



**ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

20 - 24 NEW STREET, DANDENONG, 3175

*"Educating for Life Since 1912"*



**Term 1, Issue 4**

**Tuesday 22nd February**

**Playgroup runs every  
Monday and Thursday  
morning from**

**9.00 - 10.40am**

**February**

**Thurs 24th 8.30 - 10am**

**Uniform Shop open**

**Thurs 24th 3.45 -**

**4.30pm**

**Soccer Clinic FREE**

**Fri 25th 2.45pm**

**Assembly LIVE on the  
Oval. Parents welcome!**

Dear Families,

Wow...can't believe we are already at Week 5 of Term 1! This is an eleven week term for the staff, with the final date of Term being the 6th of April for the students. Straight into it!!!

**Official School Times - 8:30am - 3:45pm**

Just a reminder to families that there is no one on duty at school before 8:30am, which is also the time that the gates open. We have had children being dropped off as early as 7:40am and there is no one here to look after them at that time and no guarantee that the school is even open, which means the children are out on the street. The staff here in the morning are usually preparing for their day or doing explicit jobs and are therefore not on duty to watch the children, so we ask that you keep 'drop offs' and 'pick ups' as close to our school times as possible.

**Assembly - LIVE THIS WEEK ON THE OVAL!!!**

This week, we will be giving out the Student Representative Council (SRC) Badges at assembly and this is something we much prefer to do live if we can. We will therefore be running assembly outside on

the oval at 2:45pm to make sure we are being as COVID safe as possible. A HUUUGE special thankyou to Danni Hadfield and Yoshi Fernando who have made the last few filmed assemblies so entertaining!! Great job, we love them!

**3 Way Conversations**

Last night saw most of the families getting online and completing their 3 Way Conversations with their classroom teachers. I'll be honest...Online is NOT our preferred method of communication, but hey...at the moment, we all have to do what we have to do to keep the community safe! Thanks to all of the families who made their way online to meet with the teachers and thanks to all of the staff who organised their lives around the late night! Never an easy one for teachers...let's hope the next lot can be in person!

**Harmony Day 2022 - 18th of March**

While the last 'Twilight Harmony Day' we ran was in 2019, we have done our best to keep the light burning and the celebration of all things different as present as ever. As it currently stands, we are unable to have families gathering at school in large clusters (as our usual Harmony Day would have us do), so we are once more reverting to a standard school time for our Harmony Day and we are being creative with ways in which we can be inclusive of those who cannot be at school. We will keep you posted and informed about what is happening.

Have a wonderful week, Terry

**Mr Gardiner's Rib Ticklers...**

Mr Gardiner: Miss Rankin, do you know how Minecrafters celebrate?

Miss Rankin: Um...no Mr Gardiner...I DON'T know how Minecrafters celebrate...

Mr Gardiner: They love to throw a BLOCK PARTY...Get it? Because Minecraft is all blocks? A Block Party????

Miss Rankin: Oh...I'm new here...does that mean I have to laugh at your jokes?

Mr Gardiner: Ha ha!!! Of course, they're hilarious!!!



# Mathematics in 3/4JR

We have recently begun learning about place value in our mathematics lessons. We have also been working towards sharing and explaining strategies to add a group of numbers. We did this by playing 5UP and 7UP with cards. The students calculated the sum of 5 or 7 playing cards and had to arrange the cards to show the strategy that was used to calculate mentally. Great strategies such as matching cards to make 10, and finding doubles were used to make adding easier!





# Friday's are now...

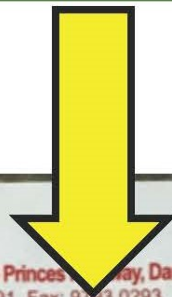


## **lunch days at St. Mary's**

On Friday's, **Subway** lunches will now be available to pre-order here at St. Mary's Primary School.

Students will need to complete their order with the **correct money enclosed (\$6.00)** by Thursday each week to receive a Subway lunch on Friday.

Students can get the Subway order envelopes from their classroom teacher or the front office.



Shop 6, 26-36 Princes Highway, Dandenong 3175  
Tel: 9793 0291 Fax: 9793 0293

**SUBWAY** at **School**

**\$6.00**

**Order Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print neatly)

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick required boxes and  
enclose correct money  
(no change given) →

☐ Make mine a  
Footlong Sub (\$8.00)

<b>Six Inch Sub bread:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> Wheat
<b>Six Inch Sub with:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Cheddar Cheese	
<b>Meat:</b> (choose one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Ham <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey <input type="checkbox"/> Salami	
<b>Salad:</b> (please tick)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lettuce <input type="checkbox"/> Tomato <input type="checkbox"/> Cucumber <input type="checkbox"/> Carrot	
<b>Sauce:</b> (choose one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Mayonnaise <input type="checkbox"/> BBQ <input type="checkbox"/> Tomato <input type="checkbox"/> Sweet Chilli	
<b>Dessert:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Choc Chip Cookie	
<b>Drink:</b> (choose one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Apple <input type="checkbox"/> Water	

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## 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!**

**Come and have a try this week!**



### 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](mailto:saverplus@bsl.org.au)

 [saverplus.org.au](http://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

24th Christine

27th Mer

28th Chanel

## 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**