



## WEEK 5 TERM 4 NEWSLETTER Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021

Dear Families,

Welcome to Week 5 everyone. I hope that everyone enjoyed a restful long weekend as we head into the busy weeks ahead. We are now entering that very busy time of year in the lead up to Advent and Christmas and there is much to look forward to now that things are starting to open up in our society. Our teachers are busy writing student reports that will inform families of student achievement in all areas of school life. Students are busy consolidating their learning and working towards their goals that will hold them in good stead for future learning.

Over the coming weeks we will communicate with all families the ways in which we will celebrate events such as Advent, Christmas Carols, Yr6 Fun Day & Graduation, Candle Ceremony, End of Year Mass, etc. **There will definitely be restrictions on how many family members can be physically present at these events this year.** As I outlined in the Message to Families that was sent out on Thursday October 28<sup>th</sup>, please be aware that **parents, carers and family members will only be permitted to enter any school buildings and attend school events by providing evidence of full vaccination.** We will keep you informed of all arrangements and we will determine how we can best share these events with the whole community. I thank you for your understanding and support, and encourage everyone to engage as best as you can in all of the wonderful events that are to come in Term 4.

**Changes to Pick Up Procedures** – one of the measures that we have reintroducing to keep everyone safe is a staggered pick up procedure at the end of each day. As was the case in 2020, Prep and Gr1/2 students will be dismissed at 3.15pm each day. Gr3-6 siblings of P-2 students will also be dismissed at 3.15pm. All other Gr3-6 students will be dismissed at 3.30pm. **This will recommence on Wednesday November 3<sup>rd</sup>.** All details of pick up procedures have been sent out to all families via SeeSaw and Skoolbag.

**Weekly Assembly in Term 4** – Families are welcome to tune into our weekly Assembly via Google Meet each Friday afternoon at 2.30pm. The code for the meeting is – smfassembly.

Family members are asked to please “Mute” your microphone and turn off your Camera while attending the assembly. Our weekly Assembly will be hosted by our student leaders. Learners of the Week and Birthdays will be announced each week.

**Return of Laptops, iPads and Chargers** – Thank you to all families who have returned devices. If you still have a device, please send them in tomorrow. Students are required to bring their device and charger to the Front Office where they will be signed back in by a staff member.

**Update on the wearing of Face Masks** - All staff, Gr3-6 students and visitors to St Mark's are required to wear a face mask while onsite, unless there is an exemption. **Parents of Gr3-6 students are required to provide labelled face mask/s for their own child/ren. It is recommended that parents provide a number of labelled face masks so that children have spares if required throughout the day.**

There are a number of lawful reasons for not wearing a face mask, including for staff and students who are unable to wear a face mask due to the nature of their disability, medical or a mental health condition. **Please provide documentation from a medical practitioner if your child is exempt from wearing a face mask.** A face mask must cover the nose and mouth. Face shields, scarves or bandanas do not meet these requirements.

The Chief Health Officer also recommends that Prep-Gr2 students wear a mask. Parents of Prep-Gr2 students please contact your child's teacher if you would like them to wear a face mask while at school.

**Kids Matter @ St Mark's Action Team Meeting** – Please join us at 9.30am on Friday November 12<sup>th</sup> for our next KM@SMAT Meeting where we will plan a Christmas fundraising event. This will be an online ZOOM Meeting All welcome! - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89290803535?pwd=c05hWk9NMjVuUW02KzVSRnAxT0hVZz09>

**SunSmart at St Mark's** - In accordance with our SunSmart Policy at St Mark's, a reminder that school hats are to be worn by all students for all outside activities in Term 4. Students can choose to wear either the School Legionnaire's Hat or the Bucket Hat. Hats are available for purchase from PSW – 2/283 Rex Rd, Campbellfield, 9303 7845 or [www.psw.com.au](http://www.psw.com.au). Please ensure hats are labelled with your child's name. **Grade 5/6 students will be permitted to wear their special Camp Cap for the remainder of the year.**

**Hats For Sale** – There are a limited number of School Bucket Hats available for sale at the Office for \$13.00.

**Summer Uniform** – All students are to wear Summer Uniform in Term 4. Uniforms are available for purchase from PSW – 2/283 Rex Rd, Campbellfield, 9303 7845 or [www.psw.com.au](http://www.psw.com.au). Please ensure you label all items of clothing with your child's name.

**St Mark's School Uniform**

Families are reminded that students are required to be attired in correct school uniform at all times, including the correct school hat in Terms 1 & 4. Below is a list of all items. We understand that due to circumstances, there are times that students need to wear different items of clothing. When this is the case, please advise your child's class teacher in writing. In the event of a student being out of uniform without notification, an Out Of Uniform Notice will be sent home by class teachers.

