Dear Parent / Guardians

Dear Parents,

Last Tuesday's Academic Assembly was a highlight of the term so far. Congratulations to all the award recipients and their families and a special thank you to all those parents and family members that were able to take time to attend. I would like to thank in particular our Hospitality students under the guidance of their teacher, Jasmine Wall, who catered for more than three hundred people for morning tea.

The next time you visit the Good Samaritan Hall I would invite you to look at the art work hung above the canteen servery. This artwork was the winner of the 2017 Religious Art Prize. Students in Year 11 are invited to submit a concept and after one is selected they are commissioned to produce the work. This fine work was produced by Nicholas Parker. It will hang in this space until this time next year.

God Bless

Kevin Jones
Principal
College Leadership Teams

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Assistant: Jessica Attard
Case Management Coordinator
Miss Hayley Lalor
School Secretary
Mrs Lisa Casey
Business Manager
Mr Paul Cruise
Administration Coordinator
Mrs Anita Meehan
Learning Technologies Coordinator
Mr Bill Robson

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Mr Bradley Lee
Visual Arts
Miss Angela Rando
English
Ms Marsha Edwards/Assistant: Miss Angela McEnearney
Human Society & Its Environment
Mr Paul Sykes / Assistant: Mr Brett Windon
Languages
Ms Felicity Lupton
Mathematics
Mrs Anni Brailey / Assistant: Mrs Mary Quinteros
PDHPE
Mr Marc Sluiter / Assistant: Liam Campbell
Careers
Mr Brett Collimore
Science
Mr Stephen Godfrey / Assistant: Mr Steve Lans
Sports Coordinator
Mr Dean Bertenshaw
Technology & Applied Studies
Mr Edward Gruppetta / Mrs Lisa Cummins

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Year 7: Mr Craig Adams
Year 8: Mr Jeremy Tuano
Year 9: Mr Nick Briffa
Year 10: Mr Matthew Marshall
Senior Coordinator:
Miss Kristy Walsh

Social Justice Coordinator
Mrs Janette Wick
Home-School Liaison Coordinator
Miss Jenny Woods
Student Counsellors
Debbie Robinson/Sarah Kennedy
Librarian
Mrs Kerrie Brownscombe
Dear Parents & Carers

St Matthew’s Parish is blessed with a rich history and a diverse but united community. We are bonded through our 3 schools, Bede Polding College, Chisholm Catholic School and our church school at St Matthew’s which is the oldest Catholic school in Australia, having been established in 1832/33.

At the centre of our Catholic ministry is the historic St Matthew’s Church, the oldest Catholic Church on mainland Australia, being built between 1836 and 1840.

Maintaining this significant part of our Catholic history is a major challenge but an important responsibility for our community.

Last year our parish held a fundraising Dinner Dance which was a great success and assisted in the ongoing costs of maintaining our church. The Parish will again be holding a Dinner Dance at Windsor RSL Club on Friday, 3rd November 2017. The focus for this year’s fundraising is the upgrading of the air conditioning which is at the end of its workable life.

Our newly appointed Parish Priest, Fr Robert, the principals of our schools as well as the organising committee invite all members of our community to join in the fun and entertainment of the St Matthew’s Parish Dinner dance.

There are many ways to be part of this celebration
  ● buy a ticket,
  ● put together a table of ten (10) for the night,
  ● invite a friend (or many friends)
  ● donate a prize or a service that could be used on the night to raise funds.

To find out more about St Matthew’s Church and how you can help to preserve it, this event, or make a donation please call the Parish Office on 4577 3073. We look forward to strengthening our community bonds by sharing this night with as many people as possible.

Thank you in anticipation,

Di Wilson, Val Gocher

On behalf of the Fundraising Team.
Congratulations to Cameron Spiteri (Year 7) who was awarded a highly commended for his Young Archie portrait entry as part of the Archibald Prize Exhibition. Cameron's portrait is on display at the Hawkesbury Regional Gallery. Well done!!

Well done - to this student

**St Matthew’s Hospitality Ministry Roster**

**Sunday 6th August 2017**

Bede Polding will be providing morning tea for the congregation after the Sunday morning service on Sunday 7th August 2016.

