



ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

20 - 24 NEW STREET, DANDENONG, 3175

"Educating for Life Since 1912"



Term 2, Issue 13

Tuesday 17th May 2022

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

May

Wed 18th

Prep - Year 2 Excursion

Thurs 19th - 8.30 to 10am

Uniform Shop open

Fri 20th

Walk to School Day

Fri 20th

District Cross Country

Tues 24th 3.30 - 4.15pm

FREE Basketball

Wed 25th

Year 3 Excursion

Thurs 26th @ 3.30pm

**Parent Info Session - Assisting in
the Classroom**

Dear Families,

After spending Week 2 at University and last Wednesday to Friday out at a Principal Conference, I feel like I've done a great deal of work to start the term, but not much of it here! It is always so affirming to come back to school after being away and seeing how well things are going. Mr Handasyde and Mrs Walsh do an AMAZING job of keeping the school humming along beautifully and I am just so lucky that I can rely on them, so a HUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUGE thank you to them both and our extended Leadership Team for all of the hard work they do. Its part of what makes St Mary's such an amazing place!

CONFIRMATION - This Sunday in the Church at 3:00pm

This Sunday see our Parish Family celebrating a very special time in the Faith Journey of many of our young congregation. The Sacrament of Confirmation is when the children take a personal step forward in their Faith Journey and commit themselves to the Church with the same promise their families made for them at their Baptism. Last week, Bishop Ireland came and visited the children and was very impressed with their preparation and their knowledge. It would be wonderful if you could come along to the celebration of Confirmation this Sunday at 3:00pm and support our children as they take this important step.

Mrs D'Souza has also provided a lovely prayer for you to say for our candidates as part of the Newsletter.

Council are policing the driveway - watch out!

There have been some complaints made to the Council about some of our families dropping their children at the school gate in an unsafe manner. There were reports of some people stopping on the crossing while the flags are out! Safety is of the utmost importance, especially while we have building works going on. I was speaking to Alan from the Council as he was watching this morning, and he said that **the fine for parking across the crossing, even if you're just dropping your child off, is \$182 dollars!** If you receive a fine, the school can't do anything about it unfortunately, so please make sure you're following the rules. The Council understand we are having building works done, but they must ensure that everyone is safe.

The rules are:

- Don't stop over the driveway to let kids out of the car
- If you are late, you can pull up to the driveway and reverse back along the gutter before you let the children out
- If you are late, park in one of the side streets and walk your child in to the school gates
- Do not park across the Children's Safety Crossing on Macrae St.
- If you pull into a NO Standing zone even just to let kids out of the car, that is still breaking the law.
- No Standing means don't stop there at all (I didn't know that one!!!).

If the second gate is open, please DO NOT DRIVE through it into the school yard. There are often cars coming out or children walking to Mass on a Tuesday morning. We would prefer your child be a couple of extra minutes late then have the yard unsafe. If any of this is unclear, don't hesitate to come and see me to ask questions.

Have a wonderful week,
Terry

Mr Gardiner's Rib Ticklers...

Mr Gardiner: Mr Handasyde, you know Albert Einstein was a genius, don't you...

Mr Handasyde: Um...yes...I do know that...

Mr Gardiner: Yes, but his brother Frank wasn't he was a MONSTER!!!

Mr Handasyde: What do you mean? I don't get it...

Mr Gardiner: Frank Einstein??? Frank-enstein??? You know??? The Monster???

Mr Handasyde: Oh Mr Gardiner....you got me!

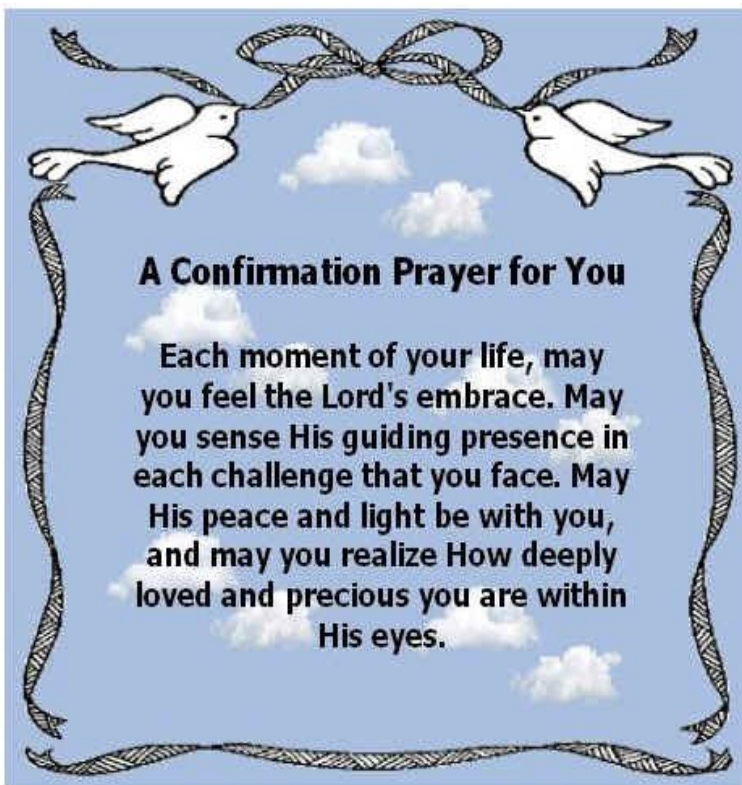
Mr Gardiner: Good one...that's one of my favourites!!!



