



St. Matt's Matters Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

CAPTIVATE 10th Anniversary Celebration

Over the past 3 days the culmination of 6 months work has been on display with the performance of the 10th Anniversary Captivate concert. Captivate is a creative arts program run by the Diocese of Parramatta to showcase the wide variety of creative talents that exist in the schools of our Diocese.

This year 41 students from Year 3 - Year 6 participated in this gala performance. Their contribution to the evening added to what were incredibly spectacular concert events. Congratulations to our students for their commitment to the weekly practices, dress rehearsals and performances this week. Thank you to the parents who supported their children's participation at the concert evenings.

Without the dedication of our committed staff these opportunities would not be possible for the children. I would like to acknowledge the work of Mrs Burke and Miss Pollack who have worked tirelessly to prepare the students for the performances, organise all the behind the scenes administration, as well as attend the dress rehearsals and the performance evenings. I would also mention Miss Sant who attended dress rehearsals with Mrs Burke when Miss Pollack was unable to attend.

Uniforms

Over the first 4 weeks of this term there has been an increase in the number of students wearing items which are not part of the school uniform. In particular the wearing of sandals/runners with the general school uniform has become particularly prominent. The school uniform policy encourages the wearing of sandals/runners with the sport uniform, however black leather shoes are required for the general school uniform. Whilst there are rare occasions when sandals/runners may need to be worn with the general uniform it is not appropriate nor acceptable to wear them in place of the black leather shoes on a daily basis. In cases when sandals/runners are worn in place of leather shoes then a note needs to be sent to your child's teachers to explain the circumstances. From next week any child wearing not wearing the correct school uniform will be referred to Mrs Whiteman or Miss Keane to explain the reasons for being out of uniform and parents will be contacted to follow up on this matter. If there are extenuating circumstances regarding school uniform please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Whiteman or Miss Keane to discuss your individual situation. Thank you in advance to all families in supporting our uniform policy by ensuring that all students wear our school uniform correctly.

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

Peace and Best Wishes for a wonderful fortnight ahead.

Tim Vane-Tempest,

Principal.

CANTEEN SURVEY

Thank you to all those who have responded to the Canteen survey that was released last week. At this point we have received feedback from 68 families which has highlighted a number of matters which require further investigation and discussion. The survey will be open for this week and parents/carers are encouraged to add their thoughts about the canteen service.

DRESS LIKE A FARMER MUFTI DAY & CAKE STALL

Tomorrow our SRC and Colour House Captains are raising funds to support farming families and communities through a Dress Like a Farmer Mufti Day and Cake Stall. A gold coin donation is the price of mufti, with the cake stall being held during the Lunch and if needed Recess break. The funds raised will be donated to a charitable organisation working to support farmers and farming communities.

At all times the safety of each child is paramount regardless of the activity they are engaged in. This remains the case with mufti days as well. It is essential that children come appropriately dressed for the day, so please consider the weather conditions and sun protection. Children should wear covered shoes which are flat so that they can safely move around the playground and wear a hat. Also shirts and tops must have a sleeve that covers the shoulders and arms, (No Singlet Tops).

Outside of the mufti day theme, the day will be a normal school day. For those children in Year 4 and Kindergarten who will have their PE lessons on this day they should wear their sports shoes.

Xander and Lachlan are helping the Kenthurst Rotary with the relief help for the farmers. Xander and Lachlan are working at the Orange Blossom Fete and would like to ask if anyone would be willing to help donate toys and household items or books. All proceeds will be going directly to the farmers.

Xander and Lachlan have helped in the school holidays and have already helped to raise \$10,000.00 worth of hay that will be transported to the farmers in September. Xander and Lachlan also have raffle tickets for sale supporting the same cause in the Office for anyone interested in purchasing tickets.

Aug 24 Fri	Dress Like a Farmer Mufti Day & Cake Stall Gold coin donation
Aug 27 Mon	Assembly 2:45 pm presented by Year 1
Aug 28 Tues	Netball Gala Day Jamison Park, South Penrith
Aug 29 Wed	Cyber Safety & Google Apps workshop for parents 9:15 am - 9:45 am or 2:30 pm - 3:00 pm Father's Day Stall 9:45am Stage 3 Parish Mass 9:00 am Reconciliation after Mass
Aug 30 Thur	Voice of Youth Cluster Final Stage 3 depart 10:30 am
Aug 31 Fri	Father's Day Liturgy in the Church 7:30 am followed by breakfast
Sept 3 Mon	Assembly presented by Year 4 2:45 pm
Sept 5 Wed	Year 4 Parish Mass 9:00 am
Sept 7 Fri	Stage 2 Boys & Girls Touch Gala day Penrith Touch Fields The Kingsway, St. Marys
Sept 10 Mon	Assembly presented by Kinder 2:45 pm
Sept 12 Wed	Year 3 Road Bike Safety Education depart 8:20 am Year 1 Parish Mass 9:00 am Cyber Safety & Google Apps workshop for parents 9:15 am - 9:45 am or 2:30 pm - 3:00 pm



KISS & DROP

A reminder to all in our community about the importance of using the Kiss & Drop area with safety and care. A reminder that if the Kiss & Drop Zone is full, then drivers need to go around the block to avoid blocking traffic flow in Little Church St. Local police have advised previously that the first car that is blocking the flow of traffic is in breach of traffic rules and can be booked for double parking.

