



## WEEK 3 TERM 3 NEWSLETTER Wednesday 28th July 2021

Dear Families,

Welcome to Week 3 everyone. What wonderful news we received yesterday when the Premier, Daniel Andrews announced that the children were to return to onsite learning this morning. I congratulate everyone, children and adults alike, for your courage (**taking risks, and having a go**), persistence (**continuing to learn, even when it's hard**), resilience (**being open to change, new situations and ways of learning**) and respect (**considering own and others' needs**) as we have once again risen to the challenges of remote learning. These St Mark's Learning Dispositions, along with our Mercy Values, the cornerstones of all that we do here at St Mark's, have once again been our guide as we have navigated the challenges of the last two weeks to ensure that great opportunities continue for our children.

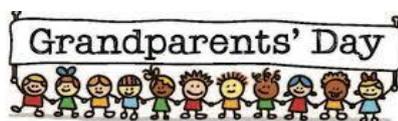
It was lovely to see our students coming in happily through the gates this morning to reconnect with their friends and teachers. The feedback I received from parents was that the children coped well and were familiar with the remote learning routines, but they missed their friends. It was also a joy to see all the great learning that our children posted on SeeSaw, and the great feedback they received from their teachers and LSO's to further improve their learning in recent days. Thank you so much to our staff and to the families for your support of student learning by continuing to work in partnership with the staff to ensure strong learning continued through the recent period of remote learning.

Now that we are back onsite, please continue to follow our COVID Safe Practices and minimise your time on school grounds if you need to enter the grounds for any reason. Please follow all current mask wearing regulations. Further details of our COVID Safe Practices are listed below.

**St Mark's Art Show** – Planning is underway for our Bi-Annual Art Show which is coming up in Week 9, on Thursday September 9<sup>th</sup> from 3.30-7.00pm in our Family Lounge and Hall. This will be a wonderful community event with great works on display. We plan to have lovely live music and food and drink for sale, but of course, we will be guided by COVID Safe Practices and restrictions that will likely be in place at that time. Entry Fee is a gold coin donation. I encourage all families to come along to marvel at your talented children's artwork. More details will be provided closer to the event.

**Sacrament News** – we hope to be in a position to announce the new date for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation very soon. We thank affected families for your patience and understanding as we have worked with Fr Colin and the Bishop's Office to determine a new date. We anticipate that the celebrations of 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist will go ahead on August 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> as planned. This will be confirmed soon.

**Celebration of Grandparents** - Our Celebration of Grandparents is planned for Friday August 6<sup>th</sup>. Of course, this event will only be able to go ahead if it is in line with the COVID Safe procedures that will be in place in August. The plan is for the morning to commence with Open Classrooms at 10.00am followed by a special Assembly led by our Year 1/2s. Morning tea will follow at 11.00am in the Family Lounge. All visitors will be required to sign in using our Victorian Government QR Code and to follow all COVID Safe practices while onsite. I will keep staff and the community up to date with developments.



[www.grandparentsdaymagazine.com](http://www.grandparentsdaymagazine.com)

**Week 3 Assembly** – Assembly this Friday is a General Assembly for students and staff only (no visitors). A photo of the Learners of the Week for Weeks 1, 2 & 3 will be shared on SeeSaw and Skoolbag after Assembly.

**Intentions for 2022** – It's hard to believe that we are currently in the process of preparing our class structures for 2022. To assist, we need to know if any students (other than Gr 6's) will be leaving St Mark's at the end of 2021. If your child will not be returning to St Mark's in 2022 can you please inform me in writing as soon as possible.

**2022 Prep Enrolments** – Please tell your friends that there are still places available for Prep 2022 at St Mark's. I am available for School Tours, which can be booked through the Office on 8335 4100.

**Catholic Secondary College Enrolments** – local Catholic Secondary Colleges take Year 7 enrolments during a student's Grade 5 year. I encourage families of current Grade 4 & 5 students to contact secondary colleges that they are considering for their child, in order to determine enrolment requirements and cut off dates. **Yr 7 2023 enrolments (current Yr 5s) close on Friday August 20<sup>th</sup>.**

Update on New COVID Restrictions - All staff and visitors to St Mark's are required to wear a face mask while onsite, unless there is an exemption. If for any reason you need to enter a school building while onsite, you must sign in using our QR Code, wear your face mask and continue to socially distance. We ask that parents minimise their time onsite at drop off and pick up time, and also continue to sign in and out using our Passtab if there is a need to enter school buildings. When onsite learning returns, Drop Off & Pick Up arrangements will remain unchanged, with all students being dismissed at 3.30pm. Should you have any concerns relating to school operations, or the health and safety of students, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your patience, understanding and support.