From the Desk of our REL - Jennifer D'Souza

Please keep our Confirmation Candidates in your prayers as they prepare to take the next step in their faith journey. Below is a list of their names and a prayer card which has a prayer for Confirmation.

Name	
Ludmilla	Seliina
Fay	Jermaine
Sandra	Sithika
Josua	Kasali
Elizabeth	Murdokia



Please pray for me

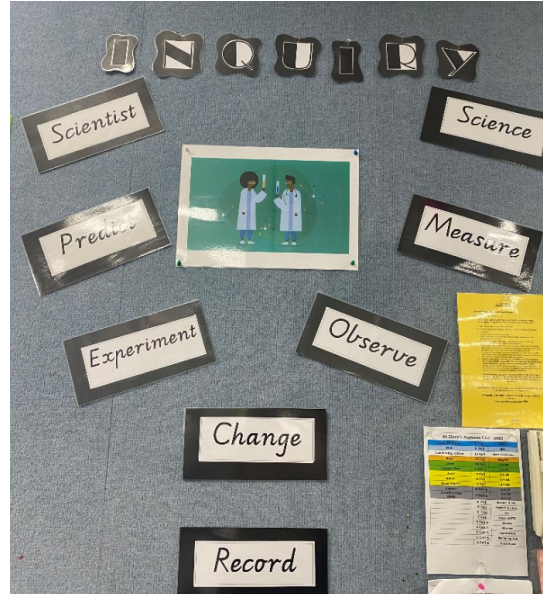
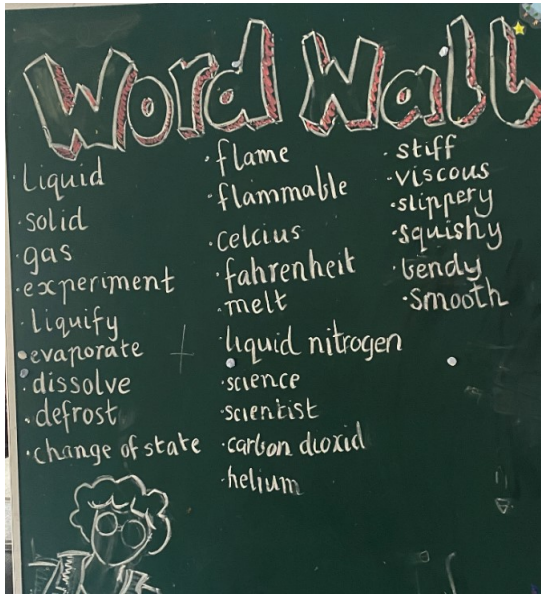
*as I get ready for my sacrament
of Confirmation*

on the 22nd May 2022

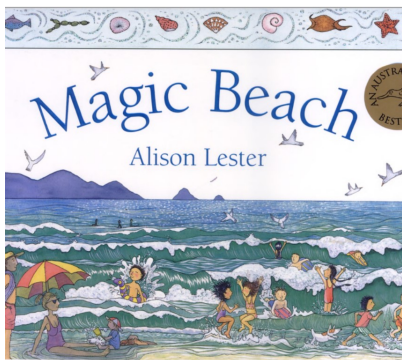
*at St. Mary's Church, Dan-
denong.*

St Mary's Literacy News

The students have been working hard over the past two terms, continually improving their literacy skills. This term all students have been working on developing their word solving and word building skills with a focus on Scientific vocabulary which aligns with our Inquiry into Chemical science.

