



WEEK 7 TERM 3 NEWSLETTER Wednesday 25th August 2021

Dear Families,

Welcome to Week 7 everyone. Over recent weeks I've really enjoyed popping into Google Meets and visiting the class SeeSaw pages to check in on the children and share in their learning. We continue to be so proud of the children of St Mark's for the way they get on with things and make the best of the circumstances. It's lovely to witness the joy they take from their achievements. Our children embody enthusiasm and optimism as they go about life in such a positive way and are an inspiration to us all.

This current lockdown is very challenging for many of our families, and I encourage everyone to stay connected with your child's teachers and LSO's by asking questions and seeking support. There may be times that teachers will phone you to check in on your child. For privacy reasons, teachers will set their phone so that it does not show the caller ID. Please be aware that there may be times that you will receive a call from a Private Number, so please be conscious that it may be your child's teacher or a staff member from the school. Also, the school has now converted to our new phone number so the number 8335 4100 may show up on your phone.

Thanks to all families for all you are doing and for your ongoing support and patience. It has been very encouraging to receive the messages of support you share with us on a regular basis. I also thank our amazing staff who are working so hard to make this challenging time such a positive experience for our children.

Families may be aware that over the weekend the Chief Health Office made the recommendation that primary school children may like to wear a face mask when at school. At this stage this is a recommendation, and not a requirement. Families of those children who are attending onsite during this current lockdown may choose for their child to wear a mask while onsite. If so, these families are asked to provide the face mask.

St Mark's Arts Show – Our Bi-Annual Art Show, which is coming up in Week 9, will take on a different format this year due to current restrictions. Our Arts Show Committee is working hard behind the scenes to put together a display that will showcase all the wonderful Visual and Performing Arts learning that has been taking place at St Mark's. This year the Arts Show will be a virtual Art Show that will be filmed and shared as a YouTube Link with all families via SeeSaw and Skoolbag. We may not be able to gather physically to share and celebrate your talented children's artwork, but we certainly can be innovative and adapt to the challenges we are confronted with daily. I encourage all families to access the link and enjoy the show. More details will be provided closer to the event.

I encourage everyone to remain vigilant and to follow the Government and DHS guidelines we currently have in place. I am aware that there have been a number of exposure sites in the North Coburg and Fawkner area, and surrounding suburbs in recent days. A full list of exposure sites and requirements can be found at - <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/exposure-sites> It's so important that we all do the right thing to keep each other safe and to enable the return to onsite learning as soon as possible.

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.

2022 Prep Enrolments – Please tell your friends that there are still places available for Prep 2022 at St Mark's. I am available for School Tours, which can be booked through the Office on 8335 4100.

Update on New COVID Restrictions - All staff and visitors to St Mark's are required to wear a face mask while onsite, unless there is an exemption. 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. When onsite learning returns, Drop Off & Pick Up arrangements will remain unchanged, with all students being dismissed at 3.30pm. 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 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 – To be advised

