



St. Matt's Matters Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Yesterday you received your child's Semester 1 report and next week the student led conferences will be held for all classes. If you are yet to make a time to discuss your child's progress I urge to do so as your involvement in your child's learning sends a powerful message to them about the importance of their education. Information on how to book an interview time can located in this newsletter.

You might like to keep the following four tips in mind when reading your child's report:

1. Look for strengths first. Focus on the strengths and celebrate these areas.
2. Take into account your child's effort and attitude to learning. If the report indicates that effort needs attention, then they have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, speak to your child about how pleasing this is and how it has a positive impact on their learning.
3. Broaden your focus to form a picture of your child's progress as a member of a social setting. How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence their happiness and well-being.
4. Discuss the report with your son or daughter talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement. Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.

Students from Years 1 to 6 will receive a level of achievement in each Key Learning Area based on a scale described by the letters A-E. It is important to remember that the majority of students are expected to receive 'C' grades which indicate that they are achieving the expected outcomes. Students in Kindergarten will receive a level of achievement based on a scale: Working Towards, Working At and Working Beyond. A lot of time and consideration is put into allocating the grades for each student. Grades are allocated based on a number of variables such as student work samples, assessment tasks, observations and class work. Please keep in mind that your child's grades may have varied from previous years, especially if they have moved into a new stage of learning this year. Sometimes the A-E scale is confusing for parents as it is not graded in the same way that reports were constructed when we were at school. To put the A-E reporting system into perspective, it may be helpful to look at the analogy below for driving a car.

E	D	C	B	A
<p>A person on "L" plates must always be supported by an experienced driver.</p> 	<p>A person on 'P' plates drives independently but is still refining skills</p> 	<p>Full Drivers licence, like most of us. Confident and independent</p> 	<p>Advanced driver training with extra skills.</p> 	<p>Grand Prix Driver</p> 

CALENDAR

As we end Term 2, I would like to thank you for your support, enthusiasm and positive feedback throughout the term. It has certainly been an exciting time, filled with many examples of faith, fun and learning. As a staff we are always grateful and heartened by your attendance and support at events throughout the term. Our action packed Term 2 included just to name a few, ANZAC Day Celebrations, Reconciliation, First Communion, Mother's Day Celebrations, NAPLAN, assemblies, major Church feasts including Feast of the Ascension, Pentecost, Feast of Corpus Christi, Feast of the Sacred Heart and a wide range of gala Days and sporting events.

School will return for all students on Monday 23rd July.

Thank you for your continued support. It is in partnership that we can achieve great things for our children..

Peace and Best Wishes for a wonderful holiday break.

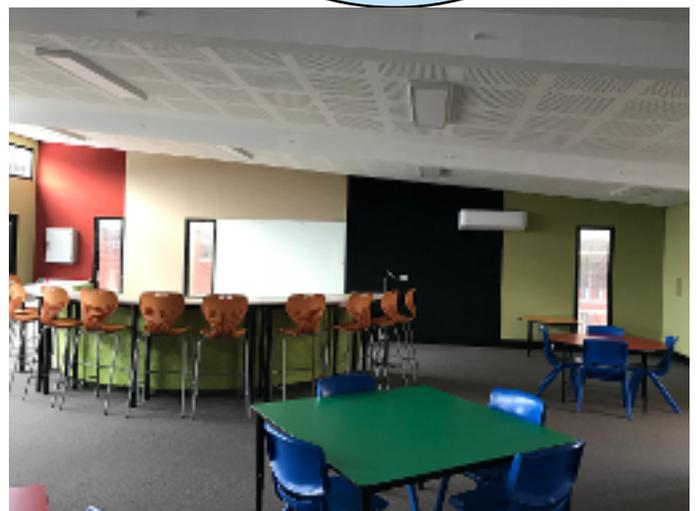
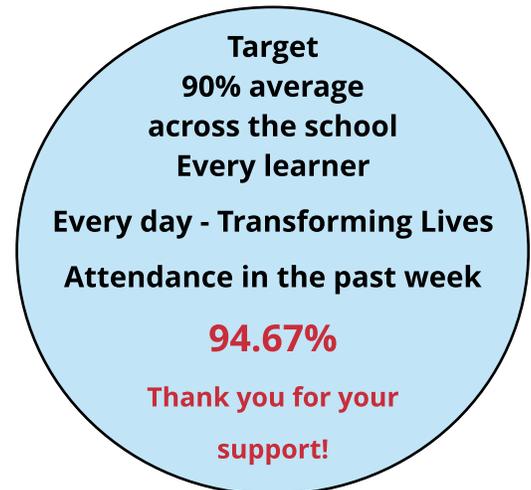
Tim Vane-Tempest,
Principal.