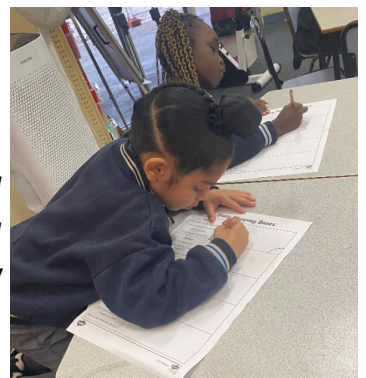


Last term the Year 4 students were fortunate enough to visit the State Library in Melbourne and listen to the writer Maxine Beneba Clarke who wrote the picture story book 'Fashionista.'



The P-2 students have been reading books by Alison Lester and writing narratives. On Wednesday they will visit the Arts Centre to watch a play based on the book Magic beach. We can't wait to hear all about it!

The Year 1/2 's' were lucky enough to have a 100 Story Building Project educator come to their class early this term to learn exciting ways to write narratives. The program aims to develop creativity and literacy for children through workshop programs.



St Mary's Literacy News cont...

On May 25th, the whole school will take part in National Simultaneous Story time at 11am. We are going to read a beautiful book called **Family Tree** by Josh Pyke. It is a heartfelt celebration of family community and the seasons of life to cherish and to share.



National Simultaneous Storytime is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA).

Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by Australians is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, homes and children's facilities all over the country and the world!

Here is the link to the [book](#) if you wish to join reading along with us on the day!

The Year 3 students have been invited to the Dandenong Library to listen to the story being read and participate in fun activities linked to the book.

These are just a few examples of how we are continually finding opportunities to connect to the Community to build our students' Literacy skills.

A date for your Diary- **Thursday 26th May at 3.30pm in the Auditorium.**

Please join us to hear about how you can assist in the classrooms.



We see families as partners in education and would love our families to be involved in the classroom.

For more information please contact Rena Walsh or Yvette Silva





ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL DANDENONG

Proudly partnering with The Fathering Project to
support our fathers and father-figures
- for the benefits of children.



**Scan to join our
School Portal**

**Scan to join our
Dads Group**



SCAN OR JOIN NOW AT :
www.thefatheringproject.org



Nominate today

Get involved

Learn more



Join the movement

Join or start a Dad's Group

Fathering tips & resources

Join a program

Volunteer with us

Run by dads for dads with resources and support from The Fathering Project.

> Find out more about dad's groups

Find your local group

Use the search tool to find your local group and join or register interest in a Dad's Group

St Mary's Dandenong

VIC

Search

Data from Dads Groups Across Australia shows:

98%

of dads reported feeling more connected to other dads


82%

of dads had more awareness of their impact on their child

75%

of dads became more engaged in conversation with their children

1. Go to <https://thefatheringproject.org/> Scroll down to 'find your local group'. Type 'St Mary's Dandenong' and select VIC as the state



Use the search tool below to find your school, learning centre or organisation and join their fathering community.

If you are a dad or father figure connected with the organisation, join your dads group portal and if you are a staff member join your organisation portal.

Can't find your organisation?


If your organisation is not listed here, connect with us and let us know that you are interested in our program.

Use the search tool below to find your local organisation or dads group.

Use the search tool below to find your local organisation and join or register interest in a Group.

Search

St Mary's Primary School Dandenong Dads Group




St Mary's Primary School, New Street, Dandenong VIC

St Mary's Primary School Dandenong Dads Group

Join Group

St Mary's Primary School Dandenong Portal



St Mary's Primary School, New Street, Dandenong VIC

St Mary's Primary School Dandenong Portal

Join Group

2. You can join both groups if you choose. The Dads group is a connection to have with other Dad's at St Mary's. The portal gives you access to resources and also lets you join the group that will be run by St Mary's.

A PLUS
SCHOOLWEAR

AGS PRINTS PTY LTD
PROUDLY AUSTRALIAN OWNED

UNIFORM SHOP

Pre-Winter Sale



Polar Fleece Jackets
\$20.00

Size 4 & 6 - Not many left



Raincoats
assorted sizes & styles
were ~~\$37.00~~ now
\$10.00

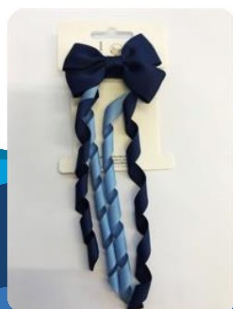
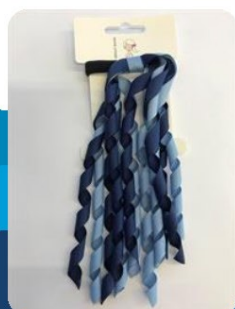
Hair Accessories now available

\$4.50

\$6.50

\$11.00

\$10.50





St Mary's Primary School Playgroup



FREE!

