

WEEK 10 TERM 2 NEWSLETTER WEDNESDAY 25/06/2025

Dear Families,

We had a beautiful celebration last Sunday when 7 of our students received the Sacrament of 1st Eucharist. I would like to congratulate the families of these 1st Communicants who have done such a great job in nurturing, guiding and supporting the children in their faith formation. Thank you to our school staff members who have done so much to support the children over the years. Particular thanks to our Religious Education Leader, Ms Dorothy Mash and our Yr3/4 Teachers Ms Emma Crotty and Ms Isobel Javier for their leadership and guidance. We also thank St Mark's Parish Priest Fr Colin Xavier for leading the lovely celebration.



Next week we are hosting our Student Led Learning Conferences where students will share their Semester One learning journey with their family. They are sharing their successes, strengths, challenges and future goals. These conferences allow our students to reflect on their learning and set goals for future learning. Semester One student reports will be sent home this Friday, June 27th. These reports outline student achievement and progress in all areas of the curriculum. It has been lovely to read about all the great learning and progress that has occurred in Semester One.

Please note that the online bookings for the Student Led Learning Conferences opened yesterday and will close on Monday June 30th at 9.00am. Please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au to book in your slot. Please use the Booking Code – 9er7q

Students will be dismissed at 12.00pm on Tuesday July 1st. Aftercare is available – for bookings go to www.ylv.com.au

End of Tem 2 - Term 2 will finish for all students at 1.00pm on Thursday July 3rd. OSHC will commence from 1.00pm. Full Day Care is also available on Friday July 4th if there are sufficient bookings. For bookings visit – www.ylv.com.au

This is the final Newsletter for Term 2 and I would like to thank everyone in the St Mark's community for a productive term of learning. It has been a jam packed 11 weeks full of opportunities for everyone. We have participated in 1st Eucharist, the 1st Eucharist Parent Session, the Mother's Day Morning Tea, Stall and Assembly, the Gr5/6 Camp to The Ranch, 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 21st for another productive term.

Our final Assembly for Term 2 will be held this Friday at 9.00am. There will not be an Assembly in Week 11. Week 10 Learners of the Week will be presented and we will celebrate Week 10 and Week 11 Birthdays. Everyone is welcome to join us.

A reminder that Friday July 4th is a school Closure day where students do not attend school. On this day St Mark's staff will be engaging in opportunities to nurture our Catholic Identity with a focus on our Mercy Charism and Faith in Action. By deepening our faith and understanding, we continue to inspire and guide the students on their spiritual journeys. Youth Leadership Victoria has advised that Full Day Care is available on the day. For bookings visit - www.ylv.com.au

Holiday Program @ St Mark's - Youth Leadership Victoria has advised that they will once again be offering Vacation Care at St Mark's during the T2 holidays. The program will be open from 7.00am-6.30pm each day. The Activity Program has been shared and is included in this Newsletter. For all details and bookings visit – www.ylv.com.au

Please Note: when booking Full Day Care and Vacation Care it is very important to book ahead, as bookings on the morning make it very difficult for YLV to provide adequate staffing to ensure child safety. It also makes catering and resourcing difficult.

Indigenous Art Mural Project - We are very excited to share a special project that is underway at St Mark's! This week, our Grade 3/4 students had the unique opportunity to work with two incredibly talented Indigenous Artists—Khatija (John John's mum) and Azeza (Zaraiya's mum)—to begin creating a vibrant mural that will be permanently displayed in our school from early next term.

Azeza and Kitty are highly respected Indigenous Artists whose work has been exhibited and sold in galleries across Australia. Together, they are guiding our students through the early stages of their meaningful artwork.

The mural will honour the stories, culture and deep connection to country of the traditional custodians of our land. It will also reflect our school's ongoing commitment to Reconciliation. Students were given the opportunity to learn about the significance of the symbols, patterns, and colours used in Indigenous art—and will soon add their own creative contributions to the mural.

This is a powerful learning experience that encourages respect, understanding, inclusion, collaboration and appreciation for Indigenous culture and history through the beauty of art.

We're looking forward to continuing this collaborative journey with Azeza and Khatija as the mural begins to take shape and become a focal point of our school community.