Confirmation – Thursday September 2nd at 7.00pm - CANCELLED

Birthdays

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

Date	Name	LA	Date	Name	LA
29 th August	Jolyana	5	31 st August	Erin	7

Learners Of The Week

Learning Area	Name
Prep	<p>Savannah - for showing courage when reading challenging words during your reading sessions. You showed a lot of persistence and you should be very proud.</p> <p>Amani - for showing courage when sharing your toys on Google Meets. You have done a great job at speaking clearly and waiting your turn to speak. Well done.</p>
LA4	Jaylarni - for your persistence and courage to complete remote learning tasks has been fantastic, especially your SEL bucket filler work and your Religion reflection about Mary. Well done Jaylarni!
LA5	Orlando - for being a curious and persistent learner. You always show enthusiasm towards your work, persist, even when tasks are hard, and apply your learning to all tasks that you complete. Keep up the amazing work.
LA7	Ana - for showing great respect for your learning. You are consistently on time to meetings, well prepared for the learning tasks and are always willing to share your ideas during discussions at our Google meetings. Keep up the positive attitude!
LA8	AJ - for being a curious learner. You are always providing us with the facts and contributing class discussions. Your commitment to extend your learning is commended.
LA9	Clare - for being resilient and attacking the concept of arrays in multiplication. Your desire to grasp the novel concept of rows and columns is commendable and depicts the respect you have for your own learning. What a fabulous growth mindset!
LA10	Emily - for being so persistent and so resilient, completing all tasks to the best of your ability throughout Remote Learning. You should be congratulated with the way you problem solve by finding ways to bounce back when you are faced with challenges.
ITALIAN	<p>Jaidyn P - LA5, for being PERSISTENTE. You have followed the Italian online lessons about "La Famiglia" and you have demonstrated some fine learning through your correctly labelled drawing of your own family members. Your effort was FANTASTICO!!</p> <p>Luca - LA7, for demonstrating CORAGGIO. You really extended yourself by writing some excellent sentences about your morning routine. You followed my examples in Italian perfectly (and you actually improved them with illustrations!) PERFETTO!</p>

God Bless,

Peter Wilson, Principal

‘The St Mark’s Catholic Primary School, Fawkner Community promotes the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.’

TERM 3, 2021		
AUGUST		
Friday 27 th	Book Week Celebrations – details have been shared via SeeSaw	
Tuesday 31 st	9am-1pm	St Mark's Athletics Sports @ Parker Reserve - CANCELLED
SEPTEMBER		
Wednesday 1 st	Confirmation Retreat Day - CANCELLED	
Thursday 2 nd	7.00pm	Celebration of Confirmation @ St Mark's - CANCELLED
Friday 3 rd	8.45am	Return to Onsite Learning – To be confirmed
Friday 3 rd	7.30am	Father's Day Breakfast - CANCELLED
Friday 3 rd	9.00am	Father's Day Assembly – Hosted by Gr5/6's - ONLINE
Sunday 5 th	Happy Father's Day	
Thursday 9 th	3.30-6.30pm	St Mark's Art Show – To Be Confirmed
Friday 10 th	2.45pm	Assembly hosted by Drumbeat Program - CANCELLED
Wednesday 15 th – Friday 17 th	Gr 5/6 Camp to The Ranch – Cape Schanck – To Be Confirmed	
Friday 17 th	Final day for students – students dismissed at 3.30pm	
OCTOBER		
Monday 4 th	8.45am	Term 4 Commences
Thursday 7 th	Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd School Improvement Surveys Opens	
Thursday 28 th	Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd School Improvement Surveys Close	

OFFICE NEWS

Please note the school phone number is now **8335 4100**. Please update your records with this number.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this week's Gospel we read about a time when Jesus met with many people, including his disciples and talked to them about following God. The message that Jesus is giving us from this story is to always choose to love, with all our heart, what is good and to reject what is bad and know that God is with us everywhere, in every moment of each day.

Gospel- Mk 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service,
while their hearts are far from me.
The worship they offer me is worthless,
the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

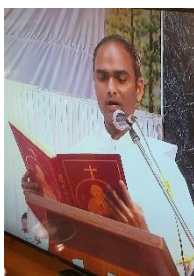
He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean.

The Gospel of the Lord

Deacon Michael's Ordination to the Priesthood

Congratulations to Deacon Michael who was ordained a priest during Mass last Saturday at Sacred Heart Parish, in Yervada, Pune, India. Deacon Michael spent some time this year at St Mark's Parish as he continued his studies in Melbourne. We were fortunate to have him attend our Beginning of School Year Mass in February.

We wish him every blessing as he begins his vocation as a priest and continues his missionary work overseas.



Prayer for Newly Ordained Priests

Gracious and loving God,
we thank you for the gift of our priests.
Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.
Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.
Set their souls on fire with love for your people.
Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and the strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.
Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.
Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.
Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.
Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.
Amen.

