

Term 2, Issue 10

Tuesday 27th April 2021

April

Tues 27th @ 3.30pm - 5.30

FREE - Parenting Workshop
in the Auditorium

Thurs 29th @ 8.30am - 10

Uniform Shop open

Fri 30th @ 2.40pm

Assembly - 5/6 Community

May

Mon 3rd @ 9 - 11am

Playgroup in the Auditorium

Mon 3rd

St John's Soccer Day

Parents welcome to attend

Tues 4th @ 9.15am

Class Mass - 3/4 HN

Thurs @ 7.45 - 8.45am

Mother's Day Breakfast

Thurs @ 8.30 - 10am

Uniform Shop open

Dear Families,

First week of Term is done and dusted and what a week it was! The Year 5/6 children were out and about on Friday at their Gala Sports Day, representing the school in Tee Ball, Basketball and Netball among other sporting activities! Some of our teams did extra well, winning through to the finals, and the feedback was that our sportsmanship and support of each other was phenomenal! Well done to our Year 5/6 students, you should be very proud of yourselves! An extra special thanks to our hard working Year 5/6 Team and Mr Greg White for organising and ensuring the event could happen. How much better is 2021 than our COVID-riddled 2020 so far?

Parenting Workshop - THIS AFTERNOON!! 3:30pm - 5:30pm

Ever find yourself a bit frustrated with your children? Ever find yourself losing your patience with them? Ever struggle when they don't do what you ask them to do? Well, we're hosting a Parenting Workshop run by Relationships Australia this afternoon (and other afternoons depending on how well attended it is). The focus of the session this afternoon is answering any questions you have and any ideas you may have a round parenting. Parenting is one of the hardest things any person can do, and it comes with no instruction manual! Believe me, I know...my four children can recount many stories where I have done TERRIBLE parenting (and they are more than happy to share these stories with their mother too!!!). No one gets it right all of the time (especially me...), so come along and suggest ideas that work for you, ask any questions you may have, or simply sit and listen!



We are providing Child Care and Food, so come along this afternoon!!!

Learning Alongside Families - A Community Conversation - Come Along

We would LOVE to have you attend a Community Conversation about how we as a school and as families can work together to improve our children's learning. Studies show that when schools and families work together and the children can see this partnership, their outcomes improve.

What is the purpose of the community conversations?

- Seek feedback from families about their skillset.
- Give you examples of how you can assist with learning
- Find out what else would you like to know?
- Reading with your child - practical strategies

When will these take place?

Tuesday 18th May 9am - 10am in the Hub
(off the quadrangle)

Tea, coffee and cake/biscuits will be provided, so come along!

May your week be as enjoyable as mine will be, Terry

Mr Gardiner's Rib Ticklers...

Mr Gardiner: Mr Pearl, do you need me to buy you a ladder?

Mr Pearl: Ummm....I don't think so...why would I need a ladder?

Mr Gardiner: So you can hit the HIGH notes...get it? High notes???

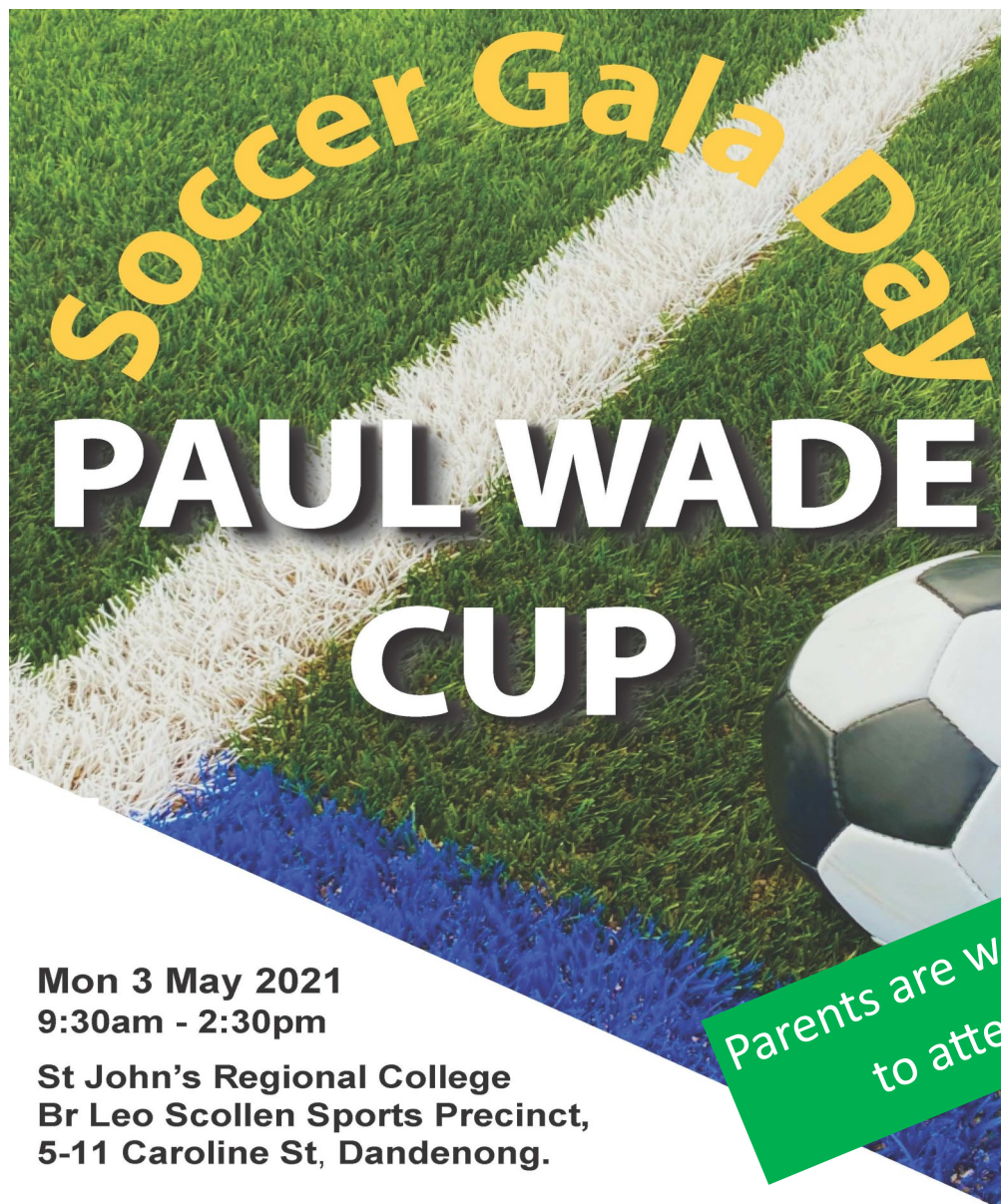
Need a ladder???

