



## WEEK 7 TERM 4 NEWSLETTER Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Families,

Welcome to Week 7 everyone. This week our Prep-2 students are participating in their Water Awareness Program at Fawkner Leisure Centre. This is our first Water Awareness Program since 2019. Students are to be congratulated for the way they have embraced this learning opportunity with enthusiasm and energy. In a country like Australia, where we have a warm climate and such an active outdoor lifestyle, the ability to stay safe in and around water is vital. At St Mark's we are committed to providing opportunities for our students to develop the skills they require to lead a healthy, active and safe life. Many thanks to our Staff members and volunteers who enable our students to enjoy this experience by supervising and assisting to keep them safe.

**2022 Mercy Spirit Award** - A reminder that nominations close this Friday November 18<sup>th</sup>. It's been lovely to read the nominations we have already received. It is evident that the Mercy Spirit is alive and well at St Mark's. This award will be presented at our Farewell Assembly on Friday December 16<sup>th</sup> at 11.50am.

**ABC Music Concert** - Families are welcome to join us on Friday November 18<sup>th</sup> at the 9.00am Assembly for our annual ABC Music Concert where our talented ABC Music students will entertain us. All welcome!

**St Mark's School Christmas Carols** - The School Christmas Carols will be held at **2.00pm on Thursday December 1<sup>st</sup>**. Family members are invited to come along and enjoy the Christmas Carols at 2.00pm.

**Thank you** to Aldo Sepe and Mario Sansotta for offering to pick up the Portable Stages from Penola College's Glenroy Campus for our Christmas Carol Performance. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**St Mark's Parish Christmas Carols** - St Mark's Parish Christmas Carols will be held on the evening of Friday December 9<sup>th</sup> in St Mark's Church. More details to follow. Fr Colin extends a warm invitation to all families to attend and join in this wonderful Parish event.

**St Mark's Parish Christmas Eve Family Mass** - Fr Colin has asked me to extend an invitation to all families to attend the St Mark's Parish Christmas Eve Family Mass on Saturday December 24<sup>th</sup> in St Mark's Church. Thank you to the families who have volunteered to be part of the re-enactment of the Nativity. **Fr Colin is also looking for an adult to co-ordinate this event. If you can assist, please contact the Parish Office on 9359 3111 or leave your name at the school Office and the school will pass it on.**

**St Mark's 2023 Staffing** - It is planned that staffing for 2023 will be finalised soon. A full 2023 Staffing List will be published in an upcoming Newsletter.

**Kids Matter @ St Mark's Action Team State Election BBQ & Bake Sale Fundraiser** - On Saturday November 26<sup>th</sup> our KM@SMAT will be conducting a BBQ & Bake Sale Fundraiser from 8.00am-4.00pm here at St Mark's. This is a wonderful fundraising opportunity for our children. It is also a great way to promote our fantastic school in the local community. Thank you to the parents who have already volunteered to run the stalls. **We still require people to run the BBQ between 12-2pm and 2-4pm.** Please contact the Office, or go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) to book in your slot. Please use the Booking Code – 2seqa

**We also require volunteers to run the Bake Sale on the day please** and people to donate cakes and baked goods to be sold at the stall. The Bake Sale will commence at 9.00am and conclude when all goods are sold out (approximately 11.00am). Please contact the Office if you can assist. Instructions, a plate, plastic bag and Ingredients Sheet will be sent home with the oldest child in each family soon.

**STEM Play Pod Installation** - Planning is well underway for the installation of our STEM Play Pod. Our Play Pod will be stocked full of 'loose parts' that can be moved, manipulated, constructed, taken apart, carried, etc. in order to promote creativity, collaboration, imagination and ingenuity as part of our STEM learning.

The Play Pod will be paid for using the funds that our KM@SMAT has raised throughout the year through initiatives such as the Bunnings Fundraiser BBQ, Whole School Performance Raffle, Election Day BBQ & Bake Sale Fundraiser, Family Disco, Trivia Night, etc.

Below are some pics of a Play Pod from a nearby school that will give families an idea of what their contributions will go towards. I thank all those who have assisted in any way to enable this fantastic addition to our school for our children. We are planning to have the Play Pod installed early in 2023. We will be putting the call out for donations of items to stock our STEM Play Pod soon.



**Candle Ceremony** - This year we will be holding our Candle Ceremony on Wednesday December 7<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm in our Hall. At this ceremony our current student leaders will hand over the flame of leadership and responsibility to next year's student leaders. All members of our community are invited to join us.

