



# St. Matt's Matters Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Voice of Youth is a public speaking competition for school aged students which is run across Australia. On Thursday we had 2 students from Year 6, Madaleine and Isabella, represent our school at the Voice Of Youth Hawkesbury Cluster Final. I would like to congratulate Isabella who was the winner of the Cluster Final. Isabella will now go on to represent the Hawkesbury Cluster at the Western Semi Final on Wednesday the 19th September. Isabella said that her speech on Cyberbullying was a way for her to highlight the serious effects of bullying and to motivate others to say no to all forms of bullying. The winner of the Social Justice prize was Madaleine who said that her speech on Child Abuse was motivated by her belief that all children should feel safe and that it is the responsibility of everyone to help others who may be in need. Congratulations to Isabella and Madaleine on their amazing achievement. We wish Isabella the very best at the Western Semi Final.

## Update on Mr Vane-Tempest:

Unfortunately Mr Vane-Tempest will not be returning to school for the remainder of this term. The injury to his knee required further surgery and he is recuperating at home. I know that we all wish Mr Vane -Tempest a speedy recovery and look forward to having him back at school. All classes have been busy making him a get well card this week and I am sure that the well wishes of the children will help with his recovery. In Mr Vane-Tempest's absence the following changes to staffing have been made.

Acting Principal – Mrs Janine Whiteman

Acting Assistant Principal – Miss Noreen Keane

Acting Coordinator 2- Mrs Sharon Williams.

I thank you for your continued support and wish you peace & best wishes for the fortnight ahead,

Janine Whiteman,

Acting Principal.

## FATHERS DAY

Last Sunday many of us would have taken time out of our day to celebrate Father's Day with Uncles, Grandfathers, Dads and others who play the important role of a father in our lives. As I watched my adult children tease, smile and laugh with their Dad I thought about the unconditional love and support that he has shared with them all over the past 25 years. The story told by Jesus of the prodigal son tells us of a father who had two sons, one of whom went astray. The father in the parable teaches his two sons important lessons about the love of a father. The son who went astray realised that his father's love was always present even when he had run away from it. The other son struggled to understand how such love existed irrespective of his brother's failures and of his loyalty. The father in the story, like God, never gave up on either of his children. Let us all take the time to be grateful for those people in our lives who are fathers, those who love us and support us unconditionally. And God our Father, who will always grant us immeasurable mercy and unconditional love.

## AFTERNOON DISMISSAL PROCEDURE

During this term we have noticed that some of our students are not following the school procedures around afternoon dismissal. Our procedures are in place to ensure the safety of all students. Children are directed by their classrooms teachers to specific areas in the afternoon to ensure that the "business" of the afternoon pick up is kept to a minimal. If the usual pick up routine for your child changes, please contact the office so that a message can be passed onto the classroom teacher and to your child. Children who need to cross Tebbutt Street are asked to line up and walk with the children catching bus so that a teacher can ensure that they are using the pedestrian crossing safely. Children will not be permitted to leave the school with another child/family if permission from a parent has not been received by the office. The safety of our children is always our priority and we thank you in advance for your support around the procedures we have in place.

## DRESS LIKE A FARMER MUFTI DAY & CAKE STALL

Thank you to everyone that supported our "Dress like a Farmer" raising \$800 which has been donated to Aussie Drought Angels.

Sept 7 Fri	Stage 2 Boys & Girls Touch Gala day Penrith Touch Fields The Kingsway, St. Marys
Sept 10 Mon	Assembly presented by Kinder 2:45 pm
Sept 12 Wed	Year 3 Road Bike Safety Education depart 8:20 am Year 1 Parish Mass 9:00 am Cyber Safety & Google Apps workshop for parents 9:15 am - 9:45 am or 2:30 pm - 3:00 pm
Sept 14 Fri	Year 1 Disco 2:10 pm in the Hall Dress Mufti
Sept 15 Sat	School Parish Mass 6 pm St. Matthew's Church
Sept 17 Mon	Assembly presented by Year 3 2:45 pm
Sept 19 Wed	Year 3 Parish Mass 9:00 am
Sept 21 Fri	St. Matthew's Feast Day Mass 9:00 am Stage 3 Mini Fete 12:00 pm
Sept 24 Mon	Assembly presented by Year 2 2:45 pm
Sept 26 Wed	Year 2 Parish Mass 9:00 am
Sept 27 Thur	World Rosary Day You are welcome to join us in prayer 11:45 am at the Mary Statue
Sept 28 Fri	Staff Development Day Pupil free day







St. Matthew's school photos will be taken on Wednesday 24th October. Children are expected to wear full summer school uniform. School photos must be ordered on line. See below.



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## Package Information Sheet & Online Ordering Instructions

ST MATTHEWS PS PW

**SCHOOL  
CODE 795M18**

# ORDER ONLINE NOW

go to

[www.donwoodphotography.com.au](http://www.donwoodphotography.com.au)

**PACKAGE ONE**  
**\$35**



Class  
+  
Portraits



**BONUS  
PORTRAIT  
DOWN-  
LOAD**

## Portrait Pack 1

Includes the **GROUP PHOTO** option

**PLUS** One sheet of portraits consisting of:

- 1x 7x5 (178x127mm) portrait
- 2x 3.5x2.5 (89x67mm) portraits
- 2x 2x1.5 (50x38mm) colour key ring portraits
- 1x 2x1.5 (50x38mm) black and white key ring portrait
- 1x 7x1.5 (178x38mm) lockable ID

Portrait Download Code included in pack

**PACKAGE TWO**  
**\$37**



Class + Portraits



**BONUS  
PORTRAIT  
DOWN-  
LOAD**

## Portrait Pack 2

Includes the **GROUP PHOTO** option

**PLUS** Two sheets of portraits consisting of:

- 1x 7x5 (178x127mm) portrait
- 2x 5x3.5 (127x89mm) portraits
- 3x 3.5x2.5 (89x67mm) colour portraits
- 2x 3.5x2.5 (89x67mm) black and white portraits
- 5x 2x1.5 (50x38mm) colour key ring portraits
- 3x 2x1.5 (50x38mm) black and white key ring portraits
- 8x 1/2x3/4" (20x13mm) lockable ID portraits