Madeleine Wright – Inquiry Learning Leader



St Mark's School Advisory Council

Our School Advisory Council met last night and items on the Agenda included Child Safety, 2026 School Fees & Levies, the current playground situation, school uniforms, Out of School Hours Care, Vacation Care, parent parking and student safety at drop off and pick up times. If you have any matters you would like discussed at our next School Advisory Board meeting please contact one of the following SAC members – Stevie Martin, mother of Archie, Kate Dent, mother of Jack, Michael Frank, father of Oliver and Ella and Davor Sulava, father of Oliver and Maja.

Thank you to these parents for volunteering to provide their unique and diverse range of experiences and skills to further improve the learning for the children of St. Mark's. Our next meeting will be held in mid Term 3.

St Mark's Family Disco - Our Family Disco will be held in Term 3 on Friday August 29th, 6-7.30pm in our Hall. This will be a fun filled night for all the family to come along and dance the night away. There will be music to suit everyone's taste, no matter which era you grew up in! Please note, the Family Disco is a family event. All children will need to be accompanied by adult family members. All details will be sent home early next term.

To ensure this event is a great success, we require parental assistance to plan the event and run the night please. If you can help out, please come to our next Kids Matter @ St Mark's Action Team Meeting in Term 3.

Family Fun Day Update - we had our first FFD Committee Meeting last week via ZOOM and approximately 12 parents/grandparents attended, which is fantastic. Much was discussed and things are taking shape for a wonderful community event.

The Family Fun Day is on Saturday October 25th, 11.00am-4.00pm and preparations will begin in earnest in Term 3. Watch this space!

Student Safety - Playground Update

As advised in a recent message to the community, St Mark's Parish Priest, Fr Colin Xavier is not agreeable to the installation of a fence and safety barriers in the carpark area, which means we are unable to use the Basketball Court as a play space for our students due to the ongoing safety risk of potential accidents involving vehicles.

To alleviate congestion in our playground, and to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students and staff, we have commenced using the School Hall for Years 3/4 and 5/6 on days when they are not scheduled to use the Soccer Field.

I thank you for your understanding and support as I have worked through this challenging situation. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Parking Reminder - In the interests of child safety, please follow all Parking Signs in Argyle St, Lee St and surrounding streets at all times. It is very important that you drop students off in designated areas and do not stop in no standing zones. Council Parking Officers attend regularly and have issued several Parking Infringement Notices of late.

It is also important that you do not park across the driveways of our neighbours. Please refrain from parking in the Staff/Visitor Carpark as cars entering/exiting this carpark are a risk to pedestrians using the footpath.

Please refrain from performing illegal UTurns in both Lee St & Argyle St as these can put the safety of our children at risk. Fr Colin has also asked me to inform families to use the designated parking bays when using the Parish carpark for drop off and pick up, and to refrain from performing UTurns in the Parish driveway entrance. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Families are reminded to use the School Crossings to cross Argyle and Lee Sts. Not only is this a safe practice, it also is a great example to the children to teach them vitally important road safety skills.

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. Two such occasion are the Celebration of Grandparents Assembly which will be held on Friday July 25th at 10.30am and the Father's Day Assembly which will be held at 9.00am on Friday September 5th (details to be advised).

Celebration of Grandparents - Please join us on Friday July 25th for our Celebration of Grandparents. The morning will commence with Open Classrooms at 9.30am followed by a special Assembly led by our Year 3/4s. Morning tea will follow at 11.00am in the Family Lounge. Invitations and Reply Slips will be sent out to all families soon. All welcome.

St Mark's Chickens Care Over the Holidays - We require assistance with looking after our chicken Coco over the coming holidays please. Ideally, we need families who could take on the task for a week at a time. Coco will need someone to come in every couple of days to ensure she has plenty of food and water. If you would like to help out, please leave your name at the office and I will be in touch to explain the procedure. Thank you.

St Mark's Enrolment Tours for 2026 Prep Students - Personalised School Tours are still available for families wishing to enrol their children at St Mark's for Prep 2026. Please tell your family, friends and neighbours to contact the Office on 8335 4100 to arrange an Enrolment Tour.

