



# St Matthew's Catholic Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER WEEK 9

14 September 2017

### CALENDAR DATES TERM 3 & 4 2017

Sept 15 Fri	Stage 2 Touch Gala Day
Sept 18 Mon	Assembly presented by Stage 3 2.45 pm
Sept 21 Thur	St Matthew's Feast Day Whole Mass 9:00 am Open classrooms 10:00 am Picnic lunch 10:45-11:30 Stage 3 Spring Fair 11:30-1.45pm Recess followed by Talent Quest
Sept 22 Fri	Staff Development Day Last day of Term 3
Oct 9 Mon	First day of Term 4
Oct 10 Tue	Martial Arts Programme commences before school & After school
Oct 11 Wed	Basketball Gala Day
Oct 13 Fri	Our Lady of Fatima Procession & Whole School Mass 9:15 am
Oct 24 Tue	Colour fun day
Oct 25 Wed	First Penance Liturgy 7:30 pm
Oct 26 Thur	First Penance Liturgy 7:30 pm
Nov 4 Sat	Whole School Parish/School Mass & Family Bbq 6:00 pm

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Recently I was reading an article from Dr Justin Coulson. In summary he wrote about the cliché that our children don't come with an instruction manual. From time to time we all have good moments and sometimes these times can seem to be fleeting. Parenting can feel a little more like walking on mud rather than solid ground. And when we get too confident and think we really do "have it", one of the children brings us back down to earth with a thud. In the end, Dr Coulson concludes, we are all making it up as we go along. And that's ok.

### **Building Resilience**

*Being a parent demands that we are resilient. Developing resilience requires four basic skill sets- independence, problem-solving, optimism and social connection.*

*In developing resilience parents play an important role by coaching kids through some of their more challenging moments and reviewing what they may have learned for next time. Importantly, as parents, we need to avoid solving all their problems for them.*

*We can promote a lasting sense of resilience in your kids by:*

1. **Having a positive attitude yourself.** Our attitude as parents impacts on our children's ability to bounce back from some of the difficulties they face. We need to model a 'you can do it' attitude for our children when they meet some of life's speed humps.
2. **Look for teachable moments.** Many children's learning opportunities are disguised as problems. Making the most of these opportunities so that your child can grow and learn from some of the challenges they face can be the difference.
3. **Make children active participants in the family.** Active participation in a family develops the self-help, problem-solving and independence skills of children that are necessary for resilience.
4. **Build children's coping skills.** There are plenty of strategies we can pass on to children to help them cope when life doesn't go their way, including acceptance, getting away for awhile, and returning to normal routines as soon as possible after the incident or upset.

Promoting resilience in children is not a single event but a continuous process that requires adults to be supportive and empathetic when things don't go their way. It also requires us as parents to have an understanding of resilience, so we have faith in ourselves, and our children's ability to cope.

**God our Father,  
Lead us to grow  
as people who always put love into all that we do.  
May our attitude, words and actions  
help others to feel wanted, accepted and appreciated.**

**Amen.**

As this is the last newsletter for this term I would like to thank all in our community for your ongoing support of the children and staff. We trust that you all enjoy some time as a family during the holiday. School will return for all students on Monday 9th October.

*In partnership let us continue to work to develop in the children strong minds and gentle hearts*

Peace and Best Wishes  
Tim Vane-Tempest,  
Principal.

**Target - 90%  
average across the  
school**

**Every Learner,  
Every Day**

**Attendance in the past  
fortnight  
94.5%**

## Values Matter at St Matthew's Responsibility -

Be accountable for one's own actions, resolve differences in constructive, non-violent and peaceful ways, contribute to school life, and take care of the environment.

This value includes the following characteristics:

- \* Doing what you are supposed to do
- \* Always doing your best
- \* Using self-control
- \* Being self-disciplined
- \* Being accountable for your choices
- \* Being a good example
- \* Thinking of ways to help others
- \* Keep trying
- \* Finish your work before you play
- \* Doing your homework on time
- \* Being supportive of others when they need you
- \* Thinking before you act/talk and accepting consequences for your behaviour
- \* Fixing your mistakes and never blaming others for the mistakes you make

The overall message: Being accountable for your individual and community's actions towards yourself, others and the environment. People of character are responsible. They are accountable, show self restraint and pursue excellence. They mean it when they say: "You can count on me". Being responsible is part of a person's character.

## Captivate Choir Success

On the evening of 4th September many of our students performed at St Dominic's College Penrith as part of the Captivate Choral Performance. Over the last 20 weeks our Captivate Choir involving 50 students have used class time, school breaks at recess and lunch to hone their item. We are immensely grateful to Mrs Neave supported by Mrs Brand and Mrs Burke in preparing the choir for their performance.

## Summer Uniform

Children can move to the summer uniform from this week. All students are expected to have made the change by the beginning of Term 4.

## Staff Development Day

A final reminder that our staff Professional Learning Day for Term 3 will be on Friday 22nd September. As all staff will be involved in this day there will be no supervision provided for students. COSHC will operate for the day to provide care for children registered with them.

## New classrooms for 2018

Thank you to the parents who attended last nights meeting. The plans for the additional classrooms are now on display in the front office.

**Greetings St Matthew's School Community!**

The term is almost over! How quickly time passes! So much has happened this term and we thank God for the many gifts and opportunities He has given us. The Father's Day Liturgy and Breakfast was a wonderful opportunity to thank God for our Fathers, Grandfathers, Great Grandfathers, Godfathers and the role models in our lives who support and love us. I hope you all had a good Father's Day.

“ Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?  
Jesus answered, ‘ I say to you, not seven times but seventy- seven times...”  
(Matthew 18: 21- 35)

This week, the children in our school and parish community commence their preparation for the Sacrament of Penance. We pray for them and their families as they learn more about the love and mercy of God.

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that we must forgive others just like God forgives us. Jesus uses the parable of the unforgiving servant to help us understand the depths of God's mercy towards us. But we also learn that God expects us to extend that mercy to others by forgiving those who hurt us.

In our everyday life there are so many occasions where we seek forgiveness or another person is seeking our forgiveness. Each of us handles situations differently depending on the situation that requires forgiveness. In Sunday's Gospel, Peter asks Jesus how many times should we forgive someone. The number is not important because God wants us to forgive every time. What is important is the depth of our forgiveness. We must forgive one another from the heart. With forgiveness comes healing.

**Quote from Pope Francis:**

Jesus' attitude is striking: we do not hear the words of scorn, we do not hear words of condemnation, but only words of love, of mercy, which are an invitation to conversation. "Neither do I condemn you; go, and do not sin again." Ah! Brothers and Sisters, God's face is the face of a merciful father who is always patient. Have you thought about God's patience, the patience He has with each one of us? That is His mercy. He always has patience, patience with us, He understands us, He waits for us, He does not tire of forgiving us if we are able to return to Him with a contrite heart. "Great is God's mercy," says the Psalm.

— Angelus on March 17, 2013

**Social Justice-**

Next term our students will be working on a PBL in their Mission Unit focusing on a Social Justice issue. Each grade will nominate a group to support through their learning and contribute to them in different ways. I will keep you updated on the different projects and the many communities that will benefit from their hard work in the Newsletter.

“Heart” – Women's Conference 2017 – 19th – 21st of October.  
[www.thecatholicguy.com.au](http://www.thecatholicguy.com.au)

Have a safe holiday and enjoy this special time with your family and friends.

**God Bless.**

**Ann Climpson**

Jesus in our hearts – Forever!  
Our Lady of Fatima – Pray for us.  
St Matthew- Pray for us.

**Dates to remember-**

Thursday, 21st September: St Matthew's Feast Day Whole School Mass at 9.00am.  
Friday, 13th October: Our Lady of Fatima Procession and Whole School Mass at 9.15 am.  
Wednesday, 25th October: First Penance Liturgy at 7.30 pm.  
Thursday, 26th October: First Penance Liturgy at 7.30 pm.  
Saturday, 4th November: Whole School Parish / School Mass and Family BBQ at 6pm.

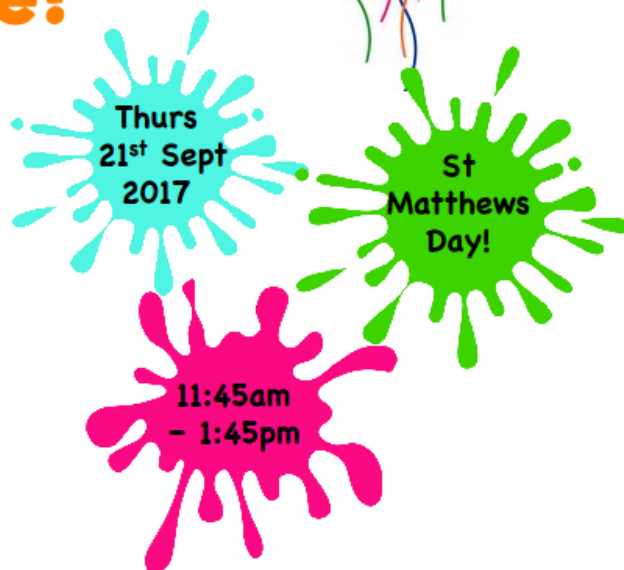
# St Matthews Stage 3 Mini Fete!



## Stalls at the Mini Fete:

- ✧ *Sweets Stall*
- ✧ *Sponge the Teacher*
- ✧ *Hair & Beauty*
- ✧ *Drinks*
- ✧ *Games*
- ✧ *Haunted House*

and many many more!!



## WANTED BY STAGE 3 FOR THE MINI FETE

- Buckets (need about 4) - for sponge the teacher
- Sponges
- Halloween Decorations - spider webs, toy spiders
- Small prizes
- Photo booth type dress ups - headbands, funky hats, funky glasses etc
- Lollies

Our school is a place of "Holy Ground."

As **LEARNERS**

We are

**SAFE**

**RESPONSIBLE**

**RESPECTFUL**

Of

- ✧ **SELF**
- ✧ **OTHERS**
- ✧ **SCHOOL**



## LOST PROPERTY

As we are heading towards the end of Term 3, and there are several items in lost property. Please check lost property cupboard near canteen.

Any items of clothing not claimed will be handed to the clothing pool.

# STAGE 3 DRINK DRIVE

In Weeks 8 and 9 this term the Stage 3 Students will be holding a Drink Drive every morning from 8.30am - 9.00am.

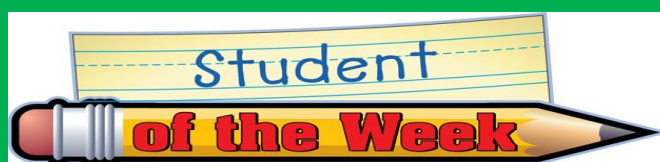
The purpose of the Drink Drive is to fundraise for drinks that will be on sale at the Drink Stall at the Stage 3 Mini Fete on Thursday 21st September 2017.

