

WEEK 5 TERM 3 NEWSLETTER Wednesday 10th August 2022

Dear Families,

Last Thursday, August 4th was National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day. This is a national day dedicated to celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. Children's Day is a time Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and communities, and all Australians celebrate the strengths and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. This is an opportunity for us as a community to show our support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, while at the same time learning about the crucial impact that culture, family and community play in the life of every Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child.



The majority of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are thriving and growing up strong in their cultures, with support from their families and communities. However, a significant number of children continue to face ongoing challenges. These include discrimination, poverty, systemic removal, inter-generational trauma, dislocation from land and culture, and community disempowerment.

As a community, we are committed to working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families to achieve equality, while at all times considering Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children's wellbeing, safety and development.

It is fitting that this week we focus on the Mercy Value of Justice. Justice is the treatment of each person with fairness in relation to the equality of all, and the maintenance of a balanced and fair relationship with self and all members of the community.



Never speak with contempt of any nation, profession, or class of people ... Catherine McAuley

Walk in the way of righteousness along the path of justice. Proverbs 8:20

Justice calls us to treat all members of our community fairly and justly at all times.

Next Monday, August the 15th is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary when we celebrate Mary's heavenly birthday - the day that she was taken body and soul into heaven. The Assumption signals the end of Mary's earthly life and marks her return to heaven to be reunited with Jesus. On this day we give thanks and praise for the holy and blessed life of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. We celebrate how God has honoured Mary as the mother of all and welcomed her into heaven. Hail Mary, full of grace!

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools STEM Mad Aviation Project - Congratulations to Gr6 students Joveana, Rijwana, Jordan and Nigel for representing St Mark's at the MACS STEM Mad Aviation Project at the Catholic Leadership Centre last Thursday. Their challenge was to create a plane that could fly five laps of their battery pack. After weeks of trial and error they were able to deliver on the day and achieved their goal with 'flying colours'. Well done! Many thanks to Ms Kate Ballantyne and Ms Sarah Cumper for their support of these students on the day.



Father's Day Breakfast - To all our fathers, grandfathers and father figures, don't forget to join us for a delicious Bacon 'n' Egg Breakfast on **Friday September 2nd between 7.15am and 9.00am** followed by Assembly led by our 1/2 Students. This is our way of saying thanks to all the men in our community who do so much for us. We will also be providing toast and juice for our students who come along.

St Mark's Trivia Night - As advised, the Trivia Night will now be held on **Saturday AUGUST 27th**, in our School Hall. Lots of planning is going on behind the scenes to ensure this will be a great night for the adults of our community. There will be lots of prizes and Silent Auction items available on the night, including signed and framed AFL guernseys and posters.

As this is one of our major fundraisers for the year I encourage all parents and friends to come along and enjoy a night of fun and games while getting to know others within our community.

The Trivia Night Flier, with all details and a Booking Sheet, was sent home with the eldest in each family last Wednesday.

Please return your Booking Sheet by Friday August 12th to receive the Early Bird Booking Discount of \$20.00 per person.

Bookings received after August 12th will be \$25.00 per person.

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools School Improvement Surveys (MACSSIS) - This year we are once again participating in the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools School Improvement Surveys (MACSSIS). MACSSIS is an annual process where we listen to the thoughts and feelings students (Yrs 4, 5 & 6), families and staff have about how our school can improve. These surveys help inform the ongoing improvement of schools across the Archdiocese of Melbourne. MACSSIS data benefits everyone within our school and provides valuable community insights on areas that we can focus on. We believe it is important to encourage families to have a voice and contribute to shaping the ongoing improvement of the school.

The survey is only available online, can be accessed from Monday August 29th and needs to be completed by Friday September 16th. This survey may only be completed once.

For families where there may be more than one child attending our school, we ask that families **focus on the eldest child attending the school**. We invite all families to respond via this survey and participation is completely voluntary. There are no "right" or "wrong" answers – all responses are completely anonymous and at no point are any of the responses from students, families or staff identifiable by the school. All details on how to access the survey will be shared with families soon.

