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NEWSLETTER WEEKS 5 & 6 MAY 31 2012

ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL FOCUS FOR WEEKS 5 & 6
"Hands off keep us safe"

Dear Parents

Baptismal Program

Last Thursday, meetings were held for families who would like their children to be in a Baptismal program. This program is currently being developed and unique to St. Matthew's in our diocese. Some of our families have not yet taken the step of having their children Baptised because of a variety of personal reasons. What is fantastic is that many of our families relatively new to a Catholic community now see this as important for their children.

So far 27 children from our school community have come with their mums and dads to find out about the program. This is absolutely wonderful!

If you have not yet contacted us about your intention to be part of this program, please contact me. I would love to have anyone part of this program who would like their children baptised. Not being baptised does not necessarily exclude a child from Catholic Schooling. We would of course love all our children to be baptized so that they can more fully be members of our faith community. I look forward to any calls regarding any questions you may have.

Uniforms

Today I have notified Lowes that we will no longer be engaging them as our school uniform supplier. I have needed to do this after the issues that we have all been experiencing with the supply and quality of our uniforms.

I intend to draw from volunteers in the parent community to work with me in representing the uniform needs and vision of our families. I want us to make the decisions together moving forward.

If you would like to volunteer to be part of a small representative parent uniform committee, please alert our front office. A committee will then be convened to begin drawing together the community's opinions. I am not advocating changes to the uniform. I do feel it is vital to engage in a collaborative process over the way we as a community want to proceed.

Kind regards
Stephen Dowd
Principal

CALENDAR DATES TERM 2

June 1 Fri	Assembly 9.00am
June 3 Fri	Parish Mass Stage 2- 9.00am
June 11 Mon	Queens Birthday Public Holiday
June 15 Fri	Assembly 9.00am
June 22 Fri	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
June 28 Thurs	Athletics Carnival
June 29 Fri	Last day of Term 2

2013 ENROLMENTS

A reminder to parents who still have not completed an enrolment application for sibling/s attending school next year. We ask that you do this as a matter of urgency as the closing date is drawing near. Applications may be collected from the school office.

SCHOOL FEES

School fee statements have been issued and fees are due for payment by **12th June 2012**. If you have made payment thank you.

Should you be experiencing difficulty making payment or are unable to pay your school fees by the due date, please phone the school office and make an appointment for arrangements to be made for Payment of fees. Thank you.

FUNDRAISER FOR ST. MATTHEW'S

The 2012/2013 Entertainment book is being sold from the front office. Thank you to Jacqui Russell (Michaela Year 1).

Place your order as soon as possible as the savings commence from 1st June.

For only \$65 you'll receive over \$15,000 worth of valuable offers!

earn & learn

We are asking for parents support with the collecting of stickers from Woolworths when you do your weekly shopping.

Woolworths are offering some fantastic resources for our classrooms through this promotion.

If the person in front of you at the register doesn't want theirs ask if they mind can you have them.

We need as many as you can collect, the sticker cards are available at the office.

BOOK CLUB

All orders need to be in by **June 7** for processing.

Thank you for the support parents give to the school by purchasing books for their children, this enables us to receive books for the class rooms via bonuses.

Students of the Week



Kinder

Jack Austin - for his overall improvement in all class activities.

Sophie Stedman - for always participating enthusiastically in classroom discussions and showing her insightful ideas.

Mitchell L - for being a great technology problem solver.

Paige Power - for asking great questions to her peers during news. What a great listener.

Year 1

Isabella Matthews - for always working well at her desk.

Marianna Palazzolo - for always trying to do her best.

Eric Su - for being a great "Safety detective"

Tatiarna Valente—for writing a fantastic report on the Pteranodon

Year 2

Annalise Dimech - for being an amazing thinker in Modelled Reading.

Ellie Galea - for an outstanding effort in learning how to use the jump strategy in Mathematics.

Year 3

Marina Fenech - for being a responsible student.

Michelle Shan - for a great learner in class.

Kane Houston - for fantastic journal writing.

Year 4

Chloe Keegan - for her exceptional work in the class room and for being a good roll model.