We would greatly appreciate donations of the following drinks:

- ★ Water Bottles
- ★ Poppers
- ★ Cans of Soft Drink
- ★ Soft Drink
- ★ Juice



To thank you for your donation we will be giving the students/parents who donate drinks 3 x tickets into our raffle, which will be drawn on the day of the Mini Fete!



<b>Kinder</b>	Hamish McDonald: For the commitment to his group and collaboration skills during PBL work. Eli Falkenmire: For his clear recount of our PBL Showcase night. Joel Henson: For his hard work and commitment during reading groups. Liam Griffiths: For always striving to do his best.
<b>Year 1</b>	Abigail Xerri: For making thoughtful inferences during shared and guided reading, well done. Abigail Quigley: For making thoughtful inferences during shared and guided reading, well done. Pyper Phillips: For being a more attentive listener during instruction time, well done. Amelia Kent: For her positive attitude she applies to all learning tasks, well done.
<b>Year 2</b>	Sienna Martinez : For her consistent effort in all areas of her learning and for always trying her best. Adrienne Murray: For her great team work during Project Based Learning and for her wonderful presentation. Xavier Bruner : For his dedication towards his learning and for always trying his best, especially in mathematics. Chase Kerin : For his amazing listening skills during discussion times and for trying his best in all learning areas.
<b>Year 3</b>	Nicholas Lupi: For responsible behaviour in class and great work on the PBL on National Parks. Lucas Sheehy: For an excellent explanation of his National Park Cape Range National Park. Miles Reeve: For concentrating in class and working hard in all writing tasks. Jacob Dessman: For exceptional knowledge on the Sacrament of Penance and Religious Literacy.
<b>Year 4</b>	Charlotte Cook: Using persuasive words well when expressing her opinion in writing. Georgia Crozier: For extending her thinking in Maths when solving problems Christian Dagher: Creating an informative google slides presentation on drones. Owen McDonald: A fantastic improvement in his handwriting.
<b>Stage 3 Blue</b>	Maddison Davis: For writing and presenting an excellent 'Voice of Youth' speech. Madaleine McDonald : For always working diligently and setting a great example for her peers. Harry Abdoo: For developing a 'growth mindset' in Mathematics and persevering with challenging tasks.
<b>Stage 3 Gold</b>	Kiera Gaul : Extending her thinking and using efficient strategies when solving multiplicative tasks. Zac Refalo: Using efficient strategies when solving multiplication and division problems Taylah Lyons: Using efficient strategies when solving multiplicative problems
<b>Stage 3 White</b>	Linkin Cowled: For working collaboratively with others and contributing his ideas. Tatiarna Valente: For representing St Matthew's at the Voice of Youth Jordyn Bezzina: For representing St Matthew's at the Voice of Youth



## Sport News

### Week 9

Friday September 15 - Stage 2 Boys & Girls Touch Gala Day

### Week 10

Stage 2 & 3 League Tag Gala Day Trials

### Term 4 Week 1

Wednesday October 11 - Years 3 - 6 Basketball Gala Day

### Term 4 Week 5

Wednesday November 8 - Years 3 - 6 League Tag Gala Day



### Stage 3 Touch Gala day

Congratulations to our 29 students from Stage 3 who attended the Touch Gala day last Friday. Each team tied or won some games and played exceptionally well. Thank you to the parents who drove students and who stayed and helped out with the teams. We really appreciate your time as do the students.



### **BOOTCAMP - Every Thursday morning at 8 am**

At Bootcamp we will be working on our fitness skills including strength, endurance and cardiovascular skills. This is optional and families do not have to commit to each and every week, however, it is a great opportunity to get fit and be active! The mornings are warming up so please remember a hat is needed.

### Golf

If any student is interested in participating in a Golf Program during the school holidays please contact Mrs Brand. This opportunity is for up to 4 students.

*Easy ways to add physical activity to your day:*

*Walk to the store, the school or the playground instead of using the car*

*Allow time for children to play outdoors*

*Park the car away from the shops*

*Get off the bus one stop earlier*

*Don't use the remote control*

*Plant a veggie garden*

*Take the stairs instead of escalators or lifts*

*Schedule regular time each week for your family to be physically active together*

*Limit television time to no more than two hours per day or 14 hours a week.*

Keep up the fitness,  
Mrs Brand

# ACTIVE TRAVEL TO SCHOOL



Get active with your children on  
the way to school



If you are time poor or need to drive a car to get the  
kids to school, think about parking a short distance  
away and walking the rest!

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

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY





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Dear Parents and Carers,

**ST MATTHEWS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL** will be holding a School Fun Run for the students as a major fundraiser week 3 Term 4, we do ask for your support. The more money we raise the more we can provide for the students through vital school projects, in particular reading and technology resources.

The event will be held on **Tuesday 24th October 2017** and we request for all sponsorship forms and money to be return to the **school office** by **Monday 6th November 2017**.

The fundraiser is all about participation! Students raise funds and are rewarded with fantastic incentive prizes, and it finishes with the School Fun Run. Family support is key to our fundraising success and we encourage all students to participate.

### How Does My Child Fundraise?

Students have now received a Sponsorship Form which will assist in raising funds for the school. Please read through the Sponsorship Form and get familiar with the steps to supercharge your fundraising.

