



WEEK 4 TERM 2 NEWSLETTER Wednesday 17th May 2023

Dear Families,

I hope everyone had a lovely Mother's Day last Sunday and families enjoyed the beautiful Melbourne weather. Thank you to our wonderful Prep students and their teachers Ms Madeleine Wright, Ms Lara Beltrame and Mrs Erin Meggs who led us in our beautiful Mother's Day Assembly on Friday morning. We offered a special St Mark's blessing and gave thanks to all the women of St Mark's who do so much for us.

A special thank you to the volunteers and staff who organised our Australia's Biggest Morning Tea where we raised \$2023.00 for the Cancer Council. It was wonderful to see so many in attendance at this lovely community event. Thanks also to our KM@SMAT and the volunteers who ran the Mother's Day Stall last week. From all reports the mum's loved their gifts!

Walk Safely To School Day & Healthy Breakfast - Friday May 19th

This year we are encouraging families to meet us at Parker Reserve, Matheison St Coburg Nth, at 8.00am for a healthy breakfast of fruit and cereal provided by the school. After breakfast we will walk safely to school together as a group, arriving at school by 8.45am. **Please Note: this is a family event, so parents are asked to stay for breakfast and then walk to school with their children and the group.**

International Education Support Staff Day - Yesterday, Tuesday May 16th was International Educational Support Staff Day. On this day we acknowledge the wonderful work all Education Support Staff do, especially here at St Mark's. I'm sure you'll join me in thanking Ms Lisa Pevitt, Mrs Fiona Roberts, Mrs Erin Meggs, Ms Sarah Cumper, Mrs Chantal Ruffino, Mrs Angela Azzato, Mrs Carol Skouris, Ms Sue Clark, Mrs Vicki Smith and Mrs Bushra Giliana for all they do for the students, staff and families of St Mark's. We are forever grateful to our ES Staff and for what they bring to our community.

Morning and Afternoon Routines @ St Mark's - I'm sure that all families would agree with me that they wish for the optimum learning opportunities to be provided for their children at St Mark's each and every day. We all know that a smooth and stress free start for each child is vital for learning and wellbeing. In light of this, I ask that parents ensure that students are on time each day. Our teachers are in classrooms at 8.45am and are available to talk with parents until 8.50am when administrative tasks such as calling the roll are performed. This time is also when the students begin the day in a prayerful way with their teacher and classmates. We are aware that there are times when you need to speak with your child's teacher, and we ask that you ensure that this is before 8.50am. If you cannot meet at this time, please make an appointment and your child's teacher will meet with you.

We love it when parents are able to gather for a chat in the mornings and afternoons, and ask that these conversations take place away from corridors and classrooms. We thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

A reminder that parents are required to actively supervise their child/ren if you wish them to use the Adventure Playground after school. School staff are unable to supervise the Adventure Playground at pick up time as they are required to supervise the collection of the children to ensure that all students are picked up safely.

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.

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.

Glenroy District Cross Country Championships - Tomorrow a number of our 3-6 students will represent St Mark's at the District Cross Country Championships at Boeing Reserve Strathmore. We wish them well.

Gr5/6 Inter School Sport - Best wishes to our Gr5/6 students as they continue Inter School Sport Netball and Soccer matches this week. This week we have home matches against Glenroy Private School. Soccer will be held at Mutton Reserve (86 Lorne St, Fawkner) and Netball will be held here in the school Hall. **Please Note: Matches commence at 9.30am this week. Spectators are most welcome to attend.**

Week 4 Assembly Cancelled - due to the early game of 5/6 Inter School Sport on Friday this week, there will be no assembly. The Week 4 Learners of the Week and Birthdays will be presented at Assembly in Week 5 on Friday May 26th.

Kids Matter @ St Mark's Action Team Meeting - Please join us at 2.30pm on Friday May 19th in the Family Lounge for our next KM@SMAT Meeting where we will plan the Family Disco and continue our preparations for the Family Fun Festival in November. All welcome!

