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Newsletter

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ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL FOCUS FOR WEEKS 7 & 8

"We are honest & fair"

CALENDAR DATES TERM 2

Aug 30 Thu	Bishop's visit 1.45 pm today
Aug 31 Fri	Fathers & Grandfathers Breakfast 7.30 am-9.00 am After Parish/School Mass 9.15am
Aug 31 Fri	Father's Day stall Gifts \$1 - \$6
Sep 6 Thu	Captivate Performance Yrs. 3-6 St. Dominic's College, Kingswood
Sept 7 Fri	Assembly 9.00am Yr. 2 Excursion Sydney Aquarium
Sept 14 Fri	SRC Visit to Parliament House, Sydney
Sept 21 Fri	Assembly 9.00 am
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	Term 4 commences Staff Development Day

Dear Parents

This week we are celebrating National Literacy and Numeracy Week. What a wonderful opportunity to have our parents and grandparents in the classrooms celebrating the learning with their children. To date, Kinder have shown us how to use bead strings to help them with number concepts, Year 1 demonstrated their understanding of ordinal numbers and the language of the Olympics in their most theatric staging of an Olympic ceremony, Year 2 argued most persuasively in their hotly debated topics on junk food, homework and pets and Stage 2 dealt the cards and calculated most keenly in card games as they practised their number facts. We look forward to Stage 3 showing that writing is across the curriculum as they plan their scientific procedural reports.

Staff Development Day: Last Friday the staff looked at the school's results of the Quality Catholic Schools Survey carried out earlier this year. The data informed us of our strengths and also of the opportunities for us to improve. An area identified that needs addressing is student behaviour. We worked on refining how best to assist our students to foster respectful relationships and to be responsible for their learning. We will use regular Classroom Meetings to raise issues that are of concern to the students. We will use the Monday morning assembly to set the scene for the new week of learning and play. The students will be reminded of the rules and expectations of respectful behaviour. This way, we as a staff continue to seek to be consistent in our high expectations of our students to act responsibly both in the classroom and in the playground.

Netball Gala Day: Congratulations to all the Stage 2 and 3 netballers who attended the Netball Gala Day last week. Our senior girls' team won their division and they will compete again at the Diocesan Gala Day next Tuesday. We wish them good luck. Congratulations to all of our players who were great St Matthew's ambassadors showing good sportsmanship at all times. Thank you to Miss Trefoni, Mrs Finch & Mr Gagan for their coaching of the teams at lunch times. Thank you to all the parents on the sideline who were so supportive and encouraging.

Father's Day: Take time to reflect on the important role dads play in their children's lives. Let Father's Day be an opportunity to show your appreciation of all that dads do for their families.

"A righteous man who walks in his integrity -How blessed are his sons after him."
Proverbs 20:7

God's blessings

Rosemary von Keisenberg

BOOK CLUB ISSUE 6 **ORDERS NEED TO BE RETURNED BY** **TUESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER**

FATHER'S DAY

Thank you to all the parents that helped wrap our presents for the Father's Day stall.

The Father's day stall will be held on Friday 31st August after Mass. Gifts \$1-\$6

We are looking for volunteers to help with the stall.



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 7 & 8

- Kinder** Kindergarten were so proud to share their bead strings with their parents. With a set at school and at home, Kindergarten will be able to demonstrate their mathematical skills anywhere. A note went home with each child with a variety of games that can be played with them. We are also counting down the days until Miss Ford's wedding!! We will keep practising "Mrs Wright" to make sure we remember Miss Ford's new name.
- Year 1** Year One enjoyed presenting to the Parents our "Olympic Medal Ceremony". Dressed in Ancient Olympic clothing we wowed the crowd with our knowledge!. If you missed out on our performance please visit www.stmatthewswindsor.edublogs.org where we will upload video in the coming week.
- Year 2** This week Year 2 presented their debates on homework, pets and junk food to rave reviews! The parents that visited our classroom to watch our performance for Literacy & Numeracy week were amazed at our public speaking skills and our dramatic use of gestures and tone. In fact we are in hot demand and are currently completing a school Tour! We have already performed for Year 3 and Stage 3 with future dates to be announced soon! We have begun a countdown for our Sydney Aquarium Excursion and there are only 8 days to go! (at the time of printing).
- Stage 2** Stage 2 are really excited about sport each week. OZ tag has been a hit! Year 4 have finished their Religious Literacy Projects and they have really excelled! Well done! Year 3 have been writing some beautiful prayers to Mary. Good work! All of Stage 2 are getting ready for Captivate. Excellent singing and dancing happening! We pray for our students who will be Baptised and being initiated into the Catholic Church. Check out our blog!
- Stage 3** Stage 3 have been fine tuning our musical skills ready for our Captivate performance at St. Dominics, Kingswood on 6th September. We are sounding pretty good!! We are finalizing our Premier Reading Challenge cards and are impressed with how many books we have all read. We are also enjoying having Mrs Moreira completing her teaching practicum with us. She has been teaching us many things, especially how to paint a scene from the goldfields. These paintings will amaze you! Maybe one of us will be the next Picasso or Pro Hart!