**Helper's Morning Tea** - On Friday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am St Mark's staff will say thank you to our volunteers and helpers by hosting a Morning Tea at 9.30am straight after our Advent Liturgy at 9.00am. We would like all volunteers who have helped out at St Mark's this year, in any way, to join us. Please mark this date in your calendar. Through your generous actions volunteers enable rich learning to take place.

**COVID-19 Update** - Please continue to remain vigilant about preventing COVID-19 transmission. Any student who is unwell should continue to remain at home. This helps to keep staff and students healthy and well in our school and reduces the spread of both COVID-19 and other respiratory diseases. Parents and carers will be contacted if their child shows symptoms while at school. Students who wish to wear a mask should continue to do so. To keep our school as safe as possible, we will also continue to use air purifiers and other COVID-19 prevention measures. Thank you for your support in keeping our school community safe.

## Birthdays

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

| Date                      | Name    | LA | Date                      | Name    | LA |
|---------------------------|---------|----|---------------------------|---------|----|
| 16 <sup>th</sup> November | Rain    | 7  | 18 <sup>th</sup> November | Alessia | 4  |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> November | Domenic | 8  | 22 <sup>nd</sup> November | Declan  | 10 |

## 2023 Sacrament Dates

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| <b>First Eucharist Family Night</b> – Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> of May at 7.00pm                                     |
| <b>Celebration of First Eucharist</b> - Grade 4: Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> of June at 10.00am in St Mark's Church     |
| <b>Conformation Family Night</b> – Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> of July at 7.00pm                                      |
| <b>Celebration of Confirmation</b> - Grade 6: Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> of August at 6.00pm in St Mark's Church      |
| <b>Reconciliation Family Night</b> – Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> of August at 7.00pm                                   |
| <b>Celebration of Reconciliation</b> - Grade 3: Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> of September at 7.00pm in St Mark's Church |

## 2023 Grade 5/6 Camp

The Grade 5/6 Camp will be held at The Ranch, Boneo Rd, Cape Schanck from Wednesday November 8<sup>th</sup> - Friday November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. All details will be distributed to Gr5/6 families in 2023.

**Chicken Care over the coming Summer Holidays** - We require assistance with looking after our chickens over the coming summer 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.

## St Mark's, Parish - Advent & Christmas Events

### BRING OUT THE STAR IN YOU AT ST. MARK'S KARAOKE & DANCE PARTY!

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November

Doors open at 7:00pm

Venue: Hope Café at St. Mark's Church

Tickets: \$20 with dinner

Bookings: 0479 076 372

Email: [STMARKSC7@hotmail.com](mailto:STMARKSC7@hotmail.com)

RSVP: 22<sup>nd</sup> November

### RISE TO GLORY @ ST. MARK'S CHURCH

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - 7:00pm:

Come along for an exciting evening as we listen to an inspirational talk on the big screen and share with one another our faith journey! The Rise to Glory Group will be meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month at 7:00pm in the Hope Cafe. It's a place where people relate, discuss things spiritually, and grow in their relationship with Jesus. You're welcome to invite your friends to come along. Refreshments will be provided. Mobile: 0479 076 372. Email: [risetoglory7@hotmail.com](mailto:risetoglory7@hotmail.com)

### FREE MOVIE FOR CHILDREN @ THE HOPE CAFÉ

You are invited to an exciting movie on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December followed by games and refreshments

Movie: Nicholas - The Boy Who Became Santa

Venue: Hope Cafe @ St. Mark's Church

Time: 11:00am

Foods & drinks will be provided!

### ST. MARK'S SOCIAL COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT THE PASCOE VALE RSL

Date: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Time: 11:30 am - 2:30 pm

Tickets: \$30

Bookings: 0479 076 372

Email: [STMARKSC7@hotmail.com](mailto:STMARKSC7@hotmail.com)