NEW LEARNING SPACE

Last week the opening of the learning space for Year 4 added some energy and interest around the school, not to mention the reclaiming of some playground space. Mrs Burke, Mrs Baldock and Year 4 are enjoying setting up and making best use of their new learning area. My thanks to our community for your patience and cooperation during this process. This space will support the teachers in providing the facilities and learning opportunities that our children deserve. My thanks to the Catholic Education Office for facilitating this new learning space.



Jun 29 Fri	Athletics Carnival Tamplin Field Hobartville
Jun 30 Sat	Parish Mass /Whole School 6 :00 pm All welcome
July 2 Mon	Assembly 2:45 pm. Presented by Year 1
July 3 Tue	Student Led Conferences 3:30 pm - 8:10 pm
July 4 Wed	NAIDOC Activity Day Liturgy 9:00 am Student Led Conferences 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm
July 5 Thur	Last day of Term 2 Mufti day Scarf & Beanie donation tin of food or non perishable item
July 6 Fri	Staff Development Day Pupil free day
July 23 Mon	First day of Term 3



ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Next Monday at the morning assembly we will acknowledge the children who have maintained a 100% attendance record for the year to date as well as those with 100% attendance for Term 2. Our focus on attendance continues to bring great benefits for the children and the continuity of their education. The overall attendance rate for the first half of the year is nearly 95% with about 92% of students attending more than 90% of the time. This is a significant improvement on our 2016 rates and builds upon the improvement in 2017. Thank you to all parents and carers who have supported us in ensuring that our children have the best opportunity to maximise their learning.

HOLIDAY GROUNDS WORK

During the upcoming holiday break there will be continuing work around the school grounds. General maintenance and cleaning will be conducted as well as ongoing tree trimming to ensure that the grounds are not only in the best condition for children but the focus on providing a safe environment is achieved.

FACILITY UPGRADES

This week we received confirmation that a number of important facilities will be upgraded. Over the coming months the student toilets will be refurbished, the playground will be improved with the unevenness of the surface being addressed. Also a shade area will be reconstructed in the playground to partly replace the one removed for the new learning space and the COSHC will also receive some additional work. This work is supported by the Catholic Education Office and we are very grateful for their consideration and supporting the needs of the St Matthew's community. A timeline for the work is yet to be finalised but this will be shared with the community once known.

PUPIL FREE DAY

A reminder that the last day for all students this term is Thursday 5th July. On the 6th July the staff of St. Matthew's will be involved in a full day of learning connected to our PBS4L/Wellbeing initiative. The COSHC will provide supervision for up to 45 children on this day to support those families in need of care for their child/ren. If you are in need of child care for the day please contact our COSHC coordinator, Keira, on 0418 170 921. Please be advised that places are filling fast.

CANTEEN & UNIFORM SHOP

The canteen and the uniform shop will be closed Week 10 due to stocktake.

SCARF & BEANIE MUFTIDAY – 5TH JULY

The call to active discipleship in our faith tradition is very strong and has been modeled to us by many including St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first saint. Growing in our children a sense of concern and awareness for those less fortunate leads us to be a more compassionate, accepting and an open community and society. At the end of Term 2 we will have a winter appeal. Our appeal this winter is the Welcome House, a charity of the Parramatta Diocese which supports refugee families who have resettled in Australia from many war torn countries.

Our appeal day will be held next week on Thursday 5th July. Students are encouraged to wear a scarf and a beanie as part of their mufti dress. The cost for doing this is a donation of a tin of food. Whilst we will gladly accept any food items, there is a suggested list for each class to bring so that we have a range of food items to donate. Supporting this event is part of the range of events that we run to support Social Justice initiatives in the school. The tinned food donation should be brought to school on the day of the appeal and will be collected in each class. Thank you in advance for your generous support of this appeal.



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Student Led Conferences 2018

Dear Parents,

This year we are continuing with our online process for Student Led Conferences. Most of our families have used this online process previously and it has been extremely successful.

Our Student Led Conference will be held in the classrooms on Tuesday the 3rd July between 3:30pm – 7:30pm and Wednesday the 4th July between 3:30pm – 5:00pm.

You can now book an interview at a time that suits **YOUR FAMILY BEST**.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow the instructions below.

