

WEEK 7 TERM 2 NEWSLETTER Wednesday 8th June 2022

Dear Families,

We congratulate the 11 young members of our Parish who were Confirmed by Bishop Terry Curtin last Friday. This was a significant step in their faith journey where they were able to stand up and make a definite commitment to their faith. Bishop Terry once again urged us to - "never underestimate what the Holy Spirit can do through you". We are challenged daily to do what we know is right, even when doing the right thing is difficult. I pray that we all open our hearts and allow the Holy Spirit to continue to guide us and to work through us in our interactions with others.

We thank Bishop Terry and Fr Colin for their leadership. Many thanks to our Religious Education Leader and 5/6 teacher Ms Dorothy Mash, Parish Catechists Sarina Fragapane and Josephine and our 5/6 teachers Ms Emma Crotty and Mrs Daniela Lazzaro and LSO's Ms Chloe Miller and Ms Sue Clark for all of their hard work in preparing the children. Also thank you to our wonderful staff members who came along to help out and support.

Please Note: Confirmation Certificates will be presented at Assembly this Friday, June 10th at 9.00am.



Kids Matter @ St Mark's Action Team Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser – We will be conducting our Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser on Saturday May 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. Thank you to those people who have already volunteered for a session on the day and to those who have donated drinks, napkins, sauces, etc.

We still require the following please:

Prep Families – Tomato, Mustard & BBQ Sauce

Yr 1/2 Families – Napkins

Yr 3/4 Families – Cans of Soft Drink – Coke, Fanta, Lemonade, Lift/Lemon

Yr 5/6 Families – 600ml Bottles of Water

We still require volunteers for the 10.00am, 12.00pm and 2.00pm time slots please.

Many thanks to Davies Bakery, Campbellfield who has generously donated all the bread we need for the day.

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 contact the Office.

St Mark's Family Trivia Night – I'm very pleased to advise that we will be hosting our first St Mark's Trivia Night in several years on Saturday August 20th, 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 and will be provided closer to the event.

St Mark's Whole School Performance – Save the Date – Plans and preparations are well under way for our **Whole School Performance on the evening of Thursday October 27th** in the Auditorium at Penola Catholic College, Broadmeadows. Our students and staff will spend the last five weeks of Term 3, and the first 3 weeks of Term 4 preparing for this exciting night. It promises to be a wonderful community event where our children will entertain us with their singing and dancing skills. This will be an event not to be missed, so please put this date in your diary now. All details will be provided in Term 3.

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.

Students will be dismissed at 12.00pm on Tuesday June 21st. Aftercare is available.

These conferences will allow our students to present their learning to their family, 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 booking details will be sent home to all families today.

Holiday Program @ St Mark's – Youth Leadership Victoria has advised that they will be offering a Holiday Program at St Mark's, commencing these coming holidays. The program will be open from 7.00am-6.00pm each day. A flier outlining all details will go out to all families very soon via our SeeSaw and Skoolbag Apps.

School Assembly in Term 3 – Assemblies in Term 3 will be held at 2.45pm on Fridays. There will be occasions when Assemblies will be held in the morning. One such occasion is the Father's Day Assembly which will be held straight after Father's Day Breakfast on Friday September 2nd.

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.**

Chicken care over the Term Holidays – We require assistance with looking after our chickens over the coming holidays please. Ideally we need families who could take on the task for a week at a time. The chickens will need someone to come in every couple of days to ensure they have plenty of food and water. If you would like to help out, please leave your name at the office and I will be in touch to explain the procedure. Thank you.

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. A new box of RATs will be sent home with all students tomorrow.

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

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
11 th June	Verona Valentina	5	14 th June	Maya	1
14 th June	Nirvan	7			

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		
JUNE		
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	
TERM 3, 2022		
JULY		
Monday 11 th	8.45am	Term 3 Commences for all Students
Friday 15 th	9.00am	KM@SMAT Meeting in Family Lounge
Friday 15 th	2.45pm	Assembly – Host TBA
Wednesday 20 th	11.30am	Gr 4's Attending Penola Catholic College Production
Friday 22 nd	2.45pm	Assembly – Host TBA
Wednesday 27 th	6.00pm	School Advisory Council Meeting
Friday 29 th	2.45pm	Assembly – Host TBA
AUGUST		
Monday 1 st	Gr 3/4 Chemical Science Incursion	
Friday 5 th	2.45pm	Assembly – Host TBA
Tuesday 9 th	7.00pm	1 st Reconciliation Family Session
Friday 12 th	2.45pm	Assembly – Host TBA
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 – Host TBA
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 – Host TBA
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 – Host TBA

Learners Of The Week

Learning Area	Name
Prep	Frankie - for being a resilient learner when we were playing the word game. You did an amazing job at sounding out the word and showing team spirit. Great job superstar!
LA4	George - for reflecting on what qualities a good friend has and sharing his beliefs and great ideas with his classmates. Well done George!
LA5	Courtney - for being a curious learner. Courtney, you have shown your curiosity through the interesting questions you have asked when we were learning to write for an audience. Well done!
LA7	Nirvan - for demonstrating confidence when delivering your Genius Hour Oral Presentation to the class. Your talk was very easy to follow and engaging for the audience. A fantastic effort!
LA8	Shiloh - for being resilient through our interschool sports tournament. You continually bounced back when faced with challenging situations and showed great sportsmanship. We are very proud of you!
LA9	Elina, you collaborated respectfully and effectively with your peers during the 'co-operation' task in SEL. Well done sharing roles, providing ideas and listening to others in order to achieve your group's goal.
LA10	Zac - Well done on reflecting on your innovated text by adding more detail and carefully editing to correct spelling and grammar errors. Keep up the great writing! Najet - for being persistent when editing your writing. Well done on independently using your knowledge about sounds to have a go at writing challenging words.