Family Fun Day - Expressions Of Interest - Seeking Outdoor market Stall Holders

St Mark's Fawknor Family Fun Day - Saturday 18/11/2023 - 11am - 4pm

\$50 for a stall + small donation item to be raffled on the day. Stall holders must have their own table and marquee. Each stall holder will be provided with a 3 meter square site



****Please Note:** No food vendors as the school will be running food stalls.

****Please email** Lisa Marchio on almarch10@bigpond.com or see Lisa in the office if you would like to be added to our expressions of interest list.

St Mark's Playgroup - Playgroup will resume next week, on **Tuesday May 23rd**.

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 Flier for all details.

School Photos - Our School Photos are on Thursday May 25th (Week 5 of Term 2). All students must be wearing their Winter Uniform and black school shoes on this day. All students must also bring along, or wear, their school jumper on the day. Gr6's will wear their Gr6 Windcheater. Those students who have their PE Lesson on Thursdays will need to bring their runners in their bag on photo day.

2023 Sacrament Dates

Celebration of First Eucharist - Grade 4: Sunday 4 th of June at 10.00am in St Mark's Church
Confirmation Family Night - Tuesday 18 th of July at 7.00pm
Celebration of Confirmation - Grade 6: Friday 18 th of August at 6.00pm in St Mark's Church
Reconciliation Family Night - Tuesday 8 th of August at 7.00pm
Celebration of Reconciliation - Grade 3: Tuesday 5 th 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
18 th May	Shreesha	1	19 th May	Orlando	9

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 and commit to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

TERM 2, 2023		
MAY		
WEEK 4		
Thursday 18 th	District Cross Country Championships @ Boeing Reserve, Strathmore	
Friday 19 th	No Assembly this week. Week 4 Learners of the Week will be presented at Assembly in Week 5	
Friday 19 th	Gr3/4 History Box Incursion	
Friday 19 th	9.30am	5/6 Interschool Sport - Round 3 v Glenroy Private (Home Game)
Friday 19 th	2.30pm	Kids Matter @ St Mark's Action Team Meeting
WEEK 5		
Tuesday 23 rd	9.00am	LA7 attending Parish Mass
Thursday 25 th	School Photo Day - Winter Uniform	
Friday 26 th	12.30pm	5/6 Interschool Sport - Round 4 v Moomba Park (Home Game)
WEEK 6 – RECONCILIATION WEEK - ‘Be a Voice for Generations’		
Tuesday 30 th	9.00am	LA5 attending Parish Mass
JUNE		
Friday 2 nd	1st Eucharist Retreat Day	
Friday 2 nd	5/6 Interschool Sport - Round 5 - Bye	
Friday 2 nd	9.00am	Reconciliation Week Assembly led by the Student Action Team
Sunday 4 th	10.00am	Celebration of 1 st Eucharist @ St Mark's
WEEK 7		
Tuesday 6 th	9.00am	LA10 attending Parish Mass
WEEK 8		
Monday 12 th	King's Birthday Public Holiday	
Tuesday 13 th	9.00am	LA8 attending Parish Mass
Friday 16 th	Semester 1 Reports go home today	
WEEK 9		
Tuesday 20 th	9.00am	LA9 attending Parish Mass
Tuesday 20 th	12.00pm	Students Dismissed - Aftercare available
Tuesday 20 th	12.15-7.00	Student Led Learning Conferences
Wednesday 21 st	3.45-5.00	Student Led Learning Conferences
Thursday 22 nd	3.30pm	Final day for students - students dismissed at 3.30pm
TERM 3, 2023		
JULY		
Monday 10 th	8.45am	Term 3 commences for all students
Tuesday 18 th	7.00pm	Confirmation Family Night
Wednesday 19 th	12.00pm	Gr4's attending Performance of Legally Blond at Penola Catholic College
Thursday 20 th	6.00-7.30pm	St Mark's Family Disco
Friday 28 th	10.00-10.30am	Celebration of Grandparents - Classroom Visits
Friday 28 th	10.30am	Celebration of Grandparents - Assembly
Friday 28 th	11.00am	Celebration of Grandparents - Morning Tea