R.E News

Greetings everyone!

What an exciting week! We have been blessed with the visit of Bishop Anthony on Thursday and Mass on Friday.

Please keep in your prayers all our students celebrating their Confirmation on Thursday night. We pray for these young people and their families. A very big thank you!

Many thanks to Mrs Joyce Anderson for making 30 white Baptism stoles for our students receiving the Sacrament of Baptism and those being initiated into the Catholic Church. Thank you very much.

Happy Father's Day to all our dads and grandfathers at St. Matthew's.

May God bless you always!

God Bless

Ann Climpson





Grace is poured upon your lips; therefore God has blessed you forever. (Psalm 45:2)

The 'Year of Grace' is a time to be attentive to our relationships, healing hurts and breaking down barriers and divisions.

Ask: What are the ways in which you and your family express love for each other?

Ask: What are the challenges that you experience in your family relationships and how do you cope?

Ask: When are you most aware of God's presence in your family life?

LOST AND FOUND

Found a pair of child's reading glasses. Red colour.
Please contact the office.



WEDNESDAY AUG 29	THURSDAY AUG 30	FRIDAY AUG 31
Samantha Naylor Ivana Katanic	Sharon Allen Louise Law	Rosanna Palazzolo Kym Burton Ros Brassil
WEDNESDAY SEPT 5	THURSDAY SEPT 6	FRIDAY SEPT 7
Josephine Muscat Kylie Gaul	Brigitta Galea Rosanna Palazzolo	Mel Walbank Lynette Higginson Tylie Kerin
WEDNESDAY SEPT 12	THURSDAY SEPT 13	FRIDAY SEPT 14
Samantha Naylor Help needed	Cheryl Crozier Ros Brassil	Help needed Lisa Bugeja Joanne Moore 9-11.30
WEDNESDAY SEPT 19	THURSDAY SEPT 20	FRIDAY SEPT 21
Lisa Toth Suzy Calder	Kylie Gaul Annette Vella	Dana Bobart Josephine Muscat Natalie Miskelly



21st August
Netball gala day



Netball gala day!

Last Tuesday 40 children went to represent St Matthew's Catholic Primary School at a netball gala day. There were 5 teams that were chosen but we would like to thank you if you tried out, because Miss Trefoni couldn't pick everyone, even though she wanted to. All the teams did their personal best and even if they didn't come first or second they tried their hardest!

There were great results as the senior girls took out the 1st place prize while the senior boys came in close behind them in 3rd. In 5th place the junior boys came in trying their best. Last year the 10 year old girls came last but had a big turn around this year and came 2nd! We can't forget our littlies, the junior girls -coming in 3rd.

We would like to give a big thanks to all the people who helped out with coaching, setting up, cooking the BBQ or even just supporting us on the side lines. Your encouragement and assistance is greatly appreciated!

Thank you, everybody but especially Miss Trefoni for organizing the whole thing!

By Bethany Dimech

Last Tuesday students from St Matthew's were selected to attend the Penrith netball day. The 10 years girls, with the help of Mrs. Finch came 2nd. It was a great day out, playing my favourite sport for the entire day. We had a sausage sizzle with a popper and a packet of chips. I loved playing and helping shoot goals for my team because I'm not really a shooter. I was really happy with my team because, we didn't win a game last year and this year we only lost our first game against Chisholm, after that we were on a winning streak! When we played our second last game I was so, so, so exhausted but in the very last game I saw one of my friends from the Liz Ellis Netball Clinic which energized me. A big congratulations to our senior girls on winning every game, your talent was outstanding. Hopefully you will win next week at the championships!

Scarlett Putamorsi – Stage Three

Waiting and waiting with both palms sweating in the promises that I had just been picked to represent St Matthews. Waiting....waiting.....YES! I made it in!

On the 21st of August 2012 some children in St Matthew's were chosen by Miss Trefoni to represent our school in an exciting netball gala day. I was in the seniors team with Georgia Kegan, Sarah Peare, Erin Calder, Eloise Gagan, Rebecca Kos, Caitlin Brown and of course our coach Mr Gagan who guided us, put in a lot of time for us and kept us on track. Two weeks before we went to complete Georgia broke her ankle. This was very disappointing for our team though we were lucky enough to have Isabelle Touma join us.