RSVP & Payment: Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December

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 and commit to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

| TERM 4, 2022                                |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| NOVEMBER                                    |   |   |
| Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> | P-2 Swimming Program  |   |
| Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>                    | 9-11am  | St Mark's Playgroup in School Hall  |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>                     | 9.00am  | ABC Music Concert @ Assembly  |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>                     | Mercy College Yr7 2023 Orientation Day                      |   |
| Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>                    | 9-11am  | St Mark's Playgroup in School Hall  |
| Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>                   | 9.00am  | Prep 2023 Orientation Session #1  |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>                     | 9.00am  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent Liturgy – LA7 & LA8                                |
| Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>                   | Victorian State Election – Polling Booth @ St Mark's School |   |
| Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>                   | KM@SMAT Fundraiser BBQ & Bake Sale                          |   |
| Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>                     | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent                            |   |
| Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>                    | 9-11am  | St Mark's Playgroup in School Hall  |
| Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>                    | Parade College Solo Transition Morning                      |   |
| DECEMBER                                    |   |   |
| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>                    | 9.00am  | Prep 2023 Orientation Session #2  |
| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>                    | 2.00pm  | Christmas Carols  |
| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>                      | Penola Catholic College Orientation Day                     |   |
| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>                      | 9.00am  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Liturgy – LA4 & LA5 & ABC Music Concert @ Assembly |
| Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>                      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent                            |   |
| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>                     | Parade College Yr7 2023 Orientation Morning                 |   |
| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>                   | 2.30pm  | Candle Ceremony   |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>                    | Gr6 End of Year Excursion                                   |   |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>                      | 9.00am  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Liturgy – LA1                                      |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>                      | 9.30am  | Helper's Morning Tea  |
| Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>                     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent                            |   |
| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>                     | 9.15-10.15am  | Step Up 2023 Classes Orientation Session  |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>                    | Government Schools Yr7, 2023 Orientation Day                |   |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>                    | 6.00pm  | Gr6 Graduation Mass & Celebration   |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>                     | 11.50am   | Yr6 Farewell Assembly & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Liturgy – LA9 & LA10       |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>                     | 1.00pm  | Students Dismissed  |
| Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>                     | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent                            |   |

| 2023                       |   |   |
|----------------------------|---|---|
| JANUARY                    |   |   |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>    | Staff resume  |   |
| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>    | 8.45-11.30am  | Student Assessments - Day #1 for students with Surnames beginning A-L     |
| Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>   | 8.45-11.30am  | Student Assessments - Day #2 for students with Surnames beginning M-Z     |
| Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>   | 8.45am  | Prep Students Commence – Preps dismissed at 11.00am                       |
| FEBRUARY                   |   |   |
| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 8.45am  | Gr1-Gr6 Students Commence   |
| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>  | No School for Preps   |   |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>     | 9.00am  | <b>Beginning of School Year Mass – To Be Confirmed</b>                    |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>     | Preps Dismissed @ 3.30pm this week <b>(No school Wednesday)</b>                             |   |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>    | 12.00pm   | Students dismissed <b>(Aftercare available from 12.00pm)</b>              |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>    | 12.15-7.00pm  | Getting To Know You Meetings – Session #1                                 |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 3.45-5.00pm   | Getting To Know You Meetings – Session #2                                 |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>  | No School for Preps   |   |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>    | Preps Dismissed @ 3.30pm this week <b>(No school Wednesday)</b>                             |   |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> | No school for Preps   |   |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>  | 6.00-8.00pm   | Kids Matter @ St Mark’s Welcome Picnic in the Park @ Parker Reserve - BYO |
| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>    | Preps Dismissed @ 3.30pm this week <b>(No school Wednesday)</b>                             |   |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> | No school for Preps   |   |
| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>    | Preps commence Full Time this week (including Wednesday)                                    |   |
| MARCH                      |   |   |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>    | School Closure Day – Staff working on School Improvement Framework – No school for students |   |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>    | Labour Day Public Holiday   |   |
| Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>   | Harmony Day   |   |

## Whole School Performance Update

As advised in the Whole School Performance Program Booklet, Mr Renzo Beltrame, the father of our Performing Arts Teacher Lara Beltrame, very generously donated his time and equipment to film our wonderful performance. Renzo refused payment and simply asked that I display his Spa business logo in our Newsletter. For all your spa needs, contact Renzo at Just Spas, Sunshine.

**St Mark's Fawkner**

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## Learners Of The Week

| Learning Area | Name   |
|---------------|--|
| <b>Prep</b>   | <p>Preshika - for being a courageous learner during swimming lessons. You showed courage when getting in the water. Well done!</p> <p>Julian - for being a persistent learner when trying to make a go-kart in Discovery. You showed many problem solving strategies when it kept collapsing. Well done champ!</p> |
| <b>LA4</b>    | Taji - for being a persistent learner during writing. Congratulations on writing such an informative book about bees.  |
| <b>LA5</b>    | Ellie - for being persistent. Ellie, the way you persisted during swimming to be able to swim on your back was amazing to see. Well done!  |
| <b>LA7</b>    | Stephanos - for being a curious learner. It was fantastic to see you experiment with different ideas to produce your enrichment product for your zoo animal. Keep up the great work!   |
| <b>LA8</b>    | Nicholas - for being a curious learner and designing a climbing frame to meet the needs of the red panda. Great work!!   |
| <b>LA9</b>    | Jaylarni, the growth you've made in tackling multiplication and division demonstrates: your courage to give everything a go; your persistence to stick with new concepts even if they're tricky; and your resilience to bounce back even when the maths seems overwhelming.  |
| <b>LA10</b>   | Patrick - Well done on playing Maths games of Chance and Probability fairly and collaboratively with a partner.  |