Portrait Download Code included in pack

**PACKAGE THREE**  
**\$39**



Class + Portraits



**BONUS  
PORTRAIT  
DOWN-  
LOAD**

## Portrait Pack 3

Includes the **GROUP PHOTO** option

**PLUS** Two sheets of portraits consisting of:

- 2x 7x5 (178x127mm) portraits
- 2x 6x4 (154x103mm) portraits
- 2x 3.5x2.5 (89x67mm) colour portraits
- 1x 3.5x2.5 (89x67mm) black and white portrait
- 4x 2x1.5 (50x38mm) colour key ring portraits
- 3x 2x1.5 (50x38mm) black and white key ring portraits

Portrait Download Code included in pack

**PACKAGE FOUR**  
**\$42**



Class + Portraits



**BONUS  
PORTRAIT  
DOWN-  
LOAD**

## Portrait Pack 4

Includes the **GROUP PHOTO** option

**PLUS** Three sheets of portraits consisting of:

- 1x 10x5 (250x127mm) portrait
- 2x 7x5 (178x127mm) portraits
- 2x 6x4 (154x103mm) portraits
- 2x 3.5x2.5 (89x67mm) colour portraits
- 1x 3.5x2.5 (89x67mm) black and white portrait
- 4x 2x1.5 (50x38mm) colour key ring portraits
- 3x 2x1.5 (50x38mm) black and white key ring portraits

Portrait Download Code included in pack

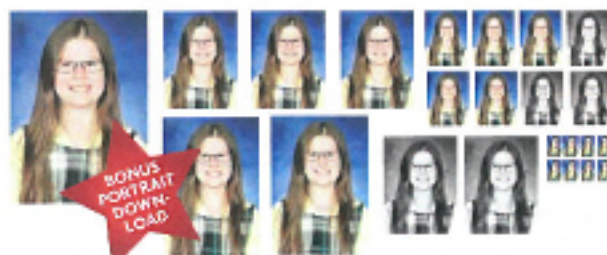


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PHOTOGRAPHY

## Portrait Only and Group Only Packages

PORTRAIT  
ONLY

\$28



BONUS  
PORTRAIT  
DOWN-  
LOAD

### ☐ Portrait Only Pack

Includes two sheets of portraits consisting of:

- 1x 7x5" (178x127mm) portrait
- 2x 5x3.5" (127x89mm) portraits
- 3x 3.5x2.5" (89x63mm) colour portraits
- 2x 3.5x2.5" (89x63mm) black and white portraits
- 5x 2x1.5" (50x38mm) colour key ring portraits
- 3x 2x1.5" (50x38mm) black and white key ring portrait
- 8x 1/2x3/4" (20x13mm) pocket sized portraits

Portrait Download Code included in pack

**DOES NOT INCLUDE GROUP PHOTOGRAPH**

GROUP  
ONLY

\$30



### ☐ Group Only Pack

Includes the Class Photo set that consists of 3 photographic sheets:

- A front cover with your school name and logo
- One class composite page
- The class group photo

Packaged in a clear plastic presentation sleeve

**DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY PORTRAITS**

## Extras

Please note: These extra options can only be ordered in conjunction with a package, not by themselves.

EXTRAS  
COMBO

\$12



### Extras Combo

Includes:

- 4x 6x6 Cents with portrait
- 2x 7x1.5" (178x38mm) Bookmarks
- 8x 3.2x1.5" (80x38mm) colour key ring portraits

GREAT  
FOR  
GIFTS!

CALENDAR

\$18



### Calendar

One 11x14" (279x355mm) sized  
Black and White Calendar with  
coloured individual portrait  
photo and student's name.

KEY-  
RING

\$4 ea



### Keyring

**NO PRINTS INCLUDED** - Keyrings must be ordered  
in conjunction with a photo pack, in order to have  
the right sized prints to fit inside the keyring.  
Please see packs on previous page for packages  
that contain 2x1.5" (50x38mm) sized key  
ring photos for use with this product.

## HOW TO PURCHASE YOUR SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

**Payment Method:** We offer **ONE** method of payment - **CREDIT CARD ONLINE**

**CREDIT CARD** - If you wish to pay by **CREDIT CARD ONLINE** please go to [donwoodphotography.com.au](http://donwoodphotography.com.au) and follow the links.

SCHOOL CODE PERSONAL ACCESS CODE

Please enter your School Code to access and make online orders.  
This School Code is only available to your school.

Enter your School Code

GO

To order online you will need to enter your **SCHOOL CODE**.

**SCHOOL CODE: 795M18**



We accept online payments  
using Visa and Mastercard.  
A \$1 handling fee is applicable  
with online ordering.



Check your order carefully, as  
refunds are not available for  
incorrect package choice.

If you have any questions about our packages or how to place your order, please contact us on our email: [info@donwoodphotography.com.au](mailto:info@donwoodphotography.com.au)



## PUPIL FREE STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Our staff Professional Learning Day for Term 3 will be on **Friday 28th September**. As all staff will be involved in this day there will be no supervision provided for students. The St Matthew's COSHC will provide child care for this day for any family that needs to use the service. A booking form is on the next page and Keira can be contacted on 0418 170 921 to book a place.

## WORLD YOUTHDAY RAFFLE

A book of 4 raffle tickets was sent home two weeks ago. Please return the sold ticket butts with the money or the unsold tickets to the School office.

The raffle will be drawn on 27th October.

