



WEEK 5 TERM 2 NEWSLETTER Wednesday 25th May 2022



Dear Families,

This Friday is the commencement of National Reconciliation Week. National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The dates for National Reconciliation Week remain the same each year; 27th of May to the 3rd of June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey - the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively. Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

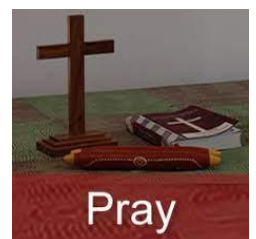
National Reconciliation Week is about celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's histories, cultures, journeys and stories and sharing that rich and vibrant heritage with other Australians. During Reconciliation Week we remember, reflect, acknowledge, accept, forgive, heal and celebrate stories and journeys. The theme for this year is '**Be Brave. Make Change**'.

As a Catholic community, we are committed to reconciliation and to working together to shape a future where diversity and justice are treasured. We stand together with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We are committed to reconciliation and to working towards a nation where diversity and justice are treasured, just as they are here at St Mark's. As people of Mercy, we are the future of Reconciliation. We pray that like us, the leaders of our nation can be people of reconciliation.

Prayer for Reconciliation Week

Lord, open our hearts so that we may
hear the message you teach
of a world in which the wrongs of the past
are recognised-
a world in which a reconciled people
walk and talk together sharing stories;
a world in which all burn with the desire
to have your peace and justice reign.
We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen



Walk Safely To School Day & Healthy Breakfast – Thanks to our Student Leaders and all who helped out last Friday morning with the Walk Safely To School and Healthy Breakfast. There was an excellent turn out and a lovely feel about the event as students, staff members and families continued the relationship building we all know is so important. I hope that this event leads to more regular walks, scoots and rides to school for our students and families.



Staff News – This week we welcome to St Mark's Signorina Antonella Catalano, our new Italian Teacher. Antonella comes to us highly recommended and will be working on Mondays and Tuesdays each week. We are very excited to have Antonella join us and we look forward to her sharing her gifts and talents with us to further enhance our community. Please keep our Literacy Leader, Di Manthos and her family in your prayers after the passing of her dear father, The Very Reverend Panagiotis Stylianopoulos, on Saturday. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. May perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

Kids Matter @ St Mark's Action Team Meeting Postponed – Due to unforeseen circumstances, the KM@SMAT Meeting scheduled for Friday May 27th needs to be postponed. Please join us at **9.30am on Friday June 3rd** in the Family Lounge for our next KM@SMAT Meeting where we will plan the Family Disco and Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser. All welcome!

Kids Matter @ St Mark's Action Team Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser – We will be conducting our Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser on Saturday June 18th, 8.00am-4.00pm at Bunnings Coburg. This is a fundraiser that can potentially raise \$2000 for our children that will be put towards our Science, Technology, Maths and Engineering (STEM) Program. It is also a great way to promote our wonderful school in the local community.

We require a minimum of 20 volunteers to run the stall for two hour sessions on the day, in groups of five (8-10am; 10am-12pm; 12-2pm; 2-4pm). Please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au to book in your slot. Please use the Booking Code - unjet

St Mark's Family Disco – Our Family Disco is fast approaching on Thursday June 23rd, 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 family members. All details will be sent home soon.

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 on Friday June 3rd at 9.30am in the Family Lounge.

Semester 1 Reports & Student Led Learning Conferences – Semester 1 Reports will go home to all families on Friday June 17th. Student Led Learning Conferences will be held on Tuesday June 21st 12.15-7.00pm and Wednesday June 22nd 3.45-5.00pm and **Students will be dismissed at 12.00pm on Tuesday June 21st. Aftercare is available.** These conferences will allow our students to talk about their learning, which we know is a great way to consolidate new knowledge. Bookings will open on Tuesday June 14th and 9.00am and close on Monday June 20th at 9.00am. A letter outlining all details will be sent home to all families soon.

Rapid Antigen Testing – As advised, RATs will continue to be required by students who are household contacts, to attend school (five negative tests over a seven-day period) or who have symptoms. The ongoing supply of RATs to families in our school will ensure that parents have tests on hand should they need them if their child is a household contact or has symptoms.

Families must continue to notify the Department of Health and the school if their child returns a positive RAT result. Additionally, you should inform us if any of your children are household contacts.

For the foreseeable future some restrictions will remain in place to keep us all safe. Parents are required to keep their time onsite for pick up to an absolute minimum and must socially distance while onsite. If unable to socially distance, please wear a face mask. 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.