St Mark's Playgroup - I'm pleased to advise that St Mark's Playgroup will recommence on Tuesday mornings in Term 4 after a couple of years in recess. Bushra Giliana will run the playgroup for children aged 0-5yo each Tuesday morning from 9.00-11.00am in our School Hall. Playgroup is open to all children in the local community, so please spread the word. A flier is included in this Newsletter. The first session will be held on Tuesday October 4th. Please contact the Office on 8335 4100 to register your interest.

Intentions for 2023 - It's hard to believe that we are currently in the process of preparing our class structures for 2023. To assist, we need to know if any students (other than Gr 6's) will be leaving St Mark's at the end of 2022. If your child will not be returning to St Mark's in 2023 can you please inform me in writing as soon as possible.

2023 Prep Enrolments - Please tell your friends that there are still places available for Prep 2023 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 2024 enrolments (current Yr 5s) close on Friday August 19th, 2022.**

Rapid Antigen Testing - The Victorian Government is providing up to three further deliveries of rapid antigen tests in Term 3 and again in Term 4 to schools. It is recommended that rapid antigen tests are used by students and staff when symptomatic.

Household contacts are required to test negative using a rapid antigen test on at least 5 out of 7 days if they are attending or working at a school onsite. If staff or students receive a positive test result at any time, they must report this through the Department of Health system ([Rapid antigen tests | Coronavirus Victoria](#)) or via the coronavirus hotline at 1800 675 398.

Parents must also report a positive result to their school by phone or written notification; this is so the school can support them, record that they will be absent while in 7-day isolation, and let the rest of the school community know there has been a positive case onsite and that they should monitor for symptoms.

Students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19, have completed their 7-day isolation period and are subsequently asymptomatic do not need to undertake surveillance testing for four weeks.

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). Further information on COVID-19 is available on the DHHS Website - 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.

2022 Sacrament Dates

Reconciliation – Tuesday September 6th at 7.00pm

Birthdays

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

Date	Name	LA	Date	Name	LA
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FREE FURNITURE: Please contact the Office if you would like these furniture items. Ideal for the shed, workshop or garage:



God Bless,
Peter Wilson, Principal

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



St Mark's Catholic Primary School respectfully acknowledges the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation, who are the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we live, learn, work and play. We pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.

TERM 3, 2022		
AUGUST		
Friday 12 th	2.45pm	Assembly – General + Learner’s of the Week and Birthdays
Monday 15 th	9.00am	Feast of the Assumption
Friday 19 th	Catholic Secondary Colleges Yr7 2024 Enrolments close	
Friday 19 th	2.45pm	Assembly – LA1
Monday 22 nd	BOOK WEEK COMMENCES	
Friday 26 th	Gr6 @ Penola College Volleyball Competition	
Friday 26 th	2.45pm	Assembly – Book Week
Saturday 27 th	6.30pm	St Mark’s Trivia Night
Monday 29 th	Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools School Improvement Surveys (MACSSIS) Open	
Tuesday 30 th	SSV Glenroy District Athletics Championships	
SEPTEMBER		
Friday 2 nd	7.30am	Father’s Day Breakfast
Friday 2 nd	9.00am	Father’s Day Assembly – LAs 4&5
Sunday 4 th	HAPPY FATHER’S DAY	
Tuesday 6 th	1 st Reconciliation Retreat Day	
Tuesday 6 th	7.00pm	Celebration of 1 st Reconciliation at St Mark’s
Friday 9 th	2.45pm	Assembly – Host TBA
Friday 16 th	Final day for students – students dismissed at 3.30pm	
Friday 16 th	Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools School Improvement Surveys (MACSSIS) Close	
Friday 16 th	10.00am	Celebration of Grandparents Classroom Visits
Friday 16 th	10.30am	Celebration of Grandparents Assembly – LAs 9&10 + Learner’s of the Week and Birthdays
Friday 16 th	11.00am	Celebration of Grandparents Morning Tea

