**Catholic Schools Week**

Next week, St Matthew’s will be among the 620 Catholic schools across NSW and the ACT celebrating Catholic Schools Week (CSW) from 6 - 12 March 2016.

The theme for 2016 is ‘I Belong, You Belong, We Belong,’ which aligns with the Catholic Church’s strong focus on supporting refugees and asylum seekers and the need for a compassionate global community. The theme also ties in with the Catholic Church’s celebration of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, which centres on pardon, strength and love.

To celebrate and promote Catholic Schools week St Matthew’s invite you to join with us in **Christian Meditation** during class morning prayer time on:

**When:** Wednesday 9 March or Friday 11 March  
**Time:** 9.00 am - 9.20 am.  
**Where:** In classrooms

**Easter Egg Raffle**

Thank you to all those families who have already sent in Easter eggs and bunnies for our St Matthew’s Easter Raffle. If all donations of chocolate could be sent in by Friday 18 March, and all raffle tickets and money by Monday 21 March it would be appreciated.

**Committee Coordinators NEEDED**

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to take on Committee Coordinator roles for the **fete** and **environment** committees for 2016. Each of these committees has a team of committed, experienced and enthusiastic parent volunteers to support you in the role.

If you would like to be involved or like to find out more information, please contact Rebecca Foster (Mum of Josephine Year 4) on **council.stmatts@cg.catholic.edu.au**

**KidsMatter**

KidsMatter is all about social and emotional learning, thinking and mental health. Understanding that what we think affects how we feel and how we behave helps us learn effective ways of managing emotions. Helpful thoughts lead to more positive feelings and effective behaviours. This week may we all take some extra time to think POSITIVE!

- **Attitude is everything!**
  - Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.
  - Live simply. Love generously.
  - Care deeply. Speak kindly.
  - Life isn’t about waiting for the storm to pass … it’s about learning to dance in the rain.