



WEEK 2 TERM 3 NEWSLETTER Wednesday 20th July 2022

Dear Families,

The St Mark's Mercy Values are based on the vision of Catherine McAuley. Catherine founded the Sisters of Mercy, the founders of St Mark's, Fawkner in 1934. Catherine chose the Mercy Values to help her make decisions and live her life. She also asked her Sisters of Mercy to use these values to help them make decisions.



This week we focus on the Mercy Value of Hospitality. Hospitality is the creation of a welcoming, open, inclusive and respectful environment for all individuals, through words and actions.

"A good beginning is of great importance. You must waste some time with visitors". Catherine McAuley

Hospitality calls us to be welcoming, friendly and inclusive in our play and our lives. As a multi-cultural and multi-faith community at St Mark's, we welcome and value everyone.

"Welcome one another just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God". Letter of Paul to the Romans 15:7

Update on the Wearing of Face Masks in Schools - As outlined in a letter that was sent out to all families via SeeSaw and Skoolbag yesterday, the Department of Health recommends that all students over 8 years of age wear a face mask while indoors at school. This is an individual choice for all families and I ask you to strongly consider this recommendation, and when making your decision, I ask that you please keep in mind that wearing face masks has a twofold benefit in the prevention of the spread of infection; they protect the wearer from airborne disease, while at the same time preventing the wearer from spreading infection.

Families are asked to provide a face mask for their child/ren. Spare face masks will be made available at school for those that require them.

If your child is ill or has flu like symptoms, they must not attend school. They must remain home and seek medical advice.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to keeping your children, the staff and all members of our community safe. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

St Mark's Family Trivia Night - Due to unforeseen circumstances, it is necessary to change the date of the St Mark's Trivia Night. **This event 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.

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. More details follow in this Newsletter.

Help Needed Please - Mini Working Bee - We are holding a Mini Working Bee on Friday July 29th at 9.00am to clear out and restock our Storeroom in the School Hall. If you can spare an hour, we will be extremely grateful. Please leave your name at the Office if you can assist. Many thanks.

2022 School Fees & Curriculum Levies - Families are reminded to please contact the Office if you have not received your 2022 Fee Statement and a new one will be sent to you.

I encourage all families to consider setting up a Direct Debit to ensure that Fees and Levies are paid on a regular basis and can be paid off by early Term 4.

Families experiencing financial hardship are welcome to contact me so that we can explore confidential financial support arrangements.

Celebration of Grandparents - Please join us on Friday August 5th for our Celebration of Grandparents. The morning will commence with Open Classrooms at 10.00am 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.

Kids Matter @ St Mark's Action Team Meeting - Thank you to those parents who came along last Friday to the KM@SMAT Meeting where we reviewed our Family Disco to make it even better next year and to plan the Trivia Night and Father's Day celebrations.

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 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 eight 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
20 th July	Herschelle	9	21 st July	Jaidan	4
23 rd July	Sahaj	10	25 th July	Najet	10
26 th July	Sadhana	8			

Farewell - This week we say farewell to Margaret (LA7) and Tom (LA9) who are returning to the United Kingdom with their family. We thank both Margaret and Tom for sharing the gift of themselves with the St Mark's community in their short time here. We wish them and their 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.

Our Condolences

We offer our heartfelt condolences to Alessia (LA4) and Chiara (LA7), and their family on the recent passing of their dear Grandmother, Santina Gazzo in Sicily, Italy. Please keep Alessia and Chiara and their 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.'



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		
JULY		
Wednesday 20 th	11.30am	Gr 4's Attending Penola Catholic College Production
Friday 22 nd	2.45pm	Assembly – General + Learner's of the Week and Birthdays
Wednesday 27 th	6.00pm	School Advisory Council Meeting
Friday 29 th	2.45pm	Assembly – General + Learner's of the Week and Birthdays
AUGUST		
Monday 1 st	100 Days of Prep Celebration	
Monday 1 st	Gr 3/4 Chemical Science Incursion	
Friday 5 th	10.00am	Celebration of Grandparents Classroom Visits
Friday 5 th	10.30am	Celebration of Grandparents Assembly – LAs 9&10
Friday 5 th	11.00am	Celebration of Grandparents Morning Tea
Tuesday 9 th	7.00pm	1 st Reconciliation Family Session
Friday 12 th	2.45pm	Assembly – General + Learner's of the Week and Birthdays
Monday 15 th	9.00am	Feast of the Assumption – Whole School Mass - TBC
Friday 19 th	Catholic Secondary Colleges Yr7 2024 Enrolments close	
Friday 19 th	2.45pm	Assembly – LA1
Saturday 20 th	7.00pm	St Mark's Trivia Night
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	2.45pm	Assembly – General + Learner's of the Week and Birthdays

