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Newsletter

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ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL FOCUS FOR WEEKS 9 & 10

"We respect ourselves & others"

CALENDAR DATES TERM 3

Sept 12 Wed	SRC Visit to Parliament House, Sydney
Sept 20 Thur	Assembly 2.40 pm Stage 1 to role play St, Matthew's Story
Sept 21 Fri	St. Matthew's Feast Day Andrew Chinn Concert 2.15 pm under the COLA
Sept 21 Fri	Last day of term
Oct 8 Mon	<u>Staff Development Day</u>
Oct 9 Tue	Term 4 commences
Oct 17 Wed	Kinder Excursion Calmsley Hill Farm
Oct 18 Thur	Walk-a-thon 9.15am - 11.45 am Sausage sizzle lunch/picnic lunch
Oct 24 Wed	School Photos- Full summer uniform

Dear Parents

Weeks 7 & 8 In Review

Bishop Anthony visits St Matthew's: The Bishop of Parramatta, Most Rev Anthony Fisher's visit to the school as part of the St Matthew' Parish visitation was a highlight. On Thursday, Week 7 Bishop Anthony joined the staff for afternoon tea followed by a school assembly where he was able to enjoy the talents of our stage 2 and 3 choir as well as address the children and field questions. When asked what the highpoints and challenges of his role were, Bishop Anthony spoke of how he loved his role of Priest in bringing people closer to God everyday and how his greatest challenge was the lack of time in the day to pack in everything he wanted to do. He spoke of the challenge for all of us to live lives that bring us closer to God. In Bishop Anthony's homily at the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday evening he reminded us of the many gifts we receive from God. In return we need to use these gifts to be sharing our faith with others, not only in words but also in deeds.

Bishop Anthony's visit is a wonderful opportunity to remind us that this is the 'Year of Grace'. Our challenge is to take every opportunity to strengthen our relationship with God and to live our lives in such a way that we reflect His love - through our kindness, our gentle voices, our concern for others, our service to others and through prayer. If we are on heightened alert to God's grace in our daily lives, if we extend a helping hand to those in need, if we see the face of God in each other and in our wider community, then we are 'walking the talk' of our Faith.

Primary Voices - Choral Celebration 2012: Last Thursday, in Week 8, the combined strength of the stage 2 and 3 children with approximately 300 other voices from five other Catholic primary schools highlighted the adage 'Together, we achieve more!'. Parents and friends were entertained with a thrilling soundscape, often to the accompaniment of military precision movement. The songs ranged from 'Let's All Sing Together' to 'Crazy Frog'. St Matthew's belted out 'Can't Stop The Music' to thunderous applause! With every such performance, we must not forget the hours of preparation, practice and more practice. I heard the frustrations of teachers, "We won't be ready in time", and the skepticism of some students who needed extra coaxing to see the big picture but what a lesson in life! Great performances need everyone on board, need everyone to think that what they do is crucial to the whole group, that practice does make perfect and nothing in life comes easy; we all have to work hard for excellence. I asked students afterwards about their performance and all stated that to stand together with such a large group and perform in front of such a large audience was daunting however hugely empowering. They were overawed by the sound that they generated. Congratulations to all those involved including our loyal support team of roadies (parents who arrived early to sustain and encourage the children). A special mention to Miss Trefoni who excelled as conductor for our school's solo performance!



All students are to return on
9 October 2012
Term 4
in full summer uniform

My best wishes to you all for a safe and happy holiday.

God's blessings
Rosemary von Keisenberg

Cyber safety

We would like to make an important reminder to parents of the significance of restrictions to internet access for our students at home.

Many students now have online homework tasks, which are a great way to build information and technology skills. We know that children, more than ever, have access to computers, ipads and ipods, all of which can be used to make great learning gains but can also be used inappropriately.

Above all else, parents are the key individuals to monitor their child's internet access and appropriate modifications to computer settings and vigilance are our best defenses against unsafe internet behaviours at home.

Below is a government website that promotes 'cyber safety' and ensures that what we, as adults, set up appropriate and monitored internet access for our children.

<http://www.cybersmart.gov.au>

Aimee McGee

ITech Coordinator/Acting Assistant Principal

Discover Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta in September

See Mercy values in action at our next College Open Morning Tour on Friday September 21, 2012. The College is now enrolling for 2014 and there are limited vacancies for 2013.

LOST AND FOUND

Found a pair of child's reading glasses. Red colour.

