

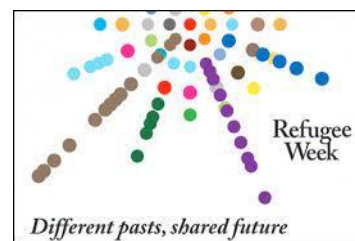


WEEK 10 TERM 2 NEWSLETTER Wednesday 23rd June 2021

Dear Families,

This week is Refugee Week and the Refugee Council of Australia has chosen the theme **Unity** for 2021. Sunday June 20th was **World Refugee Day**, a day the world commemorates the strength, courage, and perseverance of millions of refugees. Held every year, World Refugee Day also marks a key moment for the public to show support for families forced to flee their homeland.

As the number of people forced to flee their homes continues to grow, it is the world's poorest countries that are shouldering much of the responsibility for refugees. Meanwhile, the global response to large-scale movements of people remains inadequate and underfunded, leaving refugees with an uncertain future. Today, more than ever, we need a global movement to demand the safety and rights of refugees are protected. In Australia, it is the responsibility of our Government, and each one of us to ensure people forced to flee from their homes can live with dignity and with hope. A 'Refugee' is a person; boy, girl, woman or man. Not a label, but a human being with a beating heart just like you and me. Today there are more refugees than ever, and as a community of Mercy we stand together in Unity and continue to open our arms in hospitality to those who come to us to seek refuge. We pray that the leaders of our country have the courage and the compassion to respect the rights of all people and embrace all who seek refuge in our land. Amen.



Yesterday and this afternoon we are hosting our Student Led Learning Conferences where students share their Semester One learning journey with their family. They speak of their successes, strengths and challenges. These conferences allow our students to reflect on their learning and set goals for future learning. If you are unable to attend an appointment, I urge you to please contact your child's teacher to arrange a suitable time. Also, Semester One student reports went home last Friday. These reports outlined student achievement and progress in all areas of the curriculum. It was lovely to read about all the great learning and progress that has occurred in Semester One.

This Sunday at the 10.30am Parish Mass two of our students, Ana (LA7) and Bridget (LA8) will continue their Sacramental journey when they receive the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time. Please keep them in your prayers. We wish them and their families well on their special day.

Thank you to everyone in the St Mark's community for a productive term of learning. It has been a jam packed 10 weeks full of opportunities (and challenges) for everyone. We have participated in the 1st Eucharist and Confirmation Parent Sessions, the Mother's Day Breakfast, Stall and Assembly, our Cross Country Carnival, Student Led Learning Conferences, Inter School Sport, excursions, incursions the list goes on. We are truly blessed to be St Mark's people. Our students are definitely ready for a well-earned rest and I look forward to them returning refreshed on July 12th for another productive term.

Week 10 Assembly - Tomorrow, Thursday 24th is the final day of Term 2 for students. Students will be dismissed at 3.30pm. There will be a General Assembly for students and staff only (no visitors) at 2.45pm. A photo of the Learners of the Week will be shared on SeeSaw and Skoolbag after Assembly.

Kids Matter @ St Mark's Action Team Meeting – The main item on the Agenda at our most recent meeting was the Family Fun Festival that is scheduled for Saturday November 20th. In order to make our Family Fun Festival a huge success we require volunteers to join our FFF Committee. If you would like to join, please leave your name at the Front Office. Just like previous years, the focus for this year's FFF will be to provide a wonderful community event with fun activities and goodies for the children, families and staff of St Mark's, and for the wider Fawkner community.

Please Note: There has been a change of date for our next meeting. This meeting will now be held on Friday July 16th at 9.15am in the Meeting Room.

Update on New COVID Restrictions - All staff and visitors to St Mark's are required to wear a face mask while onsite, if unable to socially distance (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. Drop Off & Pick Up arrangements 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.

As our school is located in metropolitan Melbourne:

- School staff must carry a face mask at all times and wear a face mask when at school, including when attending an Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) program, unless a [lawful exception applies](#).
- Students at primary school are not required to wear face masks when at school, or when attending an OSHC program but those who wish to do so, can.
- Face masks are mandatory for all school staff and school students aged 12 or older on public transport and when in taxis or ride share vehicles. This includes travelling to and from school on public transport or in a vehicle with others not from your household.
- Teachers and education support staff are not required to wear face masks while teaching, but those who wish to do so, can.