20-24 New Street
Dandenong

(Enter via McCrae Street)

Every Monday & Thursday

9.00am - 10.40am



ALL WELCOME!

For more information, contact the
school office on 9791 7650

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



ACTIVE KIDS ARE SMARTER KIDS

**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!



FRIDAY 20 MAY 2022

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

WALK.COM.AU

@nationalwalksafelytoschoolday @natwalktoschool @natwalktoschool #WSTSD

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DANDENONG BASKETBALL

TERM 2 PROGRAMS AT DANDENONG BASKETBALL



DANDENONG BASKETBALL'S GIRLS-ONLY INTRO PROGRAM!

WHO: BEGINNER GIRLS, AGED 8-13
 WHEN: TUESDAY'S 4:30-5:30PM
 WHERE: DANDENONG STADIUM
 COST: \$70 PER TERM

LEARN MORE AT: [TINYURL.COM/STARHERDBA](https://tinyurl.com/startherdb)



Developing Future Stars At Dandenong Stadium!

WHEN: Thursdays, 4:30-5:30pm
 SKILL LEVEL: Beginner & Intermediate
 AGE RANGE: 7-12 yr olds
 COST: \$70 per term

REGISTRATIONS
[TINYURL.COM/DBASKILLS](https://tinyurl.com/dbaskills)



@ DANDENONG STADIUM

AVAILABLE SESSION TIMES

Monday: 4:30PM, 5:30PM
 Wednesday: 4:30PM, 5:30PM
 Thursday (All-Girls): 5:30PM
 Friday: 4:30PM, 5:30PM
 Sunday: 12PM, 1PM

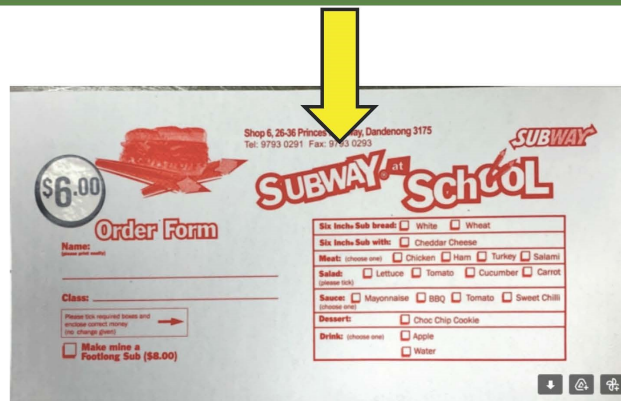
REGISTER HERE: aussiehoops.basketball

Friday's are now... **SUBWAY** lunch days at St. Mary's

On Friday's, Subway lunches will now be available to pre-order here at St. Mary's Primary School.

Students will need to complete their order with the correct money enclosed (\$6.00) by Thursday each week to receive a Subway lunch on Friday.

Students can get the Subway order envelopes from their classroom teacher or the front office.



Shop 6, 26-36 Princess Highway, Dandenong 3175
 Tel: 9793 0291 Fax: 9793 0293

\$6.00

Order Form

Name: _____

Class: _____

Please tick required boxes and enclose correct money (no change given)

☐ Make mine a Footlong Sub (\$8.00)

Six Inch Sub bread:	<input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> Wheat
Six Inch Sub with:	<input type="checkbox"/> Cheddar Cheese	
Meat:	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken	<input type="checkbox"/> Ham
	<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey	<input type="checkbox"/> Salami
Salad:	<input type="checkbox"/> Lettuce	<input type="checkbox"/> Tomato
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cucumber	<input type="checkbox"/> Carrot
Sauce:	<input type="checkbox"/> Mayonnaise	<input type="checkbox"/> BBQ
	<input type="checkbox"/> Tomato	<input type="checkbox"/> Sweet Chili
Dessert:	<input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate Cookie	
Drink:	<input type="checkbox"/> Apple	<input type="checkbox"/> Water

May
 17th Aluel
 17th Elizabeth
 18th Sherly
 19th Hayden
 19th Alfred
 22nd Prathi



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.

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**
 Email: principal@smdandenong.catholic.edu.au
 Website: www.smdandenong.catholic.edu.au

Parish Contacts

Parish Priest: **Fr Brendan Lane** Parish Office: **9791 4611**
 Pastoral Associate: **Father Aurelio Fragapane**