Police will do and will continue to conduct random patrols of our area and will issue fines for any breaches. Areas that police have highlighted as targets are double parking, blocking traffic flow and staying too long in the drop off/pick-up zone. Below is a list of common offences in School Zones and the penalties that apply if caught. More information can be found on the Hawkesbury City Council website at

<https://www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/roads/road-safety/school-safety>

There are now increased penalties and demerit points associated with these common speeding and parking offences in School Zones.



No Parking

You have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups and must stay within 3 meters of your vehicle.



No Stopping

Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a No Stopping Sign applies.



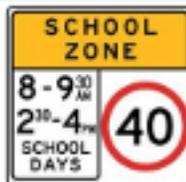
Bus Zone

You must not stop your vehicle in the indicated zone unless you are driving a public bus.



Mobile Phone Use

Drive using a hand held mobile phone in a School Zone.



Speeding Offences

There has been an increase to the monetary fine and number of demerit points applicable to Speeding Offences in School Zones.



Stop on path or nature strip or across driveway \$337 + 2 demerit points

DOUBLE PARK \$337 + 2 demerit points

Fines current as of July 2018

Fines and demerit point are subject to change

View the current demerit point and offences list at

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/roads/safety-rules/demerits-school.pdf>

For all users of the Kiss & Drop area, I have included the guidelines for its use below:

- ***Kiss & Drop will operate between 8:30 am and 9:00 am and 3:15 pm and 3:35 pm***
- ***Cars will follow in single file through the drop zone***
- ***Drivers should move as far as possible into the zone before stopping to allow children to get out of the car safely or in the car when picking up***
- ***Children need to exit the car on the left hand-side so they are not walking behind or between cars using the zone***
- ***No overtaking of vehicles in the Kiss & Drop zone***
- ***Drivers need to stay in their car at all times – no parking is permitted in the Kiss & Drop***
- ***When leaving the Kiss & Drop zone be aware of other drivers and pedestrians.***

PUPIL FREE STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Our staff Professional Learning Day for Term 3 will be on **Friday 28th September**. As all staff will be involved in this day there will be no supervision provided for students. The St Matthew's COSHC will provide child care for this day for any family that needs to use the service. A booking form is on the next page and Keira can be contacted on 0418 170 921 to book a place.

TEACHERS AS LEARNERS

Over the past 2 weeks our staff have been involved in a range of Professional Learning opportunities. Miss Mortimer, Mrs Burke and Mrs Climpson attended further sessions on developing our school wide PBL focus. Last Saturday all staff attended a workshop on writing and they have also continued their work on developing their understanding of Multiplicative Thinking and different ways that this knowledge can be used to improve the knowledge of the students. Also Mrs Whiteman and Miss Keane attended training on analysing NAPLAN data to assist teachers in better meeting the learning needs of the students.

WORLD YOUTH DAY RAFFLE

A book of 4 raffle tickets has been sent home this week.

Please return the sold ticket butts with the money or the unsold tickets to the School office.

The raffle will be drawn on 27th October.

Tickets \$2 each



FUNDRAISING RAFFLE FOR WYD 2019

TICKETS \$2 ea

DRAW on 27th October 2018

1st Prize: Mazda3, 5 Door Automatic, Registered
Donated by **St Mary's Parramatta** (524-4752 2777)

2nd Prize: COSMOS \$5000 Gift Card
Donated by **St Mary's Parramatta** (524-4752 2777)

3rd Prize: New iPhone X
Donated by **St Mary's Parramatta** (524-4752 2777)

4th Prize: New iPhone X
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5th Prize: New iPhone X
Donated by **St Mary's Parramatta** (524-4752 2777)

6th Prize: Apple iPad Mini
Donated by **St Mary's Parramatta** (524-4752 2777)

7th Prize: Cash Prize of \$500
Donated by **St Mary's Parramatta** (524-4752 2777)

8th Prize: \$500 Westfield Gift Card
Donated by **St Mary's Parramatta** (524-4752 2777)

9th Prize: Apple Watch
Donated by **St Mary's Parramatta** (524-4752 2777)

10th Prize: \$1000 Westfield Originals Gift Card
Donated by **St Mary's Parramatta** (524-4752 2777)

DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA

For tickets and further information please contact
Michael Mendietta MMendietta@parrs.catholic.org.au

Money raised from the raffle will be used to support the World Youth Day 2019. For more information please contact the parish office.



catholic out of school hours care

Monday 20th August, 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

St Matthew's Catholic Primary School: Pupil Free Day

As families are aware, **Friday 28th September, 2018** is a Pupil Free Day at **St Matthew's Catholic Primary School**. Catholic Out of School Hours Care at St Matthew's is able to offer limited places for care on this day. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, priority given to families already enrolled at the service.

