



WEEK 1 TERM 2 NEWSLETTER Wednesday 24th April 2019

Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 2. I hope that everyone had a lovely break over the past couple of weeks in our beautiful Melbourne Autumn weather, and are rested and ready to embrace the possibilities and opportunities that lie ahead. I also hope that you were able to spend family time together to celebrate Easter and rejoice in the risen Lord.

This week we begin the glorious season of Easter. The season is so important that it lasts, not for a few days, but for 50 days. The liturgical cloths are changed from the sombre purple of Lent to the white of Easter, symbolising light, joy, triumph and glory. Once again we can cry out with joy, 'Alleluia!' God of our journey, God of hope, we give you thanks and praise, as we begin a new term together. May all who are part of St Mark's Community, find a welcome place to grow and be. Especially at this Easter time, give us the grace to begin our journey with hope and joy. We also pray that, as we begin the new term, through the light of Christ that we embrace the amazing possibilities and opportunities to grow in our relationships with one another.

I was shocked and saddened yet again when I heard the news of the horrific events in Sri Lanka on Easter Sunday. We have several Sri Lankan families at St Mark's who bring so much to our community. As a community, we pray for our Sri Lankan families, the victims and the survivors of this horrific act of terrorism. This morning I received a message from the Archdiocese of Melbourne's Office of Justice and Peace which contained a statement from Islamic Council of Victoria. This statement condemns these attacks and offers condolences and support to the Christian community in Sri Lanka, to all people of Sri Lanka and to the entire Sri Lankan community here and around the world and to the victims of all nationalities. I have attached the statement to this newsletter.

Staff News – This term we welcome back Louise Verna, who will be returning to St Mark's, working each Monday as our Finance Officer, commencing on Monday April 29th. We look forward to Louise's return.

We also welcome Mrs Sharmila Blair, our new Performing Arts Teacher. Sharmila will be working on Tuesdays and Wednesday mornings. We look forward to welcoming both Louise and Sharmila into the St Mark's Community. We also warmly welcome back Ms Maria Rizza after her recent Long Service Leave.

Thank you to Xavier (LA5), Makayla (LA8) and Liam (LA9), and their families, for caring for our Chickens over the recent holidays. I'm sure our animal friends appreciated the care and attention.

ANZAC Dawn Service at Fawkner RSL – once again this year we have been invited to participate in the ANZAC Day Dawn Service at Fawkner RSL on Thursday April 25th at 6.00am (arrive 5.45am). Our Students will be singing the National Anthem. A note has gone home to all families. Students are to wear Winter Uniform.

I encourage all families to come along to support this significant National event where we give thanks to those who have done so much to allow us to live in peace in our wonderful country. Breakfast will be served after the service. Children eat free and adults pay a gold coin donation.

Building Program Working Bee – There will be a Working Bee on **Saturday April 27th** where we will move our Preps into their new learning spaces and all Visual and Performing Arts furniture and resources to LA3, which is our new Arts Room. We will also move our Library books to their new mobile shelving. We would love as many families as possible to join us to assist please. Details were sent home to all families yesterday.

School Access During Building Works – Due to the commencement of Stage 3 of the Building Program, we are not able to access the main body of the school through the Office Foyer main entrance until further notice. The following arrangements are in place:

This week, access to the Office Area will be via the main entrance on Argyle Street. To access the rest of the school from Argyle St please enter through the main gate on Argyle Street and then turn right along the existing concrete path, between the main building and Argyle St, then around the sand pit to the rear of the school.

From Monday the 29th April access to the Office Area will remain the same until further notice. Access to the rest of the school will be through the main Argyle Street gate and then turn left along the existing concrete path outside LAs 1, 2 & 3, through the double doors at the western end of the main building, through the corridor (between LA4/5 and LA3) and out through the other double doors outside LA5, into the playground.

Change over from Summer to Winter Uniform – As our School Photos are being held next week on Thursday May 2nd (Week 2 of Term 2), all students need to be wearing Winter Uniform by the week beginning Monday April 29th. This has allowed a one week transition period at the beginning of Term 2.

School Photos - held on Thursday 2nd May. This year the photo company Arthur Reid will provide each student with a personalised code so you can log in and see your child's school photos prior to purchasing. Your child will bring home a form today which outlines their unique code, the payment details and how to see your photos online.

If you would like a family photo taken please collect a form from the office.

A reminder that children need to be in full winter uniform on this day.

2020 Prep Enrolments – If you have a child who will be starting school next year can you please collect an Enrolment Form from the Office. We need these returned as soon as possible so we know how many places we have for new families who wish to enrol. **Enrolments close April 30th.**

2019 Sacrament Dates

Reconciliation - Grade 3: **Wednesday 30th of October at 7.00pm in St Mark's Church**

First Eucharist - Grade 4: **Sunday 23rd of June at 10.30am in St Mark's Church**

Confirmation - Grade 6: **Friday 19th of July at 7.00pm in St Mark's Church**

Congratulations - Congratulations to Imogene (Prep), and her parents Kaitlynn and Alex on the recent arrival of their brand new baby girl Anastasia. We wish the family a lifetime of happiness together.