Learners Of The Week

Learning Area	Name
Prep	June - for being a courageous learner. You have settled so well to the St Mark's community and we are so happy to have you as part of LA1. Well done superstar!
LA4	Henri - for being a courageous learner. Henri, you have worked really hard with your writing by courageously trying to sound out and record unknown words. Keep up the great effort!
LA5	Courtney - for being a persistent learner. Courtney you have shown persistence by working very hard over many weeks on your script for your play about the Three Little Pigs. Great work!
LA7	Manmeet - for showing respect towards your teachers and peers. It has been fantastic to see you showing initiative by offering to help in so many ways within the classroom. Keep up the great effort!
LA8	Sadhana - for writing a detailed and well informed biography about your chosen influential Aboriginal Australian. You have worked so hard and taken on feedback to make your writing and portrait as authentic as possible. Great work!
LA9	Diyenka, you have demonstrated admirable persistence, resilience and reflection throughout all areas of Maths. Your confidence has definitely grown alongside your knowledge of different mathematical concepts.
LA10	Anabel - for being a collaborative class member. You take turns to listen to others and wait for your turn to answer. Well done for always showing a positive attitude and giving learning a go!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday our Church celebrates the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time. In the Gospel we read about a time when Jesus' disciples noticed him praying. They asked Jesus to teach them to pray and Jesus gave the disciples a prayer we call "The Lord's Prayer."



Gospel Reading: Lk 11:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy,
your kingdom come;
give us each day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.
And do not put us to the test."



He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

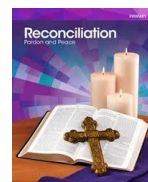
'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

The Gospel of the Lord



Sacrament of First Reconciliation

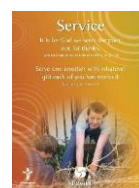
Please keep our Year 3 students in your prayers as they begin preparations for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which is to be celebrated on Tuesday 6th September at 7.00 p.m. The children received a letter this week with information about the Parent and Child Information Evening, which is to be held on Tuesday 9th August at 7.00pm.



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 Bethany, Tiana, Erin, Aranya and Ellie worked in collaboration to cook delicious chocolate brownies!





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 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

OFFICE NEWS

STUDENT ABSENTEES

Just a reminder that if your child is away from school it is a legal requirement to notify the school of their absence. This can be done via skoolbag app, seesaw, phoning the office or by sending the classroom teacher an email. If we do not receive notification we will be notifying you via SMS message.

Any student arriving at school after 9.15am has to be signed in via the IPad in the school foyer.

If any student's contact details change, please notify the office eg: change of email address, home address or phone number.

If there are changes to medication/plans for asthma/anaphylaxis/allergy please notify the office. Plans need to be updated every 12 months. Please ensure an original plan has been provided to the office.

ASHTON SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Book Club issue 5 catalogues have been sent home. All orders are to be made online by the Wednesday 27th July 2022.



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 20 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

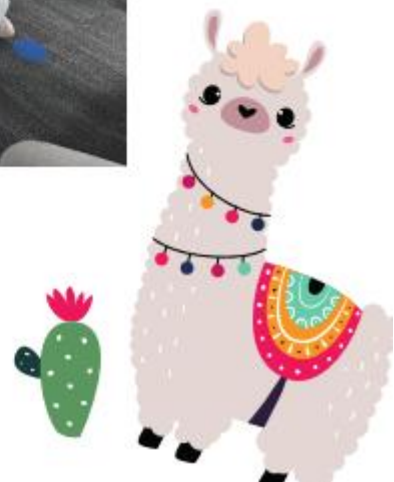
The Preps are on the lookout for some Firefighter kids costumes. If you have any that you could loan to them for the next month they would greatly appreciate it. Please contact the office if you have any to lend.



