
Term 2, Week 8 Newsletter

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What's happening?

I hope you enjoyed the long weekend and had a chance to unwind with your children. It sounds like many families used the opportunity to seek warmer weather and have a few days away. It is great to see everyone return happy and healthy, and ready to continue learning and growing at St Matt's.

Last week, we held a Prayer Service for Year 5 and 6 classes based on the theme of kindness. Exploring Jesus's commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you", it was a timely reminder of our calling to show compassion and empathy for each person in our lives. Thank you to Mrs Allington and the Year 5 Class for leading our students so beautifully.

This Sunday, we are excited for Year 6 students, Oliver, Courtney, Miley, and Kate, as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We pray for a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit in their lives, and congratulate them on this momentous occasion.

2023 Kindy Enrolments

We would like to welcome any prospective students starting Kindy at St Matthew's School in 2023. Please drop into the front office to collect an enrolment pack

If you have a child ready for 2023 Kindy, please pop into the office to collect and enrolment pack. You may have friends of family who are still considering schooling for their family. Please invite them to make contact with St Matthew's School to take a tour and hear what we are all about.



Upcoming Events

Thursday 16th June

Year 4 and 5 Excursion to Art Gallery of WA

Friday 17th June

Year 3 Performance
Assembly

Year 6 Confirmation Retreat

Sunday 19th June

Sacrament of Confirmation

Friday 24th June

Winter Carnival

Joke of the Week

(from Owen – Year 6)

Q: What did the farmer say when he couldn't find his tractor?

A: Where's my tractor.

Last week, Miss Procopio shared that she has accepted a teaching position back in her home-city of Bunbury for Semester 2, 2022. Miss Procopio joined our school at the start of this year and poured an enormous amount of effort into her teaching. On behalf of the St Matthew's School Community, I would like to thank Miss Procopio for her professionalism, energy, and expertise, and wish her all the best for her future endeavours.

School Reports

Semester 1 School reports will be available via <https://matthews.conegt-p.cathednet.wa.edu.au/> on Tuesday 28th of June. Please ensure you are familiar with your login details from last year. For new families, you will receive an email shortly asking you to create a log in to access reports. Please email Mr Tenney (mark.tenney@cewa.edu.au) if you have any issues.

A reminder to all parents that reports are only a snapshot of the last two terms of learning. The grades your child receives in the school report are based on the Western Australian School Curriculum and not leveraged against other students in class. Teachers assess student learning through judging standards set by the WA Education Department. As a wise principal once told me: "the most important part of your child's report is the back page".

Maggie Moment – what do when my child says they don't want to go to school?

The first sage advice Maggie gives about this topic is that it is completely normal. Just like parents sometimes don't want to go to work, there will be times when your child may not want to go to school. This is a natural and understandable experience for children, and how we respond as parents is critical in guiding our kids through this process. Maggie encourages parents to *respond, rather than react*. Kids are sponges. How parents emotionally react to a situation, will often trigger similar emotionally responses in children.

Maggie's advice is to first acknowledge and validate your child's feelings, but keep getting them ready for school, and find an appropriate time with your child to explore the issue further. Something has triggered an emotional response in your child and processing in a healthy way will also empower your child to do the same. So, in summary, Maggie advises: when your child says: "I don't want go to school", don't panic, validate how they feel and in a calmer moment explore what's underneath.

From SeeSaw

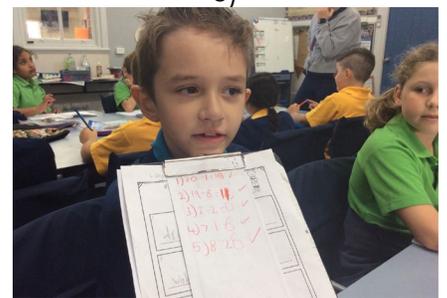
Ivan (Year 5) using his abacus for Mathematics.



Did you catch our Preprimary Class in the Narrogin Observer for the National Day of Simultaneous Reading?



Mental Maths with Logan (Year 3)



School Reports

Please ensure you have downloaded the school app called 'Connected'. It contains the live calendar of events and can also provide vital updates as to COVID rules. You can also:

- Submit online absences
- Receive class-specific notices
- View newsletters
- Access Narrogin Canteen Menu



Sacraments 2022

Please note the following Sacramental Dates for this year:

Commitment Mass for all Sacraments	Sunday 22nd of May - 9:30am
Confirmation Parent/Child Workshop	Sunday 22nd of May - 11:00am
Sacrament of Confirmation	Sunday 19th of June - 9:30am
Sacrament of Holy Communion	Sunday 18th of September - 9:30am
Holy Communion Parent/Child Workshop	TBC
Reconciliation Parent/Child Workshop	TBC
Sacrament of Reconciliation	Wednesday 9th of November - 6pm

Once again, thank you for your support of St Matthew's School.

God bless,

Mark Tenney
Acting Principal



KIDS, TEENS & SCREENS

by Dr Kristy Goodwin



Dr Kristy will provide realistic strategies to help parents navigate the online world with their 'screenagers'



Kristy will explore

- Online world & how to best support our children
- Screentime
- 5 Vital Digital Boundaries
- Risks & Simple Solutions of the online world
- Digital disconnection



For more information on Dr Kristy Goodwin
<https://drkristygoodwin.com/>

Date: Tuesday 14th June 2022
Time: 6:00 - 8:00pm (6pm arrival for 6:30pm start)
Venue: Pingelly Recreation & Cultural Centre
Cost: Free
Tickets: Complimentary tickets can be reserved online prior to the event <https://www.trybooking.com/BYWMS>
Enquiries 9887 0092 or email: manager@pracc.net.au



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