




St Matthew's School Newsletter

Term 2, Week 2 — 5th May 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

I look up to the mountains; does my strength come from mountains?
No, my strength comes from God, who made heaven, and earth, and mountains. (Psalm 121)

*Lord, thank you that you are with me right now
Your love surpasses all fear
I give you the anxiety I feel
I surrender all my worries to you
Clear my mind
Calm my heart
Still my Spirit
Relax my being
That I may always glorify you
In everything I write, speak and do
Amen*

2017 NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy)

Next week is NAPLAN week for students in Years 3 and 5. The teaching and learning program for these year levels will be modified to accommodate the requirements of these national assessments, where required.

Parents are reminded that NAPLAN provides a 'snapshot' of a child's learning over one week and should be viewed within the context of the learning that occurs over the year. Classroom teachers are the best resource for information relating to your child's progress.

Bishop Holohan Visit

Bishop Holohan is scheduled to visit Narrogin on the weekend of 13-14 May. Bishop will be concelebrating the 9.30am Parish Mass on Sunday 14th. Please take this opportunity to join us for Mass on this day. Everyone is most welcome to stay for a 'cuppa' in the Parish Centre following Mass. Bishop is very keen to have this opportunity to meet the families in the Narrogin community.

100 Years Celebration Update

We have begun to ramp up the planning for our 100th Anniversary Celebration, which will take place in 2018. Thank you to the staff and parents who joined us for our morning tea gathering last week, where we generated some fantastic ideas. It is wonderful to have the support of parishioners and ex-students in the community to ensure that this celebration will be a truly special one.

Bunbury Principals' Conference

During the next couple of weeks, I will be away from school for several days to attend Principal professional learning events, beginning with the Bunbury Regional Principals' Conference next week. At this conference, the Principals will be provided with information about the CEWA initiative, Leading Lights. This initiative is reimagining how students and schools will engage with others in the local, national and international community. It will be an exciting time for St Matthew's School. We are looking toward the future of our school technology needs as Leading Lights is rolled out to schools over the next 12-18 months. Mrs Quartermaine and Mrs Milton will continue to lead the school during my absences. Please feel free to contact one of them, if required, on these days.



Have a wonderful weekend!

Jonnda Simpson
Principal



TUESDAY 9th May
NAPLAN Testing Begins
Yrs 3 and 5

Board Meeting
7pm

WEDNESDAY 10th
May
Year 6 Rosary

THURSDAY 11th May
Kindy—Mother's Day
2:00pm

FRIDAY 12TH MAY
PP/Yr 1—Mother's Day
2:00pm

MONDAY 15th May
Confirmation Parent
Education Night &
Parent/Child Workshop
6pm-8pm

THURSDAY 25 May
Dental Screening
PP—Year 2
9:00am

FRIDAY 26th MAY
District Cross Country

TUESDAY 13th JUNE
Winter Carnival

HOME THIS WEEK

Term Planner—Term 2

Updated Sacrament Date
List (to FHC parents)

Confirmation Letter/
Enrolment Form (to
Confirmation parents)

SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER



Parents will remember that in February 2016 the school received a new phone system. For the first 12-16 months, any call made to the school using the old phone number would have been automatically directed to the school. As we are nearing the end of this arrangement, we ask that all families now ensure that the correct number is locked into their mobiles etc.

The number that should be recorded “everywhere” in your house is: **98539500**.

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		

TIPS FOR KIDS STRESSED BY TESTS

www.kidspot.com.au

- 1. 'Being there' emotionally:** During times of stress, children usually need extra nurturing, comfort and understanding. Be open and receptive to how they are feeling.
- 2. Discuss feelings:** Encourage children to talk about how they feel. Listen with empathy so they feel understood and know that their feelings are normal.
- 3. Support children's confidence:** Teach children to be brave by showing them you believe they can do it, and encourage them to 'have a go' even if they are feeling nervous.
- 4. Help with relaxation skills:** Breathing slowly to calm down and helping them to imagine themselves coping well during a test are really helpful ways of managing anxiety.
- 5. Teach helpful thinking:** Instead of saying to themselves “I can't do this” encourage them to say “I'll give it a go”.
- 6. Lead by example:** Show your child how you cope positively with feeling anxious or stressed by thinking out loud e.g., “I feel a bit nervous, but I'm going to try my best”.
- 7. Help your child have clear expectations:** Talking through what will happen.
- 8. Discuss problem-solving:** Brainstorm situations that might arise during the test and then come up with possible solutions with them. For example, ask them what are three things that they might be able to do if they freeze in the exam and feel sick.
- 9. Teach confidence-building tricks:** For example, looking through the paper and completing questions they know they can answer first before trying more difficult ones.

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 2 Wednesday 26th April to Friday 30th June
Term 3 Tuesday 18th July to Friday 22nd September
Term 4 Tuesday 10th October to Friday 8 December

PUPIL FREE DAYS

Monday 24 April **Monday 17 July** **Monday 9 October**
Monday 11 December — **Friday 15 December**

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Tuesday 25 April (ANZAC)
Monday 5 June (WA Day)

PLEASE REMEMBER THIS ONE !

Unfortunately a few parents are not contacting the school office when they receive an SMS message regarding their child/children being absent. It is a legal requirement that parents advise the school if their child/children are going to be away. ***If you received an SMS message, please ring the school immediately to confirm your child/children are away and why.*** A written note to the teacher is still required on the return of the child/children. Thank you.



COMMUNITY NEWS

KIDS ART IN THE AFTERNOON

Kids Art with Esther Kerr
Commence: Monday 15th May **Time:** 3:30—4:30pm
Where: ARTS SPACE
Cost: \$77.00 for 7 weeks **Ages:** 6—9 years
All materials supplied



FAMILY FUN DAY



When: Tuesday May 16th
Where: Narrogin Leisure Centre
Time: 10:00am—Midday

Fun games: Bouncy castle, Music, Face Painting, Arts and Craft, balloons and more.



PERTH WILDCATS — 2017 REGIONAL TOUR

The Perth Wildcats are on tour again and are coming to Narrogin!! Don't miss the rare opportunity to meet the stars and get involved in basketball clinics and events run by the Perth Wildcats players and coaches themselves.

When: Wednesday 14 June 2017
Time: 4:00—6:00pm
Where: Narrogin Regional Leisure Centre
Ages: 6 — 12 years
Cost: \$65.00 per participant



Places are limited for each clinic, so register your details to avoid missing out! For more information or to register, visit wildcats.com.au