



ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

20 - 24 NEW STREET, DANDENONG, 3175

"Educating for Life Since 1912"



Term 1, Issue 6

Tuesday 16th March 2021

March

Wed 17th @ 3.30 - 4.30pm

Reconciliation Family
Session

Thurs 18th @ 8.30 - 10am

Uniform Shop open

Fri 19th

Harmony Day

Mon 22nd @ 9 - 11am

Playgroup in the Auditorium

Tues 23rd @ 9.15am

Class Mass - 5/6 Community

Tues 23rd @ 3.30 - 4.30pm

Free Information Session -
raising respectful and resilient
children in multicultural
Australia

Thurs 25th 8.30 - 10am

Uniform Shop open

Mon 29th - Wed 31st

Year 5/6 Camp Rumbug

Present your HCC at the office for a discount on your fees.

Dear Families,

Harmony Day - This Friday!!

Yes, Harmony Day is finally here! Two years after our last Harmony Day, we've managed to get this one back up and running! Although we are sad that we can't have our parents here for the day, we are SURE that it will still be a wonderful celebration of all the diversity that makes our school and indeed, the Greater City of Dandenong such an amazing place!

Remember to wear any clothing that has cultural significance to you and if you don't have any, we encourage you to wear any thing that has the colour orange in it... I have been building up my Harmony Day wardrobe for 10 years now, so have plenty of Orange to wear!!!

If you are available to assist with the setup of Harmony Day, we would love to see you anytime after 3:30pm on Thursday or Friday morning from 8:00am in the Year 5/6 Community!

I look forward to seeing all of the different outfits on Friday!!!



And just when you think St Mary's can't get any better!!

At St Mary's, we offer lunchtime clubs for children who may want a break from the playground or for children who are simply excited to try another opportunity!

On Tuesday's at lunchtime, we have Chess with Flinder Hiew, who is a certified chess teacher (and someone I used to work with at Holy Eucharist in 2017!). Flinder's love of Chess comes through his explanations and teaching of classic games, so if you think your child may be interested in learning about and playing Chess, encourage them to come along to our chess sessions!

We also run an art session as part of the Wellbeing Hub Club with Ms Nelson at lunchtime on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It is a time for the children to come in and spend some time doing some art and learning different relaxation techniques from a qualified practitioner.

Wednesdays at lunchtime sees us beginning Soccer clinics with Olympiacos Melbourne and they will be running some sessions weekly to continue to upskill our boys and girls so that they can continue to play a high level of soccer at recess and lunchtimes!

There's just so much choice and something for everyone at St Mary's!!!!

Have a wonderful week, Terry

Mr Gardiner's Rib Ticklers...

Mr Gardiner: Hey Mr Ross, knock knock...

Mr Ross: Oh...here we go...ok...who's there?

Mr Gardiner: Lettuce...

Mr Ross: Lettuce Who?

Mr Gardiner: Lettuce in...it's really cold out here!!! Get it? Let us in...Lettuce in????

Bahahahahahahahahahahahahahaha...



Maths Learning in 3/4 SI

We have been learning about 2D shapes, 3D objects and lines of symmetry. Different 2D shapes were used to make 3D objects. Nets were used to create our 3D objects. We also learnt about the difference between a pyramid and a prism. It was interesting to find out that there are 11 different nets that can be used to make a cube.



Relationships Australia
VICTORIA

Information Session:
Raising Respectful and Resilient Children
in Multicultural Australia



**In the Auditorium next
Tuesday from 3.30 - 4.30pm**

This program is delivered by Relationships Australia Victoria (RAV) and South East Community Links (SECL) and funded by the Department of Premier and Cabinet as part of the Strategic Engagement Coordinator Program

This parenting program creates a safe space for multicultural families to have conversations around parenting practices from their own culture. The following themes will be explored:

- ❖ Nurturing emotion expression in your family interaction
- ❖ Building respect in parent-child relationships

Join us in this session and get to know more!

Session Details:

- **Ideal for:** Parents and families who are from the multicultural community, who live in Melbourne's South Eastern suburbs and have children across all ages
- **When:** 23rd March 2021, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
- **Where:** St Mary Primary School campus
- **Cost:** Free of charge. Walk-ins are welcome! Snacks will be provided.

To find out more, contact Andrea Shepherd, South East Community Links
Phone : 0403 428 967 ; Email ID: ashepherd@secl.org.au

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**More fun in
gymnastics
this week.**



THIS Friday March 19th is Harmony Day



*Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity.
It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense
of belonging for everyone.*

We will be having lots of fun activities on the day. Students please wear your cultural dress or orange clothing!

OUR SCHOOL DAY HOURS WILL REMAIN THE SAME AS WE ARE NOT HAVING TWILIGHT SCHOOL HOURS.

**As families will not be present on the day, we will be making a video package to share with you at a later date.
Thanks for your understanding.**

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**

Fees

Please make sure that your fees are up to date. As a matter of justice to all there is an expectation that all families contribute.
If you have a Health Care Card please present it at the office.

Parish Contacts

Parish Priest: **Fr Brendan Lane** Parish Office: **9791 4611** Pastoral Associate: **Kathy Gottliebse**