Our Condolences - We offer our heartfelt condolences to Jay (LA9), and his family on the recent passing of his dear Grandfather, Merv Dalziel. Please keep Jay and his family in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. May perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Program - begins on the 1st May. The more stickers we collect the more equipment we will receive. Stickers can be placed in the box provided in the office foyer. Make sure you ask your family and friends to collect them also.

Free To A Good Home – Please contact the Office if you would like this Lowrey Organ:



God Bless,
Peter Wilson, Principal

GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 26TH APRIL, AT 9.00AM
LEARNERS OF THE WEEK & BIRTHDAYS

2019		
APRIL		
Wednesday 24 th	3.00pm	St Mark's ANZAC Day Service
Thursday 25 th	5.45am	ANZAC Day – St Mark's Choir singing at Fawcner RSL Dawn Service
Friday 26 th	9.00am	Assembly – General + Learners of the Week & Birthdays
Friday 26 th	5/6 Interschool Sport – Round 1, Home Game v Glenroy West PS	
Saturday 27 th	8.30am	Working Bee to move Preps into their new classrooms
Monday 29 th	LA7 & 8 Excursion - Water for Life	
Tuesday 30 th	9.00am	Fete Committee Meeting - TBC
MAY		
Wednesday 1 st	6.30pm	CASEA Parent Session #1
Thursday 2 nd	School Photo Day – Full Winter Uniform	
Friday 3 rd	9.00am	Assembly - TBA
Friday 3 rd	5/6 Interschool Sport – Round 2, Away Game v St Francis Oak Park	
Monday 6 th	11.50am	St Mark's Cross Country Championships @ Parker Reserve
Tuesday 7 th	6.00pm	St Mark's Ed Board Meeting
Friday 10 th	7.30am	Mother's Day Breakfast
Friday 10 th	9.00am	Mother's Day Assembly
Friday 10 th	Mother's Day Stall	
Friday 10 th	5/6 Interschool Sport – Round 3, Home Game v St Thomas More's Hadfield	
Sunday 12 th	### HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY ###	
Tuesday 14 th – Friday 24 th	NAPLAN for Gr3 & Gr5 Students – Session Dates and Times To Be Advised	
Friday 17 th	9.00am	Assembly - TBA
Friday 17 th	5/6 Interschool Sport – Round 4, Away Game v Moomba Park PS	
Tuesday 21 st	7.00pm	1st Eucharist Parent Child Info Session
Friday 24 th	9.00am	Assembly - TBA
Friday 24 th	5/6 Interschool Sport – Round 5, Away Game v St Matthew's Nth Fawcner	
Wednesday 29 th	6.30pm	CASEA Parent Session #2
Thursday 30 th	11.00am	School Sports Victoria Cross Country Championships
Friday 31 st	9.00am	Assembly - TBA
Friday 31 st	5/6 Interschool Sport – Round 6, Home Game v Illim College	
JUNE		
Friday 7 th	9.00am	Assembly - TBA
Friday 7 th	5/6 Interschool Sport – Round 7, Away Game v Glenroy Central PS	
Monday 10 th	Queen;s Birthday Public Holiday	
Friday 14 th	9.00am	Assembly - TBA
Friday 14 th	5/6 Interschool Sport – Round 8, Away Game v Oak Park PS	
Tuesday 18 th	7.00pm	Confirmation Parent/Child/Sponsor Information Session
Thursday 20 th	Gr4s Attending Penola Production of Robin Hood	
Friday 21 st	1 st Eucharist Retreat Day	
Friday 21 st	9.00am	Assembly - TBA
Friday 21 st	9.30am	Australia's Biggest Morning Tea @ St Mark's
Friday 21 st	5/6 Interschool Sport – Round 9, Home Game v Westbreen PS	

Sunday 23 rd	10.30am	Celebration of 1 st Eucharist @ St Mark's
Thursday 27 th	9.00am	Assembly - TBA
THURSDAY 27th	5/6 Interschool Sport – Round 10, Home Game v Corpus Christi, Glenroy	
Thursday 27 th	3.30pm	Final day for students – students dismissed at 3.30pm
Thursday 27 th	6.00-7.30pm	St Mark's Family Disco
Friday 28 th	Staff Faith Development Day	



LEARNER OF THE WEEK

LA1 Poppy
 LA4 Sania
 LA5 Domenic
 LA7 Hanny
 LA8 Ishaaq
 LA9 John
 LA10 Zacharia



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Holy Week and Easter Liturgies

A special thank you to our wonderful students and teachers for all their hard work with preparing and presenting liturgies for the Church celebration of Holy Week and Easter. We witnessed very prayerful liturgies which provided us with an important understanding of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.