Learners Of The Week

Learning Area	Name
Prep	Ruby - for showing courage during writing. You should be commended on your persistence and courage shown when writing independently. You gave it a go and were able to use your sound and letter knowledge to write new words. Well done!
LA4	Oliver C - for the courage you displayed during our Water Safety Program. Congratulations on being so brave in the swimming pool and giving everything a go. We are very proud of you! Valentina - for being a respectful and caring member of LA 4. You always greet others with a smile on your face and consistently look out for your others. Well done Valentina!
LA5	Aashi - for being a persistent learner. Aashi, you worked so hard to write your book about chickens by including features of non-fiction texts such as diagrams and labels. Well done Aashi! Avianna - for being a respectful learner. Avianna, it is incredible to see the way you always follow our class goal of being a respectful listener. Keep up the great work!
LA7	Ezalena - for being reflective during Maths by using your prior knowledge and other resources to help you when converting between different units of length e.g. mm to cm. Keep up the great work!
LA8	Diyenka, throughout Maths, you've applied persistence to try to understand and apply the challenging concept of conversion between various units of length, such as multiplying by ten when converting from centimetre to millimetres.
LA9	Patrick - for reflecting deeply on the perspectives of the Wurundjeri people at the time white settlers first came to Melbourne. You successfully took on feedback to improve your writing and as a result created an informative and moving diary entry. Keep it up!
LA10	Jaidan for working collaboratively with other members of your group during Genius Hour. You worked respectfully with your peers and were able to negotiate and problem solve to ensure your group worked effectively. Well done. I am looking forward to the finished product.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Ascension of the Lord

The feast of the *Ascension of the Lord* commemorates the day that Jesus Christ ascended into heaven. In the gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to preach the Good News to the whole world, to obey everything he has commanded and that his presence will be with them through the Holy Spirit.

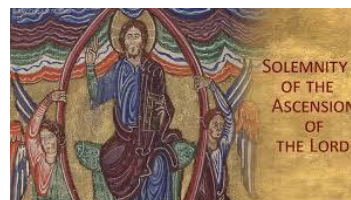
Today we are called to be disciples by showing our love to others in our words and actions.

Gospel Reading: Mt 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord



Ascension Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus Christ,
right before your Ascension into heaven
you told your apostles to be witnesses
to the ends of the earth upon receiving the Holy Spirit.
May we be similarly inspired to spread your Gospel message
in word and action.
Amen



Family Week

Our School Community is celebrating Family Week next week. Family Week is a time to reflect on the vital role that families play in our lives and in our communities and to celebrate and strengthen family relationships.

This year's theme is "Circle of Inclusion". It calls us to recognise that every family is unique, and that family can include more than just those who are biologically related to us. Family can be those within our inner circle, our closest friends, and loved ones.

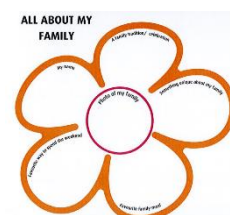
Our School's Celebrations for Family Week 2023

Family Home Activity- Family Flower Bouquet

To continue building and strengthening family connections, we invite families to work in collaboration to complete the Flower Bouquet Family Activity. The sheet with further information will be sent home with the children next Monday 22nd May.

We ask that you **return the bouquet to school by Monday 29th May.**

The bouquets will be laminated at school and displayed in one of our garden areas.



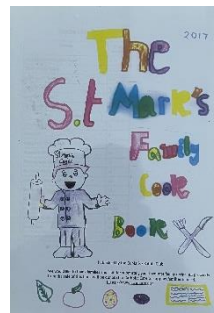
St Mark's Family Cookbook

Families are invited to submit a favourite family recipe that will be included in the second edition of *St Mark's Family Cook Book*. (The first edition in 2017 was a huge success- see photo). A copy is also available in the office foyer for you to read.