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

Confirmation – Friday June 3rd at 7.00pm

First Eucharist – Sunday June 19th at 10.00am

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
26 th May	Noah	1	30 th May	Amelia	9

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 2, 2022		
MAY		
Friday 27 th	12.30pm	5/6 Interschool Sport – Round 4 V Moomba Park PS – Home Game
JUNE		
Wednesday 1 st	Confirmation Retreat Day	
Thursday 2 nd	School Photo Day – Winter Uniform	
Friday 3 rd	9.30am	KM@SMAT Meeting in Family Lounge
Friday 3 rd	12.30pm	5/6 Interschool Sport – Round 5 V Bell Vue PS – Away Game
Friday 3 rd	7.00pm	Celebration of Confirmation @ St Mark's
Tuesday 7 th	9.00am	Parish Mass (LA7)
Tuesday 14 th	9.00am	Parish Mass (LA8)
Tuesday 14 th	9.00am	Online Bookings open for Student Led Learning Conferences
Friday 17 th	1 st Eucharist Retreat Day	
Friday 17 th	Semester 1 Reports go home today	
Saturday 18 th	8.00am-4.00pm	St Mark's Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser - Coburg
Sunday 19 th	10.00am	Celebration of 1 st Eucharist @ St Mark's
Tuesday 21 st	12.00pm	Students Dismissed – Aftercare available
Tuesday 21 st	12.15-7.30	Student Led Learning Conferences
Tuesday 21 st	9.00am	Parish Mass (LA1)
Wednesday 22 nd	3.45-5.30	Student Led Learning Conferences
Thursday 23 rd	3.30pm	Final day for students – students dismissed at 3.30pm
Thursday 23 rd	6.00-7.30pm	St Mark's Family Disco – details to be advised
Friday 24 th	Staff Faith Development Day – No School For Students	

Learners Of The Week

Learning Area	Name
Prep	Julian - for showing courage when sounding out the words in your sentence. You have been doing an amazing job at using writing to communicate to others throughout the day especially when writing notes to the leprechaun.
LA4	Luniva - for working collaboratively with others. When working in a group you can be relied upon to ensure everyone feels included and you always encourage others to join in. Well done Luniva!
LA5	Isaac - for being a curious learner. Isaac, you showed curiosity when learning about olden day houses by writing an interesting story about people who lived in the past. Well done!
LA7	Stephanos - for showing curiosity when working in all areas of Mathematics. It has been great to see you approach challenging concepts with such a positive mindset and working hard towards achieving your goals. Keep up the fantastic work!
LA8	Luca for being a curious learner. You show great interest in the picture books read in class. Your questioning shows deep thinking and a genuine connectedness to the text. Well done and keep questioning.
LA9	Daniel, you have worked so resiliently during your learning by: acknowledging that the mistakes were not big problems; moving past any setbacks; taking on all challenges; and showing pride in your achievements. You are a terrific role model for others.
LA10	Campbell - reflecting on the story of the 3 Little Pigs and innovating on this fairytale. Well done on creating a very entertaining take on this story! Keep up the great writing!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Ascension of the Lord

This Sunday we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus into heaven. We read in the bible that Jesus met several times with his disciples after his resurrection to instruct them on how to carry out his teachings. He gave them his blessing before ascending to heaven.



Gospel Reading: Lk 24:46-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.



The Gospel of the Lord

FEAST OF MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS - MAY 24TH

The feast day to Mary, Help of Christians is celebrated on the 24th May and has been celebrated in Australia since 1844. Australia was the first nation to choose Mary under the title *Help of Christians* and is known as Australia's Patron.

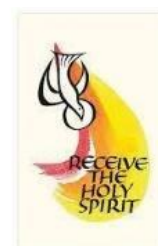
Mary Help of Christians Prayer

*Almighty God, deepen in our hearts
our love of Mary Help of Christians.
Through her prayers and under her protection,
may the light of Christ shine over our land.
May Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace.
Grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens.
Bless especially the men and women
of the Australian Defence Force and their families.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.
Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.*



Celebration of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Friday 3rd June at 7.00 pm in St Mark's Church and will be led by Bishop Terry Curtin. As part of the preparations for this Sacrament, the Year 6 students will be attending a Retreat Day next Wednesday June 1st. On this day, Bishop Terry Curtin will visit the Year 6 students and have morning tea with our school staff. Please keep the children in your prayers as they continue preparations for this next step in their faith journey.



Sacrament of First Eucharist

The Sacrament of First Eucharist will be celebrated at St Mark's Church on Sunday 19th June at 10.00am. Please keep the children in your prayers as they begin preparations for this next step in their faith journey.



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



ASHTON SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

The latest catalogue has arrived. Orders are due by Wednesday 8th June 2022. A reminder to students/parents that all orders have to be made online.



KM@SMAT Update!

Annual School Disco - Our first family event will be held on Thursday 23 June 2022, where we will hold our annual disco for the children. As we have done in past years, we will offer pizza and drinks for sale with lots of fun things for the children to purchase to get into the disco feel! Look out for further details in the coming newsletters about this family fun event!

