



**ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

20 - 24 NEW STREET, DANDENONG, 3175

*"Educating for Life Since 1912"*



**Term 1, Issue 9**

**Tuesday 29th March 2022**

**Playgroup runs every  
Monday and Thursday  
morning from  
9am - 10.40am**

### **March**

**Wed 30th 11.30am - 1.30pm**

**Working Bee on the  
Playpod**

**Thurs 31st 8.30am - 10am**

**Uniform Shop open**

**Thurs 31st 3pm - 4pm**

**Y5/6 Market Day**

### **April**

**Fri 1st**

**SUBWAY lunch**

**Sat 2nd 9.15am - 10.45am**

**Reconciliation**

**Mon 4th**

**Office Closed - moving to  
the Portable in the Carpark**

**Wed 6th @ 1.30pm**

**Term 1 finishes**

**Tues 26th @ 8.45am**

**Term 2 commences**

Dear Families,

So much going on!!! I could write 10 pages if I had the time!!! Guess I'll have to keep it to one...

#### **Building Update**

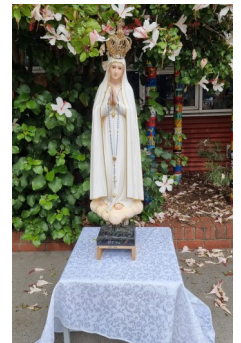
We've really hit the ground running with our building program! I mentioned that we had the portable that you will have undoubtedly noticed in the corner of the car park which will be our new Administration Area, and we have begun to completely empty out the whole building that faces New St. This is the building that is being developed as the first part of the major building works, which will officially begin towards the end of next week. As we empty out the classrooms and offices, we are storing and preparing the other areas for next term. We will be operating out of the McCrae St side of the school for most of Term 2 and Term 3 (perhaps even in to Term 4). It will be a big adjustment for us as a staff and as a school, but we can't WAIT to see the finished results...lets pray that we stay on time and on budget!

#### **Praying for Peace - Our Lady of Lourdes - Fatima**

Fr Aurelio very kindly brought over a statue of Our Lady of Lourdes and left it out for us to pray with last week.



The whole school prayed a decade of the Rosary together for Peace in Ukraine on Friday. We brought the statue out again on Monday and left it set up in the quadrangle for the course of the day. It was so beautiful to see our children stopping and looking, thinking and praying in front of it. May the upcoming Peace talks between Russia and the Ukraine find a common ground in humanity and reasons for Peace rather than war...



#### **REMINDER - SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE - SCHOOL CLOSURE**

Just a reminder that the school will close next Wednesday 6th of April at

1:30pm for the children. The staff are convening in Rye for a Spirituality Conference as part of their Professional Development. Being able to work and lead in a Catholic Environment means that we need to continually work on and develop our own Spirituality. Mr Handasyde and Mrs D'Souza have been working very hard on the Conference content and we are fortunate enough to have Fr Brendan coming down to run some of the sessions. It will be a wonderful way to cap off a very, very busy first term for us here at school.

Have a wonderful week,  
Terry

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

Mr Gardiner: You know Mrs Grenfell, I used to shave every day because I hated facial hair...

*Mrs Grenfell: Really? I don't mind facial hair...*

Mr Gardiner: Neither do I now...as I said, I used to hate it, but...you know what? Its grown on me...

*Mrs Grenfell: Oh...oh...no...that is just ...no...*

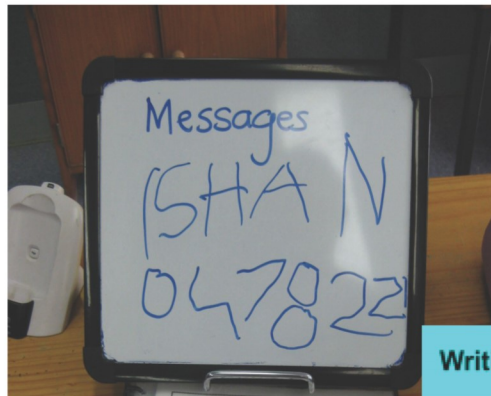
Mr Gardiner: Ha ha!!! Facial hair! It's GROWN on me...WHAT A RIPPER!!!



