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NEWSLETTER WEEK 9

22 June 2017

CALENDAR DATES TERM 2 & 3 2017

Jun 23 Fri	Athletics Carnival Tampin Field, Hobartville
Jun 26 Mon	NAIDOC WEEK 5c Challenge Assembly 2:45 pm Presented by Year 4
Jun 28 Wed	Mufti Day Scarf, Beanie, PJ's and slippers Gold coin donation and a tin of food
Jun 28 Wed	Dance Fever Performance 2:30 p m commencing with Kinder, Stage 1, Year 3, Year 4 & Stage 3
Jun 29 Thur	Stage 2 Boys & Girls Soccer 8:00 am Jamison Park, South Penrith
Jun 30 Fri	Sacred Heart Whole School Mass 9:45 am Farewell to Father Reggie
Jun 30 Fri	Musicorp makeup lesson
Jun 30 Fri	Last day of Term 2
July 17 Mon	First day of Term 3
July 18 Tue	Kindy excursion Calmsley Hill Year 1 excursion Long Neck Lagoon
July 19 Wed	School Photos

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It was wonderful to see so many parents over the past 2 days for their Student Led Conference. It was great to hear parents speaking so positively about their child's progress, so realistically about their child's challenges and so warmly about their child's teachers. I certainly welcome your feedback regarding any aspect of the parent teacher interviews, in particular the modification made to the Learning Behaviours in this year's report.

Parents and teachers are both vital and critical to the wellbeing and development of our children and we must always work together to make the most of children's learning and to nurture their talents.

It is especially encouraging to hear the support for our teachers by parents given that the workload of a teacher is often criticised by the media. The perception of a '9 to 3' day for our teachers is still present in many areas of the wider community. In comparison, our teachers at St Matthew's spend the '9 to 3' part of the day with the children, facilitating their learning. Countless hours aside from this time are then spent each day correcting and assessing the student's work (this term in particular has seen teachers meeting to analyse children's work samples, results and assessments against criteria linked to our syllabus to ensure a correct A-E achievement level) planning lessons, preparing resources, meeting with support teachers to discuss children's needs, professional development to continually improve the quality of their teaching, regular meetings with parents to discuss children's progress, school based professional learning meetings, presenting information evenings to parents, organising excursion opportunities, carnivals and many, many more. All this while, at the same time, juggling their own family lives and finding time for reflection and self renewal.

My appreciation and thanks to you as parents for your valuable role as the primary educators of your child and to the teachers, a dedicated team of professionals who give so generously of themselves, their skills and time.

Improving the learning outcomes for all children at St Matthew's is our core business. The children are our first priority. This is a great Catholic school that over many, many years has helped produce not just well educated students, but compassionate people who, because of their faith, confidently embrace a future with hope and joy. I am sure that you are as proud to be a part of this community as I am.

As we end Term 2, I would like to thank you for your support, enthusiasm and positive feedback throughout the term. It has certainly been an exciting time, filled with many examples of faith, fun and learning. For your attendance and support at events throughout the term, we thank you. Our action packed Term 2 included just to name a few, Anzac Day Celebrations, Reconciliation, First Communion, Mother's Day Celebrations, NAPLAN, Assemblies, major Church feasts including Feast of the Ascension, Pentecost, Feast of Corpus Christi, Feast of the Sacred Heart, Sport Days, Reading and EMU parent learning sessions, Masses and Liturgies, Athletics Carnival, Reports and Student Led Conferences. Working together is what continues to build our strong community.

Thank you for your continued support. It is in partnership that we can achieve great things for our children.

Peace and Best Wishes for a wonderful holiday break.

Tim Vane-Tempest,
Principal.

Target - 90%
average across the
school

Every Learner,
Every Day

**Attendance in the past
fortnight
88.2%**

School Photos

The new date for school photos is Wednesday 19th July. (Week 1 Term 3)

Enrolling Now for 2018

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

Scarf, Beanie, PJ's, Slippers Day



The call to active discipleship in our faith tradition is very strong and has been modelled to us by many including St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first saint. Growing in our children a sense of concern and awareness for those less fortunate leads us to be a more compassionate, accepting and open community and society.

Our fundraiser for the St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal and Hawkesbury Helping Hands will be held next week on Wednesday 28th June. Students are encouraged to wear a scarf and a beanie or pyjamas & slippers as part of their mufti dress. The cost for doing this is a gold coin donation and/or a tin of food. The coins will go directly to our local St. Vincent de Paul Society, whilst the tins of food will go the Hawkesbury Helping Hands to support local families this Winter. Supporting this event is part of the range of events that we run to support Social Justice initiatives in the school. The gold coin and tinned food donation should be brought to school on Wednesday and will be collected in class.