Please contact the office.



STAFF DEVELOPMENT
DAY
MONDAY 8TH OCTOBER

Andrew Chinn Concert

On **Friday 21st September**, Australian religious songwriter and singer, Andrew Chinn, will be visiting our school to share his songs with our children. Andrew's songs, such as "These Hands", "Rainbow" and "Together As One" are used in classrooms and liturgies around Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada .

Parents/parishioners are warmly invited to be a part of the celebration of faith and fun. There is no charge for adults.

The concert will take place under the COLA, at 2.15 pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Andrew Chinn: Biography

Was a teacher for 20 years in Catholic schools in Sydney, taught all grades from kindergarten to Year 6 (was a kindergarten teacher for two years)

Song writing since 1993

Has released 8 CDs, "These Hands", "This Day", "Wherever I Go", "Many Roads, One Journey", "Under Your Star", "Let Your Light Shine", "Together As One", and "People Of Peace"

His music in Catholic schools across Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada

Best-known songs are These Hands, Together As One, Rainbow, In the Beginning, and Shine Among Them.

Has 4 DVDs, called "Hearts and Hands", "Come Dance With Me", "Together As One" and "In Your Footsteps"

Has 5 picture books, "In the Beginning", "I Am The River", "Rainbow" and "Under Your Star" and one based on the life of St Mary MacKillop released for Canonisation- Pope Benedict has a copy!

Lives in Bowral in the Southern Highlands of NSW, with wife, Bernadette, youngest daughter, Eleanor.

Music is full time work, visiting schools around Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada

What's happening in your class? Term 3 Weeks 9 & 10

Kinder Kindergarten thoroughly enjoyed the visit last week from Mr. Larnach. We have been learning about people in the community who help us, especially those who keep us safe. He shared with us the important jobs he does and the equipment he uses to keep important people in our community safe. We took lots of photos that we will be able to share with you soon! Kindergarten have also been learning about the special parts of our Church. We have also been looking at the significant parts inside St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta. We didn't need to go on an excursion there! We had a **virtual tour!** You can use the site link below to have a virtual tour of St. Patrick's Cathedral too!
<http://parramattacathedral.org/default.aspx>

Year 1 Year One have been busy learning about & appreciating the wonders of God's creation. We have loved using our 5 senses to investigate our world. We have also enjoyed our Science unit—experimenting with different foods and observing their changing states. We think it's time to put on our imaginary white lab coats once again and continue on our experiment journey. Watch out chocolate! You're next!

Year 2 Year 2 had an amazing time on their aquarium adventure. It was wonderful to see so many of the plants and animals we had been learning about in real life. Well done to the beautifully behaved Year Two children who were great ambassadors for our School. A big shout-out to our fabulous parent helpers who made the excursion much easier! Check out the school edu blogs website (www.stmatthewswindsor.edublogs.org) to see pictures of our excursion and to also view our spectacularly persuasive debate performances!

Stage 2 All of Stage 2 have been busy making models of landscapes to show water erosion. We really enjoyed being geologists for a couple of hours. We have nearly finished our HSIE Olympic tasks - they are looking spectacular and we are looking forward to presenting them.

Stage 3 What a great time we had at the Captivate Concert. We sang, we grooved and we moved! Miss Trefoni did a fantastic job conducting us in "You can't stop the Music". Stage 3 you were and still are AMAZING!!

R.E News

Term 3 is quickly coming to a close but there are still so many wonderful events ahead of us. Last night, Wednesday 12th at 7.30 pm in the Church Madelin & Alison Rose were baptised and Harrison Rose, Brooke and Josh Donaldson will be received into the Catholic Church.

Next Wednesday 19th September at 7.30 pm, Chloe, Georgia and Olivia Keegan and Maxx Dodds will be received into the Catholic Church. Additionally, Morgan and Hughen Flint, Coen, Clio and Zia Williams, Isabella Stanford, Sienna and Matthew Simpson, Alexis Atkinson (Hart), Isabella Matthews, Charlie, Shawnie-Beth and Tahnaya Anderson, Bronte, Lucas & Mikenzie Leydon, Benjamin and Paige Power will be baptised. Another big thank you goes to Mrs Joyce Anderson for making all the beautiful white stoles for our children in the Baptism Program.

Thank you Sr. Antoinette and Mrs Annette Larnach for running the Baptism Program at St. Matthew's. Your hard work and dedication is appreciated.