# The Preps Love Literacy!



Creating puppet shows



Writing messages



Learning alphabet letters



Acting out stories





# ST MARY'S PARISH, DANDENONG MASS TIMETABLE – HOLY WEEK 2022



## PALM SUNDAY (9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> April)

6pm Saturday  
8.30am, 10.30am & 5.30 pm Sunday  
12.30pm Chaldean Mass



## RECONCILIATION SERVICE RITE II (Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April)

7.30pm (English, Arabic, Italian and Spanish)



## HOLY THURSDAY (14<sup>th</sup> April)

7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
(Altar of Repose will be in Parish Centre)  
9pm Chaldean Mass (All Night)



## GOOD FRIDAY (15<sup>th</sup> April)

11am Station of the Cross (Dandenong Park, Pultney Street)  
3pm The Passion of Lord  
7.30pm Chaldean Mass (All Night)



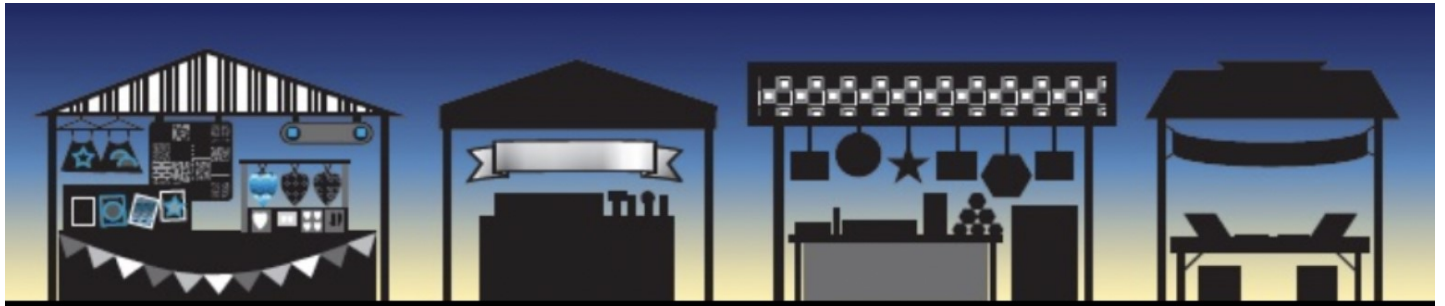
## HOLY SATURDAY (16<sup>th</sup> April)

7pm Easter Vigil  
10pm Chaldean Mass (All Night)



## EASTER SUNDAY (17<sup>th</sup> April)

8.30am, 10.30am (No. 5.30pm Mass)  
12.30pm Chaldean Mass



# St Mary's Primary School Market Day

**When:** Thursday 31st March from  
3:00pm - 4:00pm

**Where:** St Mary's Primary School Quadrangle  
(park in the St Mary's School car park)

The students will be selling **food, art and craft** and  
there will also be opportunities to engage in different  
**fun activities.**

Prices will range from 20 cents to \$5.00.

**ALL** money made will be donated to **Caritas.**

**All are welcome so please come and support our Market Day!**

## Items Needed!!!

Hello to all parents and staff,

The counselling room is busy relocating to accommodate the upcoming building renovations. The new counselling room is being transformed into a fun, calm and interactive learning space.

During the counselling process children learn social skills, relaxation strategies and techniques to manage thoughts through play and art based activities.

**The counselling room is in desperate need of more Lego and Barbie clothes.** If anyone has any of these unused or once loved items that are in good condition. Please donate them at the Office.

Kind regards,

Dominique Furet  
Child and Family Counsellor/Psychologist (MPsych)  
Schools Unit | CatholicCare Victoria





# YEAR 5/6 STUDENTS NEED YOUR HELP!!



**Hello Families,**

✦ We are revamping the playpod, and we are needing to sand the playpod in the carpark.

We would love it if any families would like to come down to help sand and prime the playpod on **Wednesday**

**30th March, 11:30 - 1:30**

**Kind Regards,**

**5/6 Extension Group**

**EMAIL US IF YOU CAN  
HELP PLEASE!!**

[cferreira@smdandenong.catholic.edu.au](mailto:cferreira@smdandenong.catholic.edu.au)



**A PLUS**  
**SCHOOLWEAR**

AGS PRINTS PTY LTD  
PROUDLY AUSTRALIAN OWNED

# UNIFORM SHOP

## Pre-Winter Sale



**Polar Fleece Jackets**  
**\$20.00**

Limited stock - Size 6, 8, 10



**Raincoats**  
assorted sizes & styles  
were ~~\$37.00~~ now  
**\$10.00**

## Hair Accessories now available

**\$4.50**

**\$6.50**

**\$11.00**

**\$10.50**





**March**

**28th Manteshwar**

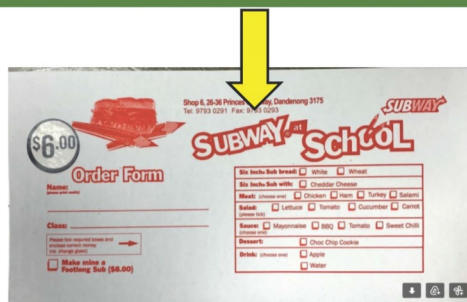
**28th Brahmjot**

## Friday's are now... **SUBWAY** 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.



## 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.



## 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



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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.

## 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**

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Website: [www.smdandenong.catholic.edu.au](http://www.smdandenong.catholic.edu.au)

## Parish Contacts

Parish Priest: **Fr Brendan Lane** Parish Office: **9791 4611**

Pastoral Associate: **Kathy Gottliebse**