St Mark's Playgroup - Playgroup is held in our Hall each Tuesday morning from 9.00-11.00am for 0-4YO's. Please spread the word with your family and friends. All welcome! Please see the attached Flyer for all details.

2025 Term Dates

TERM	COMMENCES	ENDS
TERM 2		Thursday 3.07.25 at 1.00pm – OSHC Available
TERM 3	Monday 21.07.25 at 8.50am	Thursday 18.09.25 at 1.00pm – OSHC Available
TERM 4	Monday 6.10.25 at 8.50am	Wednesday 17.12.25 at 1.00pm – OSHC Available

2025 School Closure Days

DATE	FOCUS
TERM 2	
Friday 4.07.25	Staff Professional Learning - Faith Development Day – OSHC Available
TERM 3	
Friday 19.09.25	Staff Professional Learning - OSHC Available
TERM 4	
Monday 3.11.25	Staff Professional Practice & TIL Acquittal Day – OSHC closed
Thursday 18.12.25	STAFF TIL Acquittal Day – OSHC Available
Friday 19.12.25	STAFF TIL Acquittal Day – OSHC Available

2025 Sacrament Dates

Confirmation Family Night - Tuesday 22 nd of July at 7.00pm
Celebration of Confirmation - Grade 6: Friday 8 th of August at 6.00pm in St Mark's Church
Reconciliation Family Night - Tuesday 19 th of August at 7.00pm
Celebration of Reconciliation - Grade 3: Wednesday 3 rd of September at 7.00pm in St Mark's Church

Birthdays

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

Date	Name	LA	Date	Name	LA
25th June	Aayan K	LA4	26th June	Matteo L	LA5
26th June	Vinnie	LA2	27th June	Satyam	LA8
27th June	Christian M	LA10	1st July	Isabel N	LA5
8th July	Sunni	LA4			

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Term 2 Week 9

Learning Area	Name
LA1	Antonio- for being a persistent learner during reading. You have been doing a great job at segmenting and blending words when reading your first book. Well done Antonio!!
LA2	Sofia - for being a persistent learner when trying to blend the sounds in words. You have been trying so hard and all your efforts are paying off. Well done Sofia!
LA3	Swara - for being a curious learner and experimenting with the words you use in sentences to add interest to your writing. You are a great author! Keep up your amazing efforts!
LA4	Heidi - for demonstrating courage and persistence when working on class tasks. You always persist with your learning and try your very best. Well done Heidi.
LA5	Leon - for being a curious learner. Leon, you are always eager to explore new ideas, try your best, and dive into learning with a big smile! Keep it up Leon!
LA7	Luniva - for being a respectful and persistent learner. Well done on always trying your very best in all areas of the curriculum. You should be congratulated on approaching work with a positive attitude! Keep up the great work!
LA8	Campbell, the independence you've applied during Maths is indicative of your persistent and reflective attitude. It's commendable how seriously you tackle unfamiliar concepts in order to develop your knowledge and understanding.
LA9	Zaraiya - for being a respectful learner! You have such a positive attitude towards learning and you always give your best effort in everything you do. Keep up the amazing work!
LA10	Oliver - for being resilient. You have tried so hard with your handwriting and continued to give your best effort even when it becomes tiring. Well done!

Term 2 Week 10

Learning Area	Name
LA1	Arthur - for being curious and collaborative during Discovery Learning. You have been thinking outside the box and problem solving with your group to construct a fantastic cardboard house. Well done Arthur!
LA2	Maison - for being such a curious writer. You are doing an amazing job of stretching out the sounds in the words you want to write. You continuously show courage and have a go at writing new words. Keep it up Super Writer!
LA3	Max - for being a persistent learner and having-a-go and trying your best to practise naming letters and matching them to the sounds they make. Well done! A super effort!
LA4	Deebas - for being a courageous learner. You are writing whole sentences using your knowledge of letters and sounds to write words. Well done on an amazing term.
LA5	Prabin - for being curious in your writing. You are always trying new words and ideas. Keep up your amazing effort and creativity! Well done Prabin!
	Aiden K - for working hard and showing great persistence with your reading fluency and expression. Your reading gets better and more exciting every day. Keep it up Aiden!