**Face Masks:**

- As directed by the Victorian Chief Health Officer, from 11.59pm Thursday 15 July:
- School staff and secondary school students aged 12 or older must **always wear a face mask** at school, including when attending an Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) program, unless a lawful exception applies.
- Children under 12 years of age and students at primary school are not required to wear face masks when at school, or when attending an OHS program.
- For communication purposes, teachers and education support staff are not required to wear face masks while teaching, but those who wish to do so, can.
- Face masks are mandatory for all school staff and school students aged 12 or older when travelling to and from school on public transport and when in taxis or ride share vehicles.

As a community we continue to follow all the procedures and protocols of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd (MACS). Advice from the DHHS is that if a student or member of the community is unwell for any reason, **they should get tested and then remain at home until they receive their results. Please do not leave your house for any reason until you receive your results.** Further information on COVID-19 is available on the DHHS Website - [www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](http://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus) and the CECV Website - <http://www.cecv.catholic.edu.au/Coronavirus-information-for-parents>  
Thank you for your support in keeping our school community safe.

**2021 Sacrament Dates**

**First Eucharist** – Grade 4's - **Wednesday August 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm;**

Grade 5's – **Wednesday August 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm**

**Confirmation** – To be advised

**Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to the following people who are celebrating their Birthday.

Date	Name	LA	Date	Name	LA
25 <sup>th</sup> July	Najet	4	26 <sup>th</sup> July	Sadhana	9
30 <sup>th</sup> July	Courtney	4	1 <sup>st</sup> August	Zachary	5
2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Lilly	9			

**Our Condolences** - We offer our heartfelt condolences to Alena (LA7) and her family on the recent passing of her dear grandfather Jirjees. Please keep Alena and her family in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. May perpetual light shine upon him, May he rest in peace.

God Bless,

**Peter Wilson**, Principal

**‘The St Mark’s Catholic Primary School, Fawkner Community promotes the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.’**



Learning Area	Name
Prep	Isaac - for showing persistence throughout Remote Learning. You have done an incredible job at drawing detailed pictures and writing descriptive writing. Your dragon was extra impressive! Well done Oliver - For showing courage during your reading Google Meet sessions by using talking marks and exclamation marks to read with expression. You have done an amazing job during Remote Learning and you should be very proud. Well done!
LA4	Poppy - for being a resilient and persistent learner and completing all set remote learning tasks to a great standard. The effort you put into publishing your stories on Google slides was brilliant and you should be proud of yourself!
LA5	Alyssa - for being persistent when writing your detailed summary of Room on the Broom. It is great to see the enthusiasm you have shown for your learning during this period. You should be very proud of the work you have achieved. Keep up the good work.
LA7	Jordan - for displaying persistence throughout this time of Remote Learning. It has been great to see you having a go at most of the tasks and being creative with representing drawings and diagrams connected to your learning. Keep up the fantastic effort!
LA8	Zak - for being so resilient during Remote Learning. You attend your meets with enthusiasm and question things when you are not sure. Well done for continuing to stay positive during this time.
LA9	Ayaan - you are respectful at all times during your remote learning meetings and focus groups. You are always punctual, listen carefully, contribute thoughtfully, and remain courteous in your interactions with everyone. Keep setting such wonderful standards.
LA10	Leah - for being so resilient during Remote Learning. You were able to problem solve by finding different ways to complete tasks and ask for help when needed. You should be commended on how enthusiastically you participated during each Google Meet. Well done!
ITALIAN	Fred - for being RESILIENT during Remote Learning this week. You were flexible and completed a task in Italian independently of the teacher (you used words rhyming with “mantello” in sentences). Very POSITIVO! BRAVO!