Tickets \$2 each



The poster features a bright orange background with a large white car (Mazda2) on the right side. At the top, there are logos for CYF (Catholic Youth Federation) and WYD (World Youth Day) 2019. The main title 'FUNDRAISING RAFFLE FOR WYD 2019' is in large, bold, red letters. Below the title, a list of prizes is provided, each with its donor. A central blue circle with white text says 'DRAWN at LIFTED LIVE on 27th October 2018'. To the right of the car, there is a red speech bubble saying 'TICKETS \$2ea'. At the bottom, the Diocese of Parramatta logo is shown, along with contact information for Michael Mendieta. A small disclaimer at the very bottom states that all information is provided for general purposes and is not intended to be used for any specific purpose.

**CYF** CATHOLIC YOUTH FEDERATION  
**WYD** WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019

# FUNDRAISING RAFFLE FOR WYD 2019

**TICKETS \$2ea**

**1st Prize:** Mazda2, 5 Door Automatic, Registered  
*Sponsored by: Penrith@maxxco (02) 4739 2777*

**2nd Prize:** **COSMOS** \$2000 Gift Card  
*Donated by Cosmos – can be used on any Cosmos pouch you for more in 2019. This value prize cannot be used towards any 2019/2020 billings. This value cannot be redeemed to cash*

**3rd Prize:** New iPhone X  
**4th Prize:** New iPhone X  
**5th Prize:** New iPhone X  
*Donated by: SecureAgility*

**6th Prize:** Apple iPad Mini  
*Donated by: Campus College Australia*

**7th Prize:** Cash Prize of \$500  
*Donated by: Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu*

**8th Prize:** \$500 Westfield Gift Card  
*Donated by: Automated Control Solutions*

**9th Prize:** Apple Watch  
*Donated by: Catholic Church Australia*

**10th Prize:** \$100 Event Cinemas Gift Card  
*Donated by: The Catholic Foundation*

**DRAWN**  
at LIFTED LIVE  
on 27th October  
2018

**COSMOS GIFT CARD**

**DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA**

For tickets and further information please contact  
**Michael Mendieta: MMendieta@parra.catholic.org.au**

Please: All information collected will be securely stored and provided by the Diocesan Fundraising Office, The Catholic Foundation.  
Visit [parra.catholicfoundation.org.au](http://parra.catholicfoundation.org.au) for the full details.



## catholic out of school hours care

Monday 20th August, 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

### St Matthew's Catholic Primary School: Pupil Free Day

As families are aware, **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2018** is a Pupil Free Day at **St Matthew's Catholic Primary School**. Catholic Out of School Hours Care at St Matthew's is able to offer limited places for care on this day. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, priority given to families already enrolled at the service.

**Opening Times:** 6:45am to 6:30pm

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

### How to secure a position for Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2018:

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

No further applications will be accepted after 1:00pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018

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

Further enquires are to be directed to the COSHC Supervisor on 0418170921 or [coshcstmatthewswindsor@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:coshcstmatthewswindsor@parra.catholic.edu.au)

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### PUPIL FREE DAY REQUEST FORM – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2018

I will require all day care on the Pupil Free Day, **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2018**, at COSHC St Matthew's Windsor. I accept that if I book care for my child/ren and they do not attend on the day, my child/ren will be marked absent and the daily fee will still apply.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Carer Name: \_\_\_\_\_


Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

# UNIFORMS

Oz Fashions finds itself in a position where they have had to adjust the prices of some items due to the increase in raw materials and labour costs. They have absorbed past increases and take price adjustments very seriously and only apply them at the very lowest rate necessary. Adjustment prices are below on the order form and the price list is effective 1st September 2018.

Oz Fashions appreciates your support and understanding of this matter. Kindly please note that students are to be in Summer Uniform Term 4. Please start organising any of your uniform requirements. Uniforms can be ordered using the app QKR by Masterpass.

	<b>ST Matthews Primary – Uniform Order Form</b>	
	Email - <a href="mailto:elfe@ozfashions.com.au">elfe@ozfashions.com.au</a>	
	Parent's Name:	
	Child's Name:	Class:
	Contact No:	Email:

UNIFORM ORDER DETAILS										
Boys Summer	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	Qty	Price	Total
Short Sleeve Shirt									\$25.00	
Grey Shorts									\$25.00	
Grey Socks - 3 pack	9-12/		13-3/		2-8/		6-11/		\$12.00	
Boys Winter	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	Qty	Price	Total
Long Sleeve Shirt									\$30.00	
Grey Trousers									\$40.00	
Grey Socks - 3 pack	9-12/		13-3/		2-8/		6-11/		\$12.00	
Girls Summer	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	Qty	Price	Total
Summer Dress *including accessories									\$55.00	
Sky Blue Socks - 3 pack	9-12/		13-3/		2-8/		6-11/		\$12.00	
Girls Winter	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	Qty	Price	Total
Winter Tunic *including accessories									\$80.00	
Winter Trousers *including accessories									\$45.00	
Lemon Blouse									\$25.00	
Tab Tie									\$5.00	
Sports	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	Qty	Price	Total
Polo Top - Short Sleeve									\$30.00	
Polo Top - Long Sleeve									\$35.00	
Short									\$30.00	
Jacket									\$55.00	
Trackpant									\$45.00	
Accessories	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	Qty	Price	Total
Library Batchel									\$15.00	
Plain Navy Scarf - Cashmere									\$10.00	
Bucket Hat	XS(52cm)/	S(54cm)/	M(56cm)/				L(58cm)/		\$20.00	
Lice Off Kit									\$5.00	
<b>Grand Total</b>										\$

PAYMENT DETAILS	
Option A - Credit Card	
Card Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard
Card No:	
Expiry Date:	
Total Amount:	
Name on Card:	
Signature:	

DELIVERY
Delivery is every Friday during the school term.
Orders must be placed by 4:00pm Monday for delivery that week.

