



**ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

20 - 24 NEW STREET, DANDENONG, 3175

*"Educating for Life Since 1912"*



**Term 3, Issue 26**

**Tuesday 30th August 2022**

## August

**Wed 31st**

**District Athletics**

**Wed 31st**

**5/6 Incursion**

**Wed 31st @ 2.15pm**

**Step into Prep**

## September

**Thurs 1st @ 7.45am**

**Father's Day Breakfast**

**Thurs 1st**

**Uniform Shop @ 8.30 – 10am**

**Fri 2nd @ 2.45pm**

**Assembly**

**Wed 7th @ 2.15pm**

**Step into Prep**

**Fri 9th**

**R U OK? Day - wear yellow**

**Thurs 15th @ 1.30pm**

**Term 3 Finishes**

**Fri 16th**

**School closed for Staff**

**Professional Learning**

Dear Families,

We are hurtling towards the end of term at a frightening pace! It is Week 8 which means that at the end of this week, we only have two weeks left of Term 3! On the whole, the children have been behaving absolutely beautifully and are really focussed on their work in their classrooms. I love walking around the school and seeing the children working collaboratively in their classrooms with each other, the Learning Support Officers, or their teachers. We are kicking goals at St Mary's...



### R U OK? Week at St Mary's

Next week sees all of us in Australia celebrating National R U OK? Day. This is an opportunity to remind us all that it's ok to NOT be ok, and it gives an opportunity to both ask if the people around us are ok or ready ourselves to talk to someone if we are not ok! Mental Health is something that has really become a huge part of our everyday life, particularly after COVID and the Victorian Lockdowns.



We will be having a whole school gathering next Friday where we will talk about keeping ourselves aware of our own mental health. As part of R U OK? Day, we are asking all of our children to wear Yellow. Can't wait to see everybody in their yellow outfits!

### Please keep Continued Prayers going for Fr Brendan

Fr Brendan is on the mend and his condition is slowly improving which is wonderful news! We ask you to keep him in your prayers and we will keep you updated as to his wellbeing and his condition.

Have a wonderful week,  
Terry



Don't forget... Father's Day  
Breaky this Thursday at 7.45am!

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

Mr Gardiner: Mr Dugan, I've lost my mood ring - it changes colours based on my mood?

Mr Dugan: Oh no! That's terrible! I hope you find it...how are you feeling?

Mr Gardiner: Well that's just it...because I've lost my mood ring...I don't know how I feel about it! Bahahahahahahahahaha...hahahahahahahahahahahahahahahahaha,

Mr Dugan: Ha hahahahaha haha...you got me!!!

Mr Gardiner: Yes...I did!!!



# St Mary's Therapy Dog - Tito

In Term 3, St Mary's Primary will have a trained Therapy Dog on site beginning with one day a week visits. The dog's name is Tito and he has undergone extensive training through 'K9 Support' to complete his certificate in Animal Assisted Therapy. Here are some reflections from the 5/6 students:

Last Tuesday a dog came to our community called Tito. Tito's role was to help us keep calm and quiet because we know that animals hate it when it's too loud, so that makes us want to not annoy him. Everyone loved Tito because he was cute.

- Nadeen 5/6 JG



Tito's role in our community is to be a therapy dog and help each other be more comfortable and be able to fit into the classroom. Tito is also a treatment for people who are feeling sad or frustrated. They can go to Tito and pat him to feel better. Tito is very helpful to all of us.

- Jind 5/6 AH



I enjoy his presence because he either wags his tail when he's happy or if he's feeling generous enough he may lick you! - Aluel 5/6 DO

Tito is very friendly, he makes me feel happy and safe. - Jaden 5/6 DO

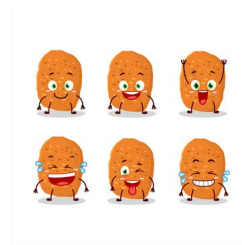




**The students in the 3/4 Community have been learning about Limericks. They have enjoyed looking for rhyming words and following the structure of a limerick. Why don't you try writing one together at home?**

**Here are a few examples written by the students.**

Chicken nuggets are so yummy  
They fill you up in your tummy  
They are crispy  
It is risky  
Chicken nuggets make me feel so runny (Xander)



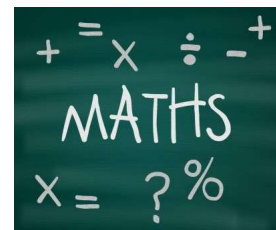
Oh! I hate Collingwood  
They are just like Bollywood  
The worst team  
Makes bad memes  
They don't deserve Hollywood (Nicholas)