LA7	<p>Drishti - for being a courageous learner. Well done on always trying your best in all areas. It is great to see how you willingly accept challenges, and as a result you have made great gains in your learning. Keep up the great work!</p> <p>Alexandra - being a reflective learner. Well done on using your problem solving skills to identify the value of unknown sides when finding the perimeter of polygons. Keep up the great work!</p>
LA8	Jaidan, by respectfully acting on feedback during Literacy, you are showing growth in Literacy, particularly with your use of punctuation and conjunctions. Further, when working collaboratively, you ensure others have the opportunity to share and be heard.
LA9	Julian - for being a courageous learner, stepping up to read a Prayer of the Faithful at Mass. You were extremely brave, kept believing in yourself and spoke wonderfully. Well done representing our class. You should be very proud of yourself!
LA10	Avianna - for being a respectful learner. You consistently show great respect by attentively listening and following instructions carefully. Your thoughtful approach to learning is reflected in your progress and understanding.

Farewell – Next week we say farewell to Julianne (LA3) who will be moving to a new school closer to her family home. We thank Julianne for sharing the gift of herself with the St Mark's community. We wish her 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. We will farewell Julianne and her family with a St Mark's Blessing at Assembly on Friday June 27th.

God Bless,
Peter Wilson, Principal

'The St Mark's Catholic Primary School, Fawknor 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.

2025		
TERM 2		
JUNE		
WEEK 10		
Wednesday 25 th	Prep 2026 Enrolment Interviews	
Friday 27 th	Semester 1 Reports go home today	
JULY		
WEEK 11		
Tuesday 1 st	12.00pm	Students Dismissed – Aftercare available
Tuesday 1 st	12.15-7.00	Student Led Learning Conferences
Wednesday 2 nd	3.45-5.00	Student Led Learning Conferences
Thursday 3 rd	1.00pm	Final day for students – students dismissed at 1.00pm - Aftercare available
Friday 4 th	Staff Faith Development Day – No School For Students - Aftercare available	
TERM 3		
JULY		
WEEK 1		
Monday 21 st	8.50am	Term 3 Commences for all students
Tuesday 22 nd	7.00pm	Confirmation Family Night
Friday 25 th	9.30-10.15am	Celebration of Grandparents - Classroom Visits
Friday 25 th	10.30am	Celebration of Grandparents – Assembly hosted by Gr 3/4's
Friday 25 th	11.00am	Celebration of Grandparents - Morning Tea
WEEK 2		
Thursday 31 st	10.30am	Bishop Renee Ramirez visiting Year 6 Students
AUGUST		
Friday 1 st	Merri-bek City Council Children's Forum	
Friday 1 st	Prep 100 Days of School Celebration	
WEEK 3		
Friday 8 th	Confirmation Retreat Day	
Friday 8 th	6.00pm	Celebration of Confirmation @ St Mark's – Bishop Renee Ramirez
WEEK 4		
Thursday 14 th	ITALIAN DAY CELEBRATIONS – Details to be advised	
WEEK 5		
Monday 18 th	CBCA Book Week "Book an Adventure"	
Tuesday 19 th	7.00pm	Reconciliation Family Night
WEEK 6		
Tuesday 26 th	Gr 5/6 Excursion to ACMI	
Thursday 28 th	Online Cyber Safety Session for Parents – details to be advised	
Friday 29 th	Semper Dental Van @ St Mark's	
Friday 29 th	6.00-7.30pm	St Mark's Family Disco

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sacrament of First Eucharist

First Eucharist Retreat Day

Last Friday, the First Eucharist children and their Year 4 peers gathered for a Retreat Day, which involved a day of prayer and reflection based on the Eucharist and the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.



First Eucharist Mass

Last Sunday our Church celebrated the Feast of Corpus Christi (also called Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ), which honours the real presence of the body of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.



