



ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

20 - 24 NEW STREET, DANDENONG, 3175

"Educating for Life Since 1912"



Term 2, Issue 9

Tuesday 13th June 2023

Dear Families,

As you are aware, the staff did some Professional Learning around different ways to present and analyse Scripture as part of our Closure Day last Friday. Jennifer D'Souza, our Religious Education Leader, took us through using art as a way to look at scripture through a different lens. We looked at the parable of the Good Samaritan and used 2 different images to see different ways in which the parable has been portrayed by artists. It was a wonderful way to look at scripture and also a useful way for the teachers to be able to do the same thing in the classroom with their students.



We then had Amerall Blom, a Religious Consultant from MACS (who used to be on staff here) talk us through using analogies and various graphic maps to help us understand scripture in a different way.

We looked at the Papal Encyclical and looked at a variety of resources for our staff to begin to use as new and different ways to teach RE. It was a wonderful day and a great way to look at our staff formation while also building on our skills to teach RE in a more engaging and collaborative way.

Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass - Friday 16th of June @ 9:15am - Join us!

This Friday, we will celebrate a Whole School Mass for the Feast of the Sacred Heart. This is a Mass where we collect non-perishable foods for St Vincent De Paul to help those who are less fortunate than us. If you would like to make a donation please send it to school with your child. We would also love to see you at Mass on Friday if you are available. We always love to celebrate with our Parish Community!



PLEASE DONATE YOUR NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS FOR THE FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART MASS BY THE END OF THIS WEEK!

Cross Country - What SUPERSTARS!!!

As he does every year, Mr White has been training our Super Star runners for the Cross Country and we continue to have children who make it through to the next level! Tomorrow, we have Jada and Jordan representing us at the Regional Cross Country, which is an INCREDIBLE EFFORT!!! We wish them all the best for tomorrow and know they will represent their school and their families well! A huge achievement to get this far!

Have a wonderful week, Terry

Mr Gardiner's Rib Ticklers...

Mr Gardiner: Mrs Merchant...do you know why the computer was late for work?

Mrs Merchant: Ummmmm...I have no idea why the computer was late for work...

Mr Gardiner: It was because it had a hard drive...get it??? It was late to work because it had a...hard...drive? A hard drive?

Mrs Merchant: Bahahahhahahaha...that is hysterical Mr Gardiner...one of your best yet!

Mr Gardiner: Ba ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha!!! Thank you very much!!!

JUNE

Tues 13th @5pm

Bingo! This afternoon

Wed 14th

Regional X Country

Wed 14th

3/4 Author incursion

Thurs 15th @8.30 - 10am

Uniform Shop open

Thurs 15th

Y3-6 Author incursion

Thurs 15th @3.20pm

Prep Inquiry showcase

Fri 16th @9.15am

Whole school mass

Feast of the Sacred Heart

Fri 16th @2.40pm

Assembly. All welcome!

Mon 19th

3/4 Incursion

Mon 19th @9.15am

5/6 & Prep Class Mass

Tues 20th

3/4 Excursion to

Scienceworks

Wed 21st

3/4 Family coffee

catch-up

Thurs 22nd

Reports go home

Thurs 22nd @8.30 - 10am

Uniform Shop open

Fri 23rd @1.30pm

Term 2 finishes

JULY

Mon 10th @8.40am

Term 3 begins





St Mary's in partnership with The Fathering Project invites you to our Dads & Kids event:

Bingo Night!

Who: Dad/male role model/ ANY special family members!

Where: Tuesday 13th June

Time: 5 - 6pm

Where: St Mary's Auditorium

If you haven't RSVP'd you can still come along tonight.

<https://thefatheringproject.org/> (if you are part of St Mary's portal), email ysilva@smdandenong.catholic.edu.au or let the office know!



Prep Inquiry: We are weather watchers.

We have been learning about the weather.



We have been observing the weather each day and recording in our weather journals.



We are learning to talk about the changes in the weather and creating artwork about the changes we see.



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Thursdays 8.30am – 10am



June

Devindi 13th
Shania 15th
Meera 16th
Ellie 19th
Merliah 19th
Angel 22nd
Aiden 24th
Lucas 25th

July

Cinwel 1st
Ajay 4th
Lucy 4th
Estherena 6th
Dunge 6th
Ruby 8th
Miliana 10th
Yashraj 11th
Amy 11th

Enrolments 2024

We are running our Step Into Prep program again this year.

If your child is enrolled to start Prep in 2025 you are welcome to bring them along for a taste of school.

Beginning next term, on the 2nd August and running for 6 Wednesday's in a row. Each session runs from 2.15pm to 3.00pm and is a great opportunity for your child to familiarise themselves with the whole experience school.

If you have a child turning 5 by 30th April 2024, they may be eligible to enrol at St Mary's school for Prep next year. Please come to the office for an enrolment form.



Come along on the 16th of June and meet the new VPS Basketball Team as we welcome all kids of all ages to register a team for Term 3. We'll coach you on the fun parts of basketball fundamentals.

AND IT'S ALL FREE

With John King and the VPS Basketball Coaches

Learn the art of the core fundamentals

DRIBBLING > Shooting > Passing > Lay-ups

Enter the "beat the 3pt Champ" to win even more prizes on the day

All ages welcome | Lots of prizes | Bring a drink bottle and a friend

Venue: Dandenong Stadium
Day/time: Friday 16th June 2023 from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm
Courts V1, V2 and V3

Fees

If you would like to pay by direct debit please come to the office to fill out a form.

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**

Dad's Group



**Play, interact, exchange ideas and make new friends.
Build positive and strong relationships with your
children while enjoying fun activities.**



Springvale Library, Tuesdays - 10am-11.30am			
13 June	27 June	11 July	25 July
8 August	22 August	5 September	19 September
3 October	17 October	31 October	14 November
28 November	12 December	5 Hillcrest Grove, Springvale	

Dandenong Library, Fridays - 9am-10.30am		
23 June	7 July	21 July
18 August	1 September	15 September
13 October	27 October	10 November
225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong	24 November	8 December



For more information visit
greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/dads-group or
phone 8571 1000.



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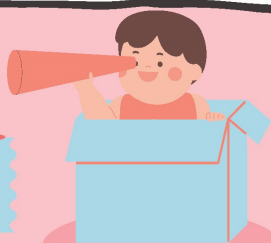


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