



St Matthew's School Newsletter

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St Matthew's School Narrogin

VISION STATEMENT

ST MATTHEW'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL HAS A DEEP AND LASTING CONCERN TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES THAT ENABLE EACH CHILD TO GROW AS GOD INTENDS.

Dear Parents and Carers

Diversity: The Expression of God's Creativity
Dignity comes in big and little packages. A child who offers friendship to a class mate who is being ostracised by others because of his/her differences is just as worthy of esteem as a world leader who is convening a summit on human rights.

Parent Contact

As Week 2 draws to a close, I wish to remind parents that class teachers are always keen and willing to meet with parents and guardians, not only to celebrate successes, but also to discuss any concerns that you may have. It is amazing how easily and quickly most concerns can be resolved once we have been made aware of them. Class teachers should always be approached in the first instance.

Following the Parent Information Meetings next week, you may still have questions about the learning program or classroom routines. Please feel free to make a time to speak with your teacher to have these questions answered.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

At the end of Term 1, we will hold Parent Teacher Interviews to discuss individual student progress. These interviews are one of the many ways that teachers provide feedback to you about your child's progress. As mentioned, teachers are also very happy to talk to you at any other time throughout the year.



As morning drop offs can be quite a busy time for staff, please approach the teacher or Office to organise a more suitable time for a meeting to occur.

Social Media

Social media can be a fantastic way for us to communicate with others, showcase awesome things that we have achieved and, in the school context, promote upcoming events and news. From time to time, we notice that there can be negative comments made in the car park, in local meeting places, or on social media. This is often a topic of discussion I bring up at enrolment interviews, and parents seem to share my concern of how quickly people can try to tarnish the reputation of others through these mediums.

St Matthew's School seeks to walk hand in hand with our families, creating a positive, welcoming and friendly community. As we walk together through the 2017 school year, may I request that we take opportunities to promote our community in positive ways rather than giving credence to those who seek to use words to hurt others.

Problems, differences of opinion and personality clashes are not resolved by involving other people through car park discussions or on social media websites. When a particular 'reality' is shared through these channels, please remember that a different 'reality' may possibly exist. A more fair and equitable resolution can be achieved through calm dialogue between the parties directly involved, while respecting the dignity of each and every person.

Swimming Lessons

Students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are heading down to the Rec Centre every afternoon for swimming lessons. It has been wonderful to see that they are remembering to bring their swimming gear each day. They are doing a really good job at staying focussed on morning classes, despite being absolutely exhausted by 3.00pm. Swimming lessons continue next week and conclude on Friday. Our junior classes will have their lessons later in the year, usually Term 4. These will be organised by the Education Department and we will inform parents as soon as we have this information.

All families are invited to join us at the 9.30am Parish Mass on Sunday morning this weekend, for the staff, Board and P&F commissioning. You are also most welcome to join us for morning tea in the Parish Centre at the conclusion of Mass.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Jonnda Simpson
Principal



SUN 12 FEB

School Staff, Board, and
P&F Commissioning Mass
9.30am

MON 13 FEB

Swimming Lessons
Continue for Yrs 3-6

Parent Information Meetings

Mon: 3.15pm PP
3.45pm Year 4
Tues: 3.30pm Year 6
Wed: 3.30pm Year 3
4.00pm Year 5
Thurs: 3.30pm Year 2
4.00pm Year 1

TUES 14 FEB

Year 5/6 Reconciliation
11.15am

FRI 17 FEB

8.50am Assembly

Last day of Swimming
Lessons

TUES 21 FEB

Altar Server Practice
2:15pm

FRI 24 FEB

Year 2 Assembly 2:30pm

WEEK 4

Years 3 & 4 prayer Service
Date & Time TBC

HOME THIS WEEK

The DVDs from our Masquerade Performance have arrived. Please send a brief note with your child if you are happy for him/her to collect, or we will hold for parent collection.



P & F NEWS

The first meeting of the St Matthew's P&F will be held **Thursday 16th February** at 2.00pm in the meeting room (across from the school office).

We welcome all parents to come along - all committee positions were appointed at last years AGM, however, class representatives for all year groups will be discussed ready to start the new school year! We have volunteers for most year groups, but if you're interested in joining in or you'd like any further information, please don't hesitate to contact **Michelle Batt** on **0419 930 423**.

SAVE THE DATE – SACRAMENTS 2017

Confirmation: Sunday 18 June 2017

First Holy Communion: Sunday 27 August 2017

First Reconciliation: Wednesday 15 November 2017

TERM DATES FOR STUDENTS 2017

Term 1 Wednesday 1st February to Friday 7th April

Term 2 Monday 24th April to Friday 30th June

Term 3 Monday 17th July to Friday 22nd September

Term 4 Monday 9th October to Friday 8 December

PUPIL FREE DAYS

Friday 3 March Monday 24 April

Monday 17 July Monday 9 October

Monday 11 December — **Friday 15 December**

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Monday 6 March (Labour Day) Tuesday 25 April (ANZAC)

Monday 5 June (WA Day)

HONOUR CERTIFICATE

**Congratulations to this week's
Honour Certificate recipients:**

**Hamish, Georgia, Pippa, Kate, Ben, Evan, Reed,
Emily and Michelle. Well done!!**



COMMUNITY NEWS

FLAMES NETBALL CLUB



2017 Season Registration

Monday 13 February

4pm-6pm

Narrogin Leisure Centre

Snr Fees \$260 includes entry

Jnr Fees \$220 includes entry

Net Set Go \$110 includes entry

Uniform - Dress \$65

Bike Pants \$29

New members welcome



NARROGIN SQUASH CLUB



Junior Pennants Competition 9 years +

Commence: Wednesday 15th February 2017

Time: 5:30pm

Where: Narrogin Leisure Centre

Come along, learn some skills, get graded and put into teams for pennants competition.

For more information please contact Anthony Howe 9455 486 234 or Andrew Pratt 0429 813 732

OLYMPICS NETBALL CLUB

Registration Day: Wednesday 26th February 2017

Time: 4-6pm

Where: Narrogin Recreation Centre foyer

New and Old players welcome

Fees: \$140 (Senior); \$125 (Junior) \$70 (NetSet

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For more enquiries go to: olympicsnetball@outlook.com



Ngala Parenting Workshop

Growing Strong Brains in our Kids 0-6 years

We will yarn about helping our kids have strong brains and strong bodies.



VENUE:

Primary health Narrogin

Date: Wednesday 22nd February

Time: 10.00 - 12.00

Morning Tea Provided!

For transport please contact Beth Piesse 9881 0385. For further information please contact Linda Lloyd 0428 929 550

Babies welcome & activities available for older kids