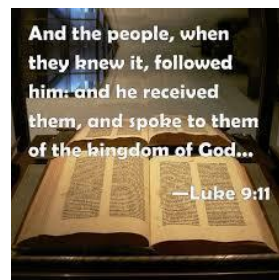
Many parishes choose this day to celebrate The Sacrament of First Eucharist. We would like to congratulate the First Eucharist candidates for preparing so well for the sacrament. A special thank you to their wonderful families for working in partnership with us to prepare the children for this next step in their faith journey. A special thanks to Fr Colin for leading a beautiful liturgy and to Ms Emma and Ms Isobel for preparing the children so well for the sacrament.

Gospel Reading for the Feast of Corpus Christi (Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.



The Gospel of the Lord

Sacramental Program- *Sacrament of Confirmation*

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated next term in Week 3 on Friday 8th August at 6.00pm in St Mark's Church. Please keep the children in your prayers, as they will soon begin preparations for this next step in their journey of faith.



Outreach to Fawkner Kindergarten

The students have been engaged in activities with the children at Fawkner Kindergarten throughout this term. This has been a great opportunity to continue to build positive partnerships with the kindergarten children and staff by putting into action our Mercy Values of *Service* and *Hospitality*.





Students' snapshots about our Kindergarten Outreach Experience

When we were at the kindergarten we joined in games and made our own games for them to play. The kinder kids were kind and so were we to them. We felt happy and joyful because we got to play with them and they asked us to join in with their games.

By Amani, Savannah, Prekshya

We first arrived at the kindergarten and as we were walking outside, we were passing through the hallway. I loved seeing all the kids' artwork because it was so colourful and creative. We went outside and met some of the kids. Me, Anabel and Alexandra went over near the sandpit where they were playing with the dolls. The children were so cute because they kept changing their voices to high and low pitches for different characters. Then we started to play tag with some of the kids. It was so cute because when this specific kid was 'it' he was chasing us and whenever he tagged someone he would say, "Tag, Woohoo!!!". Then we went back to school and it was really fun meeting all the kids and the teachers. I would also like to thank Ms. Mash for giving us this opportunity and taking us there.

By Zoe

We went to the kindergarten and had a blast playing in the sandpit, building castles, with colourful buckets. With shovels in hand, we sculpted tall sand towers and dug deep moats, letting our creativity run wild. The warm sunshine and gentle breeze added to the joy, making the afternoon feel magical and carefree. Though we were playing, we were actually strengthening our muscles and fine motor skills, and learning coordination as we scooped and shaped the sand. It was a simple afternoon, but filled with laughter, imagination, and happy memories we'll always treasure. The children in the kindergarten looked like they were having an amazing time with everyone there.

By Anabel and Alexandra

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Dot Mash**

Italian Day



Care famiglie,
This year our **Italian Day** will be taking place on **Thursday 14th August**.
Students are invited to come dressed in casual clothes with a '**touch of Italy**'.
*This could be as simple as wearing clothes that have **one or more** of the Italian colours of **verde, bianco e rosso** (green, white and red), or even Italian soccer*



tops etc.

An order form for pizza and gelato will be coming home soon for those wishing to place an **Italian lunch** order.

You are warmly invited to join us for our Italian day activities.

Grazie
Signorina Catalano
Italian Teacher

Parent Resource

Children out and about in the community



Starting Out Safely

Parents have a vital role in teaching children how to be safe road users. As children's first educators you influence their attitudes and behaviours from the earliest years. This guide provides some advice on how you can do this.

Children learn best in real life situations. Every time you go for a walk, ride a bike with your child or go on a car trip it is an opportunity to explore road safety. There are also health benefits for children to be out and about. Currently the average Australian child spends less than two hours a day outside.

Parents as role models

Children imitate adult behaviours. It is important that you think about what you are teaching your children by how you act as a road user.

Your behavior needs to be consistent with what you are expecting from your child. As the saying goes "Actions speak louder than words".

It's never too early to start teaching children about road safety

The early years are a time when children develop an understanding of their local community and about being active citizens.

Road trauma is a leading cause of death and disabling injury for children in Australia. Road related incidents involving children often occur because children are still developing the skills needed for safe road use. We can all play a role in helping to reduce the incidence of road trauma.



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CHILDREN AS PEDESTRIANS

Children have difficulties in judging how fast a vehicle may be travelling and how long it takes to walk from one side of the road to another.