	Male	Female
<b>Summer Uniform</b>	Light Blue short sleeved shirt Navy blue shorts Black leather shoes Navy blue ankle socks School hat with logo <b>Optional</b> - Navy blue knit jumper with embroidered logo Hair Ties – Navy	Maroon/White/Navy Dress Black leather shoes White ankle socks School hat with logo <b>Optional</b> - Navy blue knit jumper with embroidered logo Hair Ties – Navy or matching dress HeadBands - Navy or matching dress  <b>NOTE: Long legged Leggings are not to be worn beneath dresses - Short legged Bike Shorts under dress are ok</b>
<b>Sport Uniform</b>	Navy blue Tracksuit pants/shorts/skort Navy blue Crew Neck Windcheater (or Bomber Jacket) Short or long sleeved polo shirt White socks Runners School hat with logo (T1 & 4)	

**Class Groupings for 2022** – We are currently in the process of developing our class groupings for 2022. Please contact me in writing with regards any issues that we need to be aware of that may impact on your child's learning in 2022 – [principal@smfawkner.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@smfawkner.catholic.edu.au)

**Intentions for 2022** – It's hard to believe that we are currently in the process of preparing our class structures for 2022. To assist, we need to know if any students (other than Gr 6's) will be leaving St Mark's at the end of 2021. If your child will not be returning to St Mark's in 2022 can you please inform me in writing as soon as possible.

I am conscious that for some children and their families the coming weeks, as we transition back to onsite learning, may be difficult due to safety concerns. Please know that all recommended safety measures will be in place when students return. The wellbeing of all children, staff and community members remains the number one priority. Please contact me or your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

For the foreseeable future many restrictions will remain in place at St Mark's. I will continue to keep families informed over coming weeks so that we can continue to work together to ensure the safety of our children and each other. Thank you for your continued patience, understanding and support.

I encourage everyone to remain vigilant and to follow the Government and DHS guidelines we currently have in place. It's so important that we all do the right thing to keep each other safe.

If for any reason you need to enter a school building while onsite, **you must sign in using our QR Code**, wear your face mask and continue to socially distance. We ask that parents minimise their time onsite and continue to sign in and out using our Passtab if there is a need to enter school buildings.

Should you have any concerns relating to school operations, or the health and safety of students, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your patience, understanding and support.

As a community we continue to follow all the procedures and protocols of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd (MACS). Advice from the DHHS is that if a student or member of the community is unwell for any reason, **they should get tested and then remain at home until they receive their results. Please do not leave your house for any reason until you receive your results.** Further information on COVID-19 is available on the DHHS Website - [www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](http://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.

## 2021 Sacrament Dates

**First Eucharist –Grade 4's – Wednesday November 24<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm**

**Confirmation – Friday November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm**

## SCHOOL FEES

Just a gentle reminder that payment of school fees is due on the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021. If you are experiencing any financial hardship please contact Mr. Peter Wilson to discuss.

## Birthdays

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

Date	Name	LA	Date	Name	LA
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Tiana	7	7 <sup>th</sup> November	Zac	10
8 <sup>th</sup> November	Imogene	5			

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 4, 2021****NOVEMBER**

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2.00pm	Steps 2 Prep Session #1
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Steps 2 Prep Session #2
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Day	
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.40am	St Mark's Remembrance Day Service – Details to be advised
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Mercy College Transition Evening
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Steps 2 Prep Session #3
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	2021 Preps Orientation Session
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	

**DECEMBER**

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6.00pm	Christmas Carols & Family Picnic – TO BE CONFIRMED
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Penola Catholic College Orientation Day	
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Parade College Orientation Day	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Academy of Mary Immaculate Yr7 2022 Orientation Day	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Government Secondary Colleges Orientation Day	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Simonds College 2022 Yr7 Orientation Day	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Yr6 End of Year Excursion	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Semester 2 Reports go home today	
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Step Up 2022 Classes Orientation Session
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Graduation Mass & Celebration
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	End of Year Mass – Details to be advised
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	11.50am	Yr6 Farewell Assembly – Details to be advised
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Final Day of Semester 2 - Students Dismissed @ 1.30pm	
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	

