



ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

20 - 24 NEW STREET, DANDENONG, 3175

"Educating for Life Since 1912"



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Dear Families,

The Newsletter is Back!!!

While we have been in remote learning, we have continued our Communication through Class Dojo, Video messages and Facebook, but we stopped our Newsletter. Given that we are working our way back into some semblance of normalcy this term with our various stages of returning to school, we thought it was a good time to begin some of the routine elements of weekly life at St Mary's, the Newsletter being one of them! So...here we go!!!

Return To School

Below you will see a table outlining the return to school process for this term in relation to Year Levels. When we do return to school, **we will have to have parents staying in cars for drop off/pick up** as the focus beyond the return to school plans is staggering times and days so that there are as few people on school grounds as possible. We have also been mandated by Government to have all of our staff in the process of vaccination so that we can remain as COVID free as possible. Any contractors or visitors to the school will also be required to show evidence of their vaccination at the office for our records. This is all done to promote Community Safety.

To say we have missed the students here at school is an understatement, and we are missing our families equally as much. We truly do look forward to a time when we can be together and celebrate all that is wonderful about the community of St Mary's Primary School Dandenong.

YEAR LEVEL	DATE	DAYS OF THE WEEK
Prep, Grade 1 (P/1FC, P/1DS)	18th - 20th October, 25th - 27th October 3rd November	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Grade 2 (2SC)	21st - 22nd October 28th - 29th October 4th - 5th November	Thursday, Friday
Grade 3/4 (3/4HN, 3/4JR, 3/4SI)	26th - 27th October 3rd November	Tuesday, Wednesday
Grade 5/6 (5/6JG, 5/6JD, 5/6SF)	28th - 29th October 4th - 5th November	Thursday, Friday
WHOLE SCHOOL	5th November	EVERY DAY

Have a wonderful week,
Terry

Mr Gardiner's Rib Ticklers...

Mr Gardiner: Mrs Walsh, what do you call a snail without a shell?

Mrs Walsh: Um...I'm not really sure...a slug???

Mr Gardiner: No, homeless!!! Because he hasn't got his house...get it???

Mrs Walsh: Oh brother...that is an AWFUL joke...

Mr Gardiner: Ha ha!!! It's good to be back!!!



Confirmation

We congratulate our 2021 Confirmation candidates who made their Confirmation at the end of Term 2, on the 23rd and 24th of June.

Father Brendan Hayes presided over the ceremony and commented on how reverent and well prepared our students were for the Sacrament.

We congratulate our 2021 candidates and thank everyone who has encouraged and supported them on their Spiritual journey to becoming an adult Catholic.

**May the Holy Spirit dwell in your heart and keep you strong,
faithful and joyful in your lifelong walk with the Lord.
God bless you today and always.**



October is the month of the Rosary

Did you know?

In the Middle Ages, a time when the "Hail Mary" prayer became widely known, it was common for people to pray 150 Hail Marys. This developed into the rosary as it is prayed today.

In 2002, the rosary was enriched by the addition of five new mysteries suggested by Pope John Paul II. These are called the Luminous mysteries and are a testament to the fact that the rosary continues to inspire prayer and new ways to engage with Christ.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed are thou amongst women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of our death.
Amen.



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.



October

1st Gurleen
4th Harley
5th Jaswin
9th Angelo

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

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: **Kathy Gottlieb**



Some of our students in the St Mary's Enrichment Program entered the Greater Dandenong Sustainability Awards.

The students could do an artwork or make a video.

Serena, Murray, Priyam and Avneet submitted entries for the competition.

A huge well done to Murray for winning **first place in the Primary Category**. Murray created a video which highlighted the impacts of litter in Dandenong, and he also created an animation which showed how great a sustainable Dandenong could be.

A big congratulations to Serena for being selected as **Runner up in the Primary Category**. Serena created a video that was very informative, detailing the impacts that humans have on the earth and what people living in Dandenong could do to make it a more sustainable place.

Click on the links to watch their entries.



[Serena's Entry - Do Something](#)



[Murray's Entry - The Impact](#)

Religious Education in 3/4JR!

The students of 3/4JR began their Religious Education in Term 3 by investigating scripture stories and passages from the New Testament. Here are some students from 3/4JR that have used their own words to explain key scripture passages from the Gospel of Mark..



Scarlette - Jesus Has Risen: "Jesus was the Son of God but not many believed that. Jesus had a thorn crown put on him and he got whacked by soldiers lots of times and he was forced to carry his own cross to Golgotha and there he was nailed next to two criminals. Late in the afternoon Jesus was laid in the tomb and the tomb had a stone that was rolled over. Three days later the stone was not there anymore and Jesus was standing before them. Jesus had risen."

Hayden - John the Baptist: "John lived in the desert and he ate grass in honey. As John was baptising people Jesus told John to baptise him and heaven opened up. This was in the new testament."



Gurleen - Feeding the Five Thousand: "Jesus and his disciples fed five thousand people. There were only seven loaves of bread and some small fish but Jesus blessed the food. Then after there was enough bread and fish to feed the five thousand."

Top 5 online safety tips for kids

1

Set up your device to protect your information.

2

Explore safely & tell an adult if you see anything online that makes you feel yuck.

3

Limit who can contact you when you're playing games.

4

Stop all contact with anyone online who asks you to do anything you don't want to do. Report and block them.

5

Ask for help if anything online is bothering you.





Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card AND an eligible Centrelink payment*
- ✓ Be studying yourself OR have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



laptops & tablets



uniforms & shoes



books & supplies



sports fees & gear



lessons & activities



camps & excursion

For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:



Richard Pemberton



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