



**ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

20 - 24 NEW STREET, DANDENONG, 3175

*"Educating for Life Since 1912"*



**Term 2, Issue 16**

**Tuesday 22nd June 2021**

## Playgroup

Now Monday & Friday  
9am - 11am except school  
holidays

**No playgroup this Friday  
June**

**Thurs 24th 8.30am - 10am**

Uniform Shop open

**Thurs 24th @ 1.30pm**

End of Term 2

Students finish early

**Fri 25th**

Staff First Aid Training

**July**

**Mon 12th**

Term 3 begins

Dear Families,

### CONFIRMING CONFIRMATION!!!

It has taken a mammoth effort of planning, preparation, cancellation, planning, preparation, cancellation, planning, preparation, but finally...third time lucky...it looks like we are celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation this Wednesday and Thursday evening. Fr Brendan, Bryan Handasyde, Michelle Grenfell and the Year 5/6 teachers have all been working hard and have been very flexible in the organisation for the students this year. Due to the Government restrictions around COVID, we are unable to have all of the group celebrate together, so we have to celebrate over two nights, being this Wednesday and Thursday. Both Celebrations will begin at 7:00pm, and while we can't extend an open Community invitation, we would ask you all to pray for the children who are receiving the Sacrament and making a commitment to their faith.

### Reports Going Home Today!!!

Yes, we have reached that time of year again where the children's reports go home. I remember this being a time filled with trepidation at what my parents might find out!!!! Thankfully, we all have beautiful children who learn to be their best and all try very hard to improve based on the goals they set. We have both digital reports and paper reports going home this term and we have altered our report format based on suggestions from parents, staff

and children. We hope you find them informative as we have spent a great deal of time changing them based on feedback and as always, the teachers spend a great deal of time not only writing them, but ploughing through their evidence to make sure the reports are an accurate reflection of your child's learning journey. A HUUUUUGE thankyou to Rena Walsh (Learning & Teaching Leader) and Claudia Ferreira (Digital Technology Leader) for their work in ushering in this new change in reporting. We look forward to hearing the feedback!

### Attendance, Late Arrivals and Uniform...

We are going to have a concerted push on these three areas next term as part of our high expectations for the students at St Mary's. This will come in the form of written letters and regular reminders to those who are regularly late, absent or out of uniform. While some students have extraordinary attendance records, it was really apparent when I read through the reports that we are still having far too many children away regularly (not due to COVID or lockdowns) and far too many who are regularly late. We are also going to be making sure that correct school uniform is worn as it is an important part of our school identity.

What an extraordinary term it has been!!! Thank you so much for all of the support you have given the school and the students as we have all travelled the ups and downs of being a Victorian in Term 2!

Have a wonderful week and a fantastically wonderful, happy holidays.  
Stay safe,

Terry

### Mr Gardiner's Rib Ticklers...

Mr Gardiner: Mrs Walsh, knock knock...

Mrs Walsh: Oh...here we go...ok...who's there?

Mr Gardiner: Arncha...

Mrs Walsh: Arncha who?

Mr Gardiner: Arnacha glad it's the school holidays!!! Bahahahahahaha...

Mrs Walsh: Noooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo!!!

**Lunch orders are back!**



"Don't act too happy that school's out.  
You'll hurt our teacher's feelings."

## FAMILIES AS PARTNERS IN LEARNING



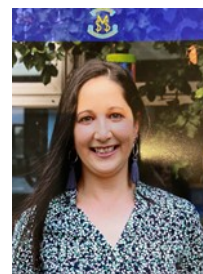
### Are you interested in helping in the classroom?

Please come along to an information session so you can assist.

If you would like to help you need to attend this!!!

If you can't make the session please let us know in person or email

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### DATES:

Prep - Year 2 families:

**Tuesday 20th July 3:30pm or Wednesday 21st July 9am**

Year 3 - Year 6 families:

**Friday 23rd June 9am or 3:30pm**



### We are Scientists

On Friday 18th June the Prep - 2 Community enjoyed a Science incursion. They explored forces such as friction, gravity, buoyancy, and pushing and pulling.



Great Hands  
on  
Learning!





## June

15th Shania  
 17th Azelle  
 19th Ellie  
 19th Merliah  
 19th Jaylee  
 24th Aiden  
 25th Kevan  
 27th Eva  
 28th Garang  
 29th Scarlett  
 30th Sithika  
 30th Senaya

## July

4th Lucy  
 6th Estherena  
 6th Dunge  
 8th Ruby  
 10th Miliana  
 10th Linda  
 11th Amy  
 12th Kathrina

## School Holiday Activities

If you are looking for things to do over the holidays check out the City of Greater Dandenong school holiday activities webpage:

<https://www.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/school-holiday-activities>

There are things you can take the family to and things you can do online



## Enrolments 2022

If you have a child turning 5 by 30th April 2022, 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.

## 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.

## 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**  
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## Parish Contacts

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