Children are the smallest road users and because of their size, they are at a significant disadvantage in the road environment. Parents can help make children safer pedestrians.

Role model

- ☀ Walk across pedestrian crossings or traffic lights (if available) and avoid crossing the street between cars.
- ☀ Only ever cross when there is a green walk signal.
- ☀ If there is no crossing, choose the safest, clearest and most visible place to cross.
- ☀ Always look both ways before crossing the road.
- ☀ Concentrate at the kerb before crossing (never be on the phone or talking to another adult).
- ☀ Always check for moving cars in driveways.

Talk with children

It is important to have conversations with children about what needs to be done to make sure they are safe as pedestrians. Don't just tell children what to do or not to do. Asking them questions and having conversations with them allows children to think more deeply about what is happening around them.

- ☀ Introduce vocabulary such as 'traffic' and what this includes; cars, buses, bicycles, trucks, etc.
- ☀ Discuss the importance of holding hands to cross the road together.
- ☀ Discuss the speed of the traffic.
- ☀ Discuss the possibility of cars moving when walking past driveways and laneways.
- ☀ Help children understand the different road signs you can see.
- ☀ Discuss the importance of only crossing at traffic lights when there is a green walk signal. Discuss why it is important not to assume that because there is a green walk signal that it is safe to cross. Discuss the importance of drivers being able to see you before crossing the road. Could there be cars coming from around the corner?
- ☀ Look up maps of your area and discuss what is the safest route to where you are going.
- ☀ Print a map of your area and highlight where you have walked.
- ☀ Discuss Stop Look Listen and Think.
- ☀ Stop at the kerb
- ☀ Look both ways
- ☀ Listen for Traffic
- ☀ Think – Decide if it is safe to cross



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CHILDREN AS CYCLISTS

All cyclists and scooter riders in Victoria and their passengers are required by law to wear bicycle helmets that meet the current Australian Standards when riding in public places such as roads, bicycle paths, recreational parks and car parks.

It is recommended that children wear helmets when using any wheeled toy such as skateboards, rollerblades, roller skates etc.

Role model

- Always obey the road rules while on your bike
- Always wear a correctly fitted helmet (wearing a helmet reduces the risk of head injury by 60-90%).
- If you or your child are not wearing a correctly fitted helmet, you may receive a large fine.
- Only ride on the footpath if you're riding with a child 12 years or under.
- Alert your child to the driveways and laneways.
- Use bicycle paths where possible.
- If the child is a passenger on your bike, ensure the child's seat is correctly fitted.
- Talk with your child about the traffic environment
- Involve your child in deciding whether it is safe to cross – of course you still make the decision.
- Make eye contact with road users – especially at intersections.
- Involve your child in choosing safe places to ride. Use maps to help you decide.



Make sure the bicycle is the right size for your child. A bike that is too big or small can be dangerous.



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CHILDREN AS PASSENGERS

Child Car Seats

- ☀ Child car seats work in keeping children safe and this is reflected in the law.
- ☀ To provide the best protection for a child in a crash, the child car seat must be the right size for the child, fitted correctly and used correctly.
- ☀ Children do not fit into an adult seatbelt safely until they are approximately 145 cm tall or can pass the 5 step test. This is the average height of a 10 to 12 year old child. There are now booster seats available that will fit an average 12 year old.
- ☀ Children can sustain injuries from adult seatbelts that do not fit them correctly.
- ☀ Research shows that children are safest travelling in the back seat.
- ☀ If the restraint is incorrectly fitted or is the inappropriate size for the child, you may receive a large fine and receive 3 demerit points per infringement.

Role model

- ☀ Children watch everything you do and hear what you say when you are behind the wheel. Remember that children start to form attitudes to driving by watching you. "What kind of driver are you raising?" www.towardszero.vic.gov.au/campaign/parents TAC campaign
- ☀ Ensure there are no distractions when driving, such as mobile phones.
- ☀ Ensure everyone, including all adults have their seat belt fastened correctly before departure.
- ☀ Ensure children learn about the safety door.
- ☀ Discuss with children why it is not OK to distract drivers.



