



ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

20 - 24 NEW STREET, DANDENONG, 3175

"Educating for Life Since 1912"



Term 2, Issue 15

Tuesday 31st May 2022

June

Wed 1st

School Photos postponed

Thurs 2nd @ 8.30am - 10am

Uniform Shop open

Fri 3rd @ 2.15pm - 3.15pm

Whole school gathering

Mon 6th

Division Cross Country

Tues 7th

Final basketball after school

Fri 10th

School Photos

Fri 10th @ 2.45pm

Assembly

Mon 13th

Queen's Birthday Holiday

School Closed

Thurs 16th @ 5pm

Paper planes & pizza night

Dear Families,
So much to do, so little time!!!

School Photos Tomorrow Cancelled - POSTPONED TO NEXT FRIDAY THE 10th JUNE

Yes, it is that time of year again!!! We are having our school photos NEXT FRIDAY (postponed due to SchooPix staff shortage) with the staff photo being taken at 8:15am. We ask that all students wear their full school winter uniform and if they have PE, they can bring their sneakers in their bag and change into them after the photo. We will be taking the photo with jumpers on, so please send your child along with their school jumper. If you haven't got one, this gives you an opportunity to drop into the uniform shop this Thursday morning should you need to purchase anything in preparation for the photos next week. And THAT gives you the opportunity to check that all school clothes (but particularly jumpers) are labelled with at least your family name. This helps us relocate them when they are lost.

UNIFORM - A focus for the rest of the term!

Speaking of uniform, it came up as an issue at our last School Advisory Council meeting that while many children are wearing the correct uniform to school every day, there are still some children who do not wear the correct uniform. I must say, this has been an issue that I have noticed creeping back in to the school since we had Remote Learning, and it is one which we have decided to focus on as a school. We have a lovely school uniform and should be very proud to wear it. There will be some correspondence with you all about how we are going to recommit to our uniform.

And speaking of the School Advisory Council...we are looking for a member of the Year 3 - 6 Community who would be available to be part of our group. We meet twice a term on a Friday afternoon at 2:00pm. We would LOVE to hear from any interested families!

ONLINE SESSION for the Year 5/6 Children

Last week, our Family Engagement in Learning Leader (FELL) Yvette Silva organised for the Online Unit of the Police Force to come in to the school and visit our Year 5/6 children. It was a fascinating session and rather eye opening to hear what the police had to say and to hear what some of the children had to say! One of the things that surprised me was the amount of children who use DISCORD - an online chatroom aimed predominantly at adults. While the terms and conditions state you need to be **AT LEAST 13 YEARS OLD TO USE DISCORD**, many of our children do in fact use it to communicate in groups online after school. We are looking to organise a family information session about Online Safety in the near future, so keep your eye out for information. This might be a great opportunity to ask your child about their online habits and which apps or online portals they use to communicate.

Have a wonderful week, Terry

Mr Gardiner's Rib Ticklers...

Mr Gardiner: Mrs Stapleton, did you hear about the apes that started a company?

Mrs Stapleton: Um...no...I didn't hear about the apes who started a company. How did it go?

Mr Gardiner: No good, it failed in its first three months...too much monkey business going on...get it??? MONKEY BUSINESS? Apes??? Bahahahahahaha...

Mrs Stapleton: Oh...that is just awwwwwwwwwwful!

Mr Gardiner: Ha ha!! I love a good monkey joke, they drive me BANANAS!!!! Bahaha...





St Mary's in partnership with The Fathering Project invites you to our Dads & Kids event:



Paper Planes & Pizza Night!



Who: Dad/male role model/special family members

Where: Thursday 16th June

Time: 5 - 6pm

Where: St Mary's Auditorium

RSVP: By Thursday 9th June online

<https://thefatheringproject.org/> (if you are part of St Mary's portal), return the paper RSVP slip or simply let the office know!





This program is open to all children eligible for school in 2023.

Term 3 Dates:

Wednesday 3rd August
 Wednesday 10th August
 Wednesday 17th August
 Wednesday 24th August
 Wednesday 31st August
 Wednesday 7th September

Time: 2:15 - 3:00pm



The children will be joining the current Prep children and the class teacher during 'Intentional Learning' where the children learn through discovery and exploration. The children will get to explore their creative side at the construction zone and art table, use a range of technology, as well as developing their literacy and numeracy skills in the dramatic play areas.

We encourage families to stay and enjoy tea and coffee with fellow families.



Ring the school now to book on 9791 7650, or just come along!



Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass
Friday, 24th June

We are collecting **non-perishable food items**
to present to St Vincent de Paul at our
upcoming **Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**
Mass on Friday 24th June 2022.



Please send along items such as **canned food,**
packets of pasta etc.



Please send these items with your child (to their classroom) between now and Friday June 24th.

Thanks for your support.

St. Mary's School, DANDENONG

Your school photography day has been rescheduled to:

Friday 10th June 2022

ORDER ONLINE AT WWW.SCHOOLPIX.COM.AU

Orders close Friday 20th June 2022

Sibling orders must be placed prior to 8am on photo day.

If you already placed an order you don't need to do anything. It will be processed and delivered once photography is complete.

Misplaced your order form? Please visit www.schoolpix.com.au and use the student search to find your child's order number or contact our Customer Service team on 1300 766 055.

Please note: Cash orders will not be accepted



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- for the benefits of children.



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School Portal**

**Scan to join our
Dads Group**



SCAN OR JOIN NOW AT :
www.thefatheringproject.org

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**.

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

Where: Basketball courts

Time: 3.30 - 4.15pm



June
3rd Kimaya
4th Neil
5th Tyson
6th Joseph



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

Fees

Term 2 fees are due
17th June 2022.

Enrolments 2023

If you have a child turning 5
by 30th April 2023, they may
be 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**
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Website: **www.smdandenong.catholic.edu.au**

Parish Contacts

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