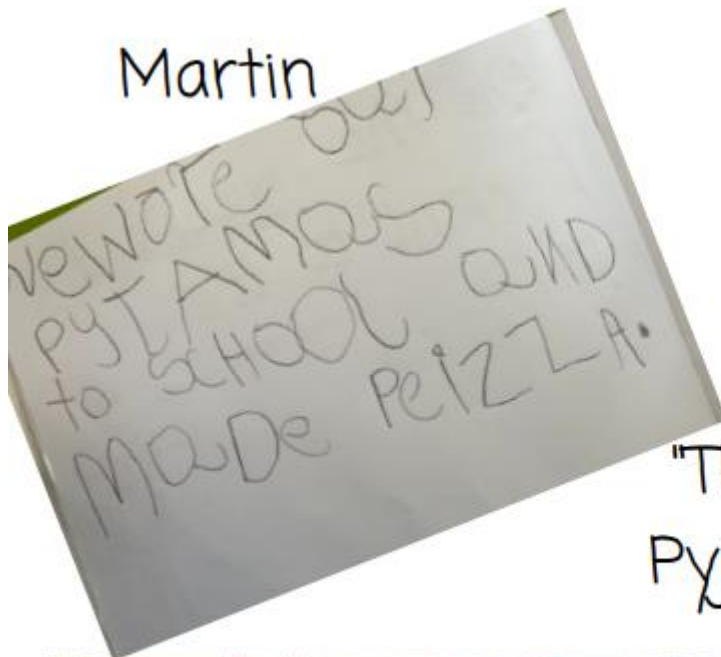
LA1 News



LA1 'Llama Llama Pizza Pyjama Party



Martin

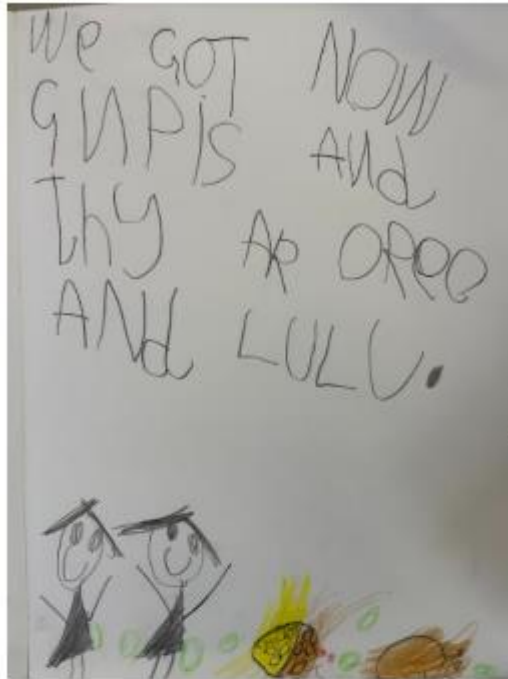


"The Llama Pizza
Pyjama party was
really fun"
Maya LA1



"We made hot
chocolates and pizzas
and a really big
llama's"
Rayan LA1





Welcome to St Mark's
Oreo and Lulu



5/6 Weekly Update

Hi everyone,

The 5/6's have been working on genius hour. We have started preparing for our whole school production. Some students are helping Ms Beltrame by making animations that will be used as backdrops in the production and making a production booklet. The 5/6 have also been working hard to practise for the production coming up soon. There are two dance groups practising two different songs. The songs have different beat styles and the 2 groups are working together to make the best performance they can. One of the songs is called '#ThatPower' and the group has to use objects to make beats just like tap dancing. The other song is called 'Dynamite', in the dance routine we have to do moves to match the beat and make sure we are all in sync.



This term we have started a project to celebrate NAIDOC week. All of the 5/6 students have been working on our Indigenous hall of fame. We had to pick an influential Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person and write a biography about them. To go with the biography, we had to draw a portrait of the Indigenous person we have picked.

By Aranya and Joey

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: _____

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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!



PLEASE JOIN PENOLA CATHOLIC COLLEGE IN CELEBRATING



MONDAY 8 2022
AUGUST

3.45PM
to 5.15PM



SAUSAGE SIZZLE
RIDES: DODGEM CARS,
THE SIZZLER, THE CYCLONE,
GIANT SLIDE AND AN
INFLATABLE ACTIVITY CENTRE
HANDS ON ART AND CRAFT
ACTIVITIES ALSO
ON SITE PARKING