Mr Pearl: Oh...Mr Gardiner...you need some better material!

Mr Gardiner: Ha ha!!! Hit the high notes! Bahahahahahahahahaha...



PARENTING WORKSHOP **TONIGHT 3:30-5:30pm**
IN 5/6 COMMUNITY
FREE CHILDCARE AND FOOD PROVIDED.
COME AND CHAT ABOUT YOUR PARENTING IDEAS/
QUESTIONS



Mon 3 May 2021
9:30am - 2:30pm

St John's Regional College
Br Leo Scollen Sports Precinct,
5-11 Caroline St, Dandenong.

Parents are welcome to attend

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SOME WAYS WE SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS WELLBEING AT ST MARY'S.



Creative Coaching with Mel Nelson

These are fun small group sessions with a focus on building social and emotional skills that will enhance their learning and social interaction in the school community in a positive way.



The wellbeing Hub Club

Our Wellbeing Hub lunch club gives all students an opportunity to spend some quiet supervised time when they might need a break from the school yard. Playful activities are run during Tuesdays and Thursdays that help support positive social skills while playing with others.



Respectful Relationships

Respectful Relationships is a program that supports early childhood and primary settings to promote and model respect, positive attitudes and behaviours. It teaches our students how to build healthy relationships, resilience and confidence.



Social-Emotional Learning



Social Emotional Learning Circle Time & Mindfulness

In the classroom, students engage in different activities that support their Social Emotional Learning (SEL) each week. This can look different in each classroom, as teachers create creative lessons based on students' needs.

Circle time is a safe discussion space, facilitated by the teacher for students to voice what's going well at school and any challenges they may be having to their peers.



Peer-Support Groups Mel Nelson

These sessions are designed to support specific students with their social skills that may be experiencing difficulties getting along with others. Mel Nelson (Miss Nelson) uses a range of creative activities that support the positive rebuilding of friendships.

A Peer Support Session to support students in making positive connections. Through the use of chalk, we set an intention to connect our drawings together to tell a new story.



Sandplay with Mel Nelson

A fun way that involves building worlds in a tray of sand. It's a great way for a student to explore their feelings and discover ways to make positive and healthy choices through interactive play.



Better Buddies Program

Better Buddies helps to create a friendly and caring school environment for our students. The Better Buddies values are caring for others, friendliness, respect, valuing difference, including others and responsibility.



Counselling

We also have an onsite counsellor that works on Thursday and Friday's that is able to support your child. Please contact Bryan Handasyde or Sam Isaacson if you would like any further information on this.



April

28th Luna

29th Jada

May

2nd Param



St John's

REGIONAL COLLEGE

If you have a child in Year 5/6 and would like them to go to St John's you need to go to the College and pick up an enrolment form.

The next open evening is **Thursday 20th May**.

To book a tour visit www.sjrc.vic.edu.au

Or phone 8793 2000



Project Compassion boxes are due back, if you haven't already done so.

PROJECT
COMPASSION

School Contacts

Principal: **Mr Terry Gardiner**

Deputy Principal: **Mr Bryan Handasyde**

Family Engagement Leader: **Mrs Yvette Silva**

School Secretaries: **Ms Michelle Grenfell, Ms Jane Merchant**

School Office Hours: **8.30am - 4.00pm** Phone: **9791-7650**

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Website: **www.smdandenong.catholic.edu.au**

Fees

Please make sure that your fees are up to date. As a matter of justice to all there is an expectation that all families contribute.

If you have a Health Care Card please present it at the office.

Parish Contacts

Parish Priest: **Fr Brendan Lane** Parish Office: **9791 4611**

Pastoral Associate: **Kathy Gottliebsen**