



**ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

20 - 24 NEW STREET, DANDENONG, 3175

*"Educating for Life Since 1912"*



**Term 1, Issue 4**

**Tuesday 2nd March 2021**

## March

### Wed 3rd

No Preps at school

### Thurs 4th @ 8.30 - 10am

Uniform Shop open

### Fri 5th @ 2.40pm

School Assembly - 3/4HN

### Mon 8th

**Labour Day Holiday**

### Tues 9th @ 9.15am

Class Mass 3/4 HN & JR

### Wed 10th

Preps at school every day now

### Thurs 11th @ 8.30 - 10am

Uniform Shop open

### Mon 15th @ 9 - 11am

Playgroup in the Auditorium

### Wed 17th @ 3.30 - 4.30pm

Reconciliation Family

Session

### Thurs 18th

Whole School X-Country

### Fri 19th

Harmony Day

Dear Families,

### Second Sunday of Lent

A very simple Lenten reflection this week...Listen to Him...see where it gets you...

### Harmony Day 2021 - Friday 19th March



Many Stories - One Australia

**HARMONY DAY**

While we would absolutely LOVE to run our Harmony Day as we always have, due to the current situation we are unable to have large gatherings at school. This means that unfortunately parents will not be able to come. So this year Harmony Day will run a little differently to our usual big celebration.

School will run as a normal school day but with plenty of fun and celebrations organised in classes and in Levels. We will have elements of the day filmed and shared with you all and we will also make sure that the art work for our Harmony Day reflects the Community Spirit that we usually capture on the day for our Harmony Day piece. This year, we plan to finish off what we had hoped to do last year...a huge tree on the brick wall on the Car Park which has a "blossom" from each of our families. We can't wait to see the finished piece!

### Supervision After School - Please Cross at the Crossing...

We have noticed an increase in people staying around after school which has always been one of the wonderful things at St Mary's, the fact that we can be together outside and connect as families. The problem is that a lot of children are running around the car park and running across the road and

back. We have organised for our LSO's to be at the crossing after school for 15 minutes because, as we all know...children and cars do not mix well! Please help us by doing the right thing:

- Crossing at the crossing near the deck
- Staying together as a family
- Not letting the children run around on the car park after school

Thanks in advance!

### 3 Way Conversations - Just so lovely to see people back again...

Well I just wanted to let you know that it was just wonderful to see many of you coming in for our 3 Way Conversations yesterday. While we still aren't gathering in the Auditorium like we used too, I can see that we are slowly getting back to what we used to have. It was nice to see some faces we haven't seen for a long time! We hope you got as much out of them as we did!

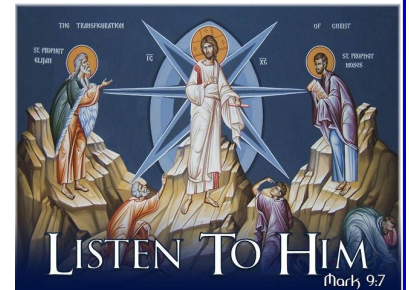
Have a wonderful week, Terry

### Mr Gardiner's Rib Ticklers...

*Mrs Silva: Mr Gardiner, why is it that whenever I look for something, it ALWAYS ends up in the last place that I look????*

*Mr Gardiner: Because once you find it, you stop looking!!!! Bahahahahaha...*

*Mrs Silva: Oh Mr Gardiner...you are the PITS!!!*



## St Mary's 2021 Student Leadership

### Presenting our 2021 Student Representative Council (Semester 1)

This week we introduce our SRC for Semester 1 2021. These students proudly received their badges at assembly last Friday and had their first meeting of the year. We look forward to their wonderful ideas and guidance on behalf of all St Mary's students in making St Mary's a better place in 2021 and beyond. They will meet with teachers every 2 weeks. Some students will join the SRC in the second half of the year. We thank them and wish them all the best in their roles this year.