The Family Cook Book will celebrate our school community's rich diverse tastes and flavours and we hope families are inspired to try other families' recipes to appreciate distinct flavours from all corners of the world.

Email your family recipe to dorothy.mash@smfawkner.catholic.edu.au or send a photocopy of your recipe with your child to school by **Friday June 9th**. Feel free to include a photo of the dish and/or a photo of your family with the recipe.

The recipe books will be sold to members of our community, with proceeds going to CatholicCare, which supports families in need.



Sacrament of First Eucharist

The Sacrament of First Eucharist will be celebrated at St Mark's Church on Sunday June 4th at the 10.00am Parish Mass. Please keep the children in your prayers as they prepare for this next step in their faith.



Ms Dot Mash
RE Leader

OFFICE NEWS

FIRST AID/MEDICAL

A reminder that it is a legal requirement that each student has an updated asthma/anaphylaxis plan every twelve months. Please provide these to the office as soon as possible with any medication.



LOST PROPERTY

Valentina (LA4) and Matteo (LA1) have both lost their bomber jackets. They have their names on them. Zaylee (LA8) has lost her windcheater and environmental badge. Zelia (LA1) has lost her school jumper (Size 6). It has her name on it. If found please return them to the office.

Wellbeing News

The Merri-Bek council with Anglicare and Parent zone are providing online parent information nights.

How to Manage and Appropriately Express Emotions- information session for parents/carers

This information session is aimed for parents/carers of 3-8 year olds to support their children's emotional development and maturity.

Date: Tuesday 6th June 2023

Time: 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Venue: Online via Zoom

Cost: This session is free of charge but registration is essential.

Register by visiting: <https://www.trybooking.com/CFLXF>

Raising Resilient Kids- information session for parents/carers

Free workshops for parents and carers to receive information on topics like:

- What is resilience?
- How can they build the resilience of their children
- How can they connect with their children

Date: Wednesday 24th May

Time: 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Venue: Online Via Zoom

For bookings go to try booking: [trybooking.com/CDZRV](https://www.trybooking.com/CDZRV)

Communication with your child - information session for parents/carers

Join Parentzone Northern for this practical and supportive online workshop. Participants will learn strategies to support positive communication with their child and increase harmony at home.

Date: Wednesday 14th June 2023

Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm

Venue: Online Zoom session

For bookings: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/communicating-with-your-child-strategies-to-support-harmony-tickets-528802200617>

(cost is free)

5/6 Interschool Sport Reports - Rd 2 vs St Matthew's

Soccer

Last Friday we had a decent match against St Mathew's. Even though we lost 1-0, we still did better than our last match. We had great teamwork. We had good passes and our defence was great. We are very happy with how we did and how we collaborated with each other.



By Lucas & Herschelle

Netball

Last Friday for inter school sports we played two really good games against St Matthew's. We tried our best and never gave up- no matter what. The girl's team sadly lost but still gave it all. The scores for the girls were four to seven. And our mixed team happily won. The scores were zero to twenty four. We all had a great game and worked collaboratively and had lots of fun, no matter if we won or lost.



By Kirsten & Olivia

**ACTIVE KIDS ARE
HEALTHY KIDS**



Don't Forget!

**FRIDAY
MAY 19TH**

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

This year for walk to school day you and your family can join us for Breakfast at Parker Reserve. We will then walk together to school. All children **must** be accompanied by an adult at the park and during the walk.

Where: Parker Reserve, 28 Mathieson Street, Coburg North

When: May 19th

Time: 8am breakfast and walk to school at 8:20

SCHOOL PHOTOS 2023 - Important Registration Information



School Photographs will be taken at

St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Thursday 25th May 2023

**There is no need to return any forms or payment to school
before photo day**

**Flyers with Unique Image Codes will be issued to
all students on or after photo day**

When you receive your child's 2023 image code

Follow these 3 simple steps -

1 Go to order.arphotos.com.au and enter your child's 2023 image code



2 Tap on 'Add another child' to enter the image codes of any siblings



3 Fill in your contact details & review before confirming your registration*



*This information will only be used for distribution of personal image codes and ordering details.