Students who raise as little as **\$10** or more will receive an incentive prize for their efforts. There are over 70 prizes on offer, so best to select your favourite and make this your fundraising goal.

### How to Order Prizes

As a reward for your efforts, each child will receive an incentive prize based on the total amount of sponsorship raised. Please complete claim your prize form and return to the school in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name and class. Student incentive prizes will be delivered shortly after the fundraiser has finalised.

Thank you in advance for your participation, and Happy fundraising!

Regards.

**TIM VANE-TEMPEST**  
**Principal**





# catholic out of school hours care

## CHRISTMAS 2017 AND JANUARY 2018: COSHC OPERATION DATES

To assist COSHC families in planning their education and care needs over the Christmas closure period and to plan bookings for Vacation Care in January 2018, a calendar of Closure Dates and Operational Dates has been issued to all families enrolled with COSHC.

### COSHC WILL BE CLOSED ON:

- Monday, 18 December 2017 and Tuesday, 19 December, 2017. COSHC staff will be participating in professional development in line with teachers and school staff.
- The Early Learning and Care team will be on annual leave from 22 December, 2017 to 5 January 2018. COSHC will not be operating during these days.
- COSHC will be closed on Australia Day, 26 January, 2018
- COSHC will be closed on Monday, 29 January 2018 for professional development of staff.

### FAMILIES, PLEASE NOTE:

#### 1. Christmas Closure

The **last day of operation** of COSHC services will be Friday, 15 December 2017.

#### 2. January Vacation Care

The COSHC Summer Vacation Care Program commences on Monday, 8 January, 2018 to Thursday 25 January 2018.

#### 3. 2018 Commencement of COSHC operations for Before- and After-School programs

COSHC will re-open on Tuesday, 30 January, 2018.

## Uniform Shop Hours

Friday 9:00 am - 12 noon

Uniform orders for socks, bags and hats can be placed at the front office or the form can be downloaded from the website.

Amanda will be able to assist you on Fridays only between the hours of 9:00 am & 12 noon.

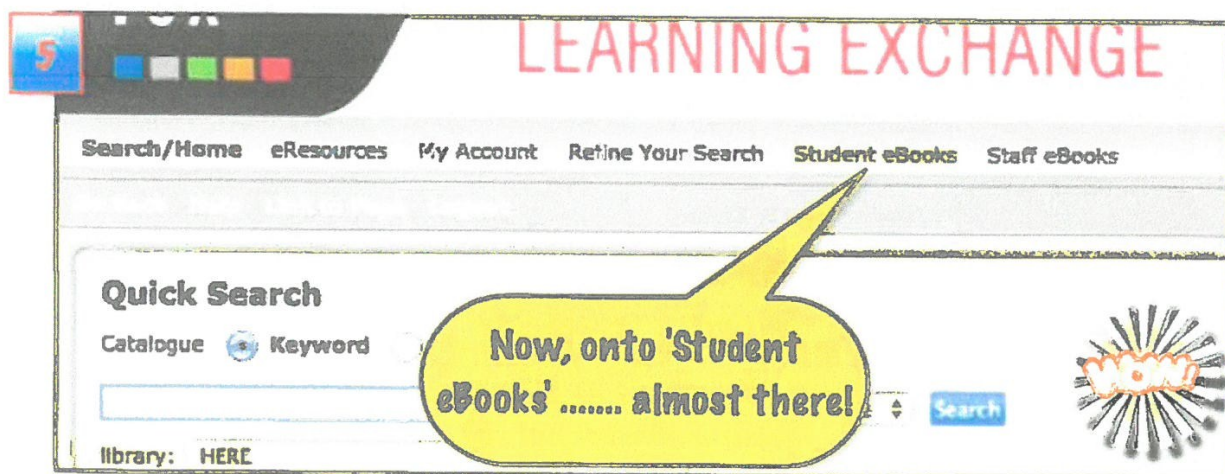
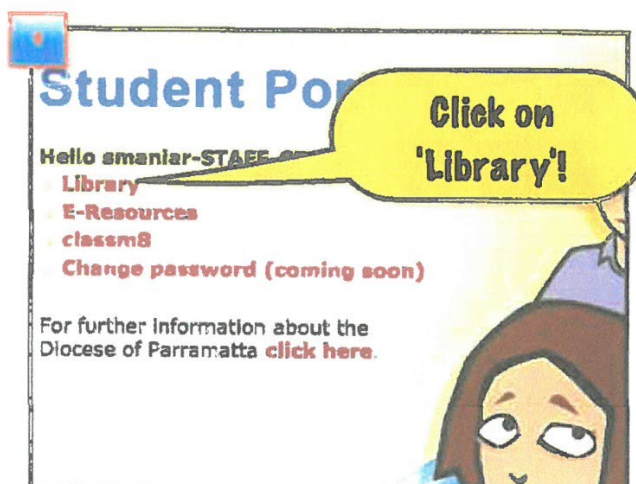
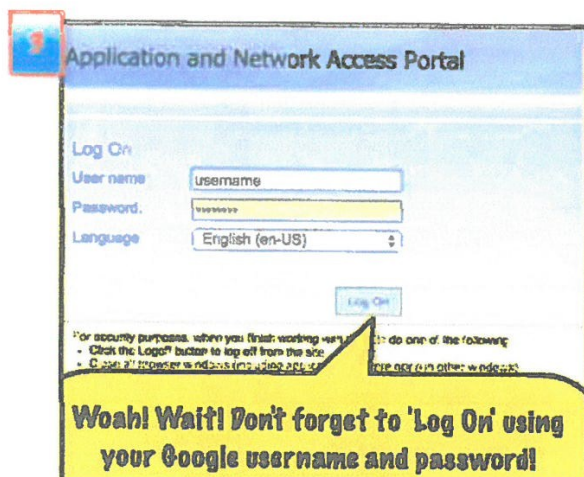
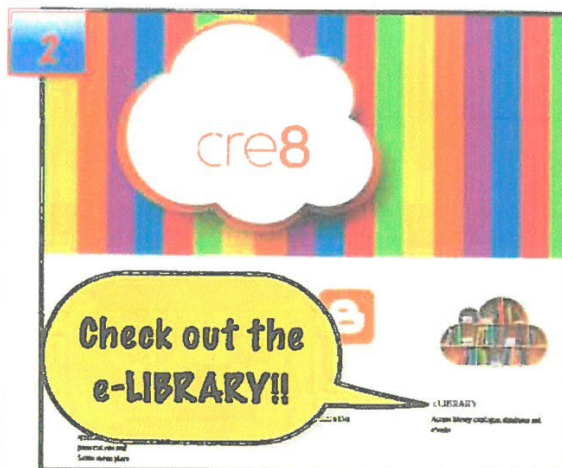
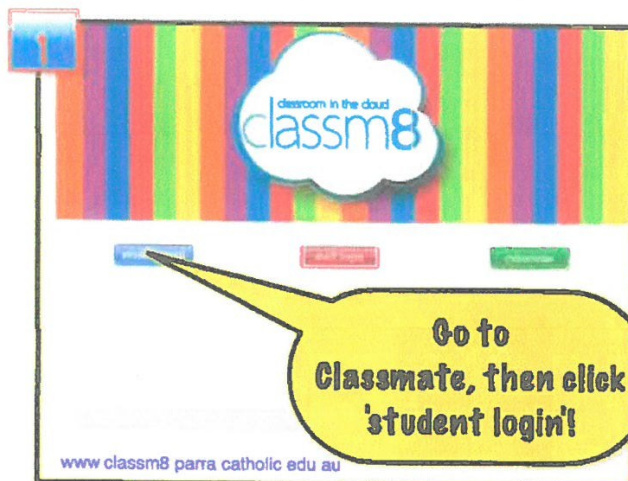
Kindly note students to be in Summer Uniform  
Term 4. Please start organising any of your uniform requirements.