I have also called Mr. Ottow  
I think he just won the lotto  
He's very funny  
Like a bunny  
I think he just made a motto (Prathi)

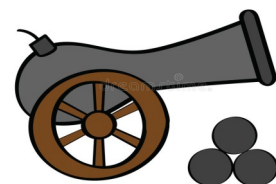


Mrs. Stapleton is the maths boss  
She loves to wear nice gloss  
She is a queen  
She likes caffeine  
Oh no ! she just went for a toss (Aiden & Braden)



There was a principal named Mr. Gardiner  
Who was working so hardiner  
Win did he  
Against Mr. T  
The famous young Mr. Pardiner (Hanzlyer)

You are the best 5/6 teacher Mr. Glennon  
Your students think you fire like a cannon  
I don't know why you left the school  
Your students think you're cool  
It's great that you like to eat melon (Alexandria)



You go to school everyday  
When you go there, shout Hooray!  
It's lots of fun  
In the sun  
So listen to what the teacher's say (Kevin)



SOUTH EAST  
COMMUNITY  
LINKS

# Healthy Families, Happy Relationships



## WHAT TO EXPECT

You will build on your knowledge about the following topics:

- Healthy and respectful relationships
- Unhealthy relationships
- Equality in Australia
- Be an active bystander
- Support services available

You will **receive a certificate and gift card** for your participation,  
**Childminding will be available.**

## Location

St Mary's Primary School,  
Dandenong  
20-24 NEW Street, DANDENONG  
Victoria 3175

## Date & Time

**Thursday 8th September**

**5.00pm - 6.00pm**

**Thursday 15th September**

**2.00pm - 3.00pm**

**Thursday 6th October**

**5.00pm - 6.00pm**

**Thursday 13th October**

**5.00pm - 6.00pm**

**\*Participants to attend a  
minimum of 3 sessions\***

**For more information or to join  
contact Yvette on:**

 [ysilva@smdandenong.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ysilva@smdandenong.catholic.edu.au)

**FOOD WILL BE  
PROVIDED**



**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022**



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

We will be running an

**"AWESOME FUN DAY"**

Packed full of activities for the children.

We're off to  **READING**  
C I N E M A S Dandenong Plaza

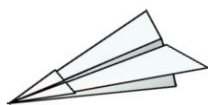
to watch:



**(Extra cost for Excursion \$22)**

**\* Includes small Popcorn & Drink**

**We will Get Crafty with Paper & Paint:**



**\* Paper Planes \* Origami**

**\* Rainbow Rocks & more!**



**Play these Fun Games:**

**\* Basket Ball \* Tennis \* Cards \* Carram**



**Operating Hours are from: 7.00am – 6.00pm**

**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL**

**Contact Shereen on: 0422 803 717**





# St John's

REGIONAL COLLEGE

WELCOME TO THE  
**FUTURE**  
IN  
**STEM**



## OPEN EVENING

**Thursday 1 September 6.00pm**

An exciting new era in education in STEM has arrived.  
Join us for a College tour including the new Junior STEM  
Building and discover all of the opportunities on offer  
for students from Year 7 to 12.

Register today at  
[www.sjrc.vic.edu.au](http://www.sjrc.vic.edu.au)  
or scan the QR Code



## St Mary's invites you to our 2022 Father's Day Breakfast



**Who:** Dad/Mum/grandparents/uncles/brothers/any special family members.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**

**Where:** Thursday 1st September

**Time:** 7.45am

**Where:** St Mary's

**This Thursday @ 7.45am**



**R U OK? DAY WILL BE CELEBRATED ON FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH.**

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO PLEASE DRESS IN YELLOW TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT.**

**WE WILL BE SPENDING THE WEEK FOCUSING ON SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL  
LEARNING AND LEARNING HOW WE CAN ASK R U OK?**



Join us on Social Media for more photos and stories.

If you want your children to improve  
let them overhear  
the nice things you  
say about them to  
others.

~ Haim Ginott



## September 1st

**Hats are back on!**

**Now is a good time to wash them so they're nice and clean.**

**We sell hats through the Uniform Shop and in the office for \$11**



### August

24th Alek  
24th Srivaishnavi  
25th Nishan  
27th Jasneet  
28th Atiel  
29th Celecita

### 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 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**  
Email: **principal@smdandenong.catholic.edu.au**  
Website: **www.smdandenong.catholic.edu.au**

### Parish Contacts

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