



ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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"Educating for Life Since 1912"



Term 4 Issue 14

Tuesday 10th November 2020

November

Thurs 12th 8.30am - 10am

Uniform Shop **OPEN**

Thurs 26th

Twilight Sports in the afternoon at school

Fri 27th 9 - 11am

Transition Session

December

Tues 1st

Confirmation Reflection Day

Thurs 3rd

Confirmation

Fri 11th

Reports go home

Wed 16th

Students final day

Dear Families,

...and normalcy is coming back!!!!

It is with GREAT delight that I write this email to you as we begin to make plans for the rest of the year and beyond! We are still trying to figure out ways in which we can do things at the end of the year as we normally would, but that is proving somewhat difficult! At the moment, we are thinking Carol's Night may be a recorded event and sent to each of your families so you can sit down and watch it when it suits you. That way, you would also be able to share it with family members who are perhaps overseas or who you may not be able to see at Christmas. More information to come on the end of year events.

BRILLIANT NEWS - WE HAVE A CONFIRMATION DATE FOR THIS YEAR!!!

It hasn't been easy, but we have managed to find a date to have Confirmation this year. The sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Thursday the 3rd of December at

6:00pm. The Mass will be in the Church and Fr Brendan is going to attempt to use his powers of persuasion to have a Bishop at the ceremony. There will also be a Confirmation reflection day for the candidates on Tuesday the 1st of December in preparation. We are just so excited to be able to celebrate this Sacrament this year.

This will undoubtedly raise lots of questions about how many people can attend and other logistics for families, and while we don't have all of the answers yet, we will get them to you as soon as we know. We have deliberately left the ceremony until after the 22nd of November as there are likely to be fewer restrictions placed on us after the next lot of announcements from our Premier Daniel Andrews. We look forward to sharing these with you!!!



Classes for 2021 and Prep Transition

We will announce the 2021 teachers next week in the newsletter and will give some information in relation to our school based transition sessions. For our new families, we are releasing some information videos which will explain some of the basics of starting school next year.

Have a wonderful week, Terry

Mr Gardiner's Rib Ticklers...

Mr Gardiner: Mr Handasyde, how do you stop an astronaut's baby from crying?

Mr Handasyde: Hmmmmmm, I don't know Mr Gardiner...how do you stop an astronaut's baby from crying?

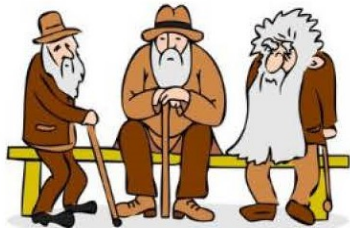
Mr Gardiner: You ROCK-ET!!!!!!!!!! Get it??? Rock-et!!!!

Ba-ha-ha-ha-ha-a!!!!

Mr Handasyde: Oh.....Mr Gardiner.....



Fun Maths Challenges



There are three old men, sitting on a bench: Tom, Nick and Harry.

Tom is 78 years old.

Nick is going to have his 80th birthday next year.

Harry had his 70th birthday six years ago.

Put Tom, Nick and Harry in order from youngest to oldest.

I'm thinking of a number.

I get the same answer if I add 8 to my number, or if I don't add 8 but instead I triple my number.

What number am I thinking of?



Three friends measured their heights:

- Jane is one and a half metres tall.
- Chris is 1.6 metres tall.
- Amy is 1 m 58 cm tall.

Who is the tallest and who is the shortest?
Show how you know.



Pairs of Numbers



If you have ten counters numbered 1 to 10, how many can you put into pairs that add to 10?

Can you use them all?
Say how you got your answer.

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT- Supporting and interacting with our community



We love to wave hello to you in the pick up line daily but we understand this does not give either of us a long time to chat. Here are some other ways we can still be in communication with each other:

1. Use class dojo to send a private message to the teacher.
2. Email the teacher directly if you have any questions.



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3. Call the school on **9791 7650** and leave a message for the teacher to return your call. We will try and call you back as soon as convenient.

In 3/4 JD, we have been learning different things this term.

Here are some student reflections of what we have enjoyed learning so far.



Ali- I have learnt more about quarters and halves in fractions.

