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## NEWSLETTER

30th January 2014

### ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL FOCUS FOR WEEKS 1 & 2

"Everyone Belongs"

#### CALENDAR DATES TERM 1

Feb 4 Tues	Beginning of School Year Mass 10.00 am Followed by SRC Induction
Feb 5 Wed	Canteen opening today
Feb 6 Thurs	Swimming Carnival Stages 2 & 3
Feb 7 Fri	Assembly 9.00 am Parish Hall All welcome
Feb 11 Tues	Meet the Teachers evening 6.30 pm
Feb 13 Thur	Reflection Afternoon 2 pm in the Hall Everyone welcome
Feb 18 Tues	Mufti-day Father Arthur's Birthday Bring a \$2 coin
Feb 21 Fri	Assembly 9.00 am Parish Hall All welcome  Bush Dance 6.30 pm– 8.30 pm All welcome

Dear Parents and Students,

**Welcome** back to a new school year at St. Matthew's!

Everything has begun wonderfully well, new students, new teachers, new families, new opportunities....

**This year** we will be introducing you to many new ways of working together for our fabulous children and each other. The teachers are engaging with new technologies and other learnings to really further enhance student learning. In the words of our **Executive Director, Mr. Greg Whitby**, "It's about good teaching, Going Deeper!" This mantra will continue to be central to our work. The work we have done as a school and as a diocese to involve our school communities in learning makes best use of research and experience from local and around the globe. We are well positioned to ensure we are an outstanding educational environment for our very fortunate students.

**Bishop Anthony Fisher**, at our recent leadership day at Rosehill, called on our schools to deepen our Sacramental Life. This call we see the provision of many opportunities throughout the year to gather as a sacramental community and further our love of the sacraments.

**Meet The Teachers.** I have an invitation for you. Last year, through the great support of our parents, we were able to raise over \$8000 towards the cost of a new shade structure by holding a **Walkathon**. There is still a lot to do around the planning, costing, collaborating and fund-raising required to be able complete this project. Following the "Meet the Teachers" February 11<sup>th</sup> gathering commencing 6:30pm and concluding at 7:30pm, I invite you to join me and other parents to begin discussions about how we move forward with this project. I look forward to as many participants as possible joining us with as much of a range of expertise as possible.

Term Overviews are available via our school website for your information on your class this term.

The children have commenced brilliantly and this is shaping up as our best year ever!

#### Term Dates 2014

##### Term 1

January 29 - April 11

##### Term 2

April 28 - June 27

##### Term 3

July 14 - September 19

##### Term 4

October 7– 19 December

Kind regards,  
Stephen Dowd  
Principal

# STAFFING FOR 2014

<b>Principal</b>	Mr Stephen Dowd
<b>Assistant Principal</b>	Mrs Joanne Digwood
<b>Administration</b>	Mrs Sophia Babazogli
	Mrs Stacey Roberts
	Mrs Ruby McCulloch
<b>Kindergarten</b>	Mrs Victoria Cole
	Miss Michaela Cullen
<b>Year 1</b>	Miss Ally Trefoni
	Mrs Sue Cividin
<b>Year 2</b>	Miss Noreen Keane
	Mrs Fiona Baldock
	Mrs Joanne Digwood
<b>Year 3</b>	Miss Jessica Grima
	Mrs Annette Larnach
	Mr Brian Hafsteins
<b>Year 4</b>	Mrs Ann Climpson
<b>Year 5</b>	Mrs Anne Burke
<b>Year 6</b>	Mrs Rachael Usher
<b>Learning Support</b>	Mrs Mary Thornton
	Mrs Rhona Hughes
	Mrs Sue Venables
<b>Teachers Aid</b>	Mrs Kathy Richards
	Mrs Joanne Liso
<b>Language Teacher</b>	Hayley Flemming
<b>Sport Teacher</b>	Mr Brian Hafsteins
<b>Music Teacher</b>	Miss Kaylie Henry
<b>School Counsellor</b>	Mrs Bev Sherwin
<b>Grounds Keeper</b>	Mr Frank Comito

## Supervision in school grounds

School grounds are supervised from 8.30am until 9.00 am when school officially starts. It is important for parents to consult and make arrangements with Before & After School Care for supervision outside of these hours.

If children arrive after this time a late note available at the front office needs to be signed by the parent (not the child).

Lunch is from 11.00 am—11.45 am.

Recess is from 1.45 pm—2.15 pm.

The grounds are supervised during these times.

School is dismissed at 3.15pm.

## WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW FAMILIES

BUSH DANCE  
Friday 21st February  
6.30 pm-8.30 pm

Bring a blanket & chairs  
Fancy Dress  
Prizes for Best Dressed Boy & Girl



Sausage sizzle and  
Drinks for sale  
Raffles  
Lucky Dips  
Help Needed

### Canteen help needed for Bush Dance

Please let the office know if you are available to help in the canteen or on the BBQ.