Opening Times: 6:45am to 6:30pm

Flat Fee: \$50.00 per child for the day, prior to Child Care Benefit deductions. Families that already attend COSHC on Friday's will have their regular fee deducted from the \$50.00 fee.

How to secure a position for Friday 28th September, 2018:

Simply complete the tear off slip below and return to the school office or COSHC to secure your position. Families new to COSHC will be required to complete an enrolment form

No further applications will be accepted after 1:00pm on Friday 14th September 2018

Please note: If your child would normally attend Before &/or After School Care on a Friday and do not attend on this Friday, they will be marked as absent and normal fee charged.

Further enquires are to be directed to the COSHC Supervisor on 0418170921 or coshcstmatthewswindsor@parra.catholic.edu.au

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PUPIL FREE DAY REQUEST FORM – Friday 28th September, 2018

I will require all day care on the Pupil Free Day, **Friday 28th September, 2018**, at COSHC St Matthew's Windsor. I accept that if I book care for my child/ren and they do not attend on the day, my child/ren will be marked absent and the daily fee will still apply.

Child's Name: _____ School Class: _____

Parent / Carer Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I am new to Catholic Out of School Hours Care. Please send me an enrolment form.



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22nd August 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

This letter is to inform you that unfortunately Mr Vane-Tempest has sustained another serious injury to his knee and will require further surgery. At this stage we are unsure of when Mr Vane-Tempest will return to school. We will keep you informed with any information relating to Mr Vane-Tempest and his recovery as it becomes available.

If you have any matters that you need to discuss with Mr Vane-Tempest, please do not hesitate to contact the office so that we are able to assist you. Mrs Whiteman will be acting as Principal during Mr Vane-Tempest's absence.

We wish Mr Vane-Tempest a speedy recovery and look forward to having him return to school.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Mrs Janine Whiteman
Acting Principal.

FRIDAY 31ST AUGUST

St Matthew's School Community would like to invite all our Fathers and Grandfathers to celebrate with us on this very special day.

Liturgy in the Church - 7:30 am

Followed by Breakfast - in the Hall

Children invited.



FOR CATERING PURPOSES, COULD YOU PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING AND RETURN TO SCHOOL BY TUESDAY 28TH AUGUST.

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We will be attending the Father's Day liturgy & breakfast on Friday 31st August at 7:30 am.

Name/s: _____

No adults: _____ No children: _____

Dietary requirements: _____

PBS4L MASCOT COMPETITION

**Winners will be announced
at Monday Morning's school
assembly in Week 6!**



Father's Day Stall

Wednesday 29th August 9:45 am
after the Tech Savvy workshop.

Please send your child with a plastic bag to bring home their gift. Gifts between \$1 & \$5

Helper's needed

Father's Day Liturgy & Breakfast

Friday 31st August

In the Church 7:30 am followed by breakfast

Our school is a place of "Holy Ground."

As **LEARNERS**

We are

SAFE

RESPONSIBLE

RESPECTFUL

Of



✦ **SELF**
✦ **OTHERS**
✦ **SCHOOL**



Stage 3 Drink Drive

In **Weeks 7 and 8** 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 fund-raise for drinks that will be on sale at the Drink Stall at the Stage 3 Mini Fete on **Friday 21st September 2018.**

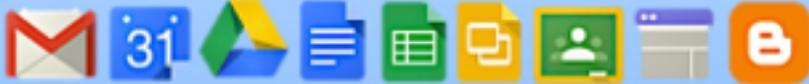
We would greatly appreciate donations of the following drinks;

- 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!

Tech Savvy Parenting
An introduction to cyber safety and Google apps for Education



Join us in Term 3 on the 29th August and the 12th September at two timeslots:

Workshop 1: I pads Wednesday 29 th August 2018 9.15am-9.45am or 2.30-3.00pm	Workshop 2: Chromebooks Wednesday 12 th September 2018 9.15am-9.45am or 2.30-3.00pm
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#watchthisspace #empoweringparents #21stcenturylearners

Stay informed with the SkoolBag App



The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters and all school communications.