Family Week at St Mark's

To celebrate our wonderful families here at St Mark's, we are organising the following activities to celebrate Family Week.

Family Activity- Photo or drawing of your family

Today we will send home with the eldest child a photo frame (on paper). You are invited to work in collaboration to draw or add a photo of your family to the photo frame.



Please return your family photo frame to school by Friday June 17th so that we can display these in the Family Lounge.

Fundraiser for CatholicCare

CatholicCare is an agency which provides support for families and communities throughout Australia. We look forward to organising a fundraising event before the end of this term to help support this important organisation.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Trinity Sunday

This Sunday our Church celebrates Trinity Sunday. This day celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Trinity, the three Persons of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel reading, Jesus tells his disciples that, "...when he, the Spirit of truth, has come, he will guide you into all truth..."

The "**Spirit of Truth**" is God's Spirit that was with the disciples and is with us now. God's Spirit is that voice that speaks within us and guides us each and every day.

Gospel Reading: Jn 16:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I still have many things to say to you
but they would be too much for you now.
But when the Spirit of truth comes
he will lead you to the complete truth,
since he will not be speaking as from himself
but will say only what he has learnt;
and he will tell you of the things to come.
He will glorify me,
since all he tells you
will be taken from what is mine.
Everything the Father has is mine;
that is why I said:
All he tells you
will be taken from what is mine.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Sacrament of Confirmation

We would like to congratulate the candidates for preparing so well for their Confirmation. Thank you to the families for working in partnership with us to prepare the children for this next step in their faith journey. The receiving of the Sacrament of Confirmation recognises the newly confirmed as full members of the Catholic Church. The candidates should be proud of themselves, particularly with responding so positively when renewing their Baptismal Promises. A special thanks to Bishop Terry for celebrating the Mass and to Fr Colin for all his work in supporting the candidates as they prepared for the sacrament.

Last Wednesday the children gathered for a Retreat Day, which involved attending the Parish Mass, meeting with Bishop Terry Curtin and participating in different forms of prayer and activities related to Confirmation.



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 continue 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.

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.

School Disco – Please ensure that the return slips and payment for the School Disco are in an envelope.

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 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

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!



5/6 Weekly Update

Hi St Mark's community,

We have had a great week in year 5/6.

On Friday we had our last interschool sports game for the year. We are proud of the Soccer and mixed netball teams because they won their games. The mixed netball team might be going to the semi finals which is very exciting.



We also had our Reconciliation Week assembly on Friday to finish celebrating Reconciliation Week. The Student Action Team members spoke about all the things we have been learning about in class that relate to Reconciliation Week. We have really enjoyed learning about Reconciliation Week and acknowledging all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their culture.

On Thursday we had our school photos. It was a busy day and we had to take lots of photos. We got to take a whole school picture which we have not been able to do since 2019. We can't wait to see what they look like.



The grade 6's had their confirmation retreat day on Wednesday. It was a fantastic day filled with lots of activities. Bishop Terry came to talk with us about Confirmation and told us stories about his childhood. We did an art activity and created a dove image using crayons and cotton balls. We had a delicious pasta and pizza lunch served by Luce and... We would like to say thank you to all the staff that made this day possible! Congratulations to the 11 students who celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation on Friday night. We hope you feel closer to God and continue to live your life in a positive and peaceful way.

By Alena and Demiana.



St Marks Cafe

For Genius Hour this term I am making a cafe. My Cafe will be opening next Monday.

The Open Times Of My Cafe Are:

Lunch - First Half

Recess - Second Half

After School (only on Monday, Wednesday and Friday) - 3:30pm - 3:45pm

The Drinks I will Be Selling:

Coffee - \$2.50

Tea - \$2.50

Hot Chocolate - \$2.50

Extras

Marshmallows - 50c

Whipped Cream - 75c

I hope to see many people at my Cafe on Monday

By Aranya In LA8



ST MARK'S BUNNINGS BBQ

When - Saturday 18th June

Where - Coburg Bunnings

Time - All day (from 8am)



We are asking that each year level donates items that are required for the Bunnings BBQ. Any donations would be greatly appreciated as this will help make the day a very successful fundraiser and community event. A basket will be left in the foyer for donations to be stored.

PREP families
Tomato Sauce
Mustard sauce
BBQ sauce
Year 1 /2 families
Napkins
Year 3 /4 families
Cans of soft drink - Coke, Fanta, Lemonade, Lift/Lemon
Year 5 /6
Water - 600ml

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!



Mercy Creative Arts Holiday Program Term 2 Holidays



Years 4 to 6 Girls Holiday Program

If you love to read, write and perform, come along to
our Creative Workshop and ignite your passion for
Literacy and The Arts!

10.00am - 3.00pm Monday 27 June 2022

First Monday of Term 2 Holidays

Mercy College
760 Sydney Road, Coburg 3058
Morning Tea and Lunch will be provided

Register online at
<https://www.trybooking.com/BZVRB>
Cost \$20

If you require any further information please contact the College on
9319 9299



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GLENROY CAMPUS

Year 7-8

35 William Street,
Glenroy VIC 3046

BROADMEADOWS CAMPUS

Year 9-12

29 Gibson Street,
Broadmeadows VIC 3047

Book a Principal's Tour Today

02 TERM

Thurs	9 Jun	6pm	Glenroy
Tues	21 Jun	9am	Glenroy
Wed	22 Jun	6pm	Glenroy

To register your attendance visit our College website
WWW.PENOLA.VIC.EDU.AU





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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COME AND TRY
NETBALL SESSIONS

SUITABLE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

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

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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



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