Ms Dot Mash

RE Leader



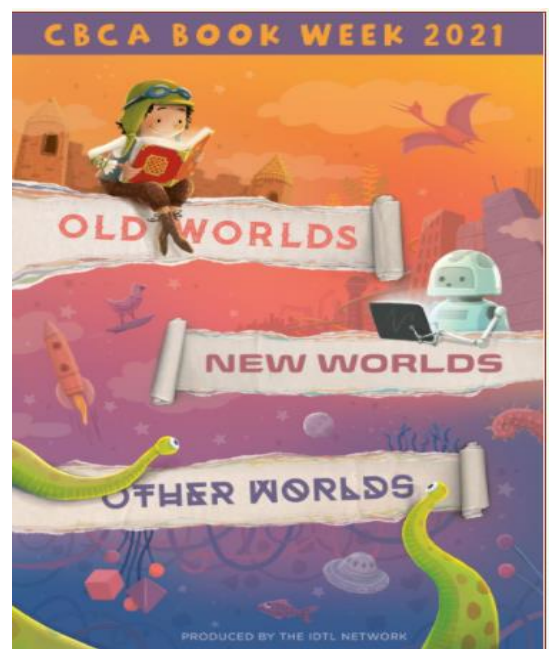


ST MARK'S BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS

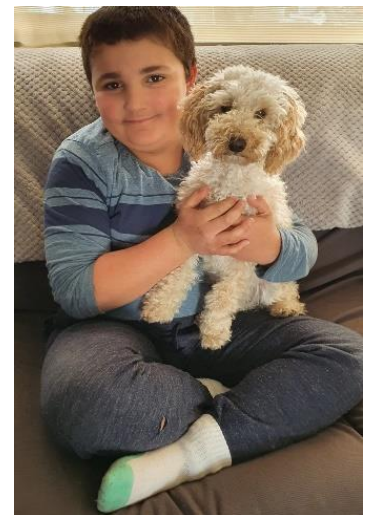
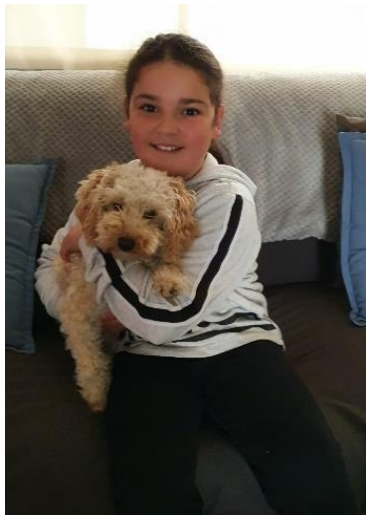
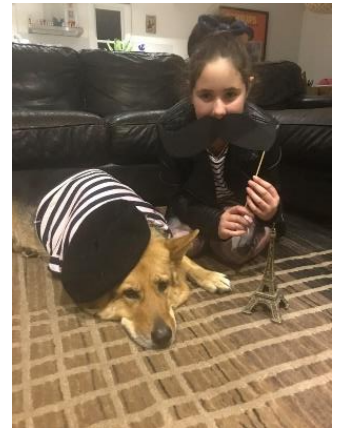
FRIDAY 27TH AUGUST-9am

To celebrate this year's Book Week we will have a dress up day on Friday 27th August. Please come to the morning Google Meet dressed up as your favourite book character. If you can't find a costume at home please bring your favourite book to the Google Meet.

Ms Alison would love you to send her a photo of you dressed up.



ST MARK'S PET SHOW WINNERS



CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

FUN Friday

Prep's Challenge

Cubby Houses and Forts





LOST & FOUND

There are two puffer jackets that have been handed in to the office. There are no names on them, one is black and one is blue. Please contact the office if they belong to you.




SCHOOL FEES

Just a gentle reminder that payment of school fees was due on the 6th August 2021. If you are experiencing any financial hardship please contact Mr. Peter Wilson to discuss.



Thank you to everyone who collected bread bags and tags. St Mark's has been rewarded with 1000 points which will be used to replenish our sports equipment. WELL DONE! Thanks again for all your hard work.

Mrs Daniela Lazzaro

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