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Download the app

Search for the free SkoolBag app in the Apple App or Google Play Store

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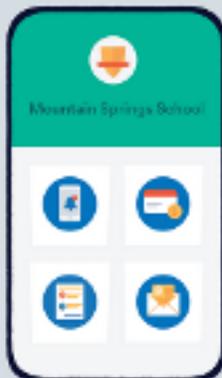
Create an account

Sign up in seconds with your email address

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Add your school

Search for your school and add your subscription groups



SkoolBag 

Greetings St Matthew's School Community! Congratulations to all our students who received the Holy Spirit at Confirmation. This sacrament completes their initiation into the Catholic Church. We pray for them and their families as they continue their journey in faith. May they receive many graces to grow in faith so that in everything they do – they glorify God.

Father's Day

On Sunday the 2nd of September, we celebrate Fathers' Day.

Fathers' Day remains an opportunity to recognise the contributions the fathers and grandfathers have made to our community. We remember all the things our fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers have done for us and continue to do for us.

St Joseph was the foster father of Jesus. He worked as a carpenter and did all the normal things our fathers do to protect and provide for their families. St Joseph always trusted in God and always put Him first. St Joseph was a caring and compassionate man and St Matthew describes St Joseph as a "righteous man"

(Matthew 1: 19). Today, fathers are faced with many different challenges- just like St Joseph did in Jesus' time. But St Joseph had an unwavering faith in God that helped him to overcome these challenges.

Fathers are a source of strength and support. They put the family's needs before their own and teach their children the value of working hard, honesty, justice, courage and good judgment. Fathers create memories that last a lifetime- to ride a bike, tie shoelaces, throw a ball- the list is endless. But the most important thing a father can do for their child is to pass on their faith and trust in God. Just like St Joseph, fathers have an opportunity to teach their children how to pray and live their lives connected to God.

On Fathers Day we celebrate and thank our fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers for everything they do for their families. We ask God to bless them and guide them in their daily lives.

Prayer to St Joseph-

**Oh, Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God,
I place in you all my interests and desires.**

**Oh, Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your Divine Son
all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage
to the most Loving of Fathers.**

**Oh, Saint Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms;
I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart.**

**Press Him in my name and kiss his fine head for me and ask him to return the Kiss
when I draw my dying breath.**

Saint Joseph, Patron of departed souls – pray for me. Amen.

We invite our fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers to a Liturgy and
breakfast next Friday at 7:30 am .

God Bless.

Ann Climpson

Jesus in our hearts – Forever!

Mary Our Mother– Pray for us.

St Matthew- Pray for us.



Canteen open Tuesday,
Wednesday & Thursday for
recess.

Selling Water, Juice, Chips, Ice
blocks & Ice creams.

Thank you to our volunteer
helpers.



TUCKSHOP2U

Monday & Friday

Order before 11 pm on Thursday night & Sunday night

<https://tuckshop2u.com.au>

**Payment options include PayPal and Credit Card (VISA,
MasterCard and American Express)**



August

Kinder	Brooklyn, Alex, Alison, Tiffany
Year 1	Nadime, Pierce,
Year 2	Ben, Mackenzie
Year 3	Jamie, Mikaella, Mackai, Shelby
Year 4	Jacob
Year 5	Stefanie, Noah, Olivia, Peter, Tanner
Year 6	Taylor, Madelin

Please take note of the following important sport related dates:

Term 3

Week 5

Thursday August 23 - Parramatta Diocese Athletics

Week 6

Tuesday August 28 - Netball Gala Day

Week 7

Friday September 7 - Stage 2 Touch Gala Day

Week 8

Basketball Gala day Trials

Hills Zone Athletics

St Matthew's students were brilliant athletes and competitors with many PBs being broken on the day. Several students placed in the top 12 which is a great achievement as most events have up to 28 competitors. Congratulations to Liam and Harry who will be taking part at Diocesan today. Liam came first in his 100 m event! Harry came first in his Shot Put event and second in his Discus event!

Netball Gala Day

The Netball Gala Day is on Tuesday. Thank you to those parents who have offered to help with the coaching! We appreciate your time! Students will be taking the bus from St Matthew's at 7:00 am sharp. It is a big day so please ensure your child has a healthy breakfast and plenty of healthy lunch/recess items with them. There is a canteen on site, however, this will only be available for teams when they have a large enough break in their game schedule. Good luck to all the competitors who have been training really hard over the past few weeks!

Stage 2 Touch Gala Day

Stage 2 students will be attending the Touch Gala Day at the Touch Fields in St Mary's on Friday September 7th. Notes have gone home this week and are due back early next week. Please take note that this gala day is by private transportation.