BOOKINGS CLOSE 29th June 2018.



When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically, **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately. You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time and change your interviews until bookings close on the **29th June 2018**.

Conferences will run for 30 minutes. This will allow the students time to talk with you about their learning, show you their work and discuss their goals for Semester 2. The teachers are also available to discuss your child's progress. Parents can also request an interview at a subsequent time if required.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address that you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 4560 2300.

We look forward to meeting with you soon and thank you for your support.
St Matthew's Teachers.

Did you know

Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day just a little bit late doesn't seem much but

He/she just missing,	That equals ...	Which is ...	and over 13 years of schooling that's ...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half years
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ENROLLING NOW FOR 2019

The enrolments continue to be open for Kindergarten 2019. If your child turns 5 before the 31st July, 2019 and you would like them to start at St Matthew's please contact the school office to pick up or have an enrolment pack sent to you. If you know of any family who are seeking enrolment for 2018 and are not yet connected with St. Matthew's please pass on this information. We look forward to welcoming you to St Matthew's in the near future.



When? Term 3 Week 1
 23rd of July to 27th of July

Greetings St Matthew's School Community! Another term has come and gone. This term has been filled with so many opportunities to pray, worship, learn and serve others in our school and parish community. As we go on holiday next week we thank God for these opportunities and look forward to please God with our words, thoughts and actions next term.

School/ Parish Mass

On Saturday the 30th of June, at 6pm, St Matthew's will be responsible for organising the Mass. Everyone is invited to join us in prayer as a school and parish community.

Scarf and Beanie Mufti Day

Next Thursday, the 5th July, as part of Social Justice at St Matthew's, we are holding a food drive to support refugees through the organisation 'House of Welcome'. This organisation supports and provides practical help to asylum seekers and refugees in our local communities.

There are suggested food items for each grade. But whatever food you have to donate will be greatly appreciated.

In exchange for the donated food item, your child will be invited to come to school dressed in mufti clothes.

Thank you for your generosity.

The House of Welcome

In 1981, St Francis Social Services was established by the Franciscan Friars to provide opportunities for people to help others in the community. In 2001, the House of Welcome was established to provide support and practical help for refugees and people seeking asylum.

In 2010, St Francis Social Services joined forces with the House of Welcome to provide shelter, housing, employment, food, community connections and other services to asylum seekers and refugees in our local communities.

For more information, go to-

<https://www.stfrancis.org.au/house-of-welcome>

NAIDOC Week - next week.

This year's theme for NAIDOC Week is "Because of Her, We Can". We celebrate the invaluable contributions that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have made – and continue to make - to our communities, our families, our rich history and to our nation. They are our mothers, our elders, our grandmothers, our aunts, our sisters and our daughters.

Their achievements, their voice, their unwavering passion give us strength and have empowered past generations and paved the way for generations to come. Next Wednesday, at 9:00 am, we are having a Liturgy to pray for our community and country.

Grandparents Day Liturgy - Term Three

On Thursday, the 26th July, the Feast of Saints Ann and Joachim, St Matthew's will be celebrating Grandparents Day. All our parents, grandparents and great grandparents are invited to come along to our Liturgy at 9:00am. This will be a great opportunity to pray for you and say thank you for all the things you do for others.

Have a safe and restful holiday. God Bless.

Ann Climpson

Jesus in our hearts – Forever!

Mary Our Mother– Pray for us.

St Matthew- Pray for us.

Reminders-

- School Parish Mass- Saturday, 30th of June at 6pm.
- NAIDOC Week Liturgy- Wednesday, 4th of July at 9am.
- Scarf and Beanie Mufti Day- Thursday, 5th of July.
- Grandparent's Day Liturgy – Thursday, 26th of July at 9am.



Scarf and Beanie Mufti Day!

Thursday 5th of July

As part of Social Justice here at St Matthew's, we are having a Scarf and Beanie Mufti Day to collect suitable non- perishable food items and donate them to 'The Welcome House for Refugees'.

Each class will be responsible for bringing in their items for collection on that day.

Thank you for your generosity.

When: Thursday 5th of July.

Some suggestions-

Kindergarten: Cans of food or Biscuits – sweet or savoury.

Year One: Chips, lollies or chocolates or cans of food.

Year Two: Cans of vegetables, meat, fruit.

Year Three: Coffee, Hot chocolate, Milo, Tea.

Year Four: Custards, cakes, can of soups.

Year Five: Fruit juice, cans of vegetables or fruit.