That's it!

**It's important to register each year to link your child's NEW images to your contact details
When 2023 images are ready to view in our secure webshop you'll be notified by email and SMS**

- **Create photo packages with any layout & YOUR choice of images + Multiple Image Downloads**
- **Order on any mobile device**
- **Share the images with family & friends for FREE**

**** Please wait to receive notifications that new images are online BEFORE ordering for 2023 ****



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customerservice@arphotos.com.au

School Photos 2023 - St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Annual school photos including sibling photos will be taken by Arthur Reed Photos on Thursday 25th May 2023.

There is no need to return any forms or money to school.

Unique image codes will be issued to all students on/after photo day so families can register online to view images when they become available in the webshop.

Registration is simple, just follow the 3 simple steps on your child's personalised flyer once you receive it and remember to add the codes for all your children attending this school.

Even if you registered last year, it's important that you do again this year using your child's 2023 image code to link their images for the current year with your contact details.

When images are ready to view and in the webshop, all parents who have registered will be notified by SMS and email.

Once registered, please wait for notification that 2023 images are online to view before making your purchase.



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JAN

Applications for Year 5 students starting Year 7 in 2025 are now open.

18
AUG

Applications for Year 7 in 2025 close.

20
OCT

Offers will be posted to prospective Year 7 applicants.

Secure your place by visiting penola.vic.edu.au and completing an enrolment form.



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Footy 4 Fun 'Come & Try' is an opportunity for kids aged 7-12 years to experience an introduction to the basics of football in through fun activities.

WHERE:

12 Creedon St, Fawkner, Vic 3060

WHEN:

Friday 19th of May
5:15pm - 6:15pm



REGISTER HERE!



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Simonds Catholic College is a small school with big opportunities in the heart of the city. Our teachers are **experts in teaching the way boys learn best**. We are committed to small class sizes to ensure your son will receive the attention he requires to achieve his personal best.

YEAR 7 2024 & 2025 APPLICATIONS OPEN

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273 Victoria St, West Melbourne

[2 blocks from Queen Vic Market]

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Following our acquisition of a multi storey building on Chetwynd St and the completion of refurbishment of existing areas, we are thrilled to announce that SIMONDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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From 2023 all students across Year 7-12 are based at our West Melbourne site **in the heart of the city.**



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ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN FOR
YEAR 7 IN 2024 AND 2025.
LIMITED PLACES FOR ENTRY IN 2023
ARE AVAILABLE AT OTHER LEVELS



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TALK AND TOUR

Be a Simonds Boy

2023 TOUR DATES

You and your son are invited to attend a Talk and Tour with the Principal, Peter Riordan. **Tours commence at 9.15am. Bookings are essential.** Contact the Registrar on 9321 9200 or book online.

Tours provide prospective families with a great opportunity to view the school in operation. You will have the chance to discover all that Simonds Catholic College has to offer and ask any questions you may have.

FEBRUARY 3, 7, 9, 15 & 21
MARCH 2, 7, 10, 23 & 29
APRIL 3 & 27 MAY 3, 16 & 29
JUNE 6, 13, & 21 JULY 13 & 26
AUGUST 4 & 21 SEPTEMBER 15
OCTOBER 11 & 19 NOVEMBER 8

additional tours may be added as required



APPLICATIONS OPEN YEAR 7, 2025

Join us at one of our Discover Days or contact our Registrar on 9319 9299 to begin the enrolment process.

Limited places still available for 2024.

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DISCOVER MERCY OPEN DAY

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

Sunday 28 May 2023 : 10.00am

Monday 29 May 2023 : 9.30am and 6.00pm

760 Sydney Road, Coburg - Entry via Gate 1

Presentation and tour takes approximately 90 minutes.

Book online or call 9319 9299.

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Where we build friendships through play



St Mark's Playgroup



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

118 Argyle Street, Fawkner

Children 0 – 5yo welcome



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