The day finally arrived and we were all set to go. We had to set up the marque and get ready for our first game. Our first game started at 8:30am, the score was 13-0 our way. As the day continued to go on scores like this were beginning to become very common. It came down to the last game of the day- both teams were undefeated! The pressure was on, though I'm sure it's no surprise what the result was.

You guessed it- ST MATTHEWS SENIOR GIRLS TOOK THE MEDALS!OF COURSE!!!!

Thank you to the people that helped make the day a success. These people are: Miss Trefoni, (for getting us there), Mrs Finch, Mr Gagan, Mrs Peare, Mrs Hodges, Daniel Hodges Aunty and Mr Calabro, (for coaching us) Mrs Galea, Mr and Mrs Kos, (for cooking the sausages on the BBQ) and the Bede Polding umpires. Also thanks to Mr and Mrs Sharp for supplying us with the delicious sausages. Lastly, thanks to the children who took part in this event and tried so hard!

By Taryn Finch Stage 3

Netball gala day!

By Isabelle Touma stage 3

On Tuesday 21st 2012 St Matthew's had their netball gala day at Penrith. It was extremely fun and all the teams won games. There were parent helpers with us and we had Mr. Gagan coaching the senior girls and Mr Kos and Mrs. Galea helping to cook the sausages for our lunch. Mr Calabro coaching the elevens team and Dainel's mum and aunty coaching the senior boys. When teams were off they went to watch and cheer on the other teams. When the senior girls were off they went to cheer the senior boys. Then it came to lunch, which included sausages, a popper and a packet of chips. It was a busy day because the teams were on and off, back and forward. The end of the day was close and the senior girls were up to their last game and had great success. They won all their games and received a medal. What a great win for the end of the day!!

A BIG THANKS TO ALL THE PARENTS AND TEACHERS FOR HELPING TO SUPERVISE US!!

CONGRATULATION GIRLS!!!!!!!

Hawkesbury Nepean River Adventure

A chance to travel the River by house boat from Wisemans Ferry to Windsor.

Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th September 2012

Join us for a paddle, bushwalk and trip up the river.

Accommodation and food included – at no cost to you

If you are interested call Zhan on 0423 046 755 or zhan@ecoeducation.net.au

This is part of National Landcare Week – 3-9 Sept 2012 <http://www.hn.cma.nsw.gov.au/>

Notices from Catholic Education Office

Survey from UNDA

Principals and Career Advisers are requested to promote the following text via school newsletters, student/parent portals and email notifications as appropriate:

The opinions of Catholic Secondary School students in Years 11 and 12 are sought for research being conducted on behalf of The University of Notre Dame Australia.

All responses will remain anonymous. Comments and opinions will not be linked to any individual.

Year 11 and 12 students are kindly asked to complete the 15 minute online quantitative survey via <http://s.publiceye.com.au/display.php?s=771275e7a6b963187>

UCANN Parent Forum

The Understanding Children with Additional Needs Network (UCANN) invites parents and caregivers to attend a free parent forum to discuss ways to support your child's learning needs. The forum will be on Wednesday 12

September 7.00pm held at St Thomas Aquinas Primary, Springwood. For more information visit <http://bit.ly/MywmbU>
Anti-Poverty Week 14 to 20 October (ref 122/12)

Anti-Poverty Week this year will be held in the week 14 to 20 October.

Schools are encouraged to hold student events to mark Anti-Poverty Week 2012. These events can be school assemblies, sausage sizzles and other small fund raisers. The organisers of Anti-Poverty Week 2012 encourage schools to register their activities on the website: <http://www.antipovertyweek.org.au/tell-us-about-your-activity>.

The aim is not to raise money but to help students understand the causes and consequences of poverty and hardship around the world and in Australia.

For Catholic schools it is especially appropriate that teachers in each subject should draw to the attention of students the incidence and impact of poverty. In the attached memo is a graphic which dioceses and schools are encouraged to place on their websites to publicise Anti-Poverty Week.

Notices from Bishop's Office

Positions Vacant

1. Tribunal Interviewer: This is a full-time role with the Tribunal of the Catholic Church, Diocese of Parramatta. Tasks include interviewing people with regard to marriage annulment and case management. The position requires excellent communication skills, both written and verbal, for advising on marriage nullity cases and recording interviews, as well as a high level of computer skills. The highest level of confidentiality is essential. Interested persons should apply in writing to: Mrs Paula Kerr - Tribunal Director, PO Box 3006, North Parramatta, NSW, 1750. *Applications close on Friday 14 September. *Please mark the envelope "Application for Tribunal Interviewer".