Year Six: Cans of vegetables or fruit, can of soup or long life milk.

**Please note: These are just suggestions- anything you have to donate is fine.
Thank you.**



Week 9

Friday June 29 - St Matthew's Athletics Carnival

Week 10

Gymnastics Trials

Year 3 & 4 - Wednesday

Stage 3 - Thursday

Term 2

Weeks 1 & 2

Netball Gala Day Trials

Week 4

Thursday August 16 - Hills Zone Athletics

Week 5

Friday August 24 - Parramatta Diocese Athletics

Week 6

Tuesday August 28 - Netball Gala Day

Soccer Gala Day

Congratulations to the Stage 2 Boys and Girls Soccer who shone at their Soccer Gala day. The girls came together in the end with a win and couple of draws in between. Both boys teams played great soccer and worked well as a team! Thank you to the parent helpers who helped with the teams, drove students and came along to support our school and students on the day!

Athletics Carnival: The carnival is tomorrow **Friday June 29th**.

- **Parent Helpers:**

Thank you to the parents who have put their hand up to help out on the day, your time and hard work is appreciated!! If there are any other parents available to help out please send me an email at kbrand@parra.catholic.edu.au.

- **800m Competitors:**

All competitors need to be at Tamplin Fields around 8:45 am. Please ensure you ONLY bring along your school age children who are competing in this event. We have limited teacher supervision and teachers back at school are only notified of the competitors who are participating in this event. The school gates opens at 8:30 am so there is plenty of time to drop off siblings and get to the field in Hobartville.

- **HOT LUNCHES**

To prevent delays in the lunchtime service it would be greatly appreciated if parents & students could pre-order any hot lunches no later than 10am. Please ensure your child has placed their order in a brown paper bag and they will need to hand it in to the canteen when they arrive on the day.

Order bags are available from the canteen and require:

Name

Food required

House colour (R, G, B, Y, etc)

Correct payment

Available Hot Food

Pumpkin Soup (v) \$3.00

Ham & Pineapple Pizza \$3.00

Giant Sausage Roll \$3.00

Spinach & Cheese Roll (v) \$3.50

Plain Pie \$3.50

Potato Pie \$4.00

Pepper Steak Pie \$4.00

Cheese & Bacon Pie \$4.00

Fried Rice (gf) \$4.50

The canteen now has a coffee machine on site.

Congratulations Holly McKay on her attendance at the Mackillop Cross Country Carnival:

Holly had an incredible run at the Diocesan which allowed her to attend the next level of Cross Country. She ran her best and made the Parramatta Diocese proud and of course St Matthews!! Well done Holly!



Basketball Sessions:

Basketball sessions have been a blast! The students have committed themselves each and every week, sadly this is our last week. We will be sending home information regarding any further training your child can receive if this particular sport interested them. Cleo and Nick from Hawkesbury Jets have been fantastic!

Cardio Tennis

Cardio Tennis with Fiona Roseby from Simply Smashing Tennis is each Friday morning from 8:00 - 8:30 am. If you have not signed up for the Cardio Tennis and are interested in it please come along on the morning or see Mrs Brand. Please remember that the cost is \$5 per session. All payments need to be given to Fiona Roseby at the beginning of each lesson.

We will continue this in term 3!

BOOTCAMP is every Thursday morning at 8:00 am. Students will meet at the front gate of the school each morning. If your child attends COSHC in the morning please speak to them regarding permission to attend. The focus this term is to build on athletic skills of running, jumping and throwing as well as cardiovascular and strength training.

Kind regards,

Mrs Brand

Sport Teacher/Sport Coordinator


Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to whip up a healthy dip or sauce.

Whether you're lunch box prepping over the weekend or looking for the perfect healthy snack for entertaining, our Healthy Lunch Box website healthylunchbox.com.au has quick and easy sauce and dip recipes.

Try our minty yoghurt dip, kale and basil pesto, hummus or tasty guacamole for a tasty snack or sandwich spread.

Minty Yoghurt Dip recipe

Ingredients
 8 tbsp plain reduced-fat yoghurt
 1 lemon, juiced
 ½ clove garlic, crushed
 ¼ bunch mint leaves, finely chopped
 Pinch of salt

Method
 Place all ingredients in a bowl and mix together.
 Variation – add finely diced cucumber for a refreshing crunch.



