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## Newsletter

11 October 2012

*ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL FOCUS FOR WEEKS 1 & 2*  
*"Everyone Belongs"*

### CALENDAR DATES TERM 4

Oct 17 Wed	Kinder Excursion Calmsley Hill Farm
Oct 18 Thurs	Walk-a-thon 9.15am - 11.45 am Sausage sizzle lunch/picnic lunch
Oct 19 Fri	Assembly
Oct 24 Wed	School Photos– Full summer uniform
Oct 30 Tue	Kinder Orientation A-M 9.00 am - 11.00 am
Oct 31 Wed	Music Corp Demonstration 10.30 am
Nov 1 Thurs	School/Parish Mass 9.05 am All Saints Day Kinder Orientation N– Z 9.00 am—11.00 am
Nov 2 Fri	Assembly All Souls Day Liturgy
Nov 6 Tue	Melbourne Cup Day Kinder information night 7.00 pm
Nov 8 Thurs.	Book Fair starts. Ends Nov 15.
Nov 9 Fri	Grandparents Day/Talent Quest Japanese Students visit

Dear Parents,

*God offers forgiveness. God forgives in the ever-renewed offer of a relationship with God. Karl Rahner*

Welcome to the final term of our 2012 school year. It is always alarming to see Christmas decorations already in the shops. We do, however, look forward to another term brimming with challenging and exciting learning opportunities for our students.

On Monday, St Matthew's staff joined the staff from Bede Polding, Chisholm and St Monica's and spent the day in spiritual renewal, very ably led by Father Walter Fogarty, parish priest from Richmond. The learning focus was the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In making the Sacrament, we are offered the opportunity to reflect on the areas of our lives where we have failed to be the people God has created us to be and to bring these failures to God in humility and confidence that God loves us. We enter a process of renewal of our baptismal dedication to the Christian life.

Father Walter reminded us that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a tool of healing, a sacrament of vitality, not of guilt and shame but is life giving. In John's gospel we are reminded of our challenge to be people of reconciliation: *Jesus said to (His disciples) again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."* ~ John 20:21-23. How we respond to one another as staff, to our students and to our community should promote God's mercy.

St Matthew's Walk-a-thon is fast approaching and will be held next Thursday 18 October. This is our major fundraising event of the year that could not happen without the support of so many. I wish to acknowledge those sponsors who have already pledged so generously to ensure the event is a success. Your efforts enable the school to upgrade equipment, resources and the learning environments for our students.

Thank you to those you have supported our young people of the Parramatta Diocese by selling the World Youth Day raffle tickets. If you missed out on listening to Bishop Anthony Fisher's World Youth Day message at last Sunday's mass, here is the link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8vE258BT1UQ>.

As we begin this new term we ask for God's blessings for our community of faith and we thank God for continuing to forgive us as we forgive others.

Rosemary von Keisenberg  
Acting Principal

## What's happening in your class? Term 4 Weeks 1 & 2

### Kinder

We warmly welcome all of the children back to Term 4 - their final term in Kindergarten. A big welcome back also to Mrs. Wright! We are busily preparing for our excursion in Week 2. We are really excited to visit the farm and to see where products come from and to find out how people care for animals. If a child has not returned their note, please return it as soon as possible. Kindergarten will commence written homework in Week 2. Children will still be taking home "home-readers" this week. Please note the information regarding "News" this term in the term overview.

### Year 1

Next week we welcome some new additions to the Year 1 classroom... Ducklings! As part of our 'Watch it Grow' programme, we will be receiving an incubator with duck eggs to observe and study over the next 2 weeks. We are excited to see the growth and change in these animals. Parents will be welcome to come and see our incubator and a letter will be sent home to let parents know what times the classroom will be open. This will be a great experience for not only our class but the entire family!