2. Family Educators: Applications are invited for the position of Family Educator based in Catholic primary schools in Pagewood, Eastwood and Fairfield. To request an information pack go to www.ceosyd.catholic.edu.au and click on Employment, Positions Vacant, CEO Sydney, Family Educator Role. Applications close Friday 4 September. Details: meredith.lemos@ceosyd.catholic.edu.au

First Anniversary of Divine Mercy at Greystanes: 2 September

To celebrate the 1st anniversary of Devotion to Divine Mercy, Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish will host the relic of St Faustina, who encountered mystical experiences with Our Lord. The relic will be exposed and venerated during the Devotion and Mass. Program: 3pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Divine Mercy Chaplet; 3.30pm Celebration of the Holy Mass with celebrant: Fr Vincent Savarimuthu; 4.30pm Fellowship (please bring a plate to share with others).

11th Annual Diocesan Shopping Trip: 17 November

Fundraising this year for WYD Rio 2013 pilgrims to build Houses for the Poor in Peru, the annual shopping trip includes a bistro lunch and departs from Parramatta Stadium, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish at Seven Hills and Penrith Panthers. Visit 15 or more warehouses in the Sydney metro area on a shopping extravaganza. Cost: \$50 adults, \$40 concession, \$20 children. Bookings-essential: Virginia Knight – Catholic Outlook tel (02) 8838 3412, vknight@parra.catholic.org.au

Father's Day Appeal for Sick & Retired Priests: 1-2 September

Caring for those who cared – please give generously through your parish or the Clergy Support Foundation, PO Box 386, Glenbrook, NSW, 2773, tel (02) 4739 8928. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

Annual CCD Mass: 7 September

Annual Mass for Special Religious Educators and presentations to be followed by a light lunch. Principal celebrant: Bishop Anthony Fisher OP. Time: 10am. Where: St Patrick's Parish, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown.

Our Lady's Birthday Mass & Celebration: 8 September

All youth & young adults and their families are invited to take part as we celebrate the birthday of Our Lady. Principal celebrant: Bishop Anthony Fisher OP. Procession starts 11am, Mass at noon, followed by BYO lunch. Where: Mt Schoenstatt Marian Shrine, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Details: youth@parra.catholic.org.au

Our Lady of Penafraancia Triduum: 8 September

The third of the Triduum celebration of Novena & Mass. Time: 11am. Where: St Patrick's Church, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown.

Campion College Open Day: 8 September

To find out about what's on offer at Australia's only Liberal Arts College you are welcome to take a tour of the campus and meet with academic staff from 10am-noon, Mass at 9.30am. Campion College, 8-14 Austin Woodbury Plc, Old Toongabbie, tel (02) 9896 9300, info@campion.edu.au www.campion.edu.au

Theology on Tap: 10 September

Theology on Tap is a casual and relaxed forum where friends from all walks of life gather for straight talk, hard facts and real answers on the Catholic faith and how it applies to daily life. Come for a listen (and maybe a drink). Invite your friends, especially those wanting to learn more (or debate) about the Catholic faith. Fire off the questions you have never had the opportunity to ask. Guest speaker: Leah Darrow (US, Catholic Answers). Topic: Fashion Model to Role Model: America's Next Top Model turned Chastity Speaker. TOT is for young adults 18-35 years, no age range for priests/religious. Talk starts at 7pm with music from 6pm. Where: The Commercial Hotel, 2 Hassall St, Parramatta. Info: www.theologyontap.com.au

St Patrick's Cathedral Spring Fair: 15 September

Bring your family to the annual Spring Fair for a fun day out. Stalls include plants, white elephant, craft, books; for the kids: face painting & show bags, chocolate wheel, jumping castle; food: cakes & Devonshire teas, coffee, hot chips, BBQ, gelato, cold drinks. From 10am-4pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Cloister, 1 Marist Plc, Parramatta. Sponsored by Chris Timmins Funerals.

St Gabriel's Charity Golf Day: 17 September

Keen for a day of golf and/or to assist through sponsorship? In support of St Gabriel's School for students with hearing impairment and other special needs, Coleman Greig Lawyers, in conjunction with The Hills Shire Council, is holding its 16th Annual Charity Golf Day. Where: Riverside Oaks, Cattai. Details & Bookings: Ray Millers 0412 865 830, www.stgabriels.nsw.edu.au

Holy Hour for Vocations: 20 September

Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour for Vocations in St Patrick's Cathedral on the third Thursday of each month for an hour of adoration, prayer, music and quiet time. Time: 7pm. Where: Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Plc, Parramatta.