Celecita- I more confident with my computer skills.

Jermaine- I have learnt about halves, quarters, thirds, fifths, eighths and tenths in fractions.

Shana- I am able to identify halves and quarters of fraction shapes.

Jhanvi- I have got better at working faster and getting my work done on time.



Josua- I have learnt to solve improper fractions.

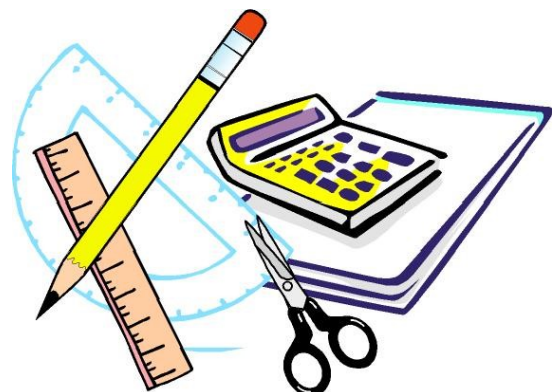


Martitia- I have got better at writing paragraphs as well as writing in full sentences.

Elizabeth- I have learnt to edit my writing.

Fufu- I'm working towards writing faster and writing in full sentences.

Aryan- I extremely enjoyed learning about fractions and decimals in Maths.





Ghani- I am able to read better and answer comprehension questions about the book.

Aezzrah- I am more confident in doing role play and dance in Performing Arts!



Lucas- I have improved my understanding of fractions.

Gurleen- I was able to achieve a better result on my Beep Test.



Dustan- I am having a greater understanding of the books I'm reading.

Seliina- I am able to write grammatically correct sentences.

Kon- I use my time efficiently to get my work done.

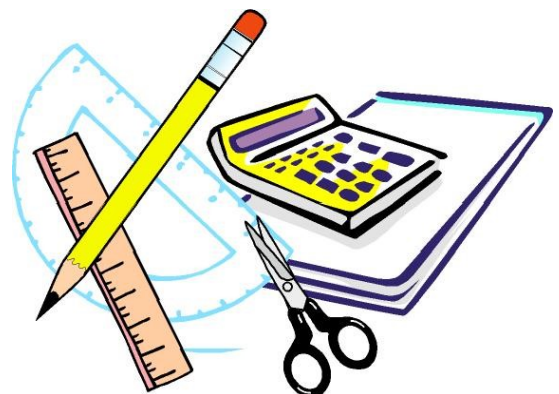


Nadeen- I have really enjoyed learning Maths this term.

Scarlette- I have improved in my comprehension skills and my vocabulary.



Joseph- I enjoy reading with Ms. Ryan.



Digital Technology

For Digital Tech, the Year 5/6's have been exploring a range of tools and programs including Ozobots, CoSpaces, Coding Combat and Stop Motion.





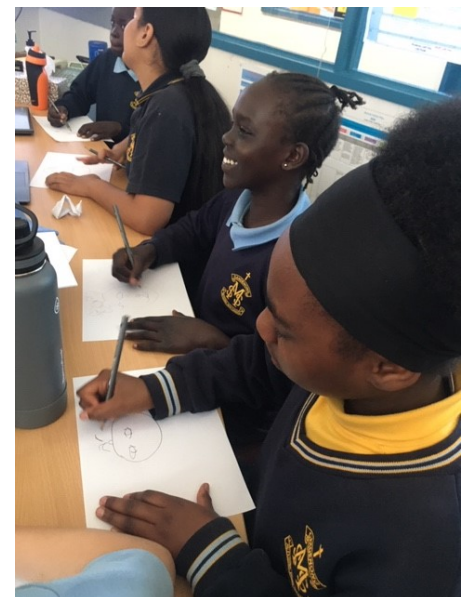
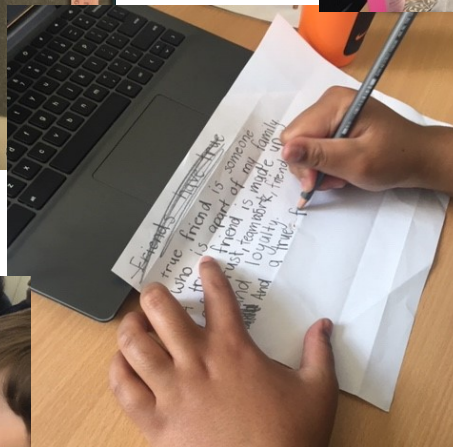
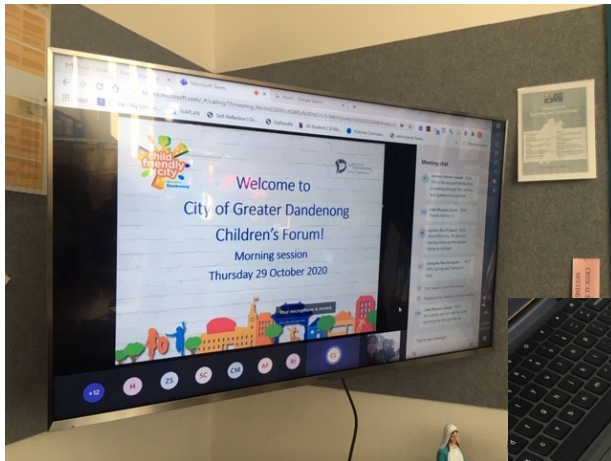
City of Greater Dandenong Children's Forum 2020