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JULY		
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm	General Assembly – No Visitors – LOTW will be shared on SeeSaw
AUGUST		
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Gr5 Celebration of 1 <sup>st</sup> Eucharist
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Celebration of Grandparents - Visits to Classrooms - TBC
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Celebration of Grandparents - Assembly hosted by Gr1/2's - TBC
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Celebration of Grandparents - Morning Tea - TBC
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Gr4 Celebration of 1 <sup>st</sup> Eucharist
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Penola Volleyball Competition – Gr6 students	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm	Assembly – General (No Visitors)
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Feast of the Assumption	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	5/6 Camp Parent Info Session
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm	Assembly – Hosted by Preps
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Catholic Secondary Colleges Yr7 2023 Enrolments close	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	BOOK WEEK COMMENCES - Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds	
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair – Wednesday - Friday	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Book Week Celebrations	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm	Assembly – Host TBA
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd School Improvement Surveys Open	
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	9am-1pm	St Mark's Athletics Sports @ Parker Reserve
SEPTEMBER		
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30am	Father's Day Breakfast
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am	Father's Day Assembly – Hosted by Gr5/6's
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Father's Day	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	3.30-6.30pm	St Mark's Art Show
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm	Assembly hosted by Drumbeat Program
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Gr 5/6 Camp to The Ranch – Cape Schanck	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd School Improvement Surveys Open	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Final day for students – <b>students dismissed at 3.30pm</b>	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm	Assembly – General (No Visitors)

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

### **18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In this Sunday's Gospel, we read about Jesus feeding five thousand people with two fish, and a loaf of bread. In the story Jesus said, *"I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will not be hungry, and he who believes in me will not thirst."*



Jesus shared the bread to feed the crowds, which was a sign of sharing and a symbol of nourishment. His Spirit allows us to be filled with *love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control*. We can think of these fruits of the Holy Spirit as food for our spirit and helps to fill us with God's love- and to share this love with others through our words and actions.



### **Gospel Reading Jn 6:24-35**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

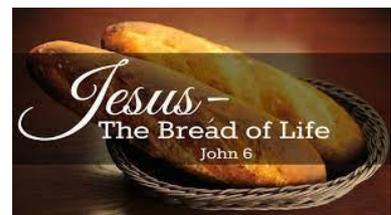
When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,  
you are not looking for me  
because you have seen the signs  
but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat.  
Do not work for food that cannot last,  
but work for food that endures to eternal life,  
the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you,  
for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,  
it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven,  
it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven,  
the true bread;  
for the bread of God  
is that which comes down from heaven  
and gives life to the world.'



'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life.  
He who comes to me will never be hungry;  
he who believes in me will never thirst.'

The Gospel of the Lord

### **Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne**

*(Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Grandparents of Jesus)*

On Monday we celebrated the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne. Our school community will celebrate this feast day, with a celebration of Grandparents on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August. Please refer to further details in Mr Wilson's introduction.



## **A Blessing Prayer for Grandparents** (by Greg Sunter)

God of all the generations  
Your gift of faith and gift of love have been handed down to us  
through parents, grandparents and great-grandparents  
for all of time.

Look with favour on all our grandparents and bless them.

Bless their eyes that look on us with love and affection.  
Bless their ears that listen to our questions and our stories.

Bless their knees and laps we sit on.

Bless their arms that hold us and their hands that help us.

Bless their legs that walk beside us.

Bless their hearts that swell with pride for us.

And bless their faces that bring us joy.

Bless them and keep them as they bless and keep us.

We make this prayer through Saint Joachim and Saint Anne,  
the grandparents of Jesus.

Amen.



## **Sacrament of First Eucharist**

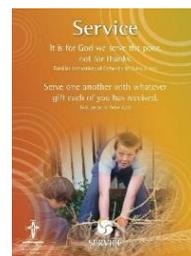
The Sacrament of First Eucharist is scheduled to be celebrated over the next couple of weeks: Wednesday August 4<sup>th</sup> (Yr 5s) and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August (Yr 4s). Both Masses will be at 7.00pm in St Mark's Church.



## **Saints Club News!**

### **Putting our Mercy Values of 'Service and Compassion' into action!**

Our focus this term is to support the needy people in our local community. Once we return to onsite schooling, we look forward to putting our Mercy Values of 'service and compassion' into action, by working in groups this term to cook some food for the Hope Cafe.



## **Ms Dot Mash**

RE Leader