



ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

20 - 24 NEW STREET, DANDENONG, 3175

"Educating for Life Since 1912"



Term 4, Issue 37

Tuesday 13th December 2022

December

Wed 14th

Year 6 Graduation Day

Thurs 15th @ 8.30 - 10am

Last Uniform shop for the year

Thurs 15th

Year 6 Fun Day

Thurs 15th @ 6pm

Carols Night

Fri 16th @ 9.15am

Whole School Mass

Fri 16th @ 1.30pm

Term 4 finishes

January

Fri 27th @ 8.30 - 10am

Uniform Shop open

Mon 30th @ 8.40am

Term 1 begins

Uniform Shop open the Friday before school starts in 2023

Dear Families,

WOW!!!

Time is absolutely flying by as we head into the final few days of the year!!! What an exhilarating time it is! We have begun to move into the new building (although it will not really be operational until the beginning of next year). By the end of this week, we will have rooms with furniture and the upstairs almost ready to go. We have decided to have our Year 5/6 children up in the new building for next year. I always think that new buildings should go to the Year 5/6 classes as they are the ones who have put up with the old buildings for the longest. They have begun taking their furnishings up, along with the Year 3/4 children to help, so that they could get a sneaky peak at what has been going on behind the fences for the last 8 months. To say they were amazed is nothing short of an understatement!

We can't wait to have an official opening next year and have everyone come in for a walk through...it is a really exciting time in the history of St Mary's Primary School Dandenong and we can't wait to share it with you!

Goodbye to our Year 6 Children

To our wonderful Year 6 cohort who have worked so very hard over the last seven years of their schooling. We thank you for all you have given us and we wish you the very best for your future. You each have your own path to tread and we look forward to hearing your individual stories of success over the coming years. Never forget your time at St Mary's...

School Captains - Announced for 2023

We were very excited to announce our 2023 School Captains at our assembly last week. Congratulations to Celecita and Kimaya who were announced as our School Captains and Manteshwar and Joseph as Vice Captains for 2023, as voted by their peers and agreed to by their teachers and the Leaders of the school. We cannot wait to see what an amazing job they do in leading the school next year. They are certainly wonderful role models

To all of our wonderful families who have done such an amazing job in recovering from the previous two years of COVID and readjusting back to a life of near normalcy, we say an unreserved thank you.



May you all have a restful break and enjoy the gift of the Birth of Christ at Christmas together as a family.

We look forward to seeing you all again next year. Terry

Mr Gardiner's Rib Ticklers...

Mr Gardiner: Mr Handasyde, did you hear about the person who started drinking brake fluid?

Mr Handasyde: Um...no I didn't! I imagine that could be a problem and it wouldn't taste very good!

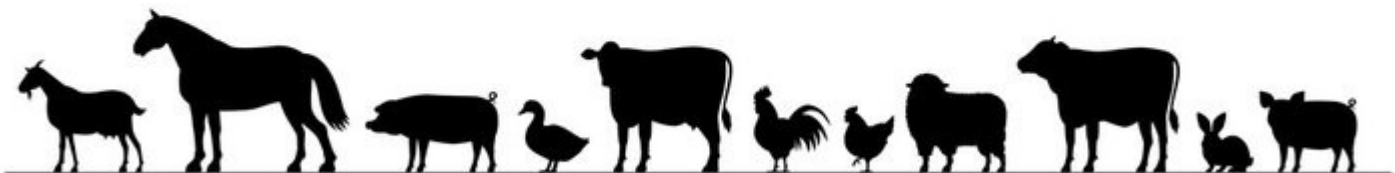
Mr Gardiner: No, it wouldn't, but he said it was alright and that although he drank a lot of it, he could stop any time...get it? Stop any time? Because he's drinking brake fluid? Which your car uses to help you stop?

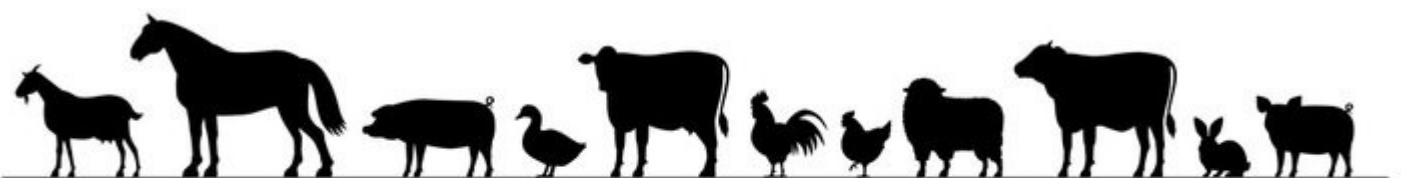
Mr Handasyde: NOOOOOOOOOOOO!!!!!! You got me!!!!!! Have a great **brake** Mr Gardiner...see what I did there Mr Gardiner? I used your joke in a word-play...have a good break!

Mr Gardiner: Ha ha!!! You too Mr Handasyde...and to everyone have a very happy and holy Christmas holiday!



Year 1/2 Myuna Farm Excursion





ST MARY'S PARISH, DANDENONG
CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE 2022/23

PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS – Sunday 18th December 6.30pm

RECONCILIATION – Thursday 22nd December 6.30pm

Reconciliation (2ND RITE) service with individual confession

CONFESSION

Individual confession will be available after mass each weekday and before Saturday evening mass

CHRISTMAS EVE - Saturday 24th December 2022

9.15am (Normal morning mass)

6.00pm (Family Mass)

8.00 pm (Chaldean Mass)

11.00pm (Christmas Carols)

Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY - Sunday 25th December 2022

8.30am & 10.30am

12.30 pm (Chaldean Mass)

No 5.30pm Evening Mass (Today)

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY – Friday, 30th December 2022

9.15am

FEAST OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD - Sunday 1st January 2023

Vigil Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am & 5.30pm

12.30pm (Chaldean Mass)

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – Sunday 8th January 2023

Vigil Saturday 6.00pm, Sun 8.30am, 10.30am & 5.30pm

MASSES DURING THE CHRISTMAS & JANUARY HOLIDAYS

Saturday: 9.15am & 6pm **Sunday:** 8.30am, 10.30am & 5.30pm

Monday to Friday: 9.15am

Friday Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 'til 12.30pm



Advent

Prayer:

...We pray for those people and places on our hearts today who are in desperate need of your unconditional love.

All: **Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.**



Our choir sang at Dandenong Plaza yesterday to spread the joy of Christmas. Maybe some of you were there doing your Christmas shopping!



CAROLS

IN DANDENONG PARK

Friday 9 December
6pm - 9.30pm

174 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong

[greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au](http://greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/carols-in-dandenong-park)
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Uniform Shop News!

We are open for the last time this week

2023

**We are open on the Friday before school starts,
27th January 8.30 - 10am**



December

13th Lavenia	15th Sara	21st Siena
13th Harjasreet	18th Abby	25th Jaden
13th Lucas	20th Aarav	31st Akwak

The Office will be back in New Street next year. Drop in and have a look at our beautiful new building.

Merry Christmas and happy holidays from Jane & Michelle



Fees

Thank you to all the families who have paid their fees and those who are still paying by Direct Debit.

Enrolments 2023

If you have a child turning 5 by 30th April 2023, they may be eligible to enroll 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**

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Parish Contacts

Parish Priest: **Fr Brendan Lane** Parish Office: **9791 4611**

Assistant Priest: **Father Aurelio Fragapane**