Kristin Bugeja - for always participating in class

Stage 3

Bella Daley - for putting a great effort into all her work.

Mikayla Sharp - for a descriptive and creative story using her spelling words.

Sarah Sacca - for her enthusiasm in all learning experiences.

Elijah Putamorsi - for a descriptive and creative story using his spelling words.

R.E News

Greetings everyone.

On Sunday it was Pentecost Sunday. It also was the beginning of the "Year of Grace" that the Catholic Bishops of Australia have invited us to celebrate. A Year of Grace encourages us to deepen our faith through prayer, the Scriptures and responding to Jesus in our everyday lives.

St Matthew's school have invited parents who would like their child Baptised or welcomed into the Catholic church to be part of a Baptism program supported by the school faith community. This new program will support and encourage these children and their families on their faith journey.

We have been pleased by the very positive response.

For more information, do not hesitate to contact me or the Parish Office.

Exciting things to come - Prayer bags!

Have a great week.

God Bless

Ann Climpson



What's happening in your class? Term 2 Week 6

Kinder

Kindergarten have been eagerly excited to continue using their reading strategies during guided reading groups in our classroom. They are building their computer skills using the iPads and computers everyday during our literacy sessions. This week they are challenging themselves with our new math topic Fractions. They loved being able to share food in our classroom especially when they got to eat the food afterwards. In HSIE they have been learning all about how they have grown and changed from the time they were babies to now. They have enjoyed sharing their ideas on what they could do as a baby and what they can do now.

Year 1

Year 1 have been missing Mrs. McGee but have had a great time with Miss Cullen. We welcome our student teacher Miss Robertson, who will be working with us for the rest of the term. Congratulations to Jordyn Bezzina and family on the birth of a beautiful baby boy. Year 1 are learning how to write Information Reports on dinosaurs and made a lovely mural of hot air balloons for our Transport unit. We enjoyed our visit to Windsor Library on Tuesday where we made a mouse book mark. Mum and dad, don't forget we need to read our Premier Reading books each night- our goal is 40 books each.

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Volcanoes, earthquakes, tornadoes, tsunamis', heatwave! These are just some of the things we are studying. We can tell you plenty of facts about these and many more phenomenon's.

Skateboard, Bike and road safety is our priority in PDH. Not only do we have to be safe but we have to watch out for what others are doing on the road. Come and check out our room to see some great art work and read our narratives about Penguins in the Antarctic.

PS: We know how to find the area of 2D shapes, ask us how and we'll gladly tell you!!

CANTEEN ROSTER

WEDNESDAY JUNE 6

Samantha Naylor
Kylie McGill

THURSDAY JUNE 7

Cheryl Crozier
HELP NEEDED

FRIDAY JUNE 8

Rosanna Palozzolo
Kym Burton

WEDNESDAY JUNE 13

Sandra Mitchell
Brigitta Galea

THURSDAY JUNE 14

Mary Andonian
Kim Cotter

FRIDAY JUNE 15

Tylie Kerin
HELP NEEDED

WEDNESDAY JUNE 20

Samantha Naylor
HELP NEEDED

THURSDAY JUNE 21

HELP NEEDED

FRIDAY JUNE 22

Liza Tabone
Lisa Bugeja
Joanne Moore - 9 -11.30

WEDNESDAY JUNE 27

Lisa Toth
Suzy Calder

THURSDAY JUN 28

Sharon Allen
Louise Law

FRIDAY JUN 29

Dana Bobart
Josephine Muscat
Natalie Miskelly

URGENT NOTE RE CANTEEN

Our canteen is desperately in need of volunteers. It is becoming increasingly difficult to fill the roster, and it is now a possibility that the Canteen may not be able to operate permanently three days a week.

Please consider putting up your hand to help. Even a couple of hours a month would be a great help!

Contact Ros Brassil on 0419 745 146

Thank you very much for opportunity

We had a great day working in the canteen last Wednesday . All the children were polite and and very well behaved.

We enjoyed it so much that we may come and help again.

Thanks to Roz and Mary for showing us what goes on.

Geoff Kerin & Sean Cotter



Australian Government

Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

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