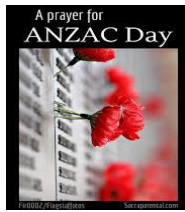
Saints Club News!

Our group's focus for this term will be to engage in activities for outreaching to those beyond our school community. This will enable us to continue building positive community partnerships with various organisations and working in collaboration with others to putting our Mercy Value of *Service* into action within our local Fawknor community. The Year 3 to 6 members of our Saints Club will be involved in activities with the children from Fawknor Kindergarten throughout this term.



Sacraments

Our school's Sacramental Programs begin this term, with the celebration of the Sacrament of First Eucharist, at St Mark's Church on Sunday June 23rd. Please keep the children in your prayers as they begin preparations for this sacrament.



Anzac Day Prayer

God of love and liberty,

we thank you for the peace and security we enjoy.

It was won for us through the courage and devotion

of those who gave their lives in time of war.

We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain,

but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come.

We ask this prayer in the name of Jesus and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



Ms. Dorothy Mash
RE Leader

CANTEEN NEWS

Just a friendly reminder that Icy Poles will not be sold during Terms 2 and 3

Thank you

Vicki Smith

Canteen Manage

Cross Country

On Monday May 6th, St Mark's will participate in the annual Cross Country event at Parker Reserve, from 11:50 am - 2:00 pm.

In line with SSV rules for Cross Country the children from years 3-6 will be competing against other children from their age group not in their class groups as in previous years.

For example:

9/10 year old girls born in 2009/2010 will be competing against each other.

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11 year old girls born in 2008 will be competing against each other.

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12/13 year old girls born in 2005/2006 will be competing against each other.

12/13 year old boys born in 2006/2007 will be competing against each other.

We hope the weather is kind to us, if not, the event will be postponed to a later date,

Please see me if you have any queries.

Daniela Lazzaro

Media Statement

22 April 2019

Bomb attacks in Sri Lanka

The ICV and the wider Muslim community are devastated by the barbaric attacks on churches and other locations in Sri Lanka. We send our deepest condolences to the Christian community in Sri Lanka, to all the people of Sri Lanka and to the entire Sri Lankan community here and around the world.

We also express our sympathies to the families of the foreign nationals that were killed and injured including the Australians amongst them.

To target innocent civilians in their places of worship when they are most vulnerable is especially heinous. The Muslim community, still recovering from the horrific massacre of Muslim worshippers in Christchurch NZ, knows well the enormous sense of loss that our brothers and sisters in humanity, the Christian Sri Lankan community, will be experiencing.

We dearly remember the amazing expressions of kindness, support, and solidarity from the broader community in the aftermath of last month's tragedy, from people of all faiths and no faith tradition. Attacks such as these, which seek to divide communities and to pit one group against another, fail when we all come together in solidarity.

To the people of Sri Lanka, the Muslim community stands in solidarity with you.

We offer you any support and assistance that we can provide.

We mourn with you, and we join your demands for the evil perpetrators to be brought to justice.

icv.org.au/media

ICV President Mohamed Mohideen, a Sri Lankan by birth, expressed the thoughts of many when he said that "Our faiths teach us to love and not hate. To all my fellow Sri Lankans — Christians, Buddhists, Hindus, and Muslims — let us unite to fight against hate and in support of one another."

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For further information contact ICV Media Spokesperson

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PARISH NEWS

SUNDAY SCHOOL: During the 10:30am Mass all children are invited to an exciting time exploring the teaching of Jesus. Parents, please bring your children.

PARISH NEWS	
Week Day Mass Times	
9:00 am	Monday to Saturday
9:00 am + 7:00 pm	Friday
Daily Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
8:15 – 9:00 am	Monday to Saturday
8:15 am - 7:00 pm	Friday
Weekend Mass Times	
SATURDAY	
6:00 pm	Saturday Vigil Mass
SUNDAY	
9:00 am	Italian / English Mass
10:30 am	Family Mass
6:00 pm	Evening Mass
First Sunday of the Month	
6:00 pm	"The Healing Mass"
5:30 pm	Exposition and Praise + Worship
Sacrament of Reconciliation	
9:30 am + 5:30 pm	Saturday <i>Or feel free to phone Fr Colin</i>
Every Tuesday of the Month	
7:00 pm	Legion of Mary meeting
Every Wednesday of the Month	
7:30 pm	Bible Study
First Wednesday of the Month	
7:00 pm	Baptism Preparation Meeting
Every Thursday of the Month	
6:00 – 8:00 pm	Hope Café
Religious Education (State Schools)	
Classes for State Primary and Secondary School children at Hope Café. Contact the Parish office	
5:00 pm	Wednesday
Parish Advisory Committee	
P Wilson; G Caruana; T Robbins; V Jerome; L Pegorin; L Rahme and M Odicho	
Hall Hire Enquiries - Parish Office 9359 3111	