## Learners Of The Week

Learning Area	Name
<b>Prep</b>	Christina- for being persistent when writing. You have been trying very hard to add detail into your writing. You have been writing some brilliant stories. Well done!
<b>LA4</b>	Poppy - for her fantastic enthusiasm and persistence when solving challenging maths sharing problems.
<b>LA5</b>	Alessia - for being a persistent learner during Bookmaking. It is fantastic to see the commitment you are showing towards the improvement of your writing. Keep up the great work.
<b>LA7</b>	Sakhipreet - for making an excellent return to onsite learning and showing respect towards your teachers and peers. It has been great to see the way in which you are stretching your learning through your Genius Hour Project, where you are investigating a variety of ways to design and create a model of a house. Keep up the fantastic effort!
<b>LA8</b>	Zak - for being a persistent learner showing commitment to both remote and onsite learning. You show great respect to your peers and teachers by always following instructions and working to the best of your ability.
<b>LA9</b>	Olivia - for being a pleasure to teach during remote learning as you'd displayed great resilience, persistence and courage throughout all of your online sessions. Further, you responsibly posted your weekly tasks on Seesaw. You've also returned onsite with a positive and respectful attitude.
<b>LA10</b>	Jersey - for demonstrating the disposition of being courageous. You have taken on many challenges to make great gains in your learning. Keep up the great work!
<b>ITALIAN</b>	Sadhana LA9 - you are being recognised for the disposition of Reflective. Your Jamboard task summarising all the great learning you achieved in Italian was extremely impressive. FANTASTICO!

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this week's Gospel reading, we read about how Jesus witnessed an amazing act of service by a poor widow. While rich people gave large sums of money which they could afford to the authorities, the poor widow gave all the money she had.

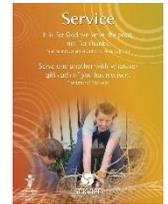
This act of service by the poor widow is reminder for us today to reflect on what we can do to show our genuine love for others, therefore enacting our Mercy Value of Service.

### Gospel- Mk 12:41-44

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

*The Gospel of the Lord*



### A Prayer to Love and Serve

Lord Jesus,

*In Your call to love and serve,  
help us to respond in times of need.  
May we extend our hearts with love,  
and our hands and feet to serve.  
Let Your example of service  
be in our hearts and minds,  
as we demonstrate our love and  
acts of service each day.*



### Celebration of Confirmation and First Eucharist

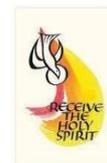
We are excited to advise that dates have been set for the celebration of both First Eucharist and Confirmation

Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on:

**Friday 19th November at 7.00pm** in St Mark's Church.

Sacrament of First Eucharist (for our Year 4 children) will be celebrated on:

**Wednesday 24th November at 7.00pm** in St Mark's Church.



We look forward to continuing preparations for these celebrations as part of the children's faith journey.

**Ms Dot Mash**  
RE Leader

# CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome back - due to limited availability, certain items are no longer available for the remainder of the year.

The canteen will commence operation on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**. Please make sure any orders placed, are clearly labelled with your child's name and class details. Refer to Modified Canteen List (see below) when ordering.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Ms Vicki



## ST MARK'S CANTEEN MODIFIED MENU 2021

### CANTEEN IS CLOSED ON MONDAYS

#### HOT FOOD

(available for lunch only)

- **Hot dog** 3.40
- **1/2 Hot dog** 1.80
- **Chicken Burger**
  - Lettuce & mayo only ✓ 3.80
  - Plain 2.80
  - Cheese extra 0.50
- **Lasagne** ✓ 5.50
- **Macaroni cheese** 5.50
- **Pizza** ✓ 3.30
  - Margarita
- **Sausage Roll - jumbo** 3.20
- **Party Pies** 1.25
- **Chicken Breast Nuggets** ✓ 1.00 *ea*

✓ 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

- Gingerbread bear 1.70
- Popcorn - butter 1.30
- Red Rock Deli Honey Soy Chips 1.20

**SAUCE .30c EXTRA**  
BBQ or TOMATO

**PLEASE NOTE DUE TO HEALTH REGULATIONS,  
FOOD BOUGHT FROM HOME IS NOT ALLOWED TO  
BE HEATED IN THE CANTEEN!**

#### ICY POLES

Lemonade Icy Pole \$1.20

Available at Lunch Time  
1st and 4<sup>th</sup> Terms only



LUNCH BAGS  
COST 20c  
EXTRA  
IF YOU  
DON'T  
PROVIDE  
ONE

#### DRINKS

PRIMAS - \$1.70

Orange  
Tropical

FLAVOURED MILK -  
\$2.40 ✓

Chocolate  
Strawberry

WATER - \$1.60 ✓



**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) 5.00 6.00

Plain Roll 1.00

Buttered 1.20

Vegemite 2.00 2.50

Cheese 2.50 3.10

Cheese and Lettuce 2.80 3.40

Tuna 2.80 3.30

Tuna and Lettuce 3.20 3.80



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



# Come and Try 6th Nov 2021



Looking to get your kids involved in a fun, interactive sport? Try **Coburg Little Athletics** for children aged 5 to 15 years.

Visit [www.coburglac.com.au](http://www.coburglac.com.au) to find out how to register for a free trial and to book a place at our Come and Try day on Saturday 6th November 2021.

Enquiries to [coburglac@gmail.com](mailto:coburglac@gmail.com)