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 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.

St Mark's Family Disco POSTPONED – Unfortunately, due to the uncertainty of the current times, we have had to make the difficult decision to postpone our Family Disco. We know how popular this annual event is, so the plan is to hold it in Term 3 when the current situation has eased. We thank you for your understanding.

School Assembly in Term 3 – Assemblies in Term 3 will be held at 2.45pm on Fridays. There will be occasions when Assemblies will be held in the morning. One such occasion is the Father's Day Assembly which will be held

2021 Sacrament Dates

First Eucharist –Grade 4's - Wednesday August 11th at 7.00pm; Gr5's – Wednesday August 4th at 7.00pm

Confirmation - Grade 6: **Friday 16th of July at 7.00pm**

Farewell – Sadly, on Thursday at Assembly we will farewell Bridget (LA8). We thank Bridget for sharing the gift of herself with the St Mark's community in her time here. We wish Bridget and her family every blessing as they embark on this next phase of their lives. May the Holy Spirit watch over them and continue to guide them in all they do.

Birthdays

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

Date	Name	LA	Date	Name	LA
27 th June	Satyam	4	27 th June	Christian	1
2 nd July	Zain	7	4 th July	Rica	9
10 th July	Zara	4	13 th July	Lucas	9

Our Condolences - We offer our heartfelt condolences to Mrs Robyn Hallowell and her family on the recent passing of her dear mother Lorraine. Robyn was the Office Manager at St Mark's for many years and is a friend of many in the St Mark's community. Please keep Robyn and her family in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. May perpetual light shine upon her, May she 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.'

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Learning Area	Name
Prep	Amani - for being a curious learner when creating a safe and appropriate habitat for your penguin. You did a great job at including all the important features your penguin needs to survive in the arctic. Well done.
LA4	Satyam - you always show persistence when working on your writing. Your hard work has led to you writing some detailed and entertaining pieces of writing. Well done Satyam! Patrick - For being such a courageous and reflective writer. Patrick works independently, uses the environment to spell unknown words and seeks feedback to improve his written work. Well done Patrick.
LA5	Campbell - for being a curious learner and challenging yourself when making Jamboards about gravity and the Halting Problem. It is great to see the enthusiasm you show for your learning. Keep up the great work!
LA7	Sakcham - for showing a positive mindset towards your learning throughout Term 2. You continue to demonstrate great persistence and curiosity in many areas of learning and continue to work hard on your personal learning goals. Keep up the fantastic effort!
LA8	Annabelle - for being a curious learner and trying new ways of finding solutions to problems. You are always wanting to be challenged and extend your learning. Well done!
LA9	Tom - you've settled well into school by showing respect to everyone you meet. You've also been persistent with learning new routines and new concepts. You've made a terrific start to your journey at St Mark's. Nicholas - you've worked collaboratively throughout Inquiry to stretch your learning in order to solve a problem. By recognising the strengths within your team you've displayed success with your Rubik's cube project.
LA10	Jersey - well done on showing courage by making new friends and fitting in so well into LA 10. You should be commended in the way you take part during class conversations and attempt all tasks to the best of your ability. Joseph - being persistent during Inquiry by working hard to create a book about your favourite characters.
ITALIAN	Aranya - for showing CORAGGIO / COURAGE. You have displayed a strong sense of believing in yourself while attempting new work on "Gormiti". Eccellente!

2021		
JUNE		
Thursday 17 th	9.00 am – 11.00 am	Playgroup @ St Mark's - CANCELLED
Thursday 17 th	2.30pm	Whole School Photo - POSTPONED
Friday 18 th	Semester 1 Reports Go Home Today	
Tuesday 22 nd	9.00am	LA7 attending Parish Mass – CANCELLED
Tuesday 22 nd	12.00pm	Students Dismissed – OSHC Available
Tuesday 22 nd	12.15-7.00pm	Student Led Learning Conferences
Tuesday 22 nd	2022 Prep Enrolment Interviews	
Wednesday 23 rd	2022 Prep Enrolment Interviews	
Wednesday 23 rd	3.45-5.30pm	Student Led Learning Conferences
Thursday 24 th	3.30pm	Final day for students – students dismissed at 3.30pm
Thursday 24 th	6.00-7.30pm	St Mark's Family Disco – POSTPONED
Friday 25 th	Student Free Day - Staff Faith Development Day	