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 30 July 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



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Annual school photos including sibling photos will be taken at St. Mark's Catholic Primary School by Arthur Reed Photos on **Thursday 2nd June 2022**.

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 web shop.

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 2022 image code to link their images for the current year with your contact details.

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

Once registered, please wait for notification that 2022 images are online to view before making your purchase.

SCHOOL PHOTOS 2022 - Important Registration Information



School Photographs will be taken at

St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Thursday 2nd June 2022

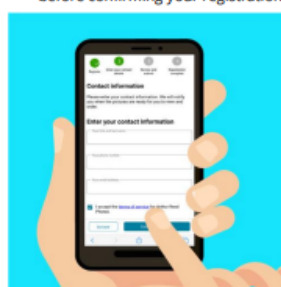
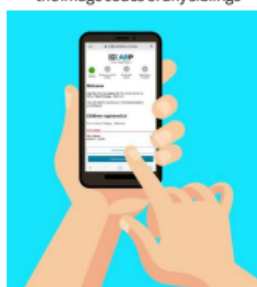
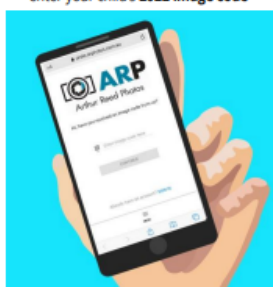
There is no need to return any forms or payment to school before photo day

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

When you receive the flyer with your child's 2022 image code

Follow these 3 simple steps -

- 1** Go to order.arphotos.com.au and enter your child's **2022 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 2022 images are ready to view in our secure webshop you'll be notified by email and SMS

****BEFORE ORDERING for 2022, please wait to receive notification that new images are online****

• **Order on any mobile device** • **Share the images with family & friends for FREE**

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5/6 Weekly Update

Hello everyone,

This week has been a good week full of lots of learning.

Last Friday was Walk to School Day. The sport captains, school captains, and school action team members helped to serve everyone breakfast when they got to school. It was a really great morning!

We competed against Glenroy Private school for interschool sports on Friday. It was a home game, so the netball players stayed at school and the football and soccer teams walked to Charles Mutton Reserve. Unfortunately the soccer and football teams lost their games but we are so excited for the netball players for winning both of their games! The mixed team won 16 to 1 and the girls team won 4 to 3! Congratulations netballers! Also thank you to Mr Wilson for umpiring the football game for us this week.



We have been continuing our inquiry learning about chemical change. We have been doing lots of experiments to learn about how and why chemical change happens. We have investigated using different bases and acids and exploring what happens when we change variables in an experiment. Yesterday we did an experiment using skittles and water. We saw how the water caused the colouring of the skittles to dissolve into the water which made a colourful pattern effect. We are learning how to write scientific reports to make a hypothesis, record what happened and make a conclusion about the chemical change.

By Shiloh and Zac.

Gardening club

Hi everyone,

The gardening club has had a very busy couple of weeks getting our plant boxes ready to plant our winter seedlings!

We are so thankful to Bunnings Coburg for donating a range of vegetable seedlings and bags of compost. We have nearly planted all of our winter vegetables. It has been a big job to get all of the plant boxes ready and the seedlings planted. The students in the gardening club have had so much fun learning how to plant seedlings and we have had lots of students showing enthusiasm about this process.

We'll keep you updated with how our plants are growing!



District Cross Country 2022 news

Congratulations to the following students who made it to the District Cross Country event which was held at Boeing Reserve Strathmore on Thursday 19th May 2022.



LA 9	LA 10	LA 7	LA 8
Tom	Ezalena	Hunter	Nicholas
Lucas	Sofia	Rain	Domenic
Diyenka		Tristan	Jordan
		Chiara	Onille
		Margaret	
		Sandali	

You made us all proud because you gave it your best.....Well done to all.

Mrs Daniela Lazzaro







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 #wonderrecyclingrewards** to share all your recycling champion stories!





DISCOVER MERCY OPEN DAY

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

Sunday 29th May- 10:00am

Monday 30th May- 9:30am or 6:00pm

Talk and tour takes approximately 90 minutes.

Book online or call 9319 9299

mercycoburg.catholic.edu.au



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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





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NETBALL SESSIONS

SUITABLE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

DATE	TIME
WED 25 MAY	3.45 - 4.45PM
WED 1 JUNE	LOCATION
WED 8 JUNE	CHARLES MUTTON
WED 15 JUNE	RESERVE, FAWKNER

Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to sign up for free!

For more information, visit netballvic.com.au or contact olivia.crawford@netballvic.com.au

REGISTER NOW



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

