

Matty's Reminders

Thursday 17 August • Week 5 Term 3 • 2017

Morning Drop Off Procedures For the 'Kiss and Drop' Zone

We have had a number of issues with delays occurring in the 'Kiss and Drop' zone at the front of the school in the mornings. This drop off zone is designed for the convenience of all drivers, and is meant to be a quick and safe way to drop off the children. A teacher is on duty in this space from 8.35 am each morning to provide supervision.

Parents/carers who choose to use the drop-off zone in the morning are asked to follow a few simple rules to ensure it is truly just a drop-off zone:

- Drivers access the car park turning in from Stutchbury Street via the entrance closest to the Junior Playground and leave via the exit at the bottom of the netball court ramp.
- Three cars can use the drop-off zone at one time.
- **Drivers must stay in their cars.** Getting out to open doors or the car boot causes significant traffic delays. (If you would like to get out for a last kiss and cuddle, you are very welcome to park on the netball courts or by the K/1 playground!)
- Do not stop in the middle or at the back of the zone if the front space/s are empty. Move to the front of the zone.
- Please move on promptly without overtaking cars in front.
- Children should be ready to get out on the **left hand side of the vehicle**, preferably with school bags in hand. Children are at risk of being injured if getting out on the right-hand side of the vehicle into the traffic coming through the staff car park.



Please work with us in having the traffic flow smoothly and safely through this area each morning.

Coming Up ...

Week 5 Term 3

Thursday 17 August

7.00 pm Years 3-6 Concert

Friday 18 August

9.30 am Mass—Kindergarten

Week 6 Term 3

Tuesday 22 August

Belconnen PSSA Carnival

Friday 25 August

Book Week Dress Up Day

9.00 am Dress Up Parade in hall

12.30 pm Kinder Excursion to Canberra Theatre

Week 7 Term 3

Wednesday 30 August

9.15 am Year 4 Excursion to Geoscience

Friday 1 September

12.30 pm Kindergarten Assembly

Book Week Character Parade

To coincide with Book Week, on **Friday 25 August** we will be holding our annual Book Character Parade involving all classes. Students are invited to come to school on Friday 23 August dressed as a favourite book character.

At 9.00 am students will assemble in the hall. One class at time will come onto the stage where each student can state which character they are and display a copy of the book their character is from. If you do not have that book at home your child is welcome to use a library copy of the book.

The emphasis is on participation and sharing great stories and literature.

The best costumes are simple ones that students help to create.

We look forward to an enjoyable morning sharing student costumes and stories. Parents and friends are very welcome to attend.

Kel Hathaway
Teacher Librarian

Annual School Survey

Satisfaction surveys of parents, students and staff will be conducted on behalf of all Catholic schools in our Archdiocese this term. The surveys are designed to gather feedback from parents, staff and students about our school and will be used to inform school improvement. Responses are confidential.

We love constructive feedback at St Matthew's as we use it to inform future growth.

We ask you to be **honest but respectful** in your responses to this survey.



The surveys will be launched via email on August 21 and close on September 1 using the email addresses supplied to the school. If you do not receive an email with a link to the survey on August 21 please contact the front office.