Coulson is asked is 'How can I help my child become resilient?' Friendship problems, bullying, physical changes and parenting styles are just some of the issues that can affect our children's ability to bounce back from difficulty and adapt to challenging situations.*

*Helping our children develop resilience can have lifelong effects.*

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# Bishop Office

## Positions Vacant

The Diocese of Parramatta is seeking applications for several positions. For further details, go to <https://parracatholic.org/employment/>

## Discernment to the Permanent Diaconate: 28 May

Discernment Sunday #2 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 second session of the 2017 program and subsequent sessions will be announced in due course. Time: 4 to 6 pm + Mass + fellowship. Venue: St John XXIII Church, 160 Perfection Ave NSW 2768

For further information visit <http://parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate/> or

Please contact the following Deacons for your intentions :

Deacon James= [deacon@stanthonyschurch.org.au](mailto:deacon@stanthonyschurch.org.au)

Deacon Tan= [deacontan@john23rd.org.au](mailto:deacontan@john23rd.org.au)/0407270782

Deacon George = [g.bryan1@bigpond.com](mailto:g.bryan1@bigpond.com)

## Caritas Australia: Change the World! It's Up to Us!: 31 May

Are you 18-25 yrs? Committed to social justice, changing the world, & having fun? Come & co-create with Caritas, the world's second-largest aid & development organisation. Join us for an initial Call to Action in the Sydney CBD (Venue TBC), Wednesday 31 May 2017 at 6pm. RSVP: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1848653452074863> or [act@caritas.org.au](mailto:act@caritas.org.au)

## Mass For Neophytes: 2 June

Friday 2nd June, 2017 at 7.30pm. St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

The annual Mass for Neophytes (newly Baptised Catholics and those who have been received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church) marks the celebration as an occasion of the Church universal. Celebrated by the Most Rev. Vincent Long, Bishop of Parramatta. For further information contact Ingrid Vergano on 8838 3456 or [ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au)

## Vigil of Pentecost: 3 June

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite YOUTH (age 18-35) to join us for Celebration of the Vigil of Pentecost on Saturday, 3rd June 2017 at 6:00 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: [vocationscsfngmail.com](mailto:vocationscsfngmail.com) mob: 0449 656 406

## Time for Us to go on a Date: 3 June

An evening for couples to dance, dine and prayer together at Mount Schoenstatt. Includes an input on male leadership, a lesson in ballroom dancing, formal dinner and prayer. Saturday 3rd June from 5pm - 10pm. Investment: \$150. For more information or to register: Sr M Julie Brcar ISSM, tel 0408 728 334, [juliebrcar@gmail.com](mailto:juliebrcar@gmail.com) and <https://www.facebook.com/events/376209752754089/>

Pentecost Vigil: 3 June

PENTECOST VIGIL MOUNT ST BENEDICT CENTRE 2017. From earliest times Christians have gathered on the eve of the Feast of Pentecost to solemnly implore and invoke the presence of the Spirit. "Come now, my heart, sing the glory of the Spirit!" says the early Christian community. You are invited to gather at Mt St Benedict Chapel for this Vigil Prayer of the Church with its readings, hymns, psalms and symbols.

WHEN: Saturday 3 June; 4.00-5.00pm

BOOKINGS BY: Wednesday 31 May



## LIFTED Leadership Seminar 2017: 3-4 June

Catholic Youth Parramatta is hosting a weekend of formation, training and sharing for aspiring and active leaders from parishes and schools between the ages of Year 11 and 30 years of age – “Develop, Grow, Inspire for Mission” at the funky Atura Hotel, 32 Cricketers Arms Rd, Prospect. The program begins at 10am on Saturday and includes a conference dinner with Bishop Vincent. It continues on Sunday and concludes with a Parish Mass in the evening. There is a heavily discounted registration cost of \$50 for all meals but we are limited to 70 participants. Register through James Camden, Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta, [jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au)

## Grace & Silence Retreat Day for Young Women: 10 June

A Silent retreat day for vocation discernment to marriage & family life, single life or consecrated life. Commences with an input. The day can be used as a general recollection day. Cost \$30 includes morning, lunch, afternoon tea and materials. Saturday 10th June 9:30am - 4pm. Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Registrations: Sr M Julie Brcar ISSM, tel 0408 728 334, [juliebrcar@gmail.com](mailto:juliebrcar@gmail.com) and <https://www.facebook.com/events/1918258908407700/>

## A weekend for Engaged Couples: 9-11 June

Time for Us to Prepare our Hearts for Marriage - A weekend for Engaged Couples from 9-11 June. These weekends aim to complement pre-marriage courses to allow engaged couples to prepare their hearts so that they may give a total, free and faithful “YES” to their future spouses and contribute towards a fruitful marriage. The inputs and times of prayer and silent reflection will foster the preparation of your heart so that you may be a gift to your spouse and receive your spouse as a gift. Investment: \$200pp. For more information or to register: Sr M Julie Brcar ISSM, tel 0408 728 334, [juliebrcar@gmail.com](mailto:juliebrcar@gmail.com) and <https://www.facebook.com/events/236581350078661/>

## Nigerian Mass in Igbo: 11 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 or [stellanwosu@msn.com](mailto:stellanwosu@msn.com)

## Time for Us Weekend for Families: 16-18 June

Time for Us Weekends at Mount Schoenstatt include inputs for adults, programmes for children of all ages including baby-sitting, couple and family time, games fellowship with other families, prayer, reflection and Holy Mass. For more detail or to register contact: Sr M Julie Brcar ISSM, tel 0408 728 334, [juliebrcar@gmail.com](mailto:juliebrcar@gmail.com) and <https://www.facebook.com/events/1835800090073744/>

## St. Anthony of Padua relic to visit Diocese of Parramatta: 20-21 June

To Mark the Centenary of the Apparitions in Fatima a Relic of St. Anthony of Padua, Venerated by both Sister Lucy of Fatima and Pope Francis will be visiting Australia in June 2017.

Tuesday, 20th June 2017, Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 8 Diana Avenue KELLYVILLE. Mass: 9:15am & 7:00pm.

Wednesday, 21st June 2017, St Anthony of Padua Church 27 Aurelia Street TOONGABBIE. Mass: 9:30am & 7:30pm.

## Shrine Time for Young Adults 18-35: 25 June

One Holy Hour with prayer, reflection, meditation, praise & worship. 2017 is devoted to Praying for Vocations and Devotion to Mary as per our Holy Father's intentions for WYD 2018 in Panama. From 7.30pm-8.30pm followed by social gathering.

Mary, honoured as the Mother Thrice Admirable, offers 3 graces in the Shrine, this monthly event is a unique opportunity to experience them regularly: Discover your HOME in the hearts of Jesus and Mary; See breakthrough TRANSFORMATION in your life; and Get your spiritual boost to be an authentic WITNESS. In the Shrine at Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa.

## The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: 30 June

Hear Rebekah Rojcewicz, highly experienced leader in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd from the US, speak over dinner on 'The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – A Gift to the Church at this Time'. Cost: \$60 per person. From 6.30pm at North Ryde RSL, cnr Magdala & Pittwater Rds, North Ryde. To book: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=256587>. For more information: [cgsaust.org.au](http://cgsaust.org.au)

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**2017**  
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