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## Feast of Christ the King

This Sunday we celebrate the *Feast of Christ the King*, which is the week before the Church Season of Advent begins.

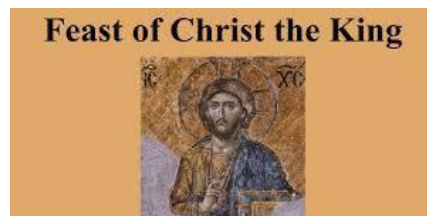
In the Gospel, we read about a choice Jesus made; when he could have saved himself from those who wanted to kill him, but he did not. Instead, Jesus made a choice to give his life for all of us because he loves us and wants us to follow God's plan- which we can do by taking care of our family members, friends and the needy in our local communities.

### Gospel Reading: Lk 23:35-43

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'



Feast of Christ the King

*Jesus*  
remember me  
when you come into your  
**KINGDOM**

The Gospel of the Lord

## PRAYER TO CHRIST THE KING

*Lord our God,  
You alone are the Most Holy King and Ruler of all nations.*

*We pray to You, Lord,  
in the great expectation of receiving from You,  
mercy, peace, justice and all good things.*

*Protect our families and the land of our birth.  
Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.*

*May Your spirit be with us as we continue God's work  
with our families, friends and wider community.*

*Amen*





# Advent Liturgies

The Church Season of Advent begins on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

Each year level will be preparing prayerful celebrations based on the themes of *Hope, Peace, Joy and Love*. We warmly invite you to come along and join in the celebrations.

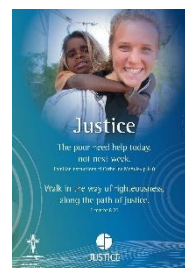
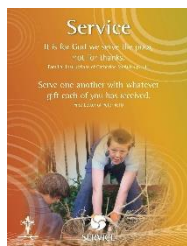
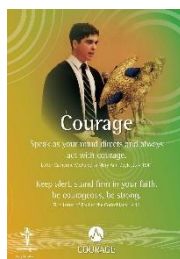


## Advent Liturgies Timetable

| Year Levels  | Date                                      |
|--------------|---|
| LA7 and LA8  | Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 9.00 am  |
| LA4 & LA5    | Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 9.00 am   |
| LA1          | Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 9.00 am   |
| LA9 and LA10 | Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 11.50 am |

## Saints Club News

The Saints Club will meet next week to discuss ideas for outreach to our local community. This will be a great opportunity to continue putting into action our Mercy Values.



**Ms Dot Mash**  
RE Leader

## Police Visit

As part of our Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) the students have been learning about Children's Rights and how to stay safe.

Each class had an education session run by the Police. The Prep to Year 2 students learnt about what the police do in our community and how we can keep safe by ringing 000. They all got to look inside a police car and dress up in a police uniform.

The year 3 - 6 students learnt about the importance of keeping safe when online. They learnt what to do if they feel unsafe when on a computer or ICT device and the importance of only being online with people they have met in person.









# Play Pod Items



We are looking for any families or local businesses that have loose parts to donate to fill our Play Pod. Some of these items include:

- Pipes
- Tyres
- Wooden off cuts
- Buckets
- Material
- Rope
- Electric spools



If you have items to donate please contact the office.

## 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 **MUST BE** signed in by their parent/guardian via the IPad located in the office foyer.



### SCHOOL FEES

Just a reminder that all school fees are due to be paid in full. If you are experiencing any financial hardship please contact the Principal.

### CANTEEN NEWS

Now available - **lunch time only** - lemonade icy poles \$1.50 each.



Thank you to those parents that have registered to use our online canteen ordering and for those that have placed orders. It is very pleasing to see that so far it has been a problem free transition to the new system and I hope over time more parents will get on board. Many thanks for your ongoing support of the canteen.