### Year 2

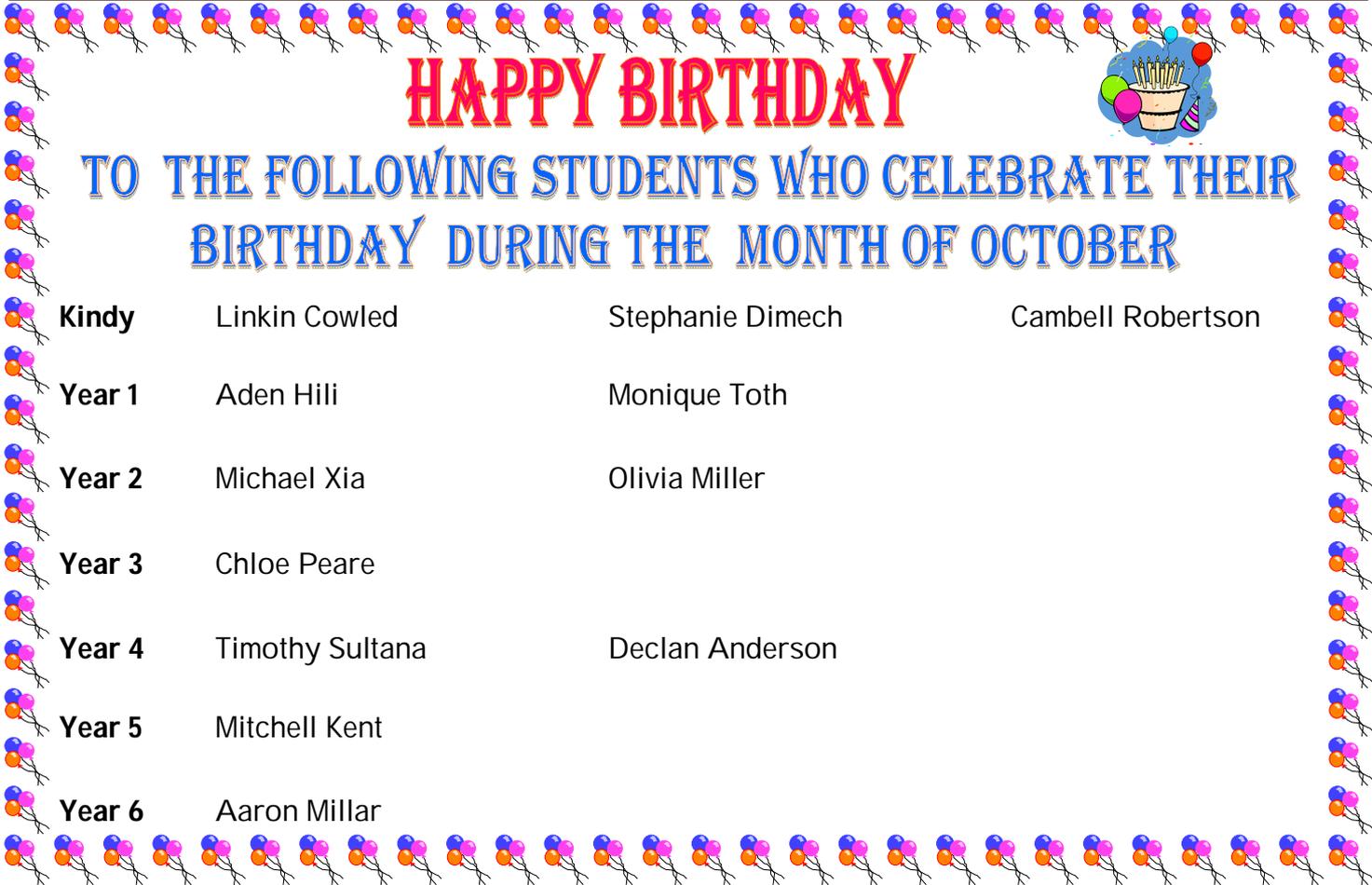
WOW! What a term full of fun learning we have ahead. This term we are planting tomato seedlings – hoping to make tomato sauce by Christmas! Each student has chosen to research a child from a particular overseas culture for HSIE and on Tuesday we made Cheesy Pastry Twists in our Procedure Writing lesson – Yum Yum!

### Stage 2

Term 4 is full of great surprises!! Year 3 Reconciliation, movie making (some movie stars may be born) and fitness through our Boot camp program. Looking forward to it!

### Stage 3

Last term for 2012! How the year has flown. Experiments, Asian culture studying, scrapbooking, talent quest, Year 6 graduation & Big Day Out, Walk-a-thon. What a great term ahead! We are excited.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

### **Kindy**

Linkin Cowled

Stephanie Dimech

Cambell Robertson

### **Year 1**

Aden Hilli

Monique Toth

### **Year 2**

Michael Xia

Olivia Miller

### **Year 3**

Chloe Peare

### **Year 4**

Timothy Sultana

Declan Anderson

### **Year 5**

Mitchell Kent

### **Year 6**

Aaron Millar

## R.E News

Welcome back everyone!

Hope everyone had a peaceful and safe holiday.

Congratulations to all the children who were Baptised and received into the Catholic Church last term.

We pray for these children and their families as they journey together in faith and with God's love.

St. Matthew's Feast Day (Friday the 21st of September) was celebrated in harmony with Andrew Chinn and our very talented St. Matthew's students.

The ice-blocks were also a hit! Thank you to all the parents who came along and joined in the fun.



You are invited to:-

**School/Parish Mass on Thursday 1st November - 9.05 am, for All Saints Day.**

**All Souls Day Liturgy at Assembly on Friday 2nd November.**

Did You Know?

