



ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

20 - 24 NEW STREET, DANDENONG, 3175

"Educating for Life Since 1912"



Term 1, Issue 2

Tuesday 14th February 2023

Dear Families,

We've settled in well and almost have the building and surrounding grounds ready for use. The amphitheater will definitely be ready to go for our first official Flag Raising next Monday. We invite you to be part of this special occasion. This is a time where we gather together as a Community and go through our Acknowledgement of Country, some updates and news for the week, our National Anthem and our School Prayer. I like to think of our Flag Raising (Monday Morning) and our Whole School Assembly (Friday afternoon) as our "bookends" to the week, both opportunities for us to gather together as a Community. Bookends traditionally are rather simple objects that are decorative and hold books in place on a bookshelf. Bookends stop things overflowing and spilling off the shelf or falling over, and I think that our Flag Raising and our Assembly kind



of do the same thing for our school - they give us the support of each other at the beginning and end of each week and help us keep things together! Hopefully you can come along to some of these across the course of the year. Flag Raising is at 8:50am Monday Mornings in the Amphitheatre and our Whole School Assemblies are in the Auditorium at 2:45pm Friday afternoons.

3 Way Conversations this Monday - School Finishes @ 12.30pm

We hold 3 Way Conversations at this time of the year to give you and your child a chance to meet one-on-one with your child's teacher. You can make an appointment by clicking on the link that was posted on dojo or by going to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and entering the code **hqw35**.

School Advisory Council - First Meeting this Friday, Board Room @ 2:15pm

Last year, we formed our School Advisory Council or SAC (mandated as part of being a school governed by MACS) and had some really worthwhile meetings. We focused on setting up the SAC as a working group and discussed many things relating to the school eg: uniform, subway lunches etc. We also listened to reports from the 5 different sphere areas that encompass all areas of our school - Education in Faith, Learning & Teaching, Wellbeing, Diversity, and Leadership and Management. It's an opportunity to be part of the Team and get to know a bit more about some of the things that go on behind the scenes at St Mary's. If this sounds like something interesting to you, send me an email and I can give you some further information. (tgardiner@smdandenong.catholic.edu.au)

Family Gathering - Prep to Year 2 - This Thursday 3.30 - 4.30pm

Our family gathering for the junior school is this Thursday. Come along for a sausage sizzle and a chat with staff and other families. The weather is looking perfect! Last week we had our senior school family gathering and it was a lot of fun.

Have a wonderful week, Terry

Mr Gardiner's Rib Ticklers...

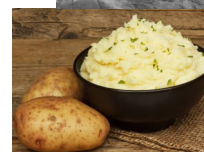
Mr Gardiner: Hey Mr Thomson, what do you get if you cross an elephant with a potato?

Mr Thomson: Ooooooh! My first Rib Tickler! I don't know...a cross elephant?

Mr Gardiner: Ha ha! Good one, but no...you get...MASHED POTATO!!!

Mr Thomson: Oh yeah, because the elephant smashes the potato! Bahahaha..that's great!

Mr Gardiner: Yep, and plenty more where that come from...you could say...I've got a trunk full!!!!



February

Wed 15th

Preps away

Thurs 16th @8.30 - 10am

Uniform Shop open

Thurs 16th @3.30

Family Gathering Prep - 2

Thurs 16th @3.30pm

Second Hand Uniforms
FREE in the Amphitheatre

Fri 17th @2.15pm

Student Advisory Council
Meeting

Fri 17th @2.45pm

Whole School Assembly
every Friday

Mon 20th @ 9 - 10.40am

Playgroup in Auditorium
every Monday

Mon 20th @12.30pm

School Finishes for 3 Way
Conversations

Wed 22nd

Preps away

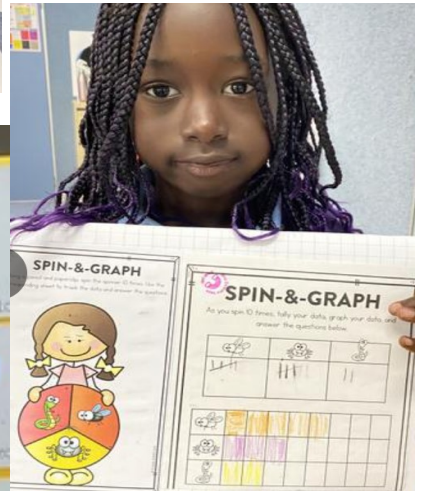
Wed 22nd @9.15am

Ash Wednesday Mass

Thurs 23rd @8.30 - 10am

Uniform Shop open

In Year 1 we are good learners.



FREE

Second Hand Uniforms

**Come to the new Aphitheatre
this Thursday @3.30pm.**

We have a lot of stock.



February

10th Chol
10th Pitia
11th Tyna
11th Shamira
16th Fufu
19th Jamal
27th Hanzylar

Fees

Fees statements for 2023 have gone home. If you have a Health Care Card please come and see us at the office.

Enrolments 2023

We are still taking enrolments for this year.

If you have a child turning 5 by 30th April 2023, they may eligible to enrol at St Mary's school for Prep this year. Please come to the office for an enrolment form. We are also taking enrolments for other year levels.

Uniform Shop

Open every Thursday morning from 8.30am till 10am

Subway Fridays (order on Thursday)

Lunch orders will start again this week Friday 3rd February.

Collect an envelope
from your classroom
teacher.



Here is a timetable of
how the school day
works.

It's very important that
students arrive on time
each morning so they
feel settled and can
begin the day smoothly.

8.30am	Students Arrive
8.40am	Prayer and Welcome
8.50am	Learning Time
10.50am	Eat Snack
11.00am	Recess Time
11.30am	Learning Time
1.30pm	Eat Lunch
1.40pm	Lunch Time
2.10pm	Learning Time
3.20pm	School Finishes

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**



St John's

REGIONAL COLLEGE

WELCOME TO THE
FUTURE
IN
STEM



OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 15th February 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
or scan the QR Code





Could \$500 help with next year's back to school costs?

Learn tips and tricks to grow your budget and saving skills. Save for 10 months. Get up to \$500 of matched savings for school expenses. Just in time for 2024.

Must meet all eligibility criteria:



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



**For more info, visit saverplus.org.au or call 1300 610 355.
To fill in an online enquiry form, [CLICK HERE](#).**



ALL NATIONS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Saints Academy, in conjunction with Moorabbin Airport, are providing Multicultural boys and girls the opportunity to gain assistance during their junior football pathway, through the Moorabbin Airport Scholarship Program.

To qualify for the program you must:

- + born in or have at least one parent born in Asia or Africa
- + Be 13-17 years of age (born between 2006-2010)
- + Be passionate about your AFL

Registrations close Tuesday 28th February

For more information contact Matthew Crozier:
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