Kind Regards Vicki Smith (Canteen Manager)



**ST. MARK'S CATHOLIC PARISH  
9 LEE STREET, FAWKNER  
ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME 2022**



- 1<sup>st</sup> DEC (Thu): 10:45am** Carols & Anointing Service **Anzac Lodge.**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> DEC (FRI): 10:45am** Carols & Anointing Service **St. Basil's Nursing Home.**
- 6<sup>th</sup> DEC (TUE): 11:00am** **(NO 9:00am Mass)** Parish Anointing Mass followed by Luncheon in the Hope Café.
- 7<sup>th</sup> DEC (WED): 10:45am** Carols & Anointing Service **Regis Fawkner.**
- 8<sup>th</sup> DEC (THU): 9:00am** Feast of the Immaculate Conception.  
Mass at the Mural.
- 9<sup>th</sup> DEC (FRI): 7:00pm** Carols by Candlelight on the Church Grounds.
- 14<sup>th</sup> DEC (WED): 7:00pm** Parish Penitential Service & Sacrament of Reconciliation **(this is a great grace for Christmas).**
- 18<sup>th</sup> DEC (SUN): 11:00am** CHRISTMAS PARISH LUNCH IN THE HOPE CAFÉ.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> DEC (THU): 6:00pm** Hope Café Christmas Dinner.
- 24<sup>th</sup> DEC (SAT): CHRISTMAS EVE (NO 9:00am Mass)**  
**6:00pm** Christmas Carols  
**6:30pm** Family Christmas Mass  
**9:30pm** Christmas Carols  
**10:00pm** Christmas Night Mass
- 25<sup>th</sup> DEC (SUN): CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**10:00am** Christmas Day Mass  
**PLEASE NOTE: NO EVENING MASS**



**A VERY BLESSED CHRISTMAS!**

- 29<sup>th</sup> DEC (THU): 9:15am** Mass to celebrate Fr. Colin's Anniversary of Ordination followed by a Get-Together in the Hope Café.
- 31<sup>st</sup> DEC (SAT): EVE OF THE FEAST OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD.**  
**6:00pm** New Year's Eve Mass
- 1<sup>st</sup> JAN (SUN): NEW YEAR'S DAY**  
**10:00am** Morning Mass  
**6:00pm** Evening Mass

**WISHING YOU A VERY BLESSED NEW YEAR!**







# Summer School Holiday Friendship Group

*Registration is now open! See information below to secure a place for your child.*

**REGISTER NOW**

## Dates:

Monday, January 16th 2023  
Tuesday, January 17th 2023  
Thursday, January 19th 2023  
Friday, January 20th 2023

## Cost of Program:

Pre-Group: 1x hourly therapist rate  
Private: \$400 (4x \$100)  
NDIS: \$517.28 (4x \$129.32)

*\*If this group is deemed to be the most suitable service for your child following a pre-group consultation, a \$50 deposit is required to secure their place\**

*All clients are required to attend a pre-group consultation with a group facilitator to establish case history and ensure group therapy is appropriate for the child.*

*Crisalida provides the groups as a package. If a session is missed, the cost will not be refunded as you are paying for the program to be planned, staffed and run in its entirety.*

## Location:

Shakespeare Room  
678 High Street. Thornbury VIC 3071

## Our holiday group program focuses on:

- helping children recognise and expand their social skills through practising and exploring friendship options and choices;
- facilitating emotional self-expression, assertive communication, and confidence;
- providing fun, co-operative group experiences, with lots of sensory-motor and play activities for younger children, and discussion, coping strategies and problem-solving for older children.

They will be run *January 16th, 17th, 19th and 20th* for an hour each day for preschool and primary school-aged children.

Due to the complex mix of individual needs in our groups, we allocate children to groups based on their skills and age to ensure all children benefit from the program. You can anticipate that children up to the age of 8 will have a morning session and children over 8 will have an afternoon session. Exact start times will be announced after registration is closed and the group facilitators have grouped the children.

Places are available on a first-in, best-dressed basis, while also considering suitability determined via the pre-group session. We do maintain a waitlist after the groups have been filled in the event of cancellation/incompatibility.

We look forward to seeing your child at the program in Summer 2023. If you have any further questions in regards to this program or registration please contact us on 9484 6299 or email [groups@crisalida.com.au](mailto:groups@crisalida.com.au).

**Registration will close on the 18th of November** to arrange staff levels and confirm group times.

**REGISTER NOW**



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](mailto:admin@smfawkner.catholic.edu.au)