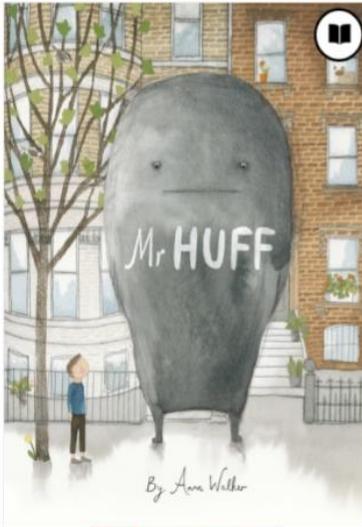
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Student eBook Of The Week

~ Primary Schools
June 25 2018



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Suitable for years K - 4

Bill is having a bad day.

Mr Huff is following him around and making everything seem difficult.

Bill tries to get rid of him, but Mr Huff just gets bigger and bigger!

Then they both stop, and a surprising thing happens . . .

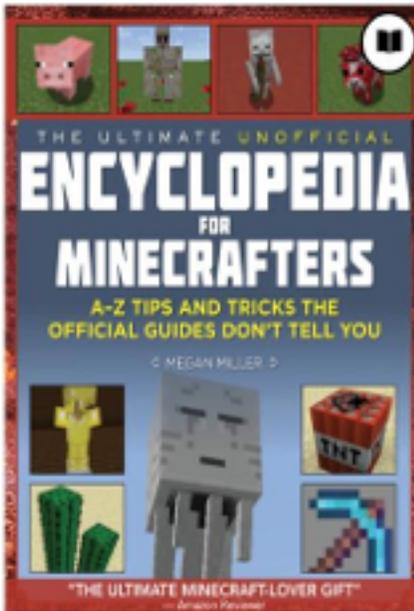
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Student eBook Of The Week

~ Secondary Schools
June 25 2018



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Suitable for years 7 - 8

Want to know where you'll find the most diamonds or how to protect your villagers at night? This A-Z reference is a quick guide to all the tips you want to know, including:

- How to spawn and kill the Wither boss
- How to rescue a baby zombie villager
- How to make a portal without a diamond pickaxe
- How to make a secret passageway using paintings

From abandoned mineshafts to mini-games, mods, and zombie sieges, this book reveals expert tricks of the trade for gamers. This exciting book will cover everything players need to know about mining, farming, building, villagers, the Nether, and more!

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Choose a title. Remember the book symbol indicates an ebook and the headphone symbol indicates an audio book.

Click on the title you wish to read and then click **borrow**.

In the pop up window, select **Go to Checkouts**.

Select **Listen** if you chose an audiobook or **Read** if you chose an ebook.

Remember to check with your parents and teachers if you think a book is right for you. You are allowed to borrow 3 books at a time for a few weeks.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

KINDERGARTEN	<p>Nash - for a fabulous effort in writing time to record his own descriptive sentence about a snake.</p> <p>Nixon - for always being ready to learn and complete learning tasks.</p> <p>Saoirse - for excellent work in reading groups to use a variety of strategies to work out unknown words.</p> <p>Alesea - for her fabulous effort in reading and writing.</p>
YEAR1	<p>Jetsun - for approaching all learning tasks with enthusiasm.</p> <p>Jenson - for trying hard to focus and make contributions to discussions during shared reading time .</p> <p>Oliver - for working hard on reading more fluently.</p> <p>Levi - for being a helpful and reliable class member.</p>
YEAR2	<p>Peter - For striving to improve the quality of your work in all Key Learning Areas during your time at St Matthews. Best of luck at your new school!</p> <p>Lacey - For an excellent use of the 'show not tell' technique to describe the feelings of characters in your narrative. Well done!</p> <p>Anthony - For a wonderful use of the 'show not tell' technique to describe the feelings of characters in your narrative. Great work!</p> <p>Tyler - For consistently displaying a growth mindset and taking risks in mathematics. Keep up the great work!</p>
YEAR3	<p>Aidan - for always being respectful to his peers and teachers.</p> <p>Sienna - for trying her best and asking for help when needed.</p> <p>Alex - for always trying his best and persevering with challenging tasks.</p> <p>Mia - for actively engaging in learning and creating a safe positive climate in the classroom and playground.</p>
YEAR4	<p>Lachlan - good investigation of The First Fleet.</p> <p>Jordan - great delivery of his presentation of The First People.</p> <p>Emily - good writing of historical facts of The First Fleet.</p> <p>Samuel - enthusiastic investigations into composting and worm farming</p>
STAGE3	<p>Audrey - using figurative language in her poetry writing .</p> <p>Dakota - excellent contributions during reading groups.</p> <p>Julian - explaining in detail his mathematical thinking.</p> <p>Isabella - for writing an interesting haiku poem about the beach.</p> <p>Hannah - for continuing to refine her poetry by using figurative language.</p> <p>Stephanie - for working well to achieve her best in all learning areas.</p> <p>Teigan - developing some good ideas when it comes to writing her object poem.</p> <p>Simon - for using efficient strategies in maths and displaying a growth mindset.</p> <p>Linkin - for using efficient strategies and sharing and sharing them during maths reflections.</p>