**Oz fashions can be ordered through the app  
St Matthew's Primary Uniform Shop**

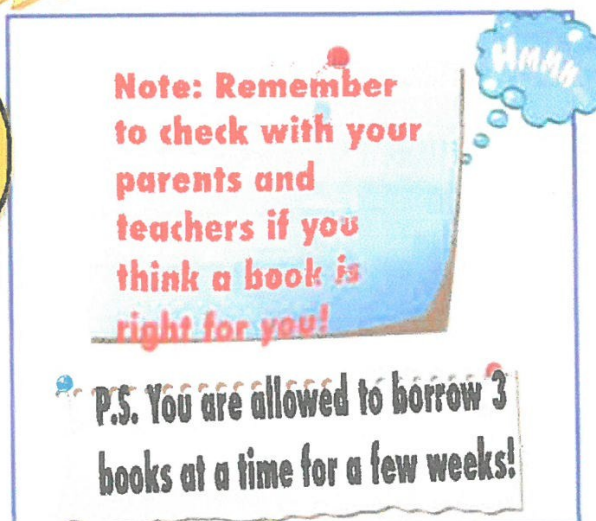
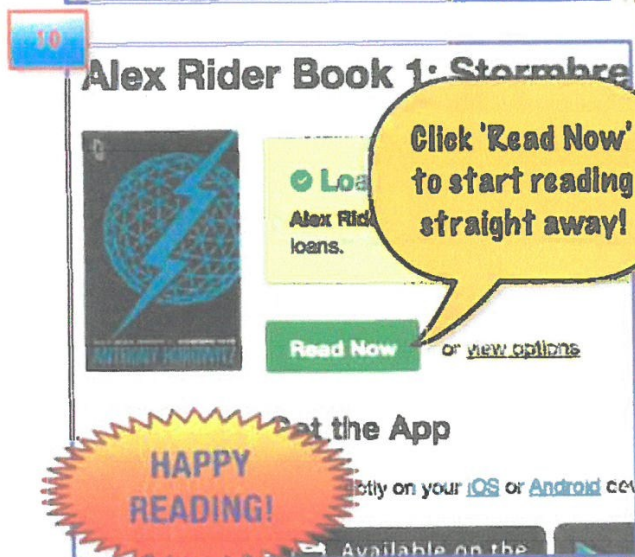
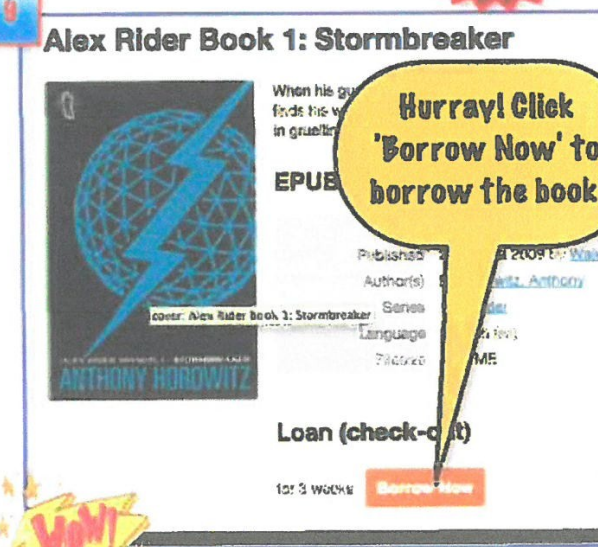
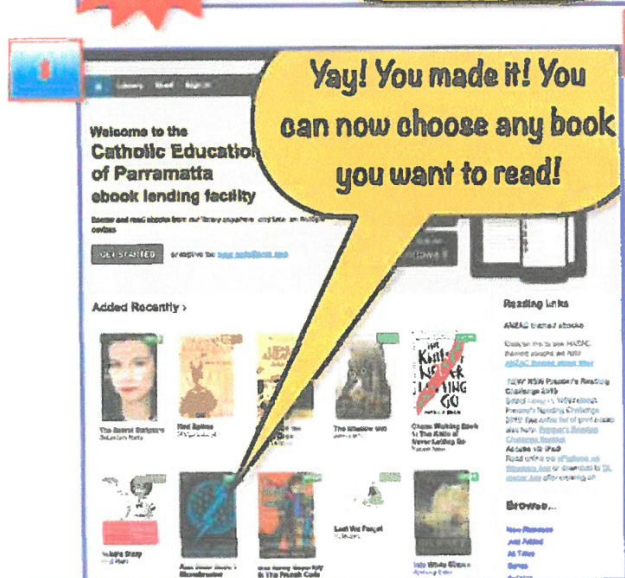
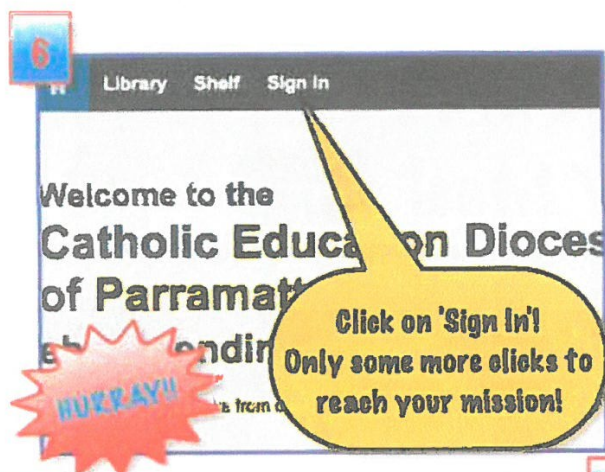