Learners Of The Week

Learning Area	Name
Prep	Martin - for being a resilient learner. Well done for changing your mindset and having a go at word challenges. You should be proud.
LA4	Jaidan - for being reflective and taking on feedback to improve your learning. It's wonderful to see you working so hard to produce fantastic work.
LA5	Harry - for being a courageous learner. Harry it was great to see you show courage by trying something new during Discovery when you built your own drum kit. Keep up the great effort!
LA7	Ryan - for showing persistence when completing questions on division. It is great to see you showing enthusiasm when completing learning tasks in Mathematics. Keep up the fantastic effort!
LA8	Aranya - You have shown what it means to be a persistent learner in our Digital Technology lessons. You have used your problem solving strategies to get out of the learning pit and succeed in the coding activity. We are very proud of you!
LA9	Herschelle, you've seamlessly settled into a new class routine most respectfully and resiliently. You give everything a go, and show terrific initiative by independently taking on and tackling unfamiliar concepts.
LA10	Jolyana - for being courageous during our Human Body Expo. Well done on confidently sharing your learning with parents and other students

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday our Church celebrates the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The message that Jesus is giving us today is not only to think about the future, but also to think about the present time - to be aware of what is going on around us right now. Let us be grateful for the gifts God has given us and for us to see the light that the Lord is bringing to us every day.



Gospel Reading: Lk 12:49-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!



'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

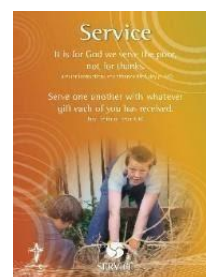
The Gospel of the Lord

Feast of the Assumption of Mary 15th August

Next Monday our church celebrates the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. On this day we celebrate Mary's heavenly birthday- the day that she was taken body and soul into heaven.

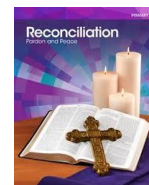


In the Gospel, we read that Mary responded to the prompting of the Holy Spirit by setting out on a mission of charity and service- to visit Zechariah and Elizabeth. Mary's act of service for Elizabeth remains a model for us today, as we meet Christ in our daily lives through our acts of service and charity.



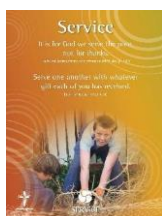
Sacrament of First Reconciliation

It was wonderful seeing the children and their families at last night's Family Preparation Evening. Please keep the children in your prayers as they continue preparations for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which is to be celebrated on Tuesday 6th September at 7.00 p.m.



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. We look forward to putting our Mercy Values of 'Service and Compassion' into action, by working in groups each week to cook food for the HOPE Cafe. This week Rayan, Zoe, Hunter, Aahana, Sahaj, Elie enjoyed their time cooking delicious White Fudge Brownies for the Hope Café!





St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

Our local St Vincent de Paul Conference is in need of food items for this year's Winter Appeal.

**All food donations will be given to the
needy families within our local community.**

We thank you for your continued generosity
and putting into action our *Mercy Values of Compassion and Service*.

Please send in your donations by this Friday 12th August

Food items needed

Jams, Peanut Butter, Vegemite, Sweet Biscuits, Tin Tomatoes,

Coffee, Tea Bags, Tin Soup, Tuna, Pasta Sauce, Tin Fruit

Ms Dot Mash
RE Leader



CANTEEN NEWS

Dear parents popcorn is now back and available in the canteen at \$1.30 per packet.

Thanks Vicki Smith



MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

KM@SMAT Update!

Trivia Night - We are excited to share that our first event that we are busily planning for is a Trivia night to be held on Saturday 27 August 2022. Further details to be provided closer to the date. We want to make the Trivia night a huge success, a reason to celebrate what has been a tricky couple of years and to really help foster some wonderful long-term connections with families in our lovely school community.

Do you have a business or know someone who might like to donate something of value that we could use in an auction on the Trivia night? If so, please reach out to Lisa in the office! Examples could be (but not limited to);

- City escape (accommodation or meal)
- Framed memorabilia
- Voucher for pampering
- A coffee machine



Preps

The Preps are on the lookout for some material off-cuts, scrap material and cotton thread. Please contact the office if you have any to lend.