GSSA GYMNASTICS

SCHOOL HOLIDAY GYMNASTICS

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ARTS & CRAFT TIMETABLE



TUESDAY
10TH JULY

Jolly Fish
Making

TUESDAY
17TH JULY

Snow Globe
Making



THURSDAY
12th JULY

Flying
Giders

THURSDAY
19th JULY

Design your
Binoculars



JOIN IN THE FUN AT GSSA GYMNASTICS

TUMBLE, SWING, PAINT AND PLAY IN OUR 3 HOURS OF FUN, FITNESS AND FRIENDSHIP THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

Your child will learn the FUNdamentals of gymnastics in an action packed day! We provide a fun and friendly environment with our accredited coaches, to teach your child the basics of gymnastics. They will swing on the bars, balance on a beam, and bounce their way through the day on the trampolines.

Our program includes fun games and obstacle courses - 1 hour and 30 minutes of structured gymnastics and a creative arts and craft activity each day.

DATES

TUESDAY 10TH JULY
THURSDAY 12TH JULY
TUESDAY 17TH JULY
THURSDAY 19TH JULY

TIME

9AM - 12PM

PRICE
\$20 PER
DAY

ENROL TODAY

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

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FULL PAYMENT REQUIRED
AT TIME OF BOOKING

FUN ACTIVITIES

EACH DAY

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DANCE ACRO & TUMBLING WORKSHOP



What: The Dance Acro & Tumbling Workshop will teach skill in a fast and safe manner. Our fully equipped gym has all the latest equipment to aid your learning, by our qualified coaches. Perfect for all gymnasts, dancers and acrobats who would like to learn and improve on their skills.

When: **Week 1:**
Monday 9th July
Wednesday 11th July
Friday 13th July

Week 2:
Friday 20th July

Time: 9.00am - 12.00pm

Where: GSSA Gymnastics,
100 Argyle Street, South Windsor

Cost: \$35 a day
Full payment required upon booking

Who: Children aged 5 and up

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

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Weekly Recreational classes:

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- Tumble Tots
- Kindergym
- Just Dance
- Trampoline & Tumbling
- Kindy Ballet
- Acro
- Adult Gym



Competitive Training Classes:

- Trampolining & Tumbling
- Womens Artistic
- Rhythmic Gymnastics
- Sports Acrobatics



Contact us via phone or email to book your **FREE TRIAL**
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Catholic Education Office

Holy Spirit Seminary Open Day: 19 August

"Come and See Day" at Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park on 19 August 2018 is a whole-day event, inspired by Our Lord's invitation to the two disciples of John the Baptist to "Come and see", found in the Gospel of John. Open Day provides single men open to a priestly vocation with the opportunity to experience seminary life, beginning with Holy Mass at St Oliver's Parish Church at 10 am, followed by talks, a tour, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and dinner with Bishop Vincent. RSVP essential. Please contact Fr John Paul Escarlan via johnpaul.escarlan@parracatholic.org or 0420 310 771

We are currently promoting via our social media channels and parish bulletin notices and will continue to do so until the open day. The image is of Chris del Rosario, one of our seminarians who should be ordained a priest by the end of this year.

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Bishop Office

Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses

The Office For Worship is taking enrolments for its Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses for those who are interested in being Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Bringing Communion to the Sick and Dying. To be held at the Institute For Mission at 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. Enrolments close 9 August. NOTE: Introduction Session on 16 August is compulsory.

Please see your Parish office for a form or for more information contact ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au or 02 8838 3456 or parracatholic.org/office-for-worship/

ACYMC 2018

Early-bird registration for the Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Convention hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta on behalf of the Australian Catholic Bishops is now open at www.acymc.org.au. The event will host up to 500 adult delegates who are engaged in ministry with young people in parishes, schools, agencies and ministries of the Catholic Church. Rooty Hill RSL, September 21-23. Contact James Camden, Director, Catholic Youth Parramatta for more information (02) 8838 3428 or james.camden@parracatholic.org

Pilgrimage from Prague to Dubrovnik in September-October School

Holidays

A three-week pilgrimage - The Shrines and Cathedrals of Central Europe - from Prague to Dubrovnik in the September-October School Holidays will be led by Fr John McSweeney from St John 23rd Parish, Stanhope Gardens. For more information contact Harvest Journeys on 1800 819 156 or info@harvestjourneys.com for more information.