We pray for all these children and their families. You are most welcome to attend.



R.E News continued

On Friday the 21st of September, (last day of term) we are celebrating St. Matthew's Feast Day with a concert by Andrew Chinn. Parents are invited to attend the Whole School Concert at 2.15 pm.

Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. (2 Peter 1:2)

God Bless
Ann Climpson



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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

Kindy	Brooke Donaldson	Chanel Refalo	Logan McCabe
Year 1	Marianna Palazzolo		
Year 2	Bronagh Miskelly	Annalise Dimech	
Year 3	Olivia keegan	Madison Lewis	
Year 4	Holly Higginson	Klaudia Prasnicky	
Year 5	Isabella Daley		
Year 6	Caitlin Brown	Rebecca Kos	Cameron Vella
	Caitlin Toth		

Student of the Week



Kinder	<i>Alexis Hart</i> <i>Crystal Murray</i> <i>Sienna Millar</i> <i>Daniel Muscat</i>	For demonstrating and sharing her strategies when using her bead string in Mathematics. For showing respect to her classmates by being an excellent listener during news. For her engaging news presentation this week on her favourite poem. For his overall improvement in all class activities.
Year 1	<i>Bethany Artz</i> <i>Jordan Bezzina</i> <i>Kiera Gaul</i> <i>Isabella Matthews</i> <i>Bronte Naylor</i> <i>Natalia Tabone</i> <i>Caitlin Steer</i> <i>Tatiarna Valente</i> <i>Beau Price</i>	For being a positive role model & group leader. For being a positive role model & group leader. Working well & sharing ideas with others. For putting 100% effort into her school work. For putting 100% effort into her school work. For putting 100% effort into her school work. For an enthusiastic approach to all her work. For an enthusiastic approach to all her work. For being an encouraging friend & role model.
Year 2	<i>No students</i>	On excursion.
Year 3	<i>Captivate Stars</i>	For their wonderful performance.
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Year 5	<i>Captivate Stars</i>	A great performance.
Year 6	<i>Captivate Stars</i>	A great performance.

CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 3 & TERM 4

WEDNESDAY SEPT 12

Samantha Naylor
Ivana Katinic

THURSDAY SEPT 13

Cheryl Crozier
Ros Brassil

FRIDAY SEPT 14

Peta Atkins
Lisa Bugeja

WEDNESDAY SEPT 19

Lisa Toth
Suzy Calder

THURSDAY SEPT 20

Kylie Gaul
Annette Vella

FRIDAY SEPT 21

Dana Bobart
Josephine Muscat
Natalie Miskelly

WEDNESDAY OCT 10

Sandra Mitchell
Brigitta Galea

THURSDAY OCT 11

Natalie Miskelly
Fiona O'Neill

FRIDAY OCT 12

Josephine Muscat
Laura Murphy

WEDNESDAY OCT 17

Lisa Toth
Suzy Calder

THURSDAY OCT 18

Cheryl Crozier
Ros Brassil

FRIDAY OCT 19

Lisa Bugeja
Dana Bobart



catholic out of school hours care

11th September, 2012

Dear Parents and Carers,

St Matthew's Primary School: Pupil Free Day

As families are aware, Monday 8th October, 2012 is a Pupil Free Day at St Matthew's Primary School. Catholic out of School Hours Care St Mathew's is able to offer limited places for care on this day. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, with priority given to families already enrolled at the service.

Opening Times: 6.45am to 6:30pm

Flat Fee: \$45.00 per child for the day, prior to Child Care Benefit deductions. Families that already attend COSHC on Mondays will have their regular fee deducted from the \$45.00 fee.

How to secure a position for Monday 8th October, 2012

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 6:00pm on Wednesday 26th September, 2012.

Please note: A minimum number of enrolments on 8th October, 2012 will be required for all day care to proceed – if this number is not reached, care will not be available.

Further enquires are to be directed to the COSHC Supervisor on 0418 170 921 or COSHCStMatthews@parra.catholic.edu.au



PUPIL FREE DAY REQUEST FORM – MONDAY 8th OCTOBER, 2012

I will require all day care on the Pupil Free Day, Monday 8th October, 2012 at COSHC St Matthew's. I accept that if I book all day care for my children and do not attend on the day, the all day fee will still apply.

