



ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

20 - 24 NEW STREET, DANDENONG, 3175

"Educating for Life Since 1912"



Term 4, Issue 31

Wednesday 26th October 2022

October

Wed 26th @ 5pm - 6pm

Teddy Bear's Picnic on the oval

Thurs 27th

Day for Daniel

Students to wear red

Thurs 27th

Division Softball

Thurs 27th @ 8.30 - 10am

Uniform shop open

Fri 28th @ 2.45pm

Assembly

Mon 31st

School is open

November

Tues 1st

Melbourne Cup Day

School Closed

Thurs 3rd @ 9.30am

Whole School Transition

Dear Families, straight into it!

WOW!!!! WHAT A SUPER EFFORT!

Last week, some of our children performed at the Regional Level for Athletics and we are super proud of them all. To get to that level is an amazing effort, so congratulations and well done on representing your school so beautifully at such a high level. You should be super proud of yourselves!

A super HUUUUUUUUUUUUUGE congratulations to our School Captain Michael who has made it to the STATE level for the 200m race by coming 2nd! A phenomenal effort! We look forward to seeing you at the Olympics some day!

MONDAY/TUESDAY NEXT WEEK - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

As you would all be aware, next Tuesday is a public holiday for the almighty MELBOURNE CUP! We have been made aware by a significant number of families that they will not be in attendance on Monday as they are taking the opportunity to have a family holiday or simply taking time as a family to make the most of the Public Holiday on Tuesday. Due to this fact, **while the school will be open on Monday, we will not be running an educational program as we will be missing too many students.**

Feel free to keep your children at home on Monday or if you feel they need a bit of a mid-term break or if you just want to spend some time together as a family. The teachers will be using the time to write some reports and to make plans for the remainder of the year.



Class Structures for 2023

Level	Number of Classes:	Approx. Learners per class:
Prep	x 2 classes	14 learners per class
Year 1	x 1 class	17 learners per class
Year 2	x 2 classes	15 learners per class
Year 3/4	x 2 classes	22 learners per class
Year 5/6	x 3 classes	21 learners per class

The Consultative Committee have met a number of times this year and have advised me of their preferred Class Structure for 2023 and I agree! We have attempted to keep the class sizes as small and as even as possible across the school to assist the learning opportunities in every class. We will once more attempt to have at least 1 Learning Support Officer per classroom for as much of the week as possible. We look forward to another year of wonderful growth for all of our students in 2023.

Have a wonderful week, Terry ,

Mr Gardiner's Rib Ticklers...

Mr Gardiner: Mrs Gostimir, do you know where you learn to make Ice Cream?

Mrs Gostimir: Um...I have absolutely NO idea were you learn to make Ice Cream...

Mr Gardiner: You learn to make it at Sundae School...get it? SUNDAY SCHOOL? As in, ICE CREAM SUNDAE???? Ba-ha-ha-ha-ha...ha ha ha ha...

Mrs Gostimir: Oh...you really need to get some better jokes Mr Gardiner...

Mr Gardiner: Ha ha!!! I thought that one was pretty...cool!





Last week, *Wildlife Xposure* visited the P-2 Community. We had a wonderful time learning all about some wonderful native Australian animals.



**Dads, bring your kids
and join in on our**

Teddy Bear Evening Challenge



Dads and Father Figures are invited to join us at school for a newspaper throne engineering challenge. Can you and your kid/s create a chair for a stuffed animal with only newspaper and tape?



Who: Dad or Adult male role model & kids

When: Wednesday 26th of October

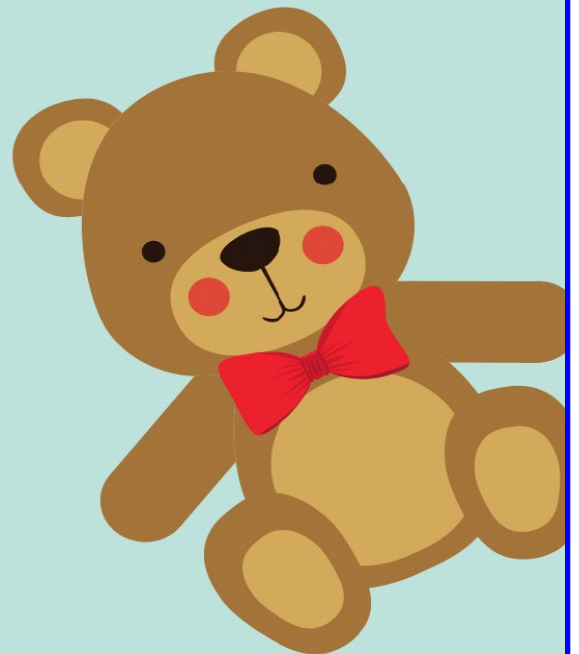
Time: 5pm–6pm

Where: the oval (weather allowing)

Cost: Free

What to bring: A picnic rug and drinks/ snacks for you and your kid/s

RSVP: Friday 21st October



Presented by The Fathering Project in partnership with St Mary's.



Day for Daniel



DAY FOR DANIEL WILL BE RECOGNISED ON
THURSDAY OCTOBER 27TH.

WE ARE ENCOURAGING EVERYONE TO WEAR RED.

WE WILL HAVE A SPECIAL FOCUS ON CHILD
SAFETY LESSONS THAT DAY. WE ENCOURAGE YOU
TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THIS WITH
YOUR FAMILIES TOO.

<https://danielmorcombe.com.au/>

Girl's Lycra Skort

Available Term 4



\$22.00

Sizes 4-16

Open Thursday 8.30am – 10am



Join us on Social Media!

Respectful Relationships

Here is a list of the local support services that were discussed at our Respectful Relationships sessions for families last week.

Most of these services are for people needing support around family safety.

MensLine and Rainbow Door also support people who might be experiencing issues relating to their mental health.

Local Support Services

1800RESPECT
NATIONAL DOMESTIC FAMILY AND
SEXUAL VIOLENCE COUNSELLING SERVICE
1800 737 732

safe steps | Family Violence
Response Centre
1800 015 188

No To Violence
Men's Referral Service
1300 766 491

the orange door
1800 271 170

inTouch
Multicultural Centre
Against Family Violence
1800 755 988

MensLine Australia
1300 78 99 78

Rainbow Door
1800 729 367





October

28th Kasali	31st Anna
31st Biong	31st Ivy
	31st Noyan

Fees

All fees are now overdue unless you are paying by 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.

"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourself."
Philippians 2:3

SOUTH SUDANESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY CHAPLAINCY IN MELBOURNE
celebrates the 10th anniversary to
Deaconate of their brother

Chaplain Deacon
George Piech Meat



WHERE

St Anthony's Catholic Parish, Noble Park

WHEN

Sunday, 30.10.2022

1pm - 6pm

Please invite family and friends.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT

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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**