Any further enquiries please call Ello 0421 216 414

# Stage 3 Drink Drive

This week Stage 3 Students are continuing to hold a Drink Drive every morning from **8:30am - 9:00am.**

The purpose of the Drink Drive is to fund-raise for drinks that will be on sale at the Drink Stall at the Stage 3 Mini Fete on **Friday 21st September 2018.**

We would greatly appreciate donations of the following drinks;

- Water Bottles
- Poppers
- Cans of Soft Drink
- Soft Drink
- Juice



**To thank you for your donation we will be giving the students/parents who donate drinks 3 x tickets into our raffle, which will be drawn on the day of the Mini Fete!**

## BOOK CLUB

Book Club has been issued and needs to be returned by Wednesday 12th September.







**SOPRANOS**



**ALTOS**



ALL 41 of the fantastic  
Captive Team



On August 21st and 22nd forty-one students from Years 3-Year 6 participated in the 2018 Captivate. This year was the 10th anniversary of Captivate and saw primary and high school students performing in the one concert. These students were fantastic and we all enjoyed ourselves.

St Matthew's students out did themselves. They were complimented on their excellent manners many times throughout the practices and the concert.

We are very proud of this team. They put their heart and soul into their singing - learning harmony. They attended practice every Friday at school, practice with other schools on 3 occasions and a full day at the dress rehearsal.

CONGRATULATIONS everyone for the amazing singing.

Mrs Burke and Miss Pollack



Greetings St Matthew's School Community! Hopefully all our fathers, grandfathers and our great grandfathers had a very special Father's Day last Sunday. We ask God our Father to bless all these men who in our community are strong role models of faith. Thank you to the teachers and students of Stage One who thanked and celebrated our fathers and grandfathers.

## **Plenary 2020**

### **What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?**

Find out why the Plenary Council is so significant? Between now and 6th of March 2019, the Catholic Bishops of Australia are asking everyone to share their voices about the future direction of the Catholic Church in Australia.

The process is called Plenary 2020. Something like this hasn't happened for over eighty years.

We have a unique opportunity to respond to the question:

### **What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?**

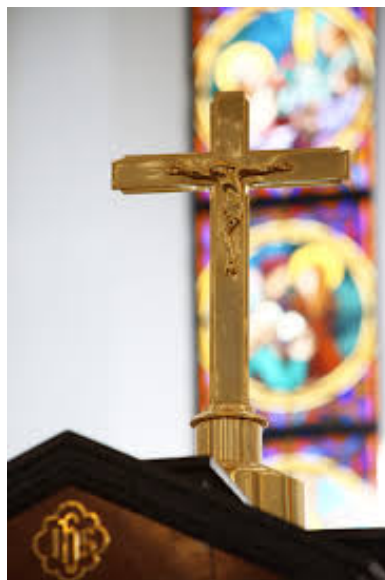
(Diocese of Parramatta.)

## **National Schools Rosary for Australia - World Rosary – Coast to Coast for Australian Schools.**

On the 7th of October, it is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Last year, 2017, Poland started the initiative of praying the Rosary on that day throughout the country, with over one million participants!

This initiative has spread to many other countries around the world- Ireland, USA, New Zealand, Canada, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Lebanon, Denmark, India, Poland, Mexico, Panama and of course, Australia. This feast falls in the school holidays, so Australian schools will be praying the Rosary or a decade of the Rosary on Thursday, 27th September. St Matthew's School students will be praying a decade of the Rosary around the Mary statue after the Angelus. You are welcome to join us in prayer at 11.45 am.

Australian intentions for the World Rosary will be for family, the rekindling of faith and the continuation of God's protection. St Matthew's School will also pray for the youth of our Parish and our personal intentions.



## **Our Lady's Birthday**

On the 8th of September it is Mary, Our Mother's Birthday. Mary's parents were Joachim and Ann. They were childless until an angel appeared to Ann and told her she would conceive a child. The traditional date of the feast, September 8, falls exactly nine months after the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Mary's birth is a very special event as it is the preparation for the birth of Jesus. Our Lady's faith and trust in God enabled God to work in Her and through Jesus, the salvation of the whole human race.

How can we follow her example of faith and trust in God?

(Taken from 'God's Word'. St Paul's Publications.)

## **School / Parish Mass**

On Saturday, 15th September, at 6 pm, we are responsible for the different ministries at the Vigil Mass. Students and their families are invited to attend this Mass.

Students will be chosen to use their gifts to glorify God- in singing, dancing, reading and Altar Serving. (Our school motto: "In all things glorify God")

You are all welcome to come and celebrate together as a school / parish community.

## **St Matthew's Feast Day**

On Friday, 21st of September, it is St Matthew's Feast Day. There will be a whole school Mass at 9.00am. We will be celebrating St Matthew's school and will give thanks to God for our students, their families, teachers, staff and the whole parish community.

During the day, students will be given the opportunity to write a school prayer and work on a school song that we can all identify with. If you have any hidden talents that you would like to share with us to glorify God, please let us know.

## **Voices from the Classroom**

### **What are you learning about God in Year Two?**

*"We are learning about the Eucharist in Year Two. Bread and wine is taken up to the altar and then during Mass – at the consecration- the bread and wine becomes Jesus' body and blood.*

*We know that the first Mass was the Last Supper. We know that Jesus loves and cares for us. We love Jesus. If we didn't have Jesus we would not be nice to each other. There would be no good feelings."*

*(Anthony and Gabriella from Year 2)*

God Bless.

Ann Climpson

Jesus in our hearts – Forever!

Mary Our Mother– Pray for us.

St Matthew- Pray for us.