5/6 Weekly Update

On Thursday the 4th of August, we went to the Aviation STEM M.A.D exhibition. We travelled there by train and tram. Once we arrived we saw lots of students from different schools.

We began the day by looking at the exhibitions presented by other students. After that, we went to studio 5&6 to fly Jordan's plane. While we waited in line to fly the plane, Ms Kate took photos of all four of us smiling. We were nervous thinking maybe our plane wouldn't fly, however, we were successful and got our plane flying on the first go. There were different activities for us to participate in like tangrams, block building and origami. Before the day ended we got free gelatos.

Our next step is to teach other 5th students how to construct their own aeroplane to fly.

By Joveana, Rijwana, Jordan, Nigel



LA 8 Update

Using Personification in their writing By LA 8

I watched the leaves dance as I sat down on the hot sizzling sand.
Storm clouds growled as they covered every bit of the sky.
The flowers refused to be embarrassed when the wind tried to blow them away.
In the forest the tree branches danced as the powerful wind roared.
The forest pinched me as I stumbled through the branches
The coffee machine giggled as it dispensed my coffee
The desert cried in its thirst for water.
The glass window smiles at my reflection.
The wind skated through the treetops.
The cloud cried as loud as heavy rain.
The water slapped up against the sand while there was a typhoon.
The weather is perfect while the clouds smile.
The sand licked my feet as I stood in the water.
The stormy clouds marched throughout the night.
The high chair pirouette around the office.



Book Week at St Mark's

The student action team came up with some fun activities for Book Week, which we can all participate in.

Monday 22 August - Please come dressed up as your favourite Book Character. We will have a parade to show off all the wonderful creations at 9am.

Writing competition

Each student or family is welcome to submit a story or book that they have written. Please hand in your stories to your classroom teacher.

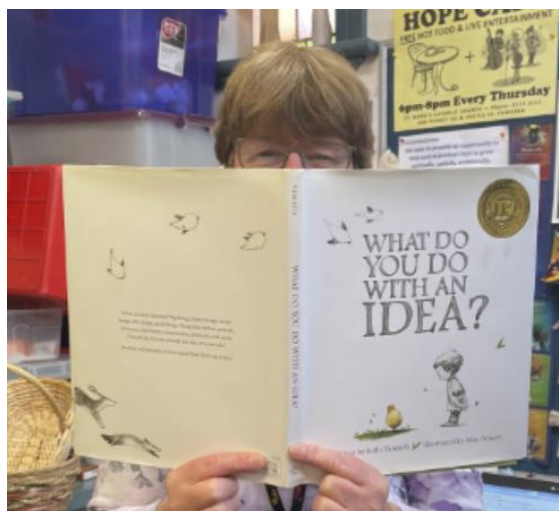
Winning prizes for..

1. Most creative
2. Best illustrations

Photo guessing competition

Send in a photo of your child/family reading your favourite book but please cover up your faces with the book so we have to guess which family it is.

Here is an example - Who might this be?



Please email your photo to alison.dean@smfawkner.catholic.edu.au

ST MARK'S IS PROUD TO PRESENT



WHEN	SATURDAY 27 AUGUST 2022
TIME	6.30PM, <u>TRIVIA COMMENCES AT 7.00PM</u>
LOCATION	St Mark's School Hall
COST	\$25 PER PERSON
THEME	Come dressed in your best 1980's attire!

- BYO food and drinks (as this is an adult only event, alcohol is permitted)
- Tables of 8 people max. Don't worry if you don't have a table of 8, we can help coordinate a table for you.
- Awesome Raffle and Silent Auction – bring your cheque book and cash! Silent Auction items up for auction – Melbourne Victory Signed Ball and Carlton FC Signed Guernseys.
- **First place Trivia Night** team winners receive a prize.
- **Best Team Name** and **Best Team Dress Up** prizes up for grabs!