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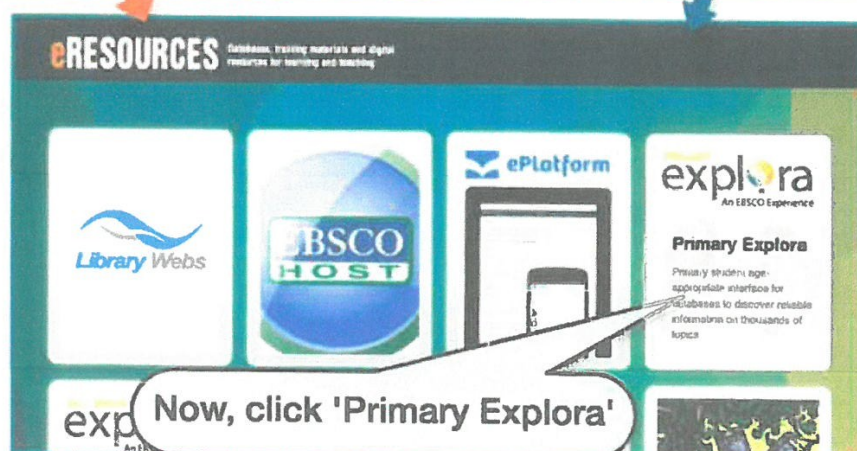
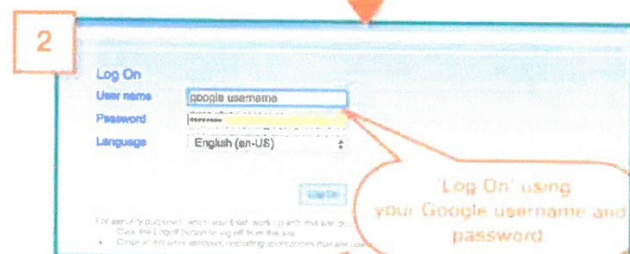
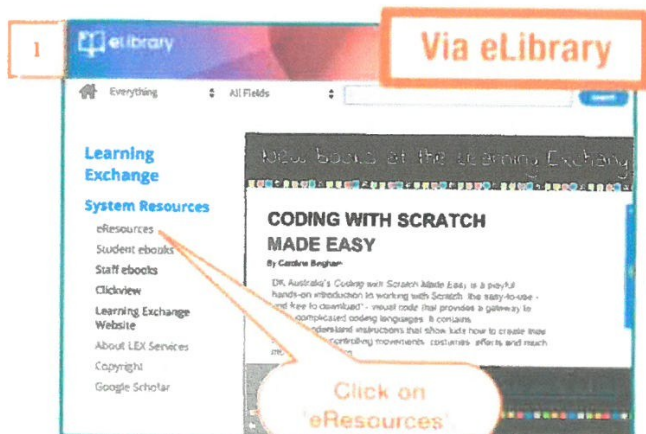
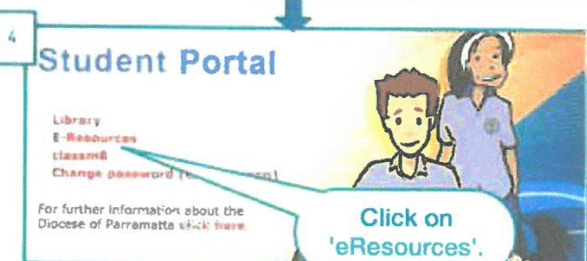
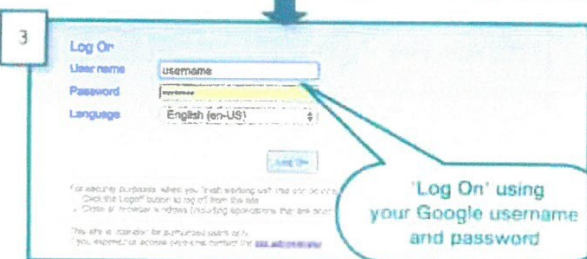
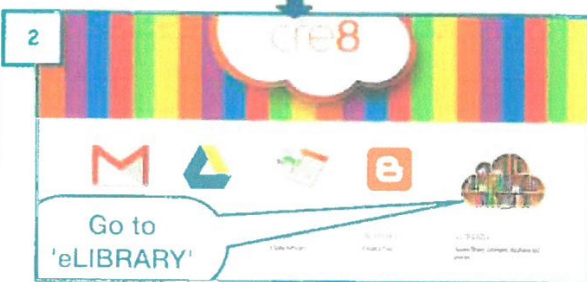
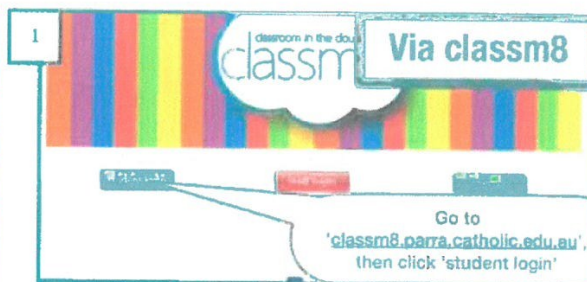