Throughout the year, our school captains, Emma and Michaella have been attending regular meetings as representatives of their wider school community, to talk about the local community, facilities, and activities in Greater Dandenong, and to support Council in its commitment to be a child friendly city.

On Thursday 29th October, nine Year 5/6 students from our school participated in the online Children's Forum with 17 schools and 130 students across the City of Greater Dandenong.

Emma, Micahella, Egan, Lena, Mary Rose, Wani, Adhel, Murray, and Nyawichar participated in a virtual scavenger hunt around the City of Greater Dandenong and other group activities and challenges. They attended workshops titled 'Gameshow' and 'Our Story' which tested their knowledge about the Dandenong and Springvale Libraries and discussed stories about true friends.

It was a great opportunity for our leaders to interact and engage with other students from local schools and to help make decisions about important issues in the City of Greater Dandenong.






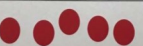

SPORTING SCHOOLS

This term due to restrictions we are unable to have our after school sporting activities...but instead we have our very talented Miss Prince instructing dance lessons at lunchtime. Each Friday a different level will get an opportunity to learn some dance moves which is also great for our well being because we have learnt

THE MORE WE MOVE THE BETTER WE FEEL. Have a look at the Prep/1s enjoying their first lesson and their data below.



PREP/1 HOW I FEEL NOW - BEFORE EXERCISE



St Mary's Uniform Shop

Uniforms can now be purchased the following ways:

1. **Online** via the following website:
www.aplusschoolwear.com.au
Orders will be sent home or left at the school office on a Thursday afternoon as per normal.
2. **In person** **Thursdays 8.30 to 10am**
3. **Through the Office** - Fill out an order form and leave it at the school office. Orders will be sent home or left at the school office as per normal.

Birthdays

4th Naomi
9th Srishakthi
9th Daniella
11th Michaelah
12th Priyam
14th Mariam
15th Gloria
16th Aker



Enrolments 2021

If you, or someone you know, has a child turning 5 by 30th April 2021, they may be eligible for enrolment into Prep next year at St Mary's. Please give us a call or come in to the Office.

We are also taking enrolments for other year levels.

CAMP FEES

All year 3,4,5 & 6 camp fees for 2020 have been credited from your fee accounts. Families who had paid all their fees prior will now have a credit balance. If your child is returning in 2021 this credit will carry over to next years fee charges.

Fees

All fees are due now, unless you are paying by Direct Debit.

Please call to make an appointment with

Mr Gardiner if you have any concerns.

School Contacts

Principal: **Mr Terry Gardiner** Deputy Principal: **Mr Bryan Handasyde**

Family Engagement Leader: **Mrs Yvette Silva**

School Secretaries: **Ms Sandra Higginbotham, Ms Jane Merchant**

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Parish Contacts

Parish Priest: **Fr Brendan Lane**

Parish Office: **9791 4611**

Pastoral Associate: **Kathy Gottliebse**