### **Reminders-**

**- School / Parish Mass: Saturday, 15th September at 6pm.**

**- St Matthew's Feast Day Mass: Friday, 21st September at 9.00am**

**- World Rosary: Thursday, 27th September at 11.45am.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# MAKING GOOD CHOICES



Good Choice ☺	Poor Choice ☹
Be nice to everyone	Run in the hallway
Say please and thank you	Yell across the room to say something to your friend
Raise your hand to speak	Play with the scissors
Listen to the teacher	Call people names
Keep hands to yourself	Play during work time



I good chose I have made  
was playing with everyone

I poor chose I have  
made was calling one  
away with me

## The Eucharist

### What I know

- \* Eucharist comes after Reconciliation
- \* Third sacrament that we celebrate
- \* Take bread + wine
- \* Sign of the cross
- \* priest says body of Christ
- \* Holy Communion
- \* every time we go to church there is the eucharist

### What I wonder

- \* Why do we take the eucharist?
- \* What is the bread made of?
- \* Why do we have to eat the bread + drink the wine?
- \* Why is there an order of sacraments?
- \* How old do you need to be?
- \* Do you need to be Baptised to take the eucharist?





# TUCKSHOP2U

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remainder of 2018:  
STMT18**

Monday & Friday

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*September*

<b>Kinder</b>	<b>Callun, Mark, Deegan, Maya, Indiana</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Amandha, Spencer, Phoebe,</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Gabriella, Ava, Oscar, Sophia, Haydn</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>William, Jacinda, Chase, Sienna</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Lachlan &amp; Lachlan</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Max, Elkha, Jack</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Chanel, Logan</b>

Please take note of the following important sport related dates:

## **Term 3**

### **Week 7**

Friday September 7 - Stage 2 Touch Gala Day

### **Week 8/9**

Basketball Gala day Trials

## **Term 4**

### **Week 4**

Wednesday November 7th - Basketball Gala Day

### **Week 5**

Friday November 16th - Gymnastics Gala Day

## **Diocesan Athletics**

Liam and Harry had a great day representing the Hills Zone at the Diocesan Athletics carnival the other week! Harry ended up placing 5th overall in Shot Put and Liam placed 1st in his 100 m event! Liam is off to represent the Parramatta Diocese at MacKillop on September 24! Good luck Liam!!

## **Netball Gala Day**

The Netball Gala day was once again a fun day out with all students representing St Matthew's beautifully. Each team tried their best and improved in their games as the day went on! Thank you to all the parents who helped coach and support the teams on the day, we can't do these days without your dedication!

## **Touch Gala Day**

The Touch Gala day is being held tomorrow at the touch fields at The Kingsway, St Mary's. Students are expected to meet Mrs Brand and Mrs Burke at the venue at 8:30 am at the latest. We will be there from 8:00 am onwards. Students who have arranged a ride, need to meet at the school at 8:00 am for pick up (refer to the note sent home last Friday) unless other arrangements have been made between parents. All the best on the day STAGE 2!!!

## **Fruit & Veg Month 2018 – 'Happy Fruit & Veg'tember!' Family Challenge**

As part of Fruit & Veg Month, Healthy Kids Association has partnered with Harvey Norman, Foost, and Harris Farm Markets for this year's family challenge.

Only 1 in 20 Aussie children (and adults!) are eating enough fruit and vegetables. So, this Fruit & Veg Month, we challenge families to get adventurous! Include a new fruit and vegetable each week over the month of September and let us know how you went.

There are three prize packs to be won. Each pack is valued at over \$350 RRP and includes a Breville Searing Slow Cooker, Foost healthy shopping pack (including a trolley bag, reusable shopping bags, meal planner and shopping planner) and Harris Farm Markets vouchers.

Go to the Fruit & Veg Month webpage ([www.fruitandvegmonth.com.au](http://www.fruitandvegmonth.com.au)) and click on the link to the Happy Fruit & Veg'tember Family Challenge webpage for more information and entry details.

## **Morning Fitness at St Matthew's**

Regular physical activity is an important part of getting healthy and staying healthy.

Encouraging kids to be active from a young age sets good habits early on and helps them develop the skills they need to stay active throughout their lives.

### **Regular physical activity helps kids:**

- with healthy growth and development
- build strong bones and muscles
- improve balance and develop skills
- maintain and develop flexibility
- achieve and maintain a healthy weight
- improve cardiovascular fitness
- reduce stress and feel more relaxed
- improve posture
- boost confidence and self-esteem
- have fun with their friends and make new ones

(Excerpt taken from <https://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/kids-teens/get-active-each-day> )

## **BOOTCAMP**

Bootcamp is every Thursday morning from 8:00 am - 8:30 am. Students will meet at the front gate of the school each morning. If your child attends COSHC in the morning please speak to them regarding permission to attend. The focus this term is to build on strength training and cardiovascular/endurance skills.

## **Martial Arts**

Every Tuesday morning from 8:00 am - 8:30 am and afternoon from 3:30-4:00, Clarence Rodrigues and his team from Destiny Martial Arts Australia come to St Matthew's to train students. The cost is \$3 per session. Please see Clarence on a Tuesday morning or afternoon in the Hall for further inquiries.

## **Term 4 Sporting Schools**

We will be holding another Sporting Schools event next term. This time it will be 5 weeks of active and strength building Gymnastics sessions with Moving Bodies Centre. Our coach Cassie Gill will endeavour to challenge students to excel and master their ability in strength, flexibility and coordination. Please watch out for the note as there are only 30 spots available. The sessions will take place each Friday morning from 8:00 am - 8:45 am.

Kind regards,

Mrs Brand

Sport Teacher/Sport Coordinator





# Fruit & Veg Jokes

1. Q: What vegetable did Noah leave off the ark?

A: Leaks.

2. Q: Why did the tomato go out with the prune?

A: Because he couldn't find a date.

3. Q: What sort of exercise does the fruit do?

A: Avo-cardio.

4. Q: What do you call a fast fungus?

A: A mush-vroom!

5. Q: How do you fix a broken tomato?

A: With tomato paste.

6. Q: If you had 5 potatoes in one hand and 6 leaks in the other hand, what would you have?

A: Massive hands!