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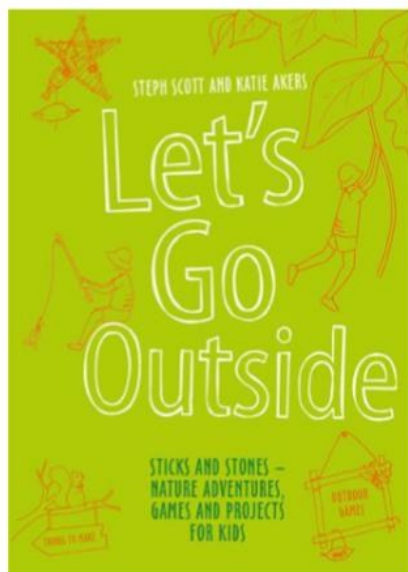
The dangers faced by Earth Day approach

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## Student ebook of the Week



<https://goo.gl/UMd1xc>

Suitable for years 2 - 5

*This is the ideal book to take out and about with children aged 3 to 7. It is packed with original and simple outdoor activities, nature facts and woodland skills that can be used in all weather and will appeal to both boys and girls. Armed with this book, you can wrap up and go outside and find something to do whether you're near the countryside or just a park or garden.*

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## Student ebook of the Week



<https://goo.gl/P1Hg6j>

Suitable for years 7 - 9

Thomas was sure that escape from the maze meant he and the Gladers would get their lives back. But no one knew what sort of life they were going back to. The earth is a wasteland. Government and order have disintegrated and now Cranks, people driven to murderous insanity by the infectious disease known as the Flare, roam the crumbling cities hunting for their next victim ... and meal. Thomas can only wonder - does he hold the secret of freedom somewhere in his mind? Or will he forever be at the mercy of WICKED?

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# Bishop Office

## Holy Land Pilgrimage: January 2018

Fr John McSweeney from St John XXIII Catholic Parish Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens will be leading a 15-day Holy Land pilgrimage (with three day optional extension in Petra, Jordan). Cost, details and further information through Harvest Journeys under tour code: 8PV03. Phone 02 9390 5460, email [info@harvestjourneys.com](mailto:info@harvestjourneys.com) or visit [harvestjourneys.com](http://harvestjourneys.com).

## Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

HIGH SUPPORT NEEDS CLASSES KIRINARI, Xavier College, Llandilo WIYANGA, St Patrick's Marist College Dundas are accepting enrolments. Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta provides an inclusive education for students, recognising that some students with a moderate intellectual disability may need additional support. High support needs classes provide students with an alternate platform that addresses their learning needs. Direct enquiries to Alma George, Manager Diverse Learning Needs on 0407233622/[Alma.George@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Alma.George@parra.catholic.edu.au).

## Campion College Adoration Under the Stars: 17 September

Campion College invites you to a night of adoration under the stars. When? 17th of September. What time? 7pm. Where? Campion College. The night will start off in the chapel with an International Rosary (to be led in different languages), followed by a talk that will be given by Father John Paul Escarlan on Vocations. Adoration will then commence at 7:45pm, and will conclude with Benediction at 8:45pm.

