



# St Matthew's School Newsletter

Term 1, Week 4 — 24 February 2017

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## 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

#### Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday morning, the school will celebrate the beginning of Lent with our Ash Wednesday liturgy, and we invite all parents and caregivers to join us in the church at 9.15am.

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, the season of preparation for the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. We begin the season of Lent by preparing ourselves in mind and body to perform acts of charity towards others or by simple acts of self-denial.

During Lent we may choose to give up eating something we like, or we may decide to be especially kind and helpful to those around us. We can do this by considering the needs of other people first, and putting them before our own.

During the Mass we receive ashes on our foreheads. In this way we acknowledge that we have sinned. We decide to turn back to God and be friendly to other people. During the season of Lent, we thank the Lord for all he has done for us by trying to grow even closer to Him so that we might become more like Him.

If you're giving up something for Lent, that's great. But think also about the possibility of doing something positive to bolster your spiritual life and make the world a better place. Perhaps you might consider looking for ways to increase your knowledge of your faith, strengthen your spiritual life or perform special acts of mercy and kindness at home, at work, in your parish or in your community.

You speak, you raise your hand,  
you touch my mind and call my name,  
"Turn to the Lord your God again."

#### Pupil Free Day Reminder

On Friday, St Matthew's teachers are travelling to Ellenbrook for a day of professional development involving Explicit Instruction. This is an exciting opportunity for our teachers to collaborate with staff from many different schools. Although some of our non-teaching staff will be at school on this day, they too are involved in professional development. As such, the Office will be closed all day. Mrs Ong will open the Uniform shop from 12.00pm on Thursday afternoon next week for parents who require any uniform items.

#### SunSmart Schools Tennis Academy Plate

Mrs Kilpatrick is taking a group of students to the regional schools' tennis competition on Monday. Thank you to the children who have nominated for this event. We wish you all the best for a fun day, with perfect weather, playing against students from other schools in the region.

#### Kindy Meeting

The Kindy Parent Information Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 28th February at 3.15pm. Mrs Graham will share information about the Kindy Program. Our School Health Nurse, Mrs Jo Cook, will also speak to parents at this meeting. The information shared at this meeting is a little different to the meeting that was held in Term 4 last year. We encourage at least one parent/carer from each family to attend.

#### Grandparents Wanted

Do you know a grandparent who may have an hour or two free each week to sit with a child to talk, share a book, or teach a skill such as sewing, knitting, chess, craft, art etc? We are looking for grandparents to join our mentoring program this year. Please contact the office if you know of someone that may be interested and we will provide them with more information.

Wishing all families and friends a wonderful weekend!

**Jonnda Simpson**  
Principal



**Monday 27 February**  
Schools Tennis

**Tuesday 28 February**  
Kindy Parent Meeting 3.15pm

**Wednesday 1 March**  
Ash Wednesday Whole School  
Mass 9:15am

**Friday 3 March**  
**PUPIL FREE DAY**  
World Day Of Prayer

**Monday 6 March**  
**LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

**Wednesday 8 March**  
St Matthew's Swimming  
Carnival

Commitment Meeting for all  
Sacraments at 7:15pm  
Sister Mary Library

**As the Uniform Shop is closed on Friday 3rd March, Mrs Ong will be available from 12pm on Thursday 2nd March if you require any uniform items.**

## HOME THIS WEEK

School Banking Information  
Booklet (Eldest)



## FULL FAMILY DETAILS SHEET



Unfortunately we are still missing a large number of "Full Family Details" sheets that were sent home with the 2017 Annual Fees account. It is extremely important that our records are kept up to date in case of an emergency. Please return your form, either with changes clearly marked or ticked, because all is OK.

**ALL forms must be returned by next Monday please.**

## 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)

## FAMILY NAME PLATES—KISS & DROP

Parents using the "Kiss & Drop" in the afternoon are reminded that they must display their "Family Name Plate". We found this system was working "a treat" last year but unfortunately some name plates have disappeared! If you need a replacement, or you are new to the Kiss & Drop routine, please contact the school office and Mrs Ong will gladly make you a lovely name plate. **Our aim is to make this a safe area in the afternoon for all the children.**



## NUT AWARENESS REMINDER

Did you know that we have children and adults in the school with **SEVERE** nut allergies? We kindly request that all families please endeavour to eliminate products that contain nuts when preparing lunches and snacks for children to consume at school. Thank you for your anticipated diligence in this area.

Allergy Aware School



## ST MATTHEW'S PARISH — MASS TIMES

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

*1st Sunday of the month*

Mass Saturday 6:30pm / Mass Sunday 10:15am

*2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sundays 9:30am Mass*

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday	Mass	9:30am
Wednesday	Mass	9:30am
Thursday	Mass	9:30am
Friday	Holy Hour	4:30—5:15pm
	Mass	5:15pm

Fourth Thursday Mass at Karinya Hostel 11:00am

How can I help my child with **MATH**?

Count your steps as you take a walk. Count by 1's, 2's, 5's, and 10's.

Give your child story problems to try and solve. Have your child explain how to solve the problem.

Let your child help you cook. Cooking involves a lot of counting and measuring.

Help your child learn math vocabulary.

Give your child coins to practice counting money.

Have children point out patterns they find.

Show your child that math is in our everyday lives.

## BABY NEWS

**Congratulations** go to Elisa and Oliver on the safe arrival of their daughter **Elizabeth Olive** on Monday (Bella in Yr 2). We wish both Elisa and Oliver all the best with their growing family.

## SAVE THE DATE – SACRAMENTS 2017

**Confirmation: Sunday 18 June 2017**

**First Holy Communion: Sunday 27 August 2017**

**First Reconciliation: Wednesday 15 November 2017**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### NARROGIN CALISTHENICS CLUB

Classes for Year 1 to Year 4 Students

**Day and Time:** Thursdays 4:00 — 5:30pm

**Where:** St Peter's Hall, Uniting Church (diagonally opposite The Narrogin Skate Park)

**Enquiries:** H Lange on 9882 4011



### NARROGIN JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING

**Do you want to be the next Roger Federer or Serina Williams?**

Starts Monday 13<sup>th</sup> for 6 week block. Must be 6 years & over. Early registration is essential as class numbers are limited. Registrations close Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September

Call/Text Jane 0429 812277 or email [mjildyke@westnet.com.au](mailto:mjildyke@westnet.com.au) to register