Research shows children should continue travelling in a booster seat until they are at least 145cm tall or can pass the 5 step test. They can then use the adult seatbelt with no booster seat.

The Five Step Test

1



Can the child sit with their back against the vehicle seat?

2



Do the child's knees bend in front of the edge of the seat?

3



Does the sash belt sit across the middle of the shoulder?

4



Is the lap belt sitting low across the hips touching the thighs?

5



Can the child stay seated for the whole trip?

If you answer yes to all these questions your child is ready to move to an adult seat belt for that particular car.

Getting out and about benefits children both physically and mentally. The Australian Government Guidelines recommend children from 2 to 5 years should spend at least 3 hours per day outdoors including running, jumping, walking and cycling. It is so important for us all to get out and about in our local neighbourhood for our health and connection to our community.

Parents play a significant role in teaching children about being safe around our roads as pedestrians and cyclists. Walking and riding are free and fun to do.

For more information go to ELAA's Starting Out Safely website www.childroadsafety.org.au and speak to your child's teacher.

Canteen

Hi Everyone

The Canteen is up and running and ready for lunch orders and over the counter sales. Currently Icy Poles are proving very popular these are available in the lunch time break only.

There have been some minor price increases so please check when ordering if your item has had a price change. The new Canteen list is available online or a copy from the office is available. I am looking forward to serving you all and if you have any queries feel free to see me in the Canteen or leave a message at the office and I will get back to you



ST MARK'S CANTEEN MENU 2025

CANTEEN IS CLOSED ON MONDAYS

HOT FOOD

(available for lunch only)

- Hot dog 4.00
- 1/2 Hot dog 2.00
- Chicken Burger
 - Lettuce & mayo only ✓ 4.20
 - Plain 3.20
 - Cheese extra 0.50
- Lasagne ✓ 7.00
- Macaroni cheese 7.00
- Pizza ✓ 4.00
 - Margarita
- Sausage Roll - jumbo 3.50
- Party Pies 1.25
- Chicken Breast Nuggets ✓ 1.00 ea
- Vegetarian Fried Rice 6.00

✓ ITEMS TICKED ARE SUITABLE AS AN **EVERYDAY** CHOICE
NO TICK MEANS IT IS SUITABLE AS A **SOMETIMES** CHOICE

• Late Lunch Orders Or Children Without Lunch Will Be Given A Basic Sandwich

SNACKS

- Choc Chip Cookie 1.60
- Gingerbread bear 1.80
- Popcorn - butter 1.40
- JJ Snacks - Chicken 1.40
- Veggie Crackers 1.00
- Red Rock Deli Honey Soy Chips 1.20

SAUCE .30c EXTRA
BBQ or TOMATO

PLEASE NOTE DUE TO HEALTH REGULATIONS,
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Orders will be adjusted if there's not enough money in the order bag!

ROLLS AND SANDWICHES (including Toasted)

White / Wholemeal

(extras: ham, chicken, mayo, etc. .50c)

SALAD

(cheese, tom, cucumber, carrot, beetroot, lettuce)

Plain Roll

Buttered

Vegemite

Cheese

Cheese and Lettuce

Ham and Cheese Toasted Sandwich



Sandwich	Roll
5.50	6.50
	1.00
	1.20
2.00	2.50
2.50	3.10
2.80	3.40
3.00	

Please use a paper lunch
order bag that is big
enough to hold your child's
lunch.

Please make sure your
child's name and LA is
clearly marked on the lunch
order bag too.

MRS. VICKI SMITH - CANTEEN MANAGER. ON SITE FROM 9.00 A.M. UNTIL 12.20 P.M. TUE - FRI



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St Mark's Playgroup



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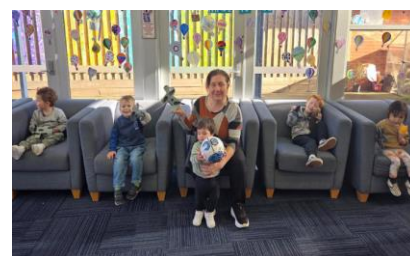


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Dear parents,

In the past 2 weeks the children have been very creative making pictures, fish and their own puppy dog! They had fun sticking on different shapes to make a train and colourful fish. They also used the different shapes for their puppy's spots, ears and eyes.