EARLY BIRD SPECIAL – BOOK AND PAY FOR YOUR TICKETS BEFORE 12 AUGUST 2022 TO SAVE \$5 PER TICKET (\$20 PER TICKET).

Trivia Night Ticket Order Form

Name: _____

Child's Name: _____ Learning Area: _____

Number of tickets purchased: _____

Number of Tables: _____

Total Amount Due: _____

Table 1	Number	Name
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Table 3	Number	Name
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Where we build friendships through play



St Mark's Playgroup



Tuesday mornings, commencing in Term 4, 9.00-11.00am

118 Argyle Street, Fawkner

Children 0 – 5yo welcome



For details phone 8335 4100 or email: admin@smfawkner.catholic.edu.au



ST. MARK'S PARISH DINNER DANCE!



Saturday 20th August

TIME: 7:30pm (Doors open at 7:00pm)

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY WITH

DJ LOU!



**TICKETS: \$45 which includes a Scrumptious Buffet Dinner
By Tonetti Catering. Soft drinks are included.**

For Bookings Contact The Parish Office On: **9359 3111 or
email: fawkner@cam.org.au**

Come and Join us for fabulous night of music and great food!



Don't forget your dancing shoes!





Multicultural Ladies Social Club

come along and meet new friends, have a cuppa, learn to knit or crochet, bring a craft or just have a chat!

Every Thursday, 10.30-12.30
95 Major Road Fawcner



MERCY COLLEGE COBURG

APPLICATIONS CLOSING SOON YEAR 7 2024

Year 7 2024 Applications Close on Friday 19th August 2022

Contact the College on 9319 9299 or
registrar@mercycoburg.catholic.edu.au to begin the
enrolment process



If you have not applied for a place in 2023 but would like to make a
late application, please contact the Registrar

ENROL NOW FOR YEAR 7 2024



Applications for students currently in Year 5 close Friday August 19 2022



■ Limited places available for Year 7 – 12 in 2022 & 2023.

www.parade.vic.edu.au



HOMework CLUB!

Homework club is a safe, supportive and productive student meetup out of school hours to assist students in completing their homework. Homework clubs provide vital support for children who do not otherwise have the help that they need. A safe, quiet and calm space for students to concentrate.

The qualified tutors will help students reach their full potential by supplementing the instruction they receive in class and guiding them toward study practices and aides that can help them excel.

School Terms
Wednesday 4pm to 6pm
Prep to Year 10



Glenroy Community Hub
50 Wheatsheaf Rd, Glenroy 3046

To register or for more information,
please call 9304 3910 or email nhcoordinator@glenlink.vic.edu.au



Glenroy
Neighbourhood
Learning Centre



Glenroy Neighbourhood
Learning Centre
58 Cromwell St, Glenroy 3046
(03) 9304 3910
ABN: 14 154 206 543, TOID: 3831

Parenting Support Opportunities

Parent resources

Kidshelpline.com.au have a variety of resources to help support children including:

- [Coping with family stress](#)
- [Supporting a child who is thinking of suicide](#)
- [Parentline](#) which can help you navigate difficult parenting dilemmas
- [Building respectful relationships](#)
- [Helping kids through COVID-19](#)

Ready, Set, Prep e-newsletter



The "What's on for northern Moreland families" e-newsletter provides information on programs and upcoming events for children and families, as well as updates for service providers. [Click here](#) to subscribe.



Ready Set Work Barista

Holy Child Primary School // Starts August 22nd

Get ready for the return of hospitality work!

Ready Set Work Barista is a practical course designed to prepare people for work in the vibrant café scene or further training. *This is a non-accredited course.*

Course details

Location: 227 Blair Street, Dallas 3047

Course dates: August 22nd & 23rd

Time: 9:30AM to 3:30PM

About the course

In this two day course you will:

- Operate a commercial espresso machine
- Learn about the origins of coffee
- Make a range of coffees
- Improve your job ready skills
- Increase your confidence

Upon successful completion of the course you will have:

- An understanding of what makes a good barista
- Improved skills and confidence to look work
- Improved skills and confidence to enrol in further training
- A Statement of Participation

Course delivery

This training will be delivered face to face.