LIFTED RETREAT 2018 "Complete Joy": 6-8 July

Young adults of our diocese are invited to join us in this Year of Youth open new horizons in our hearts for spreading joy. Take some time away from the busyness of everyday life to be with the Source of all joy: Jesus! Get ready for a weekend of new friendships, great food, solid talks and times of quiet and prayer. For 18-35 year-olds, \$95 per person. Register at parracatholic.org/cyp-lifted-retreat

Nigerian Mass in Igbo: 8 July

Rev Fr Chukwunonyerem Akamadu, Chaplain to the Nigerian Catholic community, will celebrate Mass at 11.30am at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. Contact Fr Akamadu tel 0451 174 438, Stella Nwosu 0405 478 472.

The Permanent Diaconate: 8 July

The discernment program for those who are interested in finding out more about this Vocation will be held at St John 23rd Parish, 160 Perfection Avenue, Stanhope Gardens 2768. Come and learn more about vocations to the Diaconate and have a chat with our team members. We are looking for men aged between 35 to 55 and residing in the Diocese of Parramatta. Our discernment program consists of five sessions, with each session dealing with different aspects of the Diaconate. The meetings will commence at 3.00pm until 6.00pm followed by the Parish Mass and Fellowship. The 2018 dates on Sundays: 9 September, 4 November. For further information visit www.parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate or please contact any of the following deacons: Deacon James – 0425 213 832, Deacon Tan – 0407 270 782, Deacon George – 0408 440 769

Faith in Marriage Seminar: 3 August

All are welcome to attend the 2018 'Faith in Marriage' Seminar address is entitled 'Marriage & Men in Contemporary Society' and will be given by Robert Falzon co-founder of menALIVE. All parishioners are warmly welcome to attend this free event on Friday 3 August at 7.30pm at the Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. Please RSVP to lmf@parracatholic.org or phone 02 8838 3460.

Office for Worship Formation Day: 11 August

The Office For Worship is offering a Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying Ongoing Formation Day on Saturday 11 August, 9.30am – 2.00pm (Morning Tea and lunch provided) at the Institute For Mission, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. RSVP by 6 of August, 2018. For more information or to register contact ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org 02 8838 3456.

St Philomena Association Holy Masses: 11 August

St John Vianney was very devoted to St Philomena. Pope Gregory XVI called her "the great wonder worker". Mass at midday with Confession from 11.30am: St John Vianney's Church, 17 Cameron St, Doonside. A short walk north from Doonside station, the one past Blacktown. Please bring a snack to share. Elizabeth tel or text 0423 15 44 63, epeoples9@gmail.com Facebook: Libby Peoples (events)

Holy Hour for Vocations: 5 July

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite YOUTH (age 18-35) to join us for Holy Hour for Vocations on Thursday, 5 July at 7:00 pm. Join us also for pizza at 8:00pm, Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP: Sr Paula by 1st June, e-mail: vocationscsfn@gmail.com mob: 0449 656 406

Holy Spirit Seminary Open Day: 19 August

"Come and See Day" at Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park on 19 August 2018 is a whole-day event, inspired by Our Lord's invitation to the two disciples of John the Baptist to "Come and see", found in the Gospel of John. Open Day provides single men open to a priestly vocation with the opportunity to experience seminary life, beginning with Holy Mass at St Oliver's Parish Church at 10 am, followed by talks, a tour, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and dinner with Bishop Vincent. RSVP essential. Please contact Fr John Paul Escarlan via johnpaul.escarlan@parracatholic.org or 0420 310 771

Plenary Council 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

CatholicCare Sydney

Do you know any seniors in your community who could use a little help at home? Our home care services help seniors to enjoy living independently in their own home with comfort and confidence. Call CatholicCare CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more.