## Martin Luther – The man and his music: 21 September

A concert commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation will be held at St. Finbar's Church, Glenbrook on Thursday 21st September 2017 at 7.30pm. Sing and learn about some of the great hymns composed by Martin Luther and other Reformation hymn writers. Performances by the Blue Mountains Chorale with Robert Ampt (Organist, Martin Luther Church, Sydney). Suggested donation: \$20, \$10 concession. Enquiries 4754 1780

## Free public lecture: 22 September

"Violence gives rise to religion: And why popular culture has this back to front..." with Dr James Alison, Friday 22nd September, 6.30-8pm, St Paul's College, University of Sydney, 9 City Road, Camperdown. Abstract: Much popular culture and academic literature identifies religion as the cause of violence. In contrast, what if the opposite is the case: that violence gives rise to religion? James Alison will show that religion is actually an answer to the problem of human violence, which develops as a fundamental issue in human evolution and hominization. Biographical information: Dr. James Alison is an internationally acclaimed Catholic theologian, and author of numerous books, including *The Joy of Being Wrong*, *Raising Abel*, *Knowing Jesus*, *Faith Beyond Resentment*, *Undergoing God*, and *Jesus the Forgiving Victim*. For more information, please go to: <http://jamesalison.co.uk/>

Details: [info@australiangirardseminar.org](mailto:info@australiangirardseminar.org)

## Day Seminar: 23 September

DAY SEMINAR: Girard's Mimetic Theory: A Short Guide with Dr James Alison. Saturday 23rd September, 9am-5pm. St Paul's College, University of Sydney, 9 City Road, Camperdown. This seminar provides an introduction to the French-Catholic theorist, René Girard (former professor of Stanford University and member of Académie française), whose theories on desire, violence, religion and Christianity have been ground-breaking. The seminar will cater for beginners and for those who are more advanced. The seminar will be interactive, with workshops and groups led by Dr James Alison, Rev. Prof. Scott Cowdell (Charles Sturt University), Assoc. Prof. Chris Fleming (Western Sydney University), Dr Carly Osborn (University of Adelaide) and Dr Joel Hodge (Australian Catholic University). Cost: \$100 (waged), \$70 (concession), free for students. Book at [www.trybooking.com/RBNT](http://www.trybooking.com/RBNT) Details: [info@australiangirardseminar.org](mailto:info@australiangirardseminar.org)

## Discernment to the Permanent Diaconate: 24 September

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.

This is the fourth session of the 2017 program. Subsequent sessions will be announced in due course. Venue: St Anthony of Padua Parish, 27-33 Aurelia Street, Toongabbie, NSW 2146. Time: 2:30 to 5 pm (including Mass and fellowship). For further information visit <http://parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate/> please contact any of the following deacons:

Deacon James - [deacon@stanthonyschurch.org.au](mailto:deacon@stanthonyschurch.org.au)

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Deacon George - [g.bryan1@bigpond.com](mailto:g.bryan1@bigpond.com)

## Wedding Anniversary Mass: 24 September

All Married couples are invited to celebrate their Wedding Anniversary with other couples and family members at the 11am Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta on Sunday, 24th September, 2017.

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv will celebrate the Mass and will host a light lunch following Mass. Please contact your Parish Secretary to register your names by 18th September, 2017; or call the Life Marriage & Family Office on 02 8838 3460 or [lmf@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:lmf@parra.catholic.org.au).

## Social Justice Sunday: 24 September

The Catholic Church in Australia celebrates Social Justice Sunday on 24 September. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy'. The Statement calls for an economy that is founded on justice and offers dignity and inclusion to every person. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website ([www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)) or call (02) 8306 3499.

## Shrine Time for Young Adults 18-35: 24 September

One Holy Hour with prayer, reflection, meditation, praise & worship. 2017 is devoted to Praying for Vocations and Devotion to Mary as per our Holy Father's intentions for WYD 2018 in Panama. From 7.30pm-8.30pm followed by social gathering.

Mary, honoured as the Mother Thrice Admirable, offers 3 graces in the Shrine, this monthly event is a unique opportunity to experience them regularly: Discover your HOME in the hearts of Jesus and Mary; See breakthrough TRANSFORMATION in your life; and Get your spiritual boost to be an authentic WITNESS. In the Shrine at Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa.

## Q & A Programme "Let's Talk About What Matters": 24 September

Held at The Crypt, St Patrick's Church, Grosvenor Street, Sydney, 1.30pm – 3.00pm.

September 24 – "Social Media – A force for good?" Professor Gerard Goggin & Cecilia Hilder;

October 1 – "Pornography: Who does it harm?" Rev Fr John Baron op; October 22 "Finding the Courage to make a Difference" Fr Frank Brennan sj AO and Alpha Cheng. No need to book. No charge. Further information: website: [catalyst-for-renewal.com.au](http://catalyst-for-renewal.com.au) Email: [catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au](mailto:catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au) or 02 9990 7003

## Time for Us Weekend for Families: 30 Sept-2 Oct

Time for Us Weekends at Mount Schoenstatt include inputs for adults, programmes for children of all ages including baby-sitting, couple and family time, games fellowship with other families, prayer, reflection and Holy Mass. For more information or to register contact Sr M Julie Brcar: [juliebrcar@gmail.com](mailto:juliebrcar@gmail.com) or 0408 738 334.

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





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