Volunteers are needed from the school community to set up and cater for the morning tea as follows:

- **Time:** 9.00 - 11.30 am
- **Place:** Meet in small hall, bring a plate - even if you are unable to stay and help your donation would be appreciated

RSVP if you are either able to donate a plate of food or help on the morning to Kim Cantin (chris.cantin@bigpond.com)

**Note** - you do not have to be a member of St Matthew's or a Catholic to participate in this event.
**IMPORTANT NOTICES:**

**Illegal Stopping in Tasman Place**
This has been reported to police who will issue penalty notices to those offending.

**Illegal U Turn:**
All parents and students are warned that making a U turn out of the bus bay on Rifle Range Rd is illegal. We bring this to your attention as making this turn is very unsafe, even when the 40kmh limit applies. Please do not make this turn.

**Recharging Mobile Devices:**
All students are asked to ensure that their mobile devices are fully charged before they arrive at the College each day.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MOTORISTS**

**RE: SCHOOL BUS ZONES IN RIFLE RANGE ROAD**

Please be aware that the School Bus Zones in Rifle Range Road are as follows:

1. The existing bus bay near the main car park gate is now a School Bus Zone on School Days from 8:00am - 9:30am and 2:30pm-4:00pm. Therefore other than buses - any vehicle parking or stopping in this bus bay for any purpose during these times is doing so illegally. Clear signage has been erected reading "NO ENTRY - BUSES EXCEPTED" to warn motorists of this change.

2. The former School Bus Zone located near the Front Gate has been converted to a Full Time Bus Zone. Clear signage has been erected to warn motorists of this change. Therefore other than buses, any vehicle parking or stopping for any purpose in the School Bus Zone at any time, is doing so illegally.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR DROP OFF/PICK UP**

For safety reasons parents are asked NOT to drive onto the school grounds to drop off or pick up students before 9:30am and after 2:30pm. The ONLY EXCEPTION to this is for students with disabilities.

Thank you
Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- School, free push notification alerts
- School events
- School newsletters
- School documents
- School RSS feeds
- School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

**iPhone & iPad Users**

1. Click the “App Store” icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click “Free” then “install”.
4. If iPad, change the drop list to “iPhone Apps”, your school will then be visible, click “Free” then “install”.
5. When installed click “Open”.
6. Select “OK” to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup”.
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

**Android Users**

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the “Play Store” button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the “Install” button.
5. Click “Accept” for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click “Open” when installed.
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Don’t forget to like us on Facebook! Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au
**IMPORTANT NOTICES - SMS ABSENCES**

If your child is absent from school for any length of time and you do not receive an SMS message from the College please provide a note the first day back at school giving the date(s) and reason why your child was absent which should be given to their Homeroom teacher on the day of return.

On occasion it is out of our control that we experience an Internet or Telstra problem and therefore we are unable to send out the SMS absence messages.

Thank you for your patience.

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**Reminder of how to reply to SMS Absence messages**

If you reply to the SMS message there is no need to send in a note to explain the absence - the SMS is sufficient. If you do not reply a note must be sent in with your child and given to their homeroom teacher on the day of return.

In your SMS reply please include the following details:

Child first and surname, Year group and homeroom (if known), **reason for absence**.

Examples:

- Kylie Howard, 8D2, sick with a cold.
- Nikki Howard, 11, orthodontist appointment

**PLEASE NOTE THAT IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU GIVE REASON FOR ABSENCE.** We are still receiving replies without providing a reason for absence. In these cases it is still an unexplained absence and will remain outstanding.

Please do not call the number sent in the SMS, it is only for SMS replies.

The replies are not downloaded till 1:00pm daily, so if you need to clarify any details concerning your child’s attendance please call the College office before 1pm on 4577 6455.
### ASSESSMENT TASK CALENDAR

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A REMINDER TO ALL STUDENTS

Submission Instructions Years 11 / 12

- Submit the task by placing it in the Assessment Bin at the Student Foyer by 9.00am.
- Penalty for non-attendance on the day or late submission
  - Assessments submitted after 9.00am on the due date will immediately receive a 50% mark penalty of the achieved mark pending Illness/Misadventure certification.
  - Assessments submitted after 9.00am on the next day will receive a zero mark pending Illness/Misadventure certification.

Submission Instructions Year 7—10

- Submit the task by handing to your class teacher and signing a class list during your lesson on the due date.
- Penalty for non-attendance on the day or late submission
  - For assessments submitted after the lesson on the due date, the student will immediately receive a Thursday workshop to complete the task and submit at the end of the workshop.

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