
Term 2, Week 10 Newsletter

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What's happening?

Welcome to Week 10, our final week of Term 2. In what has been our "COVID term", I am incredibly proud of our school community for the way in which we have navigated through the complexities and challenges that COVID brought. A special thank you to all our amazing staff at St Matthew's School. In an unprecedented term, they have worked tirelessly, and your children are lucky to have such dedicated and committed educators in their lives.

Thank you to all our wonderful St Matt's families for your unwavering support of our school. Our strong community and sense of pastoral care means our students are looked after with the best of care.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Last Sunday, we congratulated Oliver, Kate, Courtney, and Miley as they celebrated receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Gerard Holohan, Bishop of the Diocese of Bunbury, celebrated the Mass and confirmed the Holy Spirit on our candidates. We pray that our students develop the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit in their lives as they journey forward in their faith.

Winter Carnival

The annual Winter Sports Carnival took place last Friday as students in Years 4-6 participated in Netball, Hockey, Football, and soccer. All students participated wonderfully and represented St Matt's proudly. Congratulations to the football and netball teams who took out the overall shield for their sport.



Upcoming Events

Tuesday 28th June

- Semester 1 Reports accessible (4pm)

Friday 1st July

- Year 5 Performance Assembly
- Pyjama Day

Tuesday 19th July

- First day of Term 3 for students
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Merit Awards

Congratulations to Uzoma, Myla, Oscar, Jesse, Isaac, Indie, Ifeoma, Mia, Amelia, Ane, Corben, Addisyn, and Elio.



CSBP Primary School Hockey Cup

Last week, St Matthew's School entered two teams into the CSBP Primary School Hockey Cup, an annual interschool competition. Both teams played some incredible hockey throughout the day, with both teams progressing through to the Grand Final where they faced off against each other. A new-found competitiveness was suddenly found, as bragging rights were up for grabs. Congratulations to St Matthew's Team 1 who won 3-0 in the end. Thank you to Miss Grzanic and Mrs Kilpatrick for coaching the students on the day.

Year 4/5 Excursion to the Art Gallery of WA

Last week, students in Year 4 and 5 travelled to the Art Gallery of WA to experience some world-renowned art. The students have been exploring different forms of art in class, so to see first-hand the incredible displays in the gallery was a special opportunity. Students were given a tour of the gallery, before engaging in an interactive workshop of weaving animal figures. Thank you to all our St Matt's staff who coordinated and organised a fantastic excursion.

School Reports

Semester 1 School reports will be available via <https://matthews.coneqt-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"*.

2023 Kindy Enrolments

We would like to welcome any prospective students starting Kindy at St Matthew's School in 2023.

If you have a child ready for 2023 Kindy, please pop into the office to collect an 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.

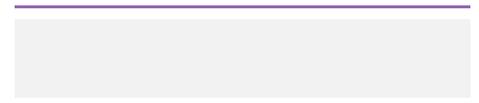


The image is a promotional banner for St Matthew's School. It features a dark blue background with white and yellow text. On the left, there is a circular logo with a red cross in the center, surrounded by the words 'GOD', 'SELF', 'OTHERS', and 'ENVIRONMENT'. The text on the banner reads: 'St Matthew's School', '2023 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN', 'Kindy to Year 6', '9853 9500', and 'matthews.wa.edu.au'.

Maggie Moment – Finding calm amidst the Holiday Chaos

While having a holiday break can bring some much-needed rest and relaxation, for kids, a change in routine, stability, and environment can be unsettling. Maggie has some key points below to help parents and kids navigate through the holiday period:

- "Let's begin by remembering that emotional contagion is real – we are influenced by the emotional state of others especially when strong emotions are present."



- “If we as parents and caregivers can hold a steady base of emotional stability as often as possible and create some self-nurturing practices it will make a positive impact on your family.”
- “Mastering the art of de-escalation with an unexpected hug, a moment of novelty with a funny face, fake fangs, a tiara or a loud fart (especially for boys) can really help children who are struggling with a high level of the stress hormone cortisol!”
- “Please make sleep a priority during the holidays as tired kids make for more melt downs. Set up a holiday routine and ensure no screens in bedrooms. Have a two-hour gap from small screens before bed and lots of time outside to ensure healthy levels of melatonin are maintained. Rest time every day also helps tired kids regroup energetically.”

School App

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



Once again, thank you for your support of St Matthew’s School and I hope you and your family enjoy the holiday break.

God bless,

Mark Tenney
Acting Principal



From SeeSaw

Magic Hats from PrePrimary



Finding missing letters in Year 1



Year 2 ‘Build the School’ Project



Community News

WHAT DO YOU CALL A BEAR WITHOUT TEETH?

A GUMMY BEAR!



Narrogin Dental is available all year round for your children's dental needs.

We do provide services to those eligible for Child Dental Benefit Scheme - from Medicare.

For the remainder of 2022, any child needing dental work and are currently not eligible for the Medicare rebate, Narrogin Dental will use Medicare prices for initial consultations.

For nervous children, we do offer Nitrous/laughing gas and General Anaesthetic is available for anxious patients.



Please book in by contacting us 9881 1131.





WHY SQUASH ?

There are many development benefits to playing squash. Physical play and exercise can help children build physical growth and strength. Learning squash can help ensure coordination, balance and gross motor skill development in children.



OUR CLASSES

1 DEVELOPMENT COLOUR LEVELS

It is a COLOUR LEVELS program, where the players can progress through the colour coded levels creating motivation and direction.

There will be a free trial session running this thursday the 23/06/2022.

There will be two separate sessions,

The first session runs from 4-4.45PM and it aimed for children ages 6-9 years old.

The second session is from 5-6PM and is aimed for children ages 9-16

All equipment provided, please ring us at 9881 2651 if you are interested!

ABOUT US

Joining our junior squash program is a great way to meet people and get fit.

Squash is played all year round being indoors.

Friendly family atmosphere where kids can enjoy meeting new friends and have fun!