Fruit & Veg Month 2018

Our school has registered for Fruit & Veg Month 2018. The theme for this year is '**Happy Fruit & Veg'tember!**' Fruit & Veg Month 2018 runs for the last 4 weeks of Term 3, Monday 3rd to Friday 28th September. As part of Fruit & Veg Month, students will be involved in various classroom and school based activities which encourage them to eat more fruit and vegetables. If you require more information on what activities our school is doing for Fruit & Veg Month, please contact the school or your child's teacher.

Karen Brand

Fruit & Veg Month School Coordinator

Morning Fitness at St Matthew's

Regular physical activity is an important part of getting healthy and staying healthy.

Encouraging kids to be active from a young age sets good habits early on and helps them develop the skills they need to stay active throughout their lives.

Regular physical activity helps kids:

- with healthy growth and development
- build strong bones and muscles
- improve balance and develop skills
- maintain and develop flexibility
- achieve and maintain a healthy weight
- improve cardiovascular fitness
- reduce stress and feel more relaxed
- improve posture
- boost confidence and self-esteem
- have fun with their friends and make new ones

(Excerpt taken from <https://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/kids-teens/get-active-each-day>)

Cardio Tennis

This will not run on Friday Week 6 (31.8.18)

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.

BOOTCAMP

Bootcamp is every Thursday morning from 8:00 am - 8:30 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 strength training and cardiovascular/endurance skills.

Martial Arts

Every Tuesday morning from 8:00 am - 8:30 am and afternoon from 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm, Clarence Rodrigues and his team from Destiny Martial Arts Australia come to St Matthew's to train students. The cost is \$3 per session. Please see Clarence on a Tuesday morning or afternoon in the Hall for further enquiries.

Kind regards,

Mrs Brand

Sport Teacher/Sport Coordinator

Fruit & Veg Jokes

1. Q: What do you call a group of strawberries playing the guitar?

A: A jam session.

1. Q: What do you call an angry pea?

A: Grump-pea.

1. Q: What kind of apple isn't an apple?

A: A pineapple!

1. Q: What's a vegetable's favourite martial art?

A: Carrot-eee!

1. Q: What kind of shoes are made from banana peels?

A: Slippers.

1. Q: What is green and goes camping?

A: A Brussel scout!

1. Q: How did the farmer fix his jeans?

A: With a vegetable patch.

1. Q: What's worse than biting into an apple and finding a worm?

A: Biting into an apple and finding half a worm.

1. Q: What vegetable likes looking at animals?

A: A zoo-chini!

1. Q: What's the strongest vegetable?

A: A muscle sprout!



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

KINDERGARTEN	<p>Lilly - for her creative representation of Vincent Van Gogh's painting Starry Night. Zoe - for her efforts and enthusiasm to learn in reading group time. Indiana - for participating in class discussions. Zander - for his participation to share his ideas in shared reading time.</p>
YEAR 1	<p>Hamish - for using efficient strategies to solve multiplication and division problems. Hayden - for using efficient strategies to solve multiplication and division problems and recording his working out clearly. Sienna - for showing perseverance and determination when solving rich maths tasks. Joel - for always showing kindness and compassion to others.</p>
YEAR 2	<p>Zach - For improved participation during guided reading discussions and for accurately summarising the key events of a text after reading. Haydn - For an amazing start to Term 3 with fantastic contributions to class discussions in all Key Learning Areas. Keep up the great work! Oscar - For consistently making insightful inferences during shared, guided and reciprocal reading sessions to help yourself and your peers to comprehend texts. Melissa - For impressive hard thinking when completing multiplicative thinking tasks and for showing your thinking and working out clearly. Keep up the great work!</p>
YEAR 3	<p>Noah - for showing his working out when finding the perimeter of a shape. Jacob - for being safe, respectful and responsible at all times. Sophie - writing concise main idea statements about national parks.</p>
YEAR 4	<p>Cooper - for being considerate of his class mates and helping to be a peacemaker Luka - for setting the examples others by participating constructively during reading groups. Aston - for always striving to produce a very high standard of work. Miles - for overcoming difficulties and problem solving during mathematics.</p>
STAGE 3	<p>Sophie - an excellent Voice of Youth speech on "Anxiety" . Crystal - an excellent Voice of Youth speech on "Self Esteem". Gracie - using multiplicative strategies to solve problems. Alex - for presenting a courageous topic for his Voice of Youth speech on "Fat Shaming" Well done! Charlotte - for presenting an emotive Voice of Youth speech on the topic "Starving Kids". Well done! Madaleine - for extensive effort in preparing for her Voice of Youth speech on the topic "Child Abuse". Good luck for the Cluster final! Jessica - for working hard to complete all tasks to a high standard. Isabella - for putting in a tremendous effort in preparing for her Voice of Youth Speech. Xander - for a focused start in Term 3.</p>



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13th August 2018

Dear Parents,

This letter is an invitation for you to enroll your child for the Sacrament of Penance and the Sacraments of Initiation – Eucharist and Confirmation. This will take place through a Parish based and Family Centered process. Children are eligible if they are in **Year 3 and above and are baptized Catholics.**

In order to explain the way the preparation takes place, you are invited to attend an information session. This session will provide you with the opportunity to decide whether this is the right time for you to begin the preparation process for your child to receive the Sacraments.