Dance Fever Concert

On Wednesday 28th June (Week 10), the students will perform the dances they have learnt this Term during Dance Fever lessons. The Dance Concert for parents will begin at 2:30pm in the COLA. We hope as many parents as possible will come and enjoy the concert.

TERM 2 SCHOOL FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE

Any unpaid Term 2 fees are now due.
Any family that is experiencing
financial difficulty is asked to
contact Stacey Roberts or make an appointment to
discuss with Tim Vane-Tempest.

School fees can be paid by BPAY/EFTPOS or cash at
the school office.

ST MATTHEW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 12 Tebbutt Street, Windsor



MASS TIMES

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

SUNDAY CHISHOLM PRIMARY MASS: 9.30am

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9.30-10.30am

Telephone: 4577 3073

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

NAIDOC WEEK ACTIVITIES



NAIDOC WEEK 2017 takes place from **July 2 – July 9**. As this is in the school holidays, St Matthew's has decided to celebrate it in Week 10 of this Term. We have a number of activities happening during the week, which are listed below for your information.

- Monday - Morning Prayer-9am
Coin line picture
Picture book reading and response through writing, artwork, etc.
- Tuesday - Students create Aboriginal Flag (K-2)
Picture book reading and response through writing, artwork, etc.
- Wednesday - Students create Torres Strait Island Flag (3-6)
Scarf and Beanie Day
(coin/can donation)
Picture book reading and response through writing, artwork, etc.
Dance Fever Concert 2:30pm
- Thursday - Visit from Uncle Greg - Welcome to Country
Smoking Ceremony
Cultural talk
Picture book reading and response through writing, artwork, etc.
- Friday - Mass 9:45am
(Farewell Fr Reggie)
Picture book reading and response through writing, artwork, etc.

During the holidays, there will be a number of activities for the community to take part in. Listed below are two events that may be of interest.

POP-UP LIBRARY & GALLERY @ NAIDOC CONCERT

On Sunday 9 July, we hope you'll visit us between 10am and 3pm at Richmond Park, where we are having a pop-up gallery and library as part of the Hawkesbury's [NAIDOC Week](#) celebrations. There'll be free stuff, giant games, art activities and badge making as we celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements, and recognise the contributions

that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society.

Richmond Park, 180 Windsor Street, Richmond

FREE – all welcome.

Astronomy Night

Date: 15 July

Event name: Public Astronomy Night – The Living Traditions of Aboriginal Astronomy and Navigation - NAIDOC WEEK – SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER, Professor Ray Norris

Event details:

Aboriginal people have studied Australian skies for thousands of years, seeking to understand the sky and their place in it, as well as using it for practical purposes like calendars and navigation.

While some languages and cultures have sadly passed away, others still live, and are even being rejuvenated. We are fortunate that there are elders who can still recount this ancient knowledge in their traditional songs and stories. Includes presentation, short 3D movie, tour of the dome area and viewing of the night sky through a range of telescopes (weather permitting).

Time: 7pm – 9pm

Venue Address: Penrith Observatory (Building AO), Western Sydney University, Werrington North campus, Great Western Highway, Werrington

Contact phone or website for public enquiries and bookings:

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/observatorypenrith/penrith_observatory/whats_on

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

Student of the Week

Kinder	Chloe Baffo - For a great start to Narrative writing. Chantelle Zammit - For excellent effort in independent and group reading Pierce Reeve - For a great start to Narrative writing, attempting to spell harder words. Jetsun Gregory - For his great effort in Volume and Capacity investigations.
Year 1	Ava Cook - For consistently striving to do her best in all learning areas. Well done Jorja Eather - For becoming a more independent writer, well done. Sophia Coles - For striving to read fluently in guided reading, well done. Natanja Zambrano-Chung - For the positive attitude she applies in all learning areas, well done!
Year 2	Monique Portelli – For being a responsible and respectful class member and continued effort to her learning. Cameron Cwojdzinski - For excellent focus and using great reading strategies in reading groups. Connor Sharp - For excellent focus and using great reading strategies in reading groups. Kate Xie - For excellent focus and using great reading strategies in reading groups.
Year 3	No student of the week due to public holiday
Year 4	No student of the week due to public holiday
Stage 3 Blue	No student of the week due to public holiday
Stage 3 Gold	No student of the week due to public holiday
Stage 3 White	No student of the week due to public holiday

SPORTS NEWS



Good luck to the Stage 3 Boys at their Soccer Gala Day today! Best of luck to our Stage 2 Boys and Girls Soccer teams who will be playing next Thursday June 29th at Jamieson Park, Penrith.

