



ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

20 - 24 NEW STREET, DANDENONG, 3175

"Educating for Life Since 1912"



Term 1, Issue 3

Tuesday 15th February

**Playgroup runs every
Monday and Thursday
morning from
9.30 - 10.40am**

February

Thurs 17th 8.30 - 10am

Uniform Shop open

Thurs 17th 3.45pm - 4.30pm

After school soccer FREE

Mon 21st 12.30pm

School finishes early for 3 Way
Conversations

Mon 21st 1.30pm - 6pm

3 Way Conversations

Tues 22nd @ 9.15am

Class Mass Year 1/2

Tues 22nd 3.40 - 4.30pm

3 Way Conversations continue

**Due to unforeseen circumstances the Canteen will close
permanently from today 15th February.**

Dear Families,

We have only had 2 positive cases of COVID so far at school this year, which is truly amazing! I have spoken with colleagues who are having many, many more at the moment, so it is great that we got our cases of COVID out of the way at the end of last year and over the holidays. Hopefully we can keep it going as it is with as little disruption to the classes as possible. I would once more like to thank you all for helping out our Community with the RAT program, of which you would have received the second delivery yesterday. It is difficult I know, but it does help us stay safe as a Community. I have to do four on Monday morning and Thursday morning, as well as my own (thankfully Katrina my wife is doing her own!!!), so I appreciate the challenges that come with working together. **We are communicating our positive cases through CLASS DOJO** so if you haven't seen anything, that means your Year Level has had no positive cases.

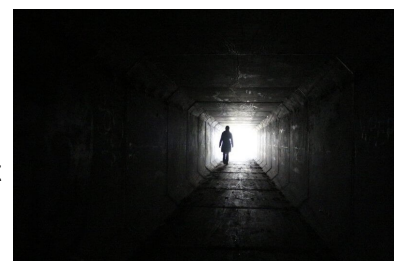
If you do record a positive case from your RAT, these are the steps you need to follow:

- Report your positive test results at <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/report>
- Inform the school via class dojo message to your teacher or call the front office (9791 7650)
- Quarantine all family members for 7 days
- Follow the instructions on <https://>

www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/report#frequently-asked-questions

Again, thanks for your support. We are here for you in this challenging time, but we are also wrapped that we can see the light at the end of the tunnel.

SE Melbourne Phoenix SOAR Program



Our Year 5/6 children have been lucky enough to have been involved in a resilience program run by the SE Melbourne Phoenix NBL Team. The program is about equipping young children with the knowledge and skills they need to recognise, regulate and speak openly about their emotions. If you would like to find out more about the program, you can find information at the following website: <https://www.semphenix.com.au/pages/phoenix-soar>



Well into Week Four now! Can't believe it!!!
Have a wonderful week ahead,

Terry

Mr Gardiner's Rib Ticklers...

Mr Gardiner: Hey Mr Dugan...do you know how Benjamin Franklin felt when he discovered electricity?

Mr Dugan: Um...no...I don't know how he felt when he discovered electricity. How did he feel?

Mr Gardiner: Well...he was shocked! Get it??? Electricity??? He was SHOCKED!!! BAHAAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA...

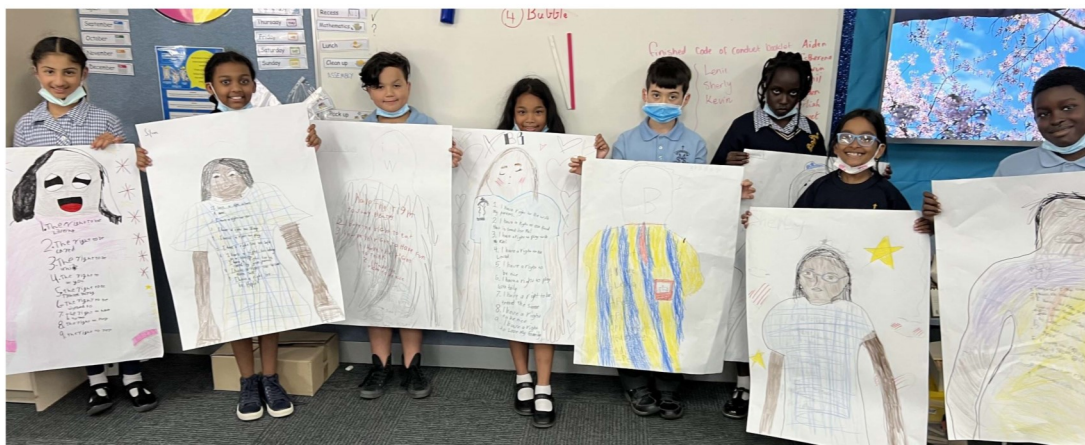
Mr Dugan: Oh no...you know what that joke is Mr Gardiner? That is a SHOCKING joke!!!

Mr Gardiner: WOO HOO!!! Good one Mr Dugan...I LOVE IT!!!



We have been learning about children's rights and responsibilities. First we explored all our rights. Then we chose the top nine rights we thought were most important and ranked them on our portraits.

3/4 SS





Like to learn how to play soccer?

Come and learn with SSFA.
This is **FREE** for our students.

Starts: Every Thursday afternoon starting this week

Where: Oval

Time: 3.45 - 4.45pm

WE ASK PARENTS DO NOT STAY OR GATHER ON THE OVAL TO KEEP COVID SAFE. THANK YOU!

**Our new P.E teacher Mr Dugan
will be there to supervise.**

Come down and say hello!



Health Care Card Holders

If you have a Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card make sure to bring it to the office to receive a discount off your fees, as well as the Government rebate.





Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join, participants must:

- ☒ Have a current health care card OR pensioner concession card
- ☒ Be studying yourself OR have a child in school
- ☒ Have regular income from work, yourself OR your partner

For full eligibility requirements, speak to a Saver Plus Coordinator.

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



For more information, please contact Saver Plus:

 saverplus@bsl.org.au

 saverplus.org.au

 1300 610 355

 @SaverPlusAU

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

Uniform Shop

Open every Thursday morning from 8.30am till 10am

Second-Hand Uniforms available too - ask at the Office



February

16th Fufu

19th Jamal

20th Ali

Canteen News

Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond our control we have had to close the canteen permanently.

Are you enrolling at St John's next year?

Make sure you pick up an enrolment form from St John's as soon as possible.

Fees

Fees statements for 2022 have gone home. If you had a direct debit last year and paid your fees in full, you will need to complete a new direct debit form this year.

Enrolments 2022

We are still taking enrolments for this year.

If you have a child turning 5 by 30th April 2022, 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.

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: **Kathy Gottliebse**