There are two enquiry sessions to choose from:

1. **Tuesday, August 28th at 7.30 p.m. at Chisholm Primary School Collith Ave, Bligh Park**
2. **Wednesday, August 29th at 7.30 p.m. at St Matthew's Catholic Church**

An Enrolment Ceremony for those children whose parents wish them to commence the process for completion of Initiation will take place on the weekend of:

- Sep 8th Saturday at 6.00 pm mass at St. Matthew's Church**
- Sep 9th Sunday at 9.00 am mass at St Matthew's Church**
- Sep 15th Saturday at 6.00 pm mass at St Matthew's Church**

As a way of showing our appreciation, there will be a Commissioning/Blessing for all facilitators who will be involved in our Sacramental preparation. The date will be the 2nd September, Sunday at 9.00 am mass.

Dates for the remainder of the programme will be given to those parents who choose to enroll their children in the programme. There is a donation of \$35.00 administration fee, once you are ready to enroll your child. This fee will cover the books and resources which we will be using during the program.

We look forward to meeting you at one of the enquiry sessions. If you are unable to attend either session, it is essential you ring the **Parish Office – 4577 3073** or **alternatively please call me on 0415 682 183.**

Kind regards,

Cita Adams
Sacramental Coordinator

On behalf of Fr Robert William, Parish Priest

Bishop Office

Natural Fertility Services

"My husband and I opted for Natural Family Planning (NFP) after our first baby, we'd struggled with other means of fertility management prior to this. Since then, we've been shocked by just one thing, hardly anyone knows about it! Our educator has patiently guided us in learning, implementing and having confidence in ourselves. Best of all, NFP goes hand-in-hand with faith, as God's handiwork is on vibrant display in the human body. Beyond its practical benefits, NFP has revealed to us the astounding mechanisms that God has set in motion in our bodies to create life. NFP is family planning God's way".
A couple in their 40's with two children.

To learn more about Natural Family Planning in the Diocese of Parramatta contact 02 8838 3460 or nfs@parracatholic.org or catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org and www.parralmf.org.au/nfs

We're hiring!

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta is seeking a Nurse to attend World Youth Day 2019 in Panama. The role will be responsible for encouraging and coordinating healthy practices and the preliminary identification and assessment of medical, health and wellbeing needs of pilgrims. More information at: <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/positions-vacant>

Save the Date – Seminar for Couples Hoping to Conceive

Date: 11 November 2018. Waiting for Gabriel is an information afternoon. You'll hear testimonies and learn about natural options which assist fertility. For more information contact Natural Fertility Services, Diocese of Parramatta catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org 0400 427 605

Save the Date - Liturgy Conference 2018

Date: 10 November 2018. Keynote Speaker: Fr Peter Williams Vicar General from the Diocese of Parramatta. Workshops (still to be finalised): Singing the Psalms, RCIA ritual & symbols, Training Junior Altar Servers and Music and Prayer in the Classroom. To register your interest go to parracatholic.org/liturgyconference2018/

Tickets: On sale soon (we'll let you know when).

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

Lawn and Garden Services: Help CatholicCare to Help Disabled Workers

CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains (CatholicCare) is the diocesan social services organisation. Our Mamre Garden Services employed disabled people in a lawn and garden service lawns for both residential and commercial clients. The team of workers is supervised by our Garden Crew Supervisor. Each job is quoted separately and you will not be disappointed with the quality of the work. If you're interested in having your lawns and/or gardens serviced by CatholicCare or would like more information, please contact 02 8843 2500 or visit our website www.ccss.org.au

RCIA: How it can grow your Parish's Faith Life

Wednesday 12 September – Part 1

Wednesday 19 September – Part 2

To be held at the IFM, 1-5 Marion St Blacktown from 7.00–9.00. To register contact the Office For Worship: ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org or 02 8838 3456.

Creating a Safe Church: 31 August - 1 September

The Diocese of Parramatta is co-hosting two days of presentations by Fr Hans Zollner SJ addressing the most significant issues facing the Catholic Church today with respect to harmful behaviour, including the theological and spiritual implications arising from the abuse crisis and their impact on victims and survivors, together with members of the Church. Fr Hans is regarded as one of the leading ecclesiastical experts in the field of safeguarding of minors and on areas concerning sexual abuse both in the Roman Catholic Church and beyond. More information and registration via parracatholic.org/safechurch

A special Year of Youth event in the Mountains: 1 September

We're inviting all young adults working and living in and around the Blue Mountains for an afternoon to connect. This Year of Youth, we're striving to create more opportunities for young people to experience the joy of the faith. Join us on 1 September from 3:00pm to 6:00pm at St Canice's Church, Katoomba. Follow Catholic Youth Parramatta for more information or contact Qwayne Guevara, Local Engagement Leader at qwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org.

