

Term 2, Issue 11

Tuesday 3rd May 2022

Playgroup runs every Monday and Thursday morning from 9am - 10.40am

May

Tues 3rd 3.30 - 4.15pm FREE Basketball

Wed 4th @ 7.45am

Mother's Day Breakfast

<u>Thurs 5th - 8.30 to 10am</u>

Uniform Shop open

Mon 9th

St John's Gala Soccer Day

Mon 9th

NAPLAN Week

Tues 10th 3.30 - 4.15pm

FREE Basketball

Thurs 12th @3.30pm

Confirmation Family Info Session

Fri 13th

Year 3/4 Scienceworks Excursion

Fri 20th

Walk to School Day

Hello to all our families!

Mr Gardiner is on study leave this week so I am lucky enough to be writing the newsletter for you today! Focus Mr Gardiner!!

5/6 Camp to Cave Hill Creek

The 5/6 community had an amazing time on camp last week and did St Mary's proud all the way. There were so many enjoyable and fun activities for the students to choose from. Canoeing, archery, mountain biking, low ropes and more and more! The weather was pretty



kind to us with only a little rain at times which did not stop anyone from getting out and enjoying it all. The students got plenty of good food to eat and enjoyed their time together, which was fantastic. Some sleeping did happen as well as a very enthusiastic group of girls (no not the teachers!) who decided they would get ready for Day 2 at 3am in the morning. We loved their enthusiasm but think they might have been a little tired the next morning!!!

We would like to thank our 5/ 6 team (Miss Haney, Mrs D'Souza, Miss Gray, Mrs Siwek, Mr Fernando & Mrs Hatfield) for attending and organising everything so the camp was a big success. Thanks also go to Mr Dugan our new P.E teacher who attended and supported the organisation of the camp also. Team work gets it done at St Mary's. On to the 3/ 4 camp to Mt Evelyn which happens early in Term 3!

Confirmation

The next BIG event for our Year 6 students is the sacrament of Confirmation which is May 22nd at 3pm at our Church. Please keep our students in your prayers as they continue the preparation for the sacred time in their lives when they make a choice to be adults in the Church.

Bishop Tony Ireland is coming to St Mary's next week to meet the candidates. Families are invited to attend a Confirmation workshop next Thursday at 3:30pm in the 5/6 community.

Sporting Schools is Back - Tuesday 3rd May @ 3.30pm!

Just a reminder that Mrs Silva has kindly arranged for after school basketball to happen again this term on Tuesday nights from 3:30 until 4:15. It begins today! Can you please collect your child promptly at 4:15 and sign them out. Thank you. Our coaches come from Dandenong Basketball club and it will run for the next 6 weeks. We are extremely confident the students will have a great time at the free school activity. Enjoy!!

Mother's Day Breakfast - Wednesday 4th May @7.45am

St Mary's community love getting together any time we possibly can. It's been a challenge recently but now we're back!!! Well here it is! Our Mother's Day breakfast is happening tomorrow and we can't wait. The team of staff headed by Mrs Yvette Silva have done a superb job in organising what will be a memorable and lovely time for all our families in the Parish hall. Be there around 7.45am just in time for breakfast. We look forward to seeing you all then. Yes it will be special indeed!

Mr Handasyde's Ribtickler!!

Mr Handasyde: Miss Rankin, unfortunately my piano was locked out of the house yesterday.

Miss Rankin: Why was that Mr Handasyde?

Mr Handasyde: The house was locked and it didn't have the right key!

Miss Rankin: Good one Mr Handasyde!! Did you know you can tune a piano but you

can't tuna fish?

Mr Handasyde: Love it! Hahahaha!



The 5/6s went camping at Cave Hill Creek last week and had an awesome time with their friends and teachers. Here are some snapshots to show you how much fun was had.



Join us tomorrow in the Hall for Mother's Day

breakfast at 7.45am.



Do you want to learn how to play basketball?

Learn with a basketball coach from the Dandenong Basketball Association.

FREE for ALL students on Tuesdays during Term 2 for 6 weeks.

Starts: Tuesday Week 2 (May 3rd - June 7th)

Where: Basketball courts

Time: 3.30 - 4.15pm

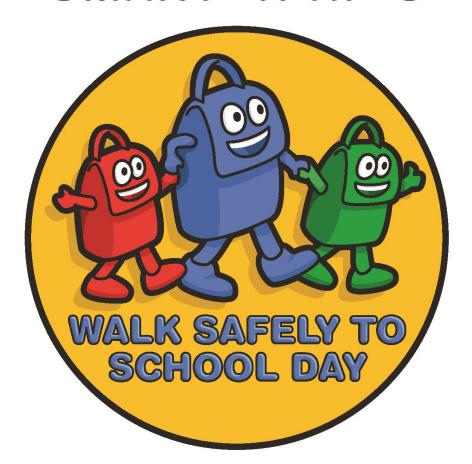


Friday May 20th is National Walk Safely to School Day

We hope to see many of you walking to school in the morning or home in the afternoon.

Come and see Mrs Walsh to get your special prize if you walk on this day!

ACTIVE KIDS ARE SMARTER KIDS



FRIDAY 20 MAY 2022

Until they're ten, children must always hold an adult's hand when crossing the road

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Fees

Fees statements for 2022 have gone home. If you had a direct debit last year and paid your fees in full, you will need to complete a new direct debit form this year.

Enrolments 2023

If you have a child turning 5 by 30th April 2023, they may eligible to enrol at St Mary's school for Prep next year. Please come to the office for an enrolment form. We are also taking enrolments for other year levels.



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School Contacts

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