The Athletics Carnival is now being held tomorrow June 23 at Tamplin Fields, Hobartville. Just a reminder to 800 m competitors you need to arrive at the venue by 8:45 am at the latest. All other students will meet at St Matthew's and transfer to the field via BUS.

Congratulations to Holly McKay on her achievements at the MacKillop Cross Country day last Friday. Holly finished off in the top 30 out of 70 girls. Well Done!!

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!



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SMS 0409 745 645 for a call back or visit

www.go4fun.com.au



Health
Nepean Blue Mountains
Local Health District

Greetings St Matthew's School Community!

Where did Term Two go? There have been many opportunities to come together as a faith community, with our students displaying reverence and respect.

Last Tuesday, our school and parish had a very special opportunity to host the pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima. The church was open all day until 6.30 p.m. with the statue of Our Lady of Fatima available to our students, parents and parishioners. Our students had the opportunity to learn more about the three children who witnessed the apparitions of Our Lady, one hundred years ago. Thank you to all the parents who came and joined us in prayer.

Next week, St Matthew's School will be celebrating NAIDOC Week. It is an opportunity to celebrate the gifts, culture, achievements and contributions of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. There are many activities planned during the week for our students to learn about and appreciate the Aboriginal culture.

Due to the Athletics Carnival on Friday- the Feast of the Sacred Heart, there will be no school Mass on that day. Fortunately, we have moved this Mass to the following Friday, the 30th of June. It will be a celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart, NAIDOC Week and saying farewell to Fr. Reggie. This Mass will be at 9.45 a.m. after the Parish Mass.

We would like to say farewell and thank you to Fr. Reggie for everything he has done for our school and parish community. We wish Fr. Reggie all the best as he takes up his new appointment as Parish Administrator at St. Monica's, North Parramatta.

We would like to welcome our new Parish Priest, Fr. Robert to our school and parish. We are very grateful to have Fr. Robert back again to lead us in our faith and help us grow stronger as a community.

Voices From The Classrooms

Social Justice

Next Wednesday is "Scarf and Beanie" day. This is an opportunity for our school community to help others less fortunate than us. Just bring in a gold coin and/or a can of food and your child can wear their scarf and beanie to school. The money will go to St Vincent de Paul and the food will go to the Hawkesbury Helping Hands. Thank you for your generosity.

Our school veggie garden is starting to produce vegetables and herbs! These will be donated to the local Soup Kitchen in Windsor.

Have a safe and happy holiday! God Bless!

Ann Climpson

Jesus in our hearts – Forever!

Our Lady of Fatima – Pray For Us.

Dates to remember-

Sacred Heart School Mass- Friday, 30th of June at 9.45 am.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



St Matthew's Primary School 5 Cent Challenge



Stage 3 will be holding a 5 cent challenge to help us fundraise for our Mini Fete in Term 3 which will raise money for the school as well as the Year 6 Fun Day.

What Is The 5c Challenge?

The 5c Challenge encourages students to collect as many 5c pieces as they can find lying around the house, in the car, fallen between the seats in the lounge etc (With Parent/Guardian Permission)

We ask that the students collect the 5 cent coins at home and bring them in on Monday 26th June 2017.

On Monday 26th June 2017 we will be having a longest line challenge at 10:40am, where each class will make a line of 5 cent coins. The Year with the longest 5 cent coin chain will receive an Ice Cream Party at the end of Week 10!



Catholic Education Office

Light Up St Pat's joins the Winter Light Festival

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

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

Bishop Office

Catholic Youth Parramatta (CYP) LIFTED Retreat: July 21-23

'Made for Greatness'

In its third year, the annual LIFTED Retreat is an opportunity for young adults 18+ to gather for a weekend at the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale. This year's theme "Made For Greatness" will encourage us to live our lives to the full with courage and joy in preparation for ACYF in December. Please go to www.facebook.com/catholicyouthparramatta for more details, or contact rdrum@parra.catholic.org.au

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

Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth – Discernment Retreat: 1 July

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite women aged between 18-35 to their Discernment Retreat involving reflections, prayers and a social gathering. Lunch will be provided. 1 July 2017 at 9:30am, Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP: Sr Paula by 28th June, email: vocationscsfn@gmail.com or mobile 0449 656 406.