7. Q: How does a lemon ask for a hug?

A: Give me a squeeze!

8. Q: Why did everyone like to dance to the vegetable band?

A: Because they have a good beet!

9. Q: What did the baby corn say to the mother corn?

A: Where's pop-corn?

10. Q: What's green and comes down a mountain in the snow?

A: A skiwi.



# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

<b>KINDERGARTEN</b>	<p>William - for improvements in his reading to make it sound smooth.</p> <p>Ashton - for applying his sound and letter knowledge to spell new words.</p> <p>Hayley - for her deep understanding of how to measure the length of an object.</p> <p>Alison - for her impressive writing when using the stimulus picture, in the whole school writing task.</p> <p>Nash - for his consistent effort when reading to re-read when necessary and self-correct his errors.</p>
<b>YEAR1</b>	<p>Chantelle - for demonstrating a range of comprehension skills during reading groups.</p> <p>Chloe - for always showing initiative and setting a great example for her peers.</p> <p>Mia - for always being an attentive listener.</p> <p>Addison - for working diligently during independent reading group activities.</p>
<b>YEAR2</b>	<p>Natanija - For an excellent sizzling start and fantastic character and setting descriptions in your "find your treasure" narrative.</p> <p>Jack - For an engaging sizzling start and fantastic use of dialogue in your "find your treasure" narrative.</p> <p>Bridget - For consistently trying your best in all Key Learning Areas during your time at St Matthews. Best of luck at your new school!</p> <p>Angie - For an engaging sizzling start and fantastic use of dialogue in your "find your treasure" narrative.</p> <p>Ava - For a fantastic use of the 'show not tell' technique in your "find your treasure" narrative.</p>
<b>YEAR3</b>	<p>Allegra - for her insightful contributions to class discussions.</p> <p>Sienna - for thinking mathematically when solving multiplication and division problems.</p> <p>Ryan - for explaining his thinking in detail during Maths reflection time.</p>
<b>YEAR4</b>	<p>Allison - for being a very kind and generous person and helping others without being asked.</p> <p>Jacob - for his imaginative use of props and technology during his Religion PBL task.</p> <p>Samuel - for showing maturity by taking responsibility for his own actions in class.</p> <p>Emily - for being a really responsible class member in all activities. You are a pleasure to share the day with!</p>
<b>STAGE3</b>	<p>Madison - using multiplicative strategies to solve problems.</p> <p>Jonathan - for his fact file on Christian Churches in the Hawkesbury.</p> <p>Chanel - for work ethic and completing all tasks to the best of her ability - outstanding!!</p> <p>Natalia - for working cooperatively with her PBL group on their Bush fires pamphlet.</p> <p>Zac - for trying to use a range of strategies in Maths to show his thinking.</p> <p>Stephanie - for showing improvement in her ability to explain her thinking during Maths lessons</p> <p>Jessica - for working hard to complete all tasks to a high standard.</p> <p>Isabella - for putting in a tremendous effort in preparing for her Voice of Youth Speech.</p> <p>Xander - for a focused start in Term 3.</p>



## St. Matthews Catholic Church

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13th August 2018

Dear Parents,

This letter is an invitation for you to enroll your child for the Sacrament of Penance and the Sacraments of Initiation – Eucharist and Confirmation. This will take place through a Parish based and Family Centered process. Children are eligible if they are in Year 3 and above and are baptized Catholics.

In order to explain the way the preparation takes place, you are invited to attend an information session. This session will provide you with the opportunity to decide whether this is the right time for you to begin the preparation process for your child to receive the Sacraments.

There are two enquiry sessions to choose from:

1. Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. at Chisholm Primary School Collith Ave, Bligh Park
2. Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. at St Matthew's Catholic Church

An Enrolment Ceremony for those children whose parents wish them to commence the process for completion of Initiation will take place on the weekend of:

Sep 8 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday at 6.00 pm mass at St. Matthew's Church
Sep 9 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday at 9.00 am mass at St Matthew's Church
Sep 15 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday at 6.00 pm mass at St Matthew's Church

As a way of showing our appreciation, there will be a Commissioning/Blessing for all facilitators who will be involved in our Sacramental preparation. The date will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> September, Sunday at 9.00 am mass.

Dates for the remainder of the programme will be given to those parents who choose to enroll their children in the programme. There is a donation of \$35.00 administration fee, once you are ready to enroll your child. This fee will cover the books and resources which we will be using during the program.

We look forward to meeting you at one of the enquiry sessions. If you are unable to attend either session, it is essential you ring the Parish Office – 4577 3073 or alternatively please call me on 0415 682 183.

Kind regards,

Cita Adams  
Sacramental Coordinator

On behalf of Fr Robert William, Parish Priest







# Stage 3 Mini Fete

Friday 21st September

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Roll on up to this great event! Come along and support the Stage 3 students in raising money for the Year 6 Fun Day, Gift to the School and School Fund-raiser.

***All welcome including Parents/Guardians and Grandparents.***

The mini fete will be after the St Matthew's Feast Day Mass which starts at 9:00 am. The stalls that will be in the mini fete include the drink stall, the beauty/face painting stall, sponge the teacher, the games stall, the food stall, the water obstacle course, the craft stall, the lucky dip, the donut toss, the slime and squishy stall, the lolly stall, the photo booth and the disco.

**Dress:** Mufti Day

***Children should wear covered shoes which are flat, wear a hat, shirts & tops must have sleeves that covers the shoulders and arms. No singlet tops.***

**Price:** Free entry, stalls will incur an extra fee ranging from 50c to \$5.00.

**Looking forward to seeing you all there!**

## PRIVACY NOTICE

### Information required to determine the *Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage* (ICSEA) for schools

This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to advise you that ACARA has requested your child's school to provide ACARA with information about you and your child. Your school may disclose to ACARA information such as your child's gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, residential address, parental occupation and parental education.

