



ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

20 - 24 NEW STREET, DANDENONG, 3175

"Educating for Life Since 1912"



Term 3, Issue 22

Tuesday 2nd August 2022

August

Wed 3rd @2.15 - 3pm

Step into Prep

Thurs 4th @8.30am - 10am

Uniform Shop open

Thurs 4th @ 3.30pm - 4.30pm

ThinkUKnow Cybersafety and Security presentation

Fri 5th

Crazy Hair Day

Fri 5th - 2.45pm

Assembly

Tues 9th

School Closure Day

Professional Learning

Thurs 11th @ 8.30 - 10am

Uniform Shop open

Fri 12th

Eucharist Reflection Day

Dear Families,

Well what a week last week was! We had every level of the school doing something exciting as part of their learning. The Prep - 2 Students went to CERES for part of their learning and focussed on some indigenous culture, while the Year 5/6's went to the Melbourne Museum. You'll read below (and undoubtedly have heard a lot) about our Year 3/4 students who went on Camp to Mt Evelyn. So much on to keep our children engaged!

Step Into Prep

Our Step Into Prep program begins this Wednesday from 2:15pm - 3:00pm and will run every Wednesday in August. It is an opportunity for children who are of Prep age next year to spend a little bit of time in a classroom so they can get a feel for what it is like to be a school student. The wonderful Mrs Canty has set up the program once more so that it is an inviting experience. If you know of anyone who has a child who is 5 years of age before April next year, you can suggest they come in to St Mary's to be part of our amazing Community!

Year 3/4 Camp

What an amazing and exciting Year 3/4 Camp we had last week!

Once more, we went back to Mt Evelyn and made wonderful use of

the facilities there. From the Flying Fox to the Giant Swing, everyone had a go at what the Mt Evelyn staff call "Challenge by Choice". This is when the children are actively encouraged to try something they are a bit nervous about, but ultimately they have the choice about what they do and don't do. It was wonderful to see so many relationships develop between the children and to also see some new relationships blossom. Camp is always a wonderful way to see the children in a different environment, we get to know them a little bit differently, as do they with their teachers. I would like to thank you all as families for entrusting and sharing your children with us for the camp, and also to thank the staff who, as always, gave of their time so freely. It was a wonderful experience for all.

STUDENT FREE DAY - NEXT TUESDAY - SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY



Just a reminder that there will be no school next Tuesday 9th of August as we have a school closure day focussing on Numeracy. The teachers are counting on you remembering! Yes...a numeracy joke!!!



Have a stupendous week, Terry

Mr Gardiner's Rib Ticklers...

Mr Gardiner: Mrs Walsh, what's the best thing about Switzerland?

Mrs Walsh: I don't know Mr Gardiner, but their flag is a big plus? Get it? The flag is a BIG PLUS??? Because it looks like...A BIG PLUS???

Mr Gardiner: Woohoo!!! Ha ha!!! You got me Mr Walsh, thats a ripper!!!



3/4 CAMP TO MT EVELYN



Our excitement was at its peak when we got on the bus at school. The bus ride was 50 minutes long and we sang songs and chatted with each other about what camp was going to be like.

When we drove into the campsite, we felt hungry, happy and had mixed emotions still wondering about our cabin groups and what the rooms looked like.

Then the cabin groups were announced and everyone was happy about their groups. We got to check out our cabins and settle in and then we started on the activities.

Some of the highlights about camp were the giant swing, crate stacking, bike riding, flying fox and orienteering.

Camp was fun, exciting, interesting, kind of scary but we had the opportunity to face our fears and enjoy all the experiences. The night walk on the second day was adventurous because we got to walk in the woods with our torches which was so much fun. We got back to a warm campfire where we roasted marshmallows and made delicious scones.

It was great to be back home to our families after the three adventurous days at camp.

Here are some photos. We will be presenting lots of photos and videos at assembly this Friday.







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Comfortable talking to your kids about technology and the internet?

A ThinkUKnow cyber safety and security presentation will take place on

DATE: Thursday 4th August 3:30-5pm

LOCATION: St Mary's School auditorium

THE CONTENT IS NOT SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN. BABY SITTING AVAILABLE.
PLEASE RSVP TO YVETTE (ysilva@smdandenong.catholic.edu.au)

The session will cover:

- What young people SEE, SAY and DO online
- The challenges they may face
- How to report and get help if things go wrong

Visit www.thinkuknow.org.au for more information about online safety and security.

OUR PARTNERS



Division Finals - Rugby



After winning at the District Gala Day in Week 1 of Term 3, Team A made up of students from the 5/6 Community were invited to attend the Division Finals at Greaves Reserve last Wednesday. The game we played was against the winner of the Noble Park District which was Westall Primary School. Together both St Mary's & Westall showed outstanding sportsmanship skills and persevered through the wet and muddy conditions. In the last minute of the game, Westall Primary scored another try leaving the score 6-5 with Westall winning. We were very impressed by their fantastic skills and how supportive they were of their peers and all of our students. We felt very proud to walk away with the Runners Up flag from the Division Finals.



Just as we thought our time at Greaves Reserve was up, our girls were asked to create a new Rugby team to fill in for a school who could no longer make it. We had 6 girls from St Mary's pair up with 4 girls from Westall Primary to create a new team. Straight away the girls began talking tactics and meshed perfectly as a new team. The girls versed Wallarano Primary School Girls team and with their exceptional teamwork managed to win. They were very proud of this exciting achievement.



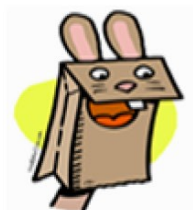
**Tuesday 9th August 2022
(Curriculum Day)**



Join in the fun at St Mary's OSHC Program!

Enjoy a "BIG DAY IN"

We will get Crafty with:



**Hama Bead Designs
Paper Bag Puppets
Hessian Sewing**



Fun & Games Include:



**Table Tennis
Nintendo Wii
Target Challenges
Pokemon, UNO & Skipbo Cards**



Operating Hours are from: 6.30am – 6.00pm

**(Please provide a Healthy Packed Lunch, Snacks & a
re-fillable drink bottle for your child/ren)**

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

Contact Shereen on: 0422 803 717



There's a hero in every kid!

Home Run Heroes is the greatest introduction for kids (aged 4-10) into the game of Softball.

Kids throw, catch, run, swing, laugh, and build the confidence to uncover the hero within.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS IN THIS AREA

SYNDAL SOFTBALL CLUB
JELLS PARK
WHEELERS HILL

5 WEEK PROGRAM :
Thursday 18th August
Thursday 25th August
Thursday 1st Sept
Thursday 8th Sept
Thursday 15th Sept

4.30pm to 5.30pm

To register please go to

<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/syndalsoftballcl/events/148931/>



August
2nd Nathaniel
2nd Sineth
6th Scarlett
7th Jermaine

Fees

It's not too late to sign up for a Direct Debit.

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.

Father's Day Breakfast

Save the date!

Thursday September 1st
@7.45am

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

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Pastoral Associate: **Father Aurelio Fragapane**