### 3/4

#### Semester 1

Jada Sulieman  
Gurleen Gill  
Enrique Kelsall  
Celecita Da-Silva  
Dustan Priela  
Kimaya Sayal



### 5/6

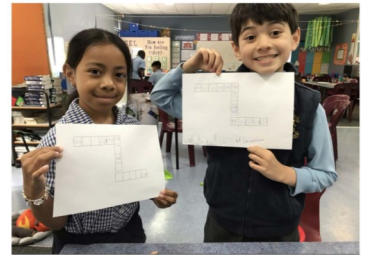
Lucas Corimbelly-Sanchez  
Avneet Saran  
Salem Hailu  
Jaswin Saji  
Wani Morbe (absent)  
Elizabeth Yongo





# Mathematics in the 3/4 Community!

The students of the 3/4 Community have begun the year with an emphasis on Number and Place Value. The students have focused on recognising, modelling, representing and ordering a wide range of numbers. Rearranging and partitioning numbers have also been a strong focus during the early period of Term 1. Beginning the year with this topic is extremely important as nearly all mathematical concepts build on the understanding of Place Value.



**Here is a fun and engaging place value game you can play at home:**

- 1) Deal each player 3 cards.
- 2) Players use the cards to create the largest 3-digit number possible.
- 3) Players show their cards, and the player with the greatest 3-digit number takes all the cards.
- 4) Play continues with 3 more cards for each player.
- 5) You could easily vary this game to use 2-digit, 4-digit, or even larger numbers.







Numeracy@HOME

HOME

11 WAYS TO MATHS

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BLOG

Welcome to the numeracy@HOME resources website for families.

Here you will find activities, tips, and information to support young children's maths learning during everyday activities.

The numeracy@HOME resources acknowledge that families are children's first maths educators.

The numeracy@HOME resources focus on **11 ways to maths** learning during everyday activities, such as when families are preparing meals, playing games, or walking down the street.

As you explore the website, you will find videos, tip sheets, a blog, and a facebook feed. The resources will keep increasing - so we invite you to visit often!

We hope that you enjoy exploring the numeracy@HOME resources with your family and friends. You will be amazed to watch your children's maths learning and language expand.

The numeracy@Home website resources are informed by the numeracy@HOME research project.



**11 Ways to Maths**



**Discover how you  
can teach maths in  
everyday life**



**Share your stories  
on our Facebook  
Feed**

**<https://www.numeracyathome.com>**



## Second Hand Uniform Shop

**Everything is \$5**

We have a lot of stock, especially small sizes.

If you would like to have a look please come to the office anytime and we will open it for you. Cash only.



**March**

2nd Chloe

5th Lei

7th Dora



## St Mary's School Playgroup

playing



talking



**St Mary's School  
20-24 New St,  
Dandenong  
Every Monday**

(during the school term)

**9.00am - 11.00am**

**FREE!**

creating



learning

sharing



listening



**ALL  
WELCOME!**  
For more information,  
contact Jane or Michelle  
in the school office  
9791 7650





## Melissa Nelson Art Therapist AThR

We officially welcome Art Therapist, Melissa Nelson to the staff team at St Mary's.

Melissa utilises a wide range of creative tools to support a child's social and emotional development, with the aim to enhance their learning experience at school.

Melissa runs Creative Coaching & Peer Support Sessions designed to encourage positive social skills particular to each child. The focus of these sessions will also include making healthy choices when working independently, when working with other students in their class, as well as with their friends in the playground.

If you have any questions or would like to contact Melissa, please email [mnelson@smdandenong.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mnelson@smdandenong.catholic.edu.au)

### Fees

Unless you are paying by Direct Debit, Term 1 fees are due on the 19th March

Term 2 fees are due on 18th June

The balance is due on 10th September 2021

If you have a Health Care Card please present it at the office for a discount.

### School Contacts

Principal: **Mr Terry Gardiner** Deputy Principal: **Mr Bryan Handasyde**

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### Parish Contacts

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