Bishop's Annual Appeal for Retired and Sick Priests: 2 September

There will be a special collection for the Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese – on Father's Day. Your donation helps them cover healthcare costs and expenses associated with everyday living, supplementing the pension that some receive. Please give generously this Father's Day Appeal. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Donations can be made here: <https://parracatholic.org/csf/>

Children's Liturgy Workshop: 5 September

This workshop will be held at the IFM, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown from 7.30-9pm. To register contact the Office For Worship: ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org or 028838 3456. This is an important evening for all those assisting with Children's Liturgy in their Parish.

The Permanent Diaconate: 9 September

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: 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

Nigerian Mass in Igbo: 9 September

Rev Fr Chukwunonyerem Akamadu, Chaplain to the Nigerian Catholic community, will celebrate Mass at 12.30pm at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. Contact Fr Akamadu tel 0451 174 438, Stella Nwosu 0405 478 472.

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

St Vincent de Paul DROUGHT APPEAL

Help support struggling rural communities facing tough drought conditions. Help individuals and communities across NSW in three ways:

- Provide immediate relief through food assistance and other household bill payments
- Fund the delivery of water and animal feed by partner organisations
- Organise social events for rural communities to come together and find support

Donations can be made by calling 13 18 12, www.vinnies.org.au/drought or at any local Vinnies Shop.

Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service

Volunteers wanted – Finance Officer and Property Manager. The Diocese of Broome, Western Australia requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church in the Kimberley. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of six months. We are currently seeking volunteers for several parishes including Broome, Balgo, Kalumburu and Bidyadanga. For further details on how to be a part of this unique experience, and an application form, please contact Anneliese Rohr via 08 9192 1060 and volunteers@broomedioocese.org or visit Web: www.broomedioocese.org.

Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse

This is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held May 26 – 31 2019. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griegtograceaus.org.au or phone 0478599241. For more information visit www.griegtograce.org

Vinnies Western Sydney Sleepout

This August Vinnies will bring business and community representatives together with the local community to help prevent homelessness. You can help too! Registrations are now open for Catholic parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains to help make a significant impact to the lives of people in need. You are invited to join the inaugural Vinnies Western Sydney Community Sleepout on 30 August to raise vital funds to help prevent homelessness in Western Sydney. We're asking each participant to have a target goal of \$500. Your Vinnies Conference members may have already raised this event with you. From 6pm on 30 August until 8am Friday 31 August 2018 at Western Sydney University, Parramatta South Campus. Details at www.vinnies.org.au

Dad's Support Group: 28 August

D.A.D.S MyTime Group is a group aiming to connect fathers and other male carers of children with a disability, developmental delay, ASD or a chronic illness to a support network of other fathers, helping the whole family. This is a free, government funded service. 7pm – 9pm at St Margaret Mary's Parish Centre, 5 Chetwynd Rd, Merrylands. Call 0438 878 355 for more information or visit playgroupnsw.org.au or mytime.net.au. Tea & Coffee provided.

Catholic Men's Conference: 1 September

Join with other men to explore strategies for: What is Courage? How do we build authentic relationships? What is commitment? Saturday, 1 September at Dooleys Catholic Club, Lidcombe
Registration: \$60 Early Bird \$48 (11 August). Find out more: www.sydneycatholicmen.com/conference or contact Norm Reavell on 0438 5515 441. A collaborative of men from Brothersoul (Schoenstatt Men), menALIVE, The Catenian Association, Knights of the Southern Cross, The Men of St Joseph and Catholic Men's Fellowship.

Australian Catholic Historical Society Lecture: 2 September

Professor Mark McKenna - Faith at "World's End": Father Angelo Confalonieri and the first Catholic Mission to Northern Australia. Visit the ACHS website www.australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au for more information.