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday: 2 July

2 July 2017 is Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday with the theme, "Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me". Resources have been developed by the National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council to assist Parishes and Schools to celebrate the gifts and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics to the Church in Australia. Resources can be found at: <http://www.natsicc.org.au/atsi-sunday-2017.html>

Sea Sunday Appeal: 9 July

Parishes are asked to support chaplains helping seafarers at ports and at sea. This year's theme is 'In the midst of the storm', highlighting the mental vulnerabilities of seafarers on the oceans. You can donate by posting a cheque to: Stella Maris Seafarers Centre, PO Box 368 Canberra ACT 2601 or via electronic banking to: BSB Number: 083-347; Account Number: 649 518 680, Account name: Stella Maris Seafarers Centre. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Nigerian Mass in Igbo: 9 July

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.

Also on 13 August, 10 September, 8 October, 12 November, 10 December

MGL Sisters Vocations Weekend 13-15 July

The Missionaries of God's Love Sisters are a new Australian group who dedicate their lives to helping people encounter the love of God. They invite young women who are open to praying about God's will for their lives to spend some time with them at their home in Sydney. This weekend provides the space to pray, as well as information about the MGL vision and way of life, their ministries and their individual stories. If interested, please contact the sisters: pattijo.mgl@gmail.com or 96268382

75th Jubilee of the Schoenstatt Family Movement - Sunday 16th July

On the 16th of July 1942 Father Kentenich together with Family man, Dr. Fritz Kühr founded the Schoenstatt Family Movement in the Dachau Concentration Camp. Come and join us to find out about the history, give thanks for the past and look forward to the future.

The 16th of July is Covenant Sunday. All are welcome.

11am Holy Mass followed by Family Fiesta (rego essential for catering purposes)

2pm Presentation 3pm Adoration and Renewal of the Covenant

3:30 Afternoon Tea <https://www.facebook.com/events/1430850330307339/>

Abraham Conference 2017: 16 July

The ABRAHAM CONFERENCE brings together Jews, Christians and Muslims to create connections, build relationships and discuss critical issues of importance to us all in a multicultural, multi-faith society. We each bring our own perspectives, together we are enriched and empowered to act on our shared values and beliefs. Sunday 16 July 2017, 2.00pm – 6.00pm at Parramatta Mission Fellowship Hall, Uniting Church in Australia, 119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta NSW 2150. Cost: \$20.00 [Concession: \$10.00 student/pensioner]. Register at Eventbrite: AbrahamConference2017.Eventbrite.com.au

ST Vincent Pallotti Scholarship: Applications now open

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offer scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. Applications close 17 July 2017.

Details and application: <http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

Shrine Time for Young Adults 18-35: 23 July

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.

Screening of The Sultan and the Saint: 29 July

The Australian premiere of a new film about the historic meeting between St Francis of Assisi and the Sultan of Egypt, Malik Al-Kamil, in the midst of the conflict of the Fifth Crusade, will take place on 29 July at Western Sydney University's Parramatta South Campus. More information and a trailer for the film can be found at: www.sultanandthesaintfilm.com

Tickets are \$10. Book at <https://sultansaintsydney.eventbrite.com.au>

The screening is being co-hosted by Diocese of Parramatta.

Christian Meditation Introduction & Renewal Day: 20 August

Presentations, Introduction to Christian Meditation, two periods of meditation, Eucharistic Celebration and information exchange. BYO picnic lunch – tea & coffee provided. Arrive 10am for 10.30am, concludes about 3pm. Books & CDs for sale. St Benedict's Monastery is at 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, tel (02) 9653 1159. Self-catering accommodation may be available in the monastery guest house. Contact Br Terry 0438 282 318. Inquiries: Ann Bergman (02) 9498 2625, anniebergman@hotmail.com or Ann Lomas (02) 9456 4775,

Greystanes Parish OLQP Social Group

Join us for a Tour of Cowra, 17th October to 20th October. Four fun filled days, includes three nights accommodation at Cowra Services Club Motel, self-guided tour and lunch, Japanese Garden, Cultural Centre Cowra, Wine tastings in Canowindra and more.

Cost: \$860 per person twin share (+\$198 single supplement).

Deposit: \$200 payable with booking. Balance by 1 August 2017.

Enquiries: Frances 9636-5548/ 0421 027 119.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)

Early Bird Registration

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

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

Here's how to register:

Student in our Catholic System – speak to your REC

Student in State School System – contact Catholic Youth Parramatta

Over 18 years of age – register as an individual

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

For all enquiries contact Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta, James Camden, 02 8838

3428, jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au

Volunteers for ACYF

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