Volunteer Bus Driver

We are seeking a volunteer bus driver for St Hedwig Village aged care facility in Blacktown. Our regular bus outings are usually 1 or 2 days per month. The person must have an excellent driving record and hold a current LR (light rigid) or equivalent licence. Bus details: 18-seater Toyota coaster, automatic with hydraulic lift at rear for wheelchairs. For further information please contact the Manager on 8822 9903 or admin@sthedwigvillage.com

New Name for Sisters of Charity Outreach

After 28 years, Sisters of Charity Outreach is now known as Open Support. Open Support will continue to provide a range of programs with a focus on reducing social isolation, reducing the impact of domestic violence and enabling greater access to health care services. The mission and ethics of the Sisters of Charity continues to motivate and inspire us. Open Support remains under the Stewardship of Mary Aikenhead Ministries. If you have any questions about Open Support, please call 02 8382 6430 or email volunteer@opensupport.org.au for an information pack.

Sea Sunday: 8 July

Sea Sunday takes place on 8 July 2018, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. The Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church, provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports and is dependent on voluntary donations. For more information about its work and how to donate, visit www.aos-australia.org

Farewell to St John of God Institute of Counselling: 8 July

St John of God Institute of Counselling – 50th year and farewell celebration. All past and present students and families of the course that is held at Holy Cross College Ryde on Tuesday evenings are invited to join us for Mass and Lunch as we celebrate 50 years and the closing of the Course. Sunday 8 July, Mass at Holy Cross College Chapel, 517 Victoria Road, Ryde at 10.30am followed by lunch at Ryde Parramatta Golf Club, 1156 Victoria Road, West Ryde at 12 noon. \$60 per person, RSVP to Carol Harding 0408 705 848 or counselling1969@gmail.com

Australian Catholic Historical Society Lecture: 15 July

Emeritus Professor Desmond Cahill OAM - *Humanae vitae*: The beginning of the end of Tridentine Clericalism? Visit the ACHS website www.australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au for more information.

Sydney World Youth Day Mass: 20 July

July 20 2018 will mark 10 years since the Archdiocese of Sydney hosted World Youth Day 2008. To this day, WYD08 remains one of the most powerful demonstrations of faith our country has seen, welcoming Pope Benedict XVI and 500,000 pilgrims from around the world to our city. To celebrate the 10th anniversary, Catholics from across Sydney are invited to join Archbishop Anthony Fisher for a special Mass followed by food and cultural performances plus the announcement of a number of new initiatives for youth ministry. Co-hosted by Sydney Catholic Youth, the event will also include the launch of Archbishop Fisher's new book for young people *My Dear Young Friend: Forty letters on youth, faith and future*. Friday July 20 for 5:30pm Mass followed by WYD08 event at 7:00pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. WYD08 event at St Mary's Cathedral College Hall. All welcome.

'Come and See' Weekend Retreat for Women: 21 July

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth offer weekend retreats for women aged 18-35 who want to discern their vocation to religious life. These retreats offer a one-to-one encounter and include prayer time, talks and accompaniment. Bring only a holy Bible and a smile! 21 July from 2:30pm at Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. For more information contact Sr Paula tel 0449 656 406, vocationscsfn@gmail.com

Healing After Abortion Retreat: 10-12 August

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries, Sydney offers regular healing retreats for those who have experienced an abortion. The retreat offers a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment. Information and a brochure can be found at: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au or call us on our confidential voicemail number 0400 092 555 or email info@rachelsvineyard.org.au.

For more events please go to: <http://parracatholic.org/events/>



It's school holiday season at the Gallery and there's plenty to keep the kids entertained. As well as Art Express, on show till 15 July, we have four workshops across both weeks, from 10am - 2pm, offering for the first time a session in the use of gold leaf, as well as print making, sculpting and lettering. The cost includes a take-home art supply kit (worth \$25) so kids can practise new techniques and keep on creating at home. Great value at \$30 per session (less 20% for members).

GOLDEN PEACOCK

Wednesday 11 July 10am – 2 pm

Learn the art of gold leaf gilding! In this workshop you will create a stunning artwork of a Peacock and a separate artwork of a detailed peacock feather using ink and real gold leaf.

PRINT MANIA

Friday 13 July 10am – 2 pm

Discover three different ways to create print art, including foam print, carved block prints and beautiful sun prints. Print making is loads of fun with great results.

MYTHICAL CREATURES FROM CLAY

Wednesday 18 July 10am – 2 pm

Using air-drying clay, sculpt and then paint your own fantasy creatures such as dragons, griffins and unicorns.

GRAPHIC LETTER ART

Friday 20 July 10am – 2 pm

Using a variety of media, learn several different design techniques to create vibrant artworks using lettering. Before you know it, you'll be a graphic artist!

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