**Many hands make light work.**

SWIMMING CARNIVAL  
Thursday 6th February  
Hawkesbury Oasis Pool, South Windsor



Year 2 students who will be turning 8 this year can attend if they are able to swim either 100 m, 50 m or 25 m competently without stopping. **All children in Stages 2 & 3 will all be attending the carnival regardless of their swimming ability.**

Full sports uniform (house colour shirt optional), enclosed shoes (thongs may be worn at the pool only), swim wear to be worn under sports uniform. Please ensure your child has appropriate sun and weather protection.

Recess, Lunch and plenty of water.

Parent volunteers are needed.

Uniform Shop  
Hours



Friday 8.30 am - 12 noon

Uniform orders can be placed at the front office or the form can be downloaded from the website.

Any uniform sales or enquiries, Ruby will be able to assist you on Fridays between the hours of 8.30 am & 12 noon.

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

CANTEEN WILL BE OPENING ON WEDNESDAY  
5TH FEBRUARY

The School Canteen operates Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Help Needed.

If you are interested in helping out please contact the front office.

*Peace be with you!*

*Greetings everyone!*

*Welcome back everyone to a vibrant and exciting 2014! We begin our school year with a School Mass on Tuesday 4th February at 10.00 am in the Church. We will be commissioning our students, leaders, parents and teachers. Please come and join us to make this a great start with Jesus Christ as our focus in all we do.*

*The dates for First Eucharist are on two Sundays - 18th & 25th May.  
Information will be following in the upcoming weeks.*

*Every first Sunday of every month at 9.00 am there will be a Family Mass. Children will be encouraged to be more involved in the Mass. What a great initiative!*

*On Sunday 6th April, there will be a School Parish Mass. Please come and enjoy a cuppa and something nice to eat after Mass. This is a great way to catch up with friends and family. More details later on in the term.*

### **MUFTI-DAY!!!**

*Yes! There is a mufti-day on Tuesday the 18th February to raise money for a special gift from the students for Fr. Arthur's Special Birthday. A \$2 donation would be much appreciated. Thank you for your generosity! We appreciate everything Fr Arthur does for us.*

### **INVITATION**

*Starting from Thursday 13th February, I will be holding a Reflection Afternoon in the Parish Hall at 2.00 pm. This will be an opportunity to pray, have discussions, laugh and learn about issues important and relevant to you and your families. Come along and check it out! All welcome! Bring your little ones! Afternoon tea available.*

*Hope everyone has a great week as well as a great year.  
We keep in our prayers all those who are sick and needing assistance of any kind.*

*The Gospel Reflection for this Sunday, the 2nd of February -*

*The Presentation of the Lord, will be going home to you tomorrow.*

*This will be a great opportunity to reflect on Scripture and pray together as a family.*



**Luke 2:30-45**

***The feast of the Presentation can happen every day if we wish it to. This is because when we pray, we are presenting ourselves before God. We meet God directly.***

***When Jesus tells us to pray always, he is inviting us to live out our lives with this awareness of God.  
Peace be with you.***

***God Bless,  
Ann Climpson***

# TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO CELEBRATE THEIR BIRTHDAY DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

<b>Kindy</b>	Bowen Carruthers	Emily Su	Jett Cotter
	Lucas Sheehy	Hannah Kent	Luka Layton
	Grace Dale		
<b>Year 1</b>	Coen Williams	Akshaya Gounder	Brianna-Anthea Mahlis
<b>Year 2</b>	Jack Isles	Daniel Muscat	Mitchell Cwojdzinski
<b>Year 3</b>	Kate Mitchell	Jye McDonald	Alixandria Paget
<b>Year 4</b>	Ellie Galea	Simon Hindy	Sophia Machin
<b>Year 5</b>	Nancey-Rose El Hendy	Madison Kirk	Victor Su
	Rebecca Robertson		
<b>Year 6</b>	Caitlin Millar	Shawnie-Beth Anderson	Noah Moncrieff

### Opening accounts for School Banking – great news!



School Banking accounts can now be opened at any Commonwealth Bank branch. You no longer need to complete application forms and return them to school. Just go into any branch and ask to open a Youthsaver account for School Banking.

Remember to take in identification for you and your child (such as drivers license and birth certificate), you will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book on the spot and be able to start banking on the next business day – it is that easy!

If you are a Commonwealth Bank customer with NetBank you have the option to open the account online as well! When your child makes their first deposit they will get their first token and our school will also receive \$5 commission. Thank you for supporting our school and teaching your child good savings skills.

**Monday is now our School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.**