Everyone is welcome to join on Tuesdays from 9.00am until 11.00am.



Ms Bushra Giliana
Playgroup Co-ordinator



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Please provide your child with a Packed Lunch and snacks for morning/afternoon tea and a refillable water bottle

<p>Mon 7th July</p> <p><u>WINTER AWAITS</u> Brrr! Its getting cold. But the fun is about to begin at YLV Today</p>  <p>Activities For The Day Include: Fake Snow & Flake Creations/ Yummy Hot Chocolate/Minute To Win It Challenges</p>	<p>Tues 8th July</p> <p><u>UP UP & AWAY</u> Help Us Soar Through The Skies Today</p>  <p>Activities For The Day Include: Stem Flying Objects/Fun Balloon Games/Rocky Road Slice</p>	<p>Wed 9th July</p> <p><u>IT'S ALL ABOUT THE LETTER "J" TODAY</u></p>  <p>Activities For The Day Include: Jelly Fish Creations/Jelly Cups/Jump Rope Challenges & Lots More</p>	<p>Thurs 10th July</p> <p><u>BITS & PIECES</u> Come and show us your creative side today at YLV!</p>  <p>Activities For the Day Include: Group Paintings-Collages/Face Painting/Pop-corn Jewellery/Group Games</p>	<p>Frid 11th July</p> <p><u>PYJAMA DAY</u> Come dressed in your PJS</p>  <p>Activities For The Day Include: Popcorn Pops/Bedtime Relay Races/Mobile Creations</p>
<p>Mon 14th July</p> <p><u>ORANGE EXPLOSION</u> Go Orange Today at YLV! Dress, eat & think Orange all day!</p> <p>Activities For The Day Include Making: Orange Jelly Slice/Stain Glass Art/Side Walk Chalk Creations</p> 	<p>Tues 15th July</p> <p><u>DREAMTIME DISCOVERY</u> Today we will be inspired by the Aboriginal Culture & It's People</p>  <p>Activities For The Day Include: Boomerang & Rain Stick Crafts/Nature Scavenger Hunt/Walk About Cup Cakes/</p>	<p>Wed 16th July</p> <p><u>MEXICAN FIESTA</u> It's Fiesta Time Today at YLV</p>  <p>Activities For Today Include: Mexican Inspired Creations/Pin The Tail On The Donkey & The Hilarious Bean Race Game</p> <p>Later Have Fun Breaking The Pinata</p>	<p>Thurs 17th July</p> <p><u>MISSION IMPOSSIBLE</u> Who saved the universe? We did Today everything is possible</p>  <p>Activities For Today Include: Super Hero Gear Crafts/Making Kryptonite Treats/Obstacle Course to Test Your Superpowers</p>	<p>Frid 18th July</p> <p><u>PLAY THAT FUNKY MUSIC PARTY</u> Today Is Your Day To Shine!</p>  <p>Activities For The Day Include: Face Painting/Variety of Party Musical Games/Talent Show</p> <p>BYO: PARTY FOOD TO SHARE</p>

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July Activities for Primary School Aged Children

Mon 7th of Jul

9.30am to 12pm
Coding

12.30pm to 2.30pm
**Sport Activities &
Games**

Wed 9th of Jul

9.30am to 12pm
Board Games

12.30pm to 2.30pm
**Wobbly Wallaby &
Absolute Bandicoot
Show**

Thurs 10th of Jul

9.30am to 12pm
Lego Challenge

12.30pm to 2.30pm
**Dazzling Dan the
Magic Man**

Fri 11th of Jul

9.30am to 12pm
Cooking

12.30pm to 2.30pm
Art & Craft

Mon 14th of Jul

9.30am to 12pm
Cooking

12.30pm to 2.30pm
Garden & Art

Wed 16th of Jul

9.30am to 12pm
Art & Craft

12.30pm to 2.30pm
Seaweed Sally

Thurs 17th of Jul

9.30am to 12pm
Lego Challenge

12.30pm to 2.30pm
Coding

Fri 18th of Jul

9.30am to 12pm
Construction

12.30pm to 2.30pm
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