Child's Name: _____ School Class: _____

Parent / Carer Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

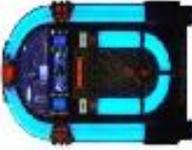
I am new to Catholic Out of School Hours Care. Please send me an enrolment form.



catholic out of school hours care

St Matthew's Spring Vacation Care Program 2012

For Vacation Care enquiries:
COSHC St Matthew's
0418 170 921
COSHCStMatthewsWindsor@parra.catholic.edu.au

<p>Monday 24 September Spring Festival It's time for spring planting. Make your own special garden, create a scarecrow, play games enjoy a dancing competition and cook up a storm.</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">\$45.00</p>	<p>Tuesday 25 September Australian Pioneer Village Step back in time; imagine life without electricity, mobile phones, Wi-Fi and DS. As you learn how hot metal can be manipulated into various shapes, look at historical buildings, while taking a leisurely ride around the village on a horse and sulky.</p>  <p>Leaving centre at 8.30am \$60.00</p>	<p>Wednesday 26 September Puppetry Workshop Learn how to be a fabulous puppeteer. Create your own puppets out of socks, felt, paper, wool, feathers, pom poms, foam balls and gloves. Then afterwards put on your very own puppet show.</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">\$45.00</p>	<p>Thursday 27 September Master Chef The race is on! All children will be put into groups: given mystery ingredients to cook up something special share with each other. Prizes will be handed out for group who can make a creative tasty meal.</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">\$45.00</p>	<p>Friday 28 September Pyjama Disco Day Come dressed in your Pyjamas and dance the day away with a disco & Karaoke Enjoy a party lunch provided on the day.</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">Lunch provided \$45.00</p>
<p>Monday 1 October Public Holiday</p> 	<p>Tuesday 2 October Octoberfest Celebrate Germany's biggest event of the year. Which started in 1810 with the wedding of Crown Prince Ludwig. Decorate your own tables, enjoy dancing, donut eating contest, tug of war, make funny hats and eat sausages and apple cider for lunch.</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">Lunch Provided \$45.00</p>	<p>Wednesday 3 October Tic Tac's at Preston Come along and enjoy the fun, weave, duck, and climb over laser beams. Climb a 20ft tower, play mini golf in the dark or just enjoy playing on the play equipment.</p>  <p>Leaving centre at 8.30am Lunch provided \$60.00</p>	<p>Thursday 4 October Arty. Crafty. Cooking Day Enjoy a fun day of interacting in lots of different arts and craft. Design your own colorful kite to fly and twirl the day away with. While cooking up a storm for afternoon tea.</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">\$45.00</p>	<p>Friday 5 October Scavenger Hunt and BBQ Lunch Teams will be supplied with a list of things they must find in a set period of time. Lots of prizes to be won.</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">Lunch provided \$45.00</p>

SPECIAL OFFER

Performing Arts Holiday Programmes

Wednesday October 3 and Thursday October 4

Looking for something exciting to do these holidays?
Do you like singing, acting and dancing?

Get involved, meet **new** friends and build confidence **with** our fun holiday programmes!

Performing Arts for Kids

Kindergarten & Grade 1
Epping West Public School
9.30am to 4.30pm
Normal Rate: \$165
Diocese of Parramatta Students: \$155

Now an all day programme!
Join us for two exciting days of singing, dancing, drama and craft.

Boys and girls make new friends and explore their creativity in a nurturing and fun environment.

Introduce your child to a fun, energetic approach to the performing arts and see their confidence grow!

Performing Arts Workshops

Grade 2 - 8
Epping West Public School
9.30am to 4.30pm
Normal Rate: \$165
Diocese of Parramatta Students: \$155

Boys and girls will participate and develop skills in a range of performing arts activities including:

<p><u>Drama</u></p> <p>Character development, improvisation, games and short plays</p>	<p><u>Singing</u></p> <p>Pop, music theatre and mic technique.</p>
<p><u>Dance</u></p> <p>Raw Energy Dance routines and performance development</p>	<p><u>Music</u></p> <p>Skill acquisition and creative development</p>

Please complete the registration form by Friday September 21 to guarantee a position

Confirmed details will be emailed/posted upon receipt of registration.
Ph: 9922 6733 www.aspagroup.com.au

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Go4Fun **Bligh Park** will be running in **Term 4, 2012**. Sessions will run every **Tuesday** and **Thursday** from **4pm** to **6pm** for nine weeks.

BOOK NOW! PLACES ARE LIMITED!

To register your family or for more information
Call: **1800 780 900**
Visit: au.mendcentral.org