SENIOR CAMPUS 29 GIBSON STREET, BROADMEADOWS

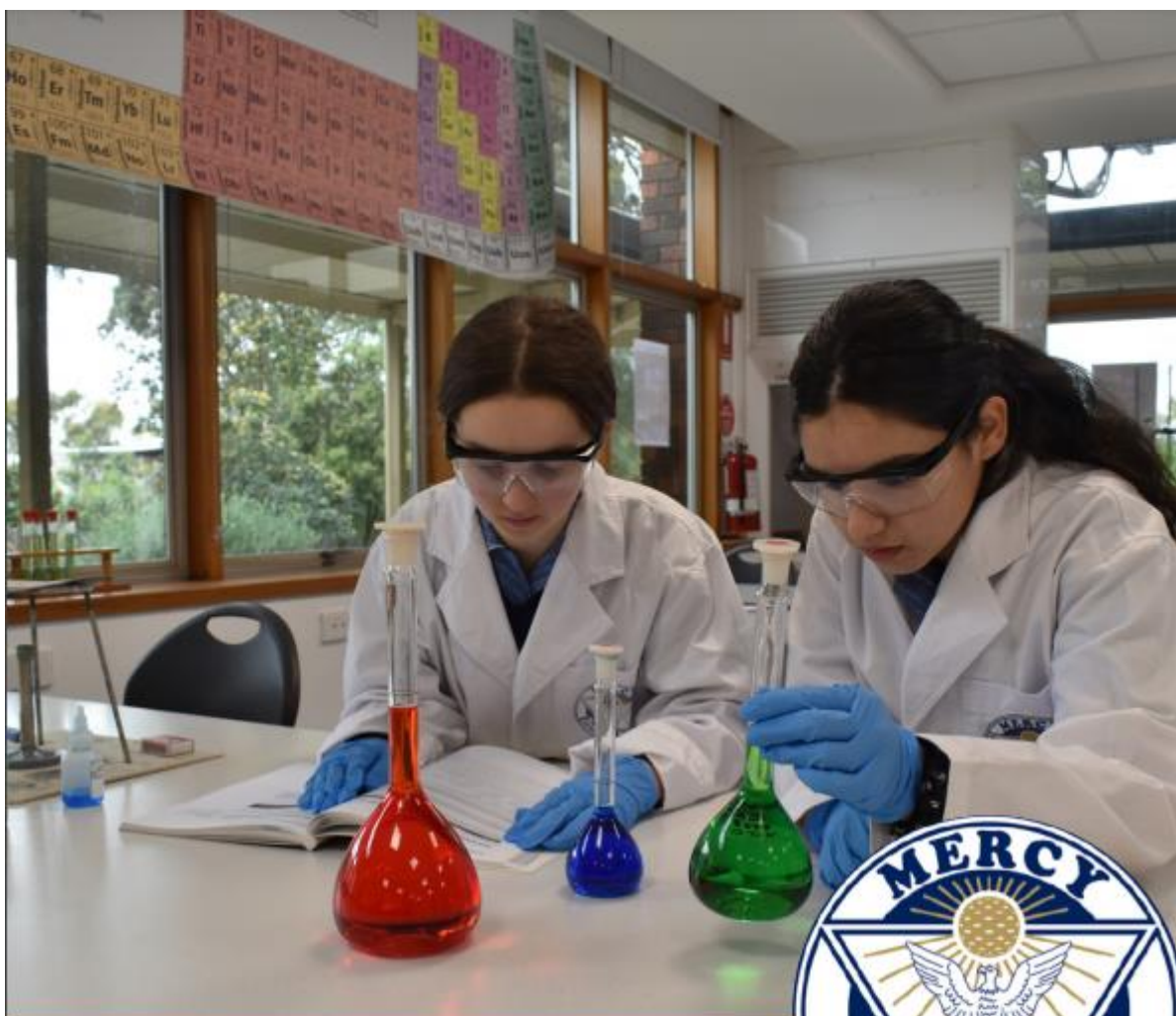
Confirm your attendance

Email marketing@penola.vic.edu.au

Subject: Your Family Name / School / Number Attending



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CATHOLIC COLLEGE
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DISCOVER MERCY OPEN DAY



Meet our Principal, explore the facilities and chat with our students and staff.

Wednesday 20th July- 9:30am and 6:00pm

Saturday 23rd July- 10:00am

Talk and tour takes approximately 90 minutes.

760 Sydney Road Coburg entry via Gate 1.

Book online or call 9319 9299

mercycoburg.catholic.edu.au

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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





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.



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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](https://twitter.com/wonder.australia) [#wonderrecyclingrewards](https://twitter.com/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