Eligibility

Permanent Resident and/or Australian Citizen/New Zealand Citizen and not enrolled in mainstream secondary school (government, non-government, independent, Catholic or home schooling) Click here for more information:

<https://www.jesuitcommunitycollege.org.au/acfe-eligibility>

Government funded program for eligible participants.

There are no pre-requisites for this course. People with a disability are encouraged to apply.

This course is a Centrelink approved activity.

For further information please click on this link: www.jesuitcommunitycollege.org.au/contact or call 9415 8700

This training is funded by the Federal and Victorian State Governments for eligible participants. TOID: 21800.



Jesuit Community College
www.jesuitcommunitycollege.org.au
TOID 21800





NAB AFL AUSKICK BURST HAS ARRIVED!

The Auskick Burst program gives kids a taste of Auskick for a fraction of the price.

For just \$55 Auskickers Burst into fun games learning the skills of AFL.
They also receive their very own footy!

Sign up for Auskick Burst today!

Visit play.afl/auskick



Dear Parents and Friends,

Bread bag recycling is back again!!!!

St Mark's will again be participating in this wonderful initiative where you will be able to collect bread bags and bread tags, place them in the correct bins located near the entry of the school office and they then will be recycled into new things like school play equipment.

Bread bags and tags do not have to be limited to the Wonder brand. They can be any type of bread bag and tag. They just need to be clean and free from crumbs. They do not need to be washed. Please see the accompanying flyer in this newsletter for more information. St Mark's will then be able to redeem new sports equipment for every 5kg bin filled!!



THREE RECYCLING REMINDERS

It's important that items being recycled are not contaminated with other products and are as clean as possible. Here's a quick checklist for you:

What is a bread bag?

Any bread bag or wraps pack (not limited to the Wonder brand)

What is a bread tag?

The plastic clip that seals the bread bag.
Only plastic tags can be recycled.

How clean do the bags have to be?

Bread bags should be free from crumbs to ensure no contamination during the recycling process but they do not need to be washed.



Help us turn **BREAD BAGS** into **SCHOOL* PLAY EQUIPMENT**



Our school* is taking part in the Wonder Recycling Rewards campaign this term.

Help us collect bread bags so we can earn points to redeem on new RHSports equipment.

It's simple! All you need to do is keep your empty bread bags and send them to school* with your kids! We will then place them in Wonder's pink collection box and post them off to be recycled. The more we collect the more points our school* earns!

Collections close 9th September.

Tip for collecting:

Use one empty bread bag to collect a bunch of other bags.

Did you know?

Our school is now in the draw to **WIN an exercise circuit** made from the soft plastic we collect!

LET'S GET COLLECTING!

* Includes early learning centres and pre-schools.

Tag **@wonder.australia #wonderrecyclingrewards** to share all your recycling champion stories!





You are invited to join our Free Computer Classes.

**When: Every Thursday
Time: 12.30pm -2.30pm.
Where: Holy Child Hub**

**If you are interested, please call Van Bui on
93091620 Tuesday & Thursday.**

Email: vbui@hcdallas.catholic.edu.au





SEWING

Lessons

ADVENTURE BEGINS WHEN YOU
ENTER YOUR SEWING ROOM

**EVERY TUESDAY FROM 1.00PM TO 3.00PM
AT HOLY CHILD PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY HUB**

For more information contact the Community Hub Coordinator,
Van Bui on (03) 9309 1620 on Tuesday and Thursday



Getting it Right from the Start *research study update*



The research project team would like to say a big



to all participating parents, carers and teachers for their amazing support of the project.

So far, over 500 Grade 2 students across 18 schools have consented to the project. These students participated in five activities with our team – for example, re-telling a story or sounding out words.



These activities help us understand student reading, listening and talking skills. Our project aims to improve these skills through different ways of teaching and supporting students who need extra help.

We're still collecting consents for Grade 1 students who will do these activities in Term 1, 2023. For more information, you can speak to your school or email gir@mcri.edu.au