St. Matthew - 21st September

*Matthew, also known as Levi, was a Jew who collected taxes for the Romans at Capernaum in Galilee. Here Jesus met him and called him to be an apostle (Luke 5:27-28). Venerated as the author of the gospel which highlights Jesus' role as Messiah and underlines the presence of the Kingdom of God in the Church. (The Liturgical Commission).*

*Jesus says, "Every good tree bears good fruit". Matthew 7:17.*

*Have a great week!*

*God Bless,*

*Ann Climpson.*

# Student of the Week



Kinder	<i>Sophia Ghantous Jackson Murphy William Jin Chanel Refalo</i>	For showing respect to her classmates consistently. For his fantastic improvements in reading. For his consistently high effort in writing. For her consistently high effort in reading.
Year 1	<i>Charlotte Layt Natalia Tabone Tatiarna Valente</i>	For being a kind and caring classmate. For putting 100% effort into all her work. For an enthusiastic approach to all her work.
Year 2	<i>Celeste Refalo Hughen Flint Ellie Galea Michaela Xerri Michael Xia Bronagh Miskelly</i>	For fantastic work in class. Doing great work in class. Great work in maths with 3D shapes. Enthusiastic participation in singing and movement. Great work in maths with 3 D shapes. Consistently doing great work in class.
Year 3	<i>Chloe Peare Adele Dagher Tara Galea Rebecca Robertson Lauren Galea Chloe Tyrrell Harrison Toth Ishaya Costa Hallie Smith Katelyn Vella</i>	Being a great group member. Doing great work in class. A great group leader. Enthusiastic poetry reading. Improving in reading groups. Enthusiastic writing. Great presentation in HSIE task. Enthusiasm in all subjects. Showing hard work in all subjects. Work improving in class.
Year 4	<i>Lewis Calabro Luke Zahra Tom Law Nathan Sammut Hamish Fisher Hannah Calder Lauren Scire Chloe Keegan Jorja Flewin Holly Higginson Caitlin Millar</i>	Great work in Religion & HSIE. Excellent work in Religion. Great results in class. Doing his best in all his work. Excellent efforts in class. Excellent work in Poetry. Always working hard in class. Working well in Religion. Always producing excellent work. Excellent improvement in her learning. Responsible learner in class.
Year 5	<i>Sherredan Stone Jayden Walbank</i>	Working hard in all areas. Working hard in class.
Year 6	<i>Alysse Andonian Ailish Robertson</i>	Working hard in Maths. For great presentation of all work.

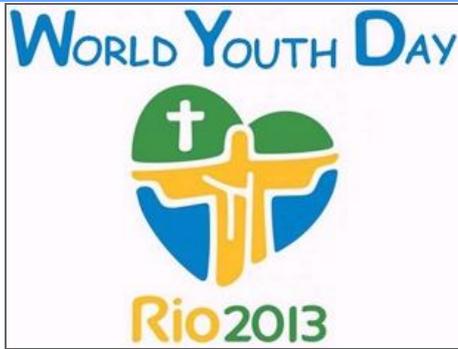
## CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 4

WEDNESDAY OCT 10	THURSDAY OCT 11	FRIDAY OCT 12
Sandra Mitchell	Natalie Miskelly	Josephine Muscat
Brigitta Galea	Fiona O'Neill	Laura Murphy
WEDNESDAY OCT 17	THURSDAY OCT 18	FRIDAY OCT 19
Lisa Toth	Cheryl Crozier	Lisa Bugeja
Suzy Calder	Ros Brassil	Dana Bobart
WEDNESDAY OCT 24	THURSDAY OCT 25	FRIDAY OCT 26
Kylie Gaul	<b>Help needed</b>	Rosanna Palazzolo
Ivana Katinic		Kim Cotter
WEDNESDAY OCT 31	THURSDAY NOV 1	FRIDAY NOV 2
Josephine Muscat	Fiona O'Neill	Ros Brassil
<b>Help needed</b>	<b>Help needed</b>	<b>Help needed</b>

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will take place on Wednesday 24th October in full summer uniform.

Please return photo envelopes by 12th October. If you require a family photo envelopes can be collected from the office.



### RAFFLE - 1st Prize Toyota Yaris

Each family recently received a book of tickets. If these could be returned by 19th October.

Any unsold raffle tickets also need to be returned to the school office.

### St. Matthew's Parish is holding a Mini-Fete on Sunday 25th November

They are holding a raffle for a Christmas hamper and would love any donations towards this raffle.

Donations can be left with the front office at the school.

Monies raised will go to repairs of our heritage Church.

## St Matthew's WALK-A-THON Thursday 18th October 2012

A number of prizes will be awarded:

- A prize for the class that raises the most money
- A prize for the student who raises the most money
- A prize for the top three families who raise the most money



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Go4Fun is a **FREE** nine week healthy lifestyle program for children to become fitter, healthier and happier. The program is fun and interactive and supports 7 - 13 year old children and their families to adopt a long lasting and healthy approach to living.

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**

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