This information is disclosed to ACARA under the *ACARA Act 2008* for one or both of the following purposes:

- formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance; and
- assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matters.

ACARA will not disclose this personal information to any third party. If you do not want your school to provide this information to ACARA, please advise your school within seven (7) days of receiving this notice.

Further information about ACARA can be obtained from the ACARA website at [www.acara.edu.au](http://www.acara.edu.au).

# Bishop Office

## Plenary 2020 Information and Training

Learn about the Australian Catholic Bishops Plenary Council's impact on you. Receive support to share the Plenary invitation with parish, friends and family.

- 20 September, 7pm-9.30pm, Parramatta Cathedral Hall
- 29 September, 10am-12.30pm, St Thomas Aquinas Springwood School Hall (168 Hawkesbury Rd)
- 29 September, 2pm-4.30pm, Emu Plains School Hall (17 Troy Street)

RSVP: [marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org](mailto:marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org) / 8838 3460 with date, time and parish/agency.

## Natural Fertility Services

"My husband and I opted for Natural Family Planning (NFP) after our first baby, we'd struggled with other means of fertility management prior to this. Since then, we've been shocked by just one thing, hardly anyone knows about it! Our educator has patiently guided us in learning, implementing and having confidence in ourselves. Best of all, NFP goes hand-in-hand with faith, as God's handiwork is on vibrant display in the human body. Beyond its practical benefits, NFP has revealed to us the astounding mechanisms that God has set in motion in our bodies to create life. NFP is family planning God's way". A couple in their 40's with two children.

To learn more about Natural Family Planning in the Diocese of Parramatta contact 02 8838 3460 or [nfs@parracatholic.org](mailto:nfs@parracatholic.org) or [catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org](mailto:catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org) and [www.parralmf.org.au/nfs](http://www.parralmf.org.au/nfs)

## Save the Date – Seminar for Couples Hoping to Conceive

Date: 11 November 2018. Waiting for Gabriel is an information afternoon. You'll hear testimonies and learn about natural options which assist fertility. For more information contact Natural Fertility Services, Diocese of Parramatta [catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org](mailto:catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org) 0400 427 605

## Lawn and Garden Services: Help CatholicCare to Help Disabled Workers

CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains (CatholicCare) is the diocesan social services organisation. Our Mamre Garden Services employed disabled people in a lawn and garden service lawns for both residential and commercial clients. The team of workers is supervised by our Garden Crew Supervisor. Each job is quoted separately and you will not be disappointed with the quality of the work. If you're interested in having your lawns and/or gardens serviced by CatholicCare or would like more information, please contact 02 8843 2500 or visit our website [www.ccss.org.au](http://www.ccss.org.au)

## RCIA: How it can grow your Parish's Faith Life

- Wednesday 12 September – Part 1
- Wednesday 19 September – Part 2

To be held at the IFM, 1-5 Marion St Blacktown from 7.00–9.00. To register contact the Office For Worship: [ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org](mailto:ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org) or 02 8838 3456.



## Liturgy Conference 2018

Date: 10 November 2018. Keynote Speaker: Fr Peter Williams Vicar General from the Diocese of Parramatta. Tickets are now on sale. For tickets and a full list of workshops go to [parracatholic.org/liturgyconference2018](http://parracatholic.org/liturgyconference2018). Cost \$30 - includes lunch.

## Bishop's Annual Appeal for Retired and Sick Priests: 2 September

There will be a special collection for the Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese – on Father's Day. Your donation helps them cover healthcare costs and expenses associated with everyday living, supplementing the pension that some receive. Please give generously this Father's Day Appeal. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Donations can be made here: <https://parracatholic.org/csf/>

## Children's Liturgy Workshop: 5 September

This workshop will be held at the IFM, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown from 7.30-9pm. To register contact the Office For Worship: [ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org](mailto:ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org) or 028838 3456. This is an important evening for all those assisting with Children's Liturgy in their Parish.

## Walking with Refugees: 8 September

Walking with refugees and people seeking protection: the Diocesan journey continues with a celebration lunch on 8 September from 11:45-2:30pm. To be held at Patrician Brothers, Blacktown. Come together to hear stories and share our stories and successes, learn about what's happening right now for refugees and people seeking protection and explore what we can do together over the next 12 months. For more information call the Social Justice Office on 02 8838 3458 or visit: <https://bit.ly/2nCTrWA>. The House of Welcome Asylum Seeker Social Enterprise are catering for this event Payment \$25 Cash on the day as a donation and to cover cost to House of Welcome.

## The Permanent Diaconate: 9 September

The discernment program for those who are interested in finding out more about this Vocation will be held at St John 23rd Parish, 160 Perfection Avenue, Stanhope Gardens 2768. Come and learn more about vocations to the Diaconate and have a chat with our team members. We are looking for men aged between 35 to 55 and residing in the Diocese of Parramatta. Our discernment program consists of five sessions, with each session dealing with different aspects of the Diaconate. The meetings will commence at 3.00pm until 6.00pm followed by the Parish Mass and Fellowship.

The 2018 dates on Sundays: 4 November

For further information visit [www.parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate](http://www.parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate) or please contact any of the following deacons: Deacon James – 0425 213 832, Deacon Tan – 0407 270 782, Deacon George – 0408 440 769

## Nigerian Mass in Igbo: 9 September

Rev Fr Chukwunonyerem Akamadu, Chaplain to the Nigerian Catholic community, will celebrate Mass at 12.30pm at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. Contact Fr Akamadu tel 0451 174 438, Stella Nwosu 0405 478 472.

## St Vincent de Paul DROUGHT APPEAL

Help support struggling rural communities facing tough drought conditions. Help individuals and communities across NSW in three ways:

- Provide immediate relief through food assistance and other household bill payments
- Fund the delivery of water and animal feed by partner organisations
- Organise social events for rural communities to come together and find support

Donations can be made by calling 13 18 12, [www.vinnies.org.au/drought](http://www.vinnies.org.au/drought) or at any local Vinnies Shop.

## Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service

Volunteers wanted – Finance Officer and Property Manager. The Diocese of Broome, Western Australia requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church in the Kimberley. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of six months. We are currently seeking volunteers for several parishes including Broome, Balgo, Kalumburu and Bidyadanga. For further details on how to be a part of this unique experience, and an application form, please contact Anneliese Rohr via 08 9192 1060 and [volunteers@broomedioocese.org](mailto:volunteers@broomedioocese.org) or visit Web: [www.broomedioocese.org](http://www.broomedioocese.org).

## Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse

This is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held May 26 – 31 2019. To request an application contact Anne by emailing [info@griegtograceaus.org.au](mailto:info@griegtograceaus.org.au) or phone 0478599241. For more information visit [www.griegtograce.org](http://www.griegtograce.org)

## Holy Hour for Vocations: 6 September

Families and youth (aged 18-35) are invited to join the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth for a Holy Hour of Prayer for Vocations from 7.00pm-8.00pm followed by a pizza supper. The Good Shepherd Church, 130-136 Hyatts Road, Plumpton. RSVP to Sr Paula on 0449 656 406, [vocationscsfn@gmail.com](mailto:vocationscsfn@gmail.com)

## Catalyst for Renewal: 7 September

Catalyst for Renewal Dinner - 7 September at 7.30pm, Villa Maria Parish Hall, Corner Mary St & Gladesville Rd, Hunters Hill. Speaker: John Allen. Topic: "Pope Francis and His Critics" – A Vatican Insiders View. Tickets \$60 ph. Reservations essential. For bookings, Phone 02 9990 7003 (Messagebank), Email: [catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au](mailto:catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au)

## Bethlehem College 100th Anniversary Luncheon: 8 September

All former students and staff of Bethlehem College, Ashfield, are warmly invited to attend the 100th Anniversary celebratory luncheon to be held at Sydney City Tattersalls Club, 194-204 Pitt Street, Sydney from midday on 8 September. For more information, please visit [www.bethlehemcollege.nsw.edu.au](http://www.bethlehemcollege.nsw.edu.au) or contact [bethlehemexstudents@gmail.com](mailto:bethlehemexstudents@gmail.com) or 0409 986 740 or 0414 841 395.

## Benedict's Tools for Peace: 8 September

This day of reflection will immerse you in the ancient wisdom of the Rule of St Benedict, who in his "little rule for beginners" provides practical tools for living a life of peace with oneself and the world. We invite you to come and explore Benedict's way to peace in a day of prayer and reflection. 8 September, 10am-3pm. Gold Coin Donation, Morning Tea provided, BYO Lunch. RSVP via [mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au](mailto:mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au) or 02 8752 5390.

## Catalyst for Renewal: 9 September

Catalyst for Renewal and The Grail are hosting the Rosemary Goldie Lecture with John Allen on 9 September from 2pm to 4pm at the Verebrugghen Hall at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, Macquarie Street, Sydney. Topic: "Pope Francis' Efforts for Reform and Implications for the Australian Church preparing for its Plenary Council. Tickets \$30ph. Bookings through TryBooking <https://www.trybooking.com/VZHF>, by phone 02 9990 7003 (Messagebank), email [catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au](mailto:catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au)

## Dad's Support Group: 11 September

D.A.D.S MyTime Group is a group aiming to connect fathers and other male carers of children with a disability, developmental delay, ASD or a chronic illness to a support network of other fathers, helping the whole family. This is a free, government funded service. 7pm – 9pm at St Margaret Mary's Parish Centre, 5 Chetwynd Rd, Merrylands. Call 0438 878 355 for more information or visit [playgroupnsw.org.au](http://playgroupnsw.org.au) or [mytime.net.au](http://mytime.net.au). Tea & Coffee provided.

## Jesuit Mission Indian Bazaar: 15 September

Everyone is welcome on Sat 15th September at St Ignatius' College, Riverview for the "Indian Bazaar". Come to the fundraiser which supports work for the Jesuit Mission. It is a fabulous day catering to young and old, (worth the drive to Lane Cove!). For more information, to order ride tickets, take away Curries, or other food go to [www.jesuitmission.org.au/indian-bazaar/](http://www.jesuitmission.org.au/indian-bazaar/)

## Faith Formation Retreat: 15 September

His Eminence Cardinal Mafi will lead the Faith Formation Retreat as hosted by Jesus Light of The World Communities on 15 September from 9am – 5pm at St Joseph's Parish Hall, Walz St, Rockdale, NSW. BYO Lunch, coffee and tea provided. Registration fee: \$30 per person and booking is essential. Call Helen for more information 0488 037 631.

## Healing Mass: 16 September

His Eminence Cardinal Mafi will lead the Healing Mass as hosted by Jesus Light of The World Communities on 16 September from 1.30pm - 5. Pm at St Joseph's Church, Walz St, Rockdale, NSW. Call Helen for more information 0488 037 631.

**For more events please go to:** <http://parracatholic.org/events/>

Peppercorn Children & Families

# Family Fun Day

**SATURDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER, 2018**

**SOUTH WINDSOR FAMILY CENTRE**

**10:00AM - 1:30PM**

This is an all weather event.

ALL  
WELCOME

Free

- **Mini Fire Truck Rides**
- **JAY PARRINO - ONE MAN BAND** as seen on Australia's Got Talent
- **Face Painting**
- **Donuts & Slushies**
- **NSW Fire & Rescue**
- **Plaster Painting**
- **FREE BBQ**
- **Mini Golf**
- **Showbags**
- **4 Ponies**
- **Jumping Castle**
- **NSW Police**
- **Tumbletown Play Centre**
- **Petting Zoo**



For More Information

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