TERM 3, 2021		
JULY		
Monday 12 th	8.45am	Term 3 Commences for all students
Tuesday 13 th	2022 Prep Enrolment Interviews	
Wednesday 14 th	2022 Prep Enrolment Interviews	
Thursday 15 th	10.00am	Bishop Terry Curtin visiting Yr6's
Friday 16 th	Confirmation Retreat Day	
Friday 16 th	2.45pm	Assembly – Host TBA
Friday 16 th	7.00pm	Celebration of Confirmation @ St Mark's – Bishop Terry Curtin
Friday 23 rd	10.00am	Grandparents Day visits to Classrooms
Friday 23 rd	10.30am	Grandparents Day Assembly – Host TBA
Friday 23 rd	11.00am	Grandparents Day Morning Tea
Friday 23 rd	2.45pm	Kids Matter @ St Mark's Action Team Meeting
Friday 30 th	2.45pm	Assembly – Host TBA
AUGUST		
Wednesday 4 th	7.00pm	Gr5 Celebration of 1 st Eucharist
Friday 6 th	2.45pm	Assembly – Host TBA
Wednesday 11 th	7.00pm	Gr4 Celebration of 1 st Eucharist
Friday 13 th	Penola Volleyball Competition	
Friday 13 th	2.45pm	Assembly – Host TBA
Sunday 15 th	Feast of the Assumption	
Tuesday 17 th	6.30pm	5/6 Camp Parent Info Session
Friday 20 th	2.45pm	Assembly – Host TBA
Friday 20 th	Catholic Secondary Colleges Yr7 2023 Enrolments close	
Monday 23 rd	BOOK WEEK COMMENCES - Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds	
Wednesday 25 th	Book Fair – Wednesday - Friday	
Friday 27 th	Book Week Celebrations	
Friday 27 th	2.45pm	Assembly – Host TBA
Monday 30 th	Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd School Improvement Surveys Open	
Tuesday 31 st	9am-1pm	St Mark's Athletics Sports @ Parker Reserve

SEPTEMBER		
Friday 3 rd	7.30am	Father's Day Breakfast
Friday 3 rd	9.00am	Father's Day Assembly – Host TBA
Sunday 5 th	Father's Day	
Thursday 9 th	3.30pm	St Mark's Art Show
Wednesday 15 th – Friday 17 th	Gr 5/6 Camp to The Ranch – Cape Schanck	
Friday 17 th	Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd School Improvement Surveys Open	
Friday 17 th	Final day for students – students dismissed at 3.30pm	
Friday 17 th	2.45pm	Assembly – Host TBA

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's Gospel, we read about another one of Jesus' miracles, where he heals a young girl from an illness. This event is a reminder for us to have faith and not give up when we are faced with challenges in our lives. We are also called to continue helping and supporting members of our families, friends and local community in their times of need (enacting our Mercy Values of Service and Compassion).



Gospel Reading Mk 5:21-24. 35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

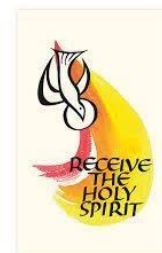
Some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kumi!' which means, 'little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

The Gospel of the Lord



Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in the first week of Term 3 on Friday 16th July at 7.00pm at St Mark's Church. Please continue to keep the children in your prayers as they continue preparations for the sacrament.



Sacrament of First Eucharist

We are pleased to advise that the Sacrament of First Eucharist will be celebrated in Term 3 on the following dates- Wednesday August 4th (Yr 5s) and Wednesday 11th August (Yr 4s). Both Masses will be at 7.00pm in St Mark's Church.

We wish both Bridget and Ana a wonderful time this Sunday when they will be celebrating their First Eucharist at the 10.30am Parish Mass.



I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a happy and enjoyable holiday with your families and friends.

Ms. Dot Mash

Religious Education Leader

St Mark's will be participating in this wonderful new initiative where they 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!!

[A short video explaining how the campaign works](#)



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.



FREE TO A GOOD HOME

This bed and bedside table is being offered free of charge by an anonymous member of the school community. If you would like them, please contact the office. Please Note: the mattress and Tall Boy are not included.

