Fete News
Thank you to Jen Sawade (mum of Ethan Year 5, Gretel Year 4 and Liam Year 2) who has offered to take on the role of 2016 Fete Coordinator and to Natasha Liversidge (mum of Zac Year 5, Jude Year 3 and Hazel Year 1), Natalee Withers (mum of Noah Goodsell Year 5 and Logan Goodsell Kinder) and Belinda Fowley (mum of Emily Year 5 and Analise Year 3) who will also form part of the Fete Committee. These wonderful ladies have been involved with the fete in numerous ways over the last few years and will bring a wealth of creativity and passion to the organisation of the 2016 St Matthew’s Fete. More Fete details will follow in the next few weeks.

Congratulations ladies, it’s only a little bit of hard work but a lot of fun! Sign us up for a job!
Kate Whitton, Kate Stewart and Kate Hayne (outgoing committee)

Learning Journeys
Please keep the afternoon of Tuesday 29 March free for our Term 1 Learning Journeys. Learning Journeys provide you with an opportunity to visit your child’s classroom and other learning spaces at school, and to be taken on a journey through the learning enjoyed so far this year. Your child will be your tour director, and will have a ‘Passport’ to help prompt them and guide you through the school environment. I know many parents enjoy the opportunity to discuss learning experiences with their child, and this is a very relaxed and child-centred way to do this this. Younger and older siblings, grandparents, aunts and uncles, family friends are all welcome to come on the journey.

Parents are able to choose when they come to school for Learning Journeys on Tuesday, as the learning space will be open from 3.10 pm until 6.00 pm. We hope this will allow parents who work full-time to enjoy the experience later in the afternoon.

Cross Country Training
To help the children prepare for the Cross Country Carnival on Thursday 31 March, Years 2 to 6 will be training every morning straight after assembly. The children are encouraged to wear their runners/joggers/sports shoes to school each day until Cross Country so they can head off on their morning training session easily. Children will need to bring their normal black school shoes to change into after training on Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week.

Reading Information Afternoon
We are hosting a special information session about reading on Thursday 28 April at 4.30 pm.
Mrs Louise Egli, Mrs Karen Evan, Miss Claire Campbell, Miss Louisa Vance, Mrs Sylvia Campbell and Ms Cathy Talbot will lead parents through information about how you can help your child with reading at home. This session will be held in the library, and all parents are warmly invited to attend.