Holy Hour for Vocations: 6 September

Families and youth (aged 18-35) are invited to join the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth for a Holy Hour of Prayer for Vocations from 7.00pm-8.00pm followed by a pizza supper. The Good Shepherd Church, 130-136 Hyatts Road, Plumpton. RSVP to Sr Paula on 0449 656 406, vocationscsfn@gmail.com

Catalyst for Renewal: 7 September

Catalyst for Renewal Dinner - 7 September at 7.30pm, Villa Maria Parish Hall, Corner Mary St & Gladesville Rd, Hunters Hill. Speaker: John Allen. Topic: "Pope Francis and His Critics" – A Vatican Insiders View. Tickets \$60 ph. Reservations essential. For bookings, Phone 02 9990 7003 (Messagebank), Email: catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au

Walking with Refugees: 8 September

Walking with refugees and people seeking protection: the Diocesan journey continues with a celebration lunch on 8 September from 11:45-2:30pm. To be held at Patrician Brothers, Blacktown. Come together to hear stories and share our stories and successes, learn about what's happening right now for refugees and people seeking protection and explore what we can do together over the next 12 months. For more information call the Social Justice Office on 02 8838 3458 or visit: <https://bit.ly/2nCTrWA>. The House of Welcome Asylum Seeker Social Enterprise are catering for this event Payment \$25 Cash on the day as a donation and to cover cost to House of Welcome.

Bethlehem College 100th Anniversary Luncheon: 8 September

All former students and staff of Bethlehem College, Ashfield, are warmly invited to attend the 100th Anniversary celebratory luncheon to be held at Sydney City Tattersalls Club, 194-204 Pitt Street, Sydney from midday on 8 September. For more information, please visit www.bethlehemcollege.nsw.edu.au or contact bethlehemexstudents@gmail.com or 0409 986 740 or 0414 841 395.

Benedict's Tools for Peace: 8 September

This day of reflection will immerse you in the ancient wisdom of the Rule of St Benedict, who in his "little rule for beginners" provides practical tools for living a life of peace with oneself and the world. We invite you to come and explore Benedict's way to peace in a day of prayer and reflection. 8 September, 10am-3pm. Gold Coin Donation, Morning Tea provided, BYO Lunch. RSVP via mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au or 02 8752 5390.

Term 3 update.

Helping kids to be Super Savers with School Banking.

Banking Day is
Wednesday

How teaching your child money skills can fit into your everyday life.

There are many ways you can help your child learn the value of money in real-life situations. As a busy parent, it's a good idea if you can incorporate simple money lessons into your everyday routine, like at the supermarket.

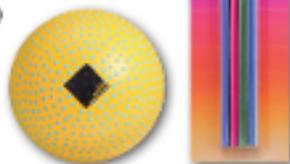
Here's 3 lessons you can share with your child next time you shop:

- 1 Before you go to the supermarket, ask your child to help you write the shopping list and then organise the items into two columns: Needs and Wants. Then whilst you do the shop, let them tick off the items as they go to help reinforce the idea. They'll quickly start to understand the value of the items they really need.
- 2 When buying items at the supermarket, you can explain to your kids how items are priced and that you can get cheaper or more expensive versions of the same product. This is also an opportunity to discuss how you can shop around for the best price and sale items.
- 3 Let them choose an item they can buy using different coin combinations to practice their money skills in the real world.

Term 3 Super Savers Reward Items.

To encourage the habit of saving regularly, children can redeem a reward after they've made 10 School Banking deposits. Two new reward items are available in Term 3 (while stocks last):

- Mighty Boom Handball
- Heat Reactor Pencils (pencils change colour with heat)



Keep saving for a chance to win a family trip to Hawaii.

Just a reminder that this year, School Banking is running a Super Savers Grand Prize Competition that will take one lucky School Banker and their family of two adults and up to three children to Hawaii.

The trip includes:

- Return economy flights to Honolulu, Hawaii plus airport transfers
- 7 nights accommodation at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel & Resort, staying in a Luxury Ocean Room, with beach views and breakfast included
- AU \$2,000 spending money

How to enter:

Simply make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3 2018 to automatically receive an entry into the competition.

Learn more about saving at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking



Things you should know: The 'Super Savers Grand Prize Competition' (Promotion) is conducted by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (ABN 48 123 123 124) of Level 30, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. The Promotion starts at 5pm AEST on 22/07/18 and ends at 11:59pm AEST on 28/09/18. Entry is open to Australian residents aged 4-13 years only who have made 15 separate School Banking deposits into their Commbank 'YouthSaver' account during the Promotion period. Eligible entries will be automatically entered into the draw. Maximum 1 entry/person. The first eligible entry randomly drawn will win a trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, USA for two adults and up to three children (aged 12 years and under), including 7 nights accommodation and AU\$2,000 spending money valued at AU\$2,000. Terms and conditions apply. The draw will take place at 11pm AEST on 10/10/18 at the address above. The winner will be notified by telephone and email, and will be published online at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and in The Australian on 10/10/18. Winner must claim the prize by 5pm AEST on 15/01/19 or the prize will be redrawn. The prize will be awarded to the child's nominated agent or guardian. Conditions apply to accepting the prize. Full terms and conditions available from commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. Authorised under NSW Permit No. 1795/171838, ACT Permit No. ACT-TP-1234567 and SA Permit No. 1161878.