



WEEK 9 TERM 2 NEWSLETTER Wednesday 16th June 2021

Dear Families

Welcome to Week 9 everyone. I hope everyone had an enjoyable Long Weekend with family, making the most of the slightly eased restrictions. I hope you managed to get some downtime after the challenges of the recent lockdown, and in preparation for the busy days ahead as we quickly approach the end of Term 2.

Last night we hosted our annual Confirmation Family Night. Unfortunately we could not be together physically, but it was lovely to be able to gather in a ZOOM Meeting. Last night marked the formal beginning of the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation where 13 of our Gr6 students and two past St Mark's students will celebrate Confirmation on Friday July 16th at 7.00pm. We thank our Religious Education Leader & 5/6 Teacher, Ms Dot Mash, 5/6 Teachers Ms Emma Crotty, Mrs Lara Beltrame and Mrs Daniela Lazzaro and Deputy Principal Alison Dean for attending this session and sharing their expertise. We also thank our guest presenter, Mr Nelson Graham who is a Religious Education Consultant from Melbourne Archdiocese of Catholic Schools Ltd and Fr Colin for his guidance and continued support. We keep these young people and their families in our prayers at this special time.

Semester 1 Reports & Student Led Learning Conferences – Semester 1 Reports will go home to all families on Friday June 18th.

Student Led Learning Conferences will be held on Tuesday June 22nd 12.15pm-7.00pm and Wednesday June 23rd 3.45-5.30pm. **Students will be dismissed at 12.00pm on Tuesday June 22nd. Aftercare is available.** These Student Led Learning Conferences will allow our students to talk about their learning, which we know is a great way to consolidate new knowledge. **At this stage we plan to hold the Student Led Learning Conferences onsite. Of course, if circumstances prevent this, we will respond accordingly.** Online bookings are now open and a letter outlining all details has been sent home to all families. **I notice that a large number of families have not yet booked in for their Student Led Learning Conference.** All details have been distributed in hard copy and via the Skoolbag App. If you require assistance to make a booking, please contact the Office.

Kids Matter @ St Mark's Action Team Meeting – The main item on the Agenda at our most recent meeting was the Family Fun Festival that is scheduled for Saturday November 20th. In order to make our Family Fun Festival a huge success we require volunteers to join our FFF Committee. If you would like to join, please leave your name at the Front Office. Just like previous years, the focus for this year's FFF will be to provide a wonderful community event with fun activities and goodies for the children, families and staff of St Mark's, and for the wider Fawkner community.

Please Note: There has been a change of date for our next meeting. This meeting will now be held on Friday July 16th at 9.15am in the Meeting Room.

ABC Music News – Congratulations to our ABC Music Teacher, Daniel Mould and his wife on the recent arrival of their baby boy Jonas, a little brother for Wesley. Best wishes for a lifetime of joy and happiness together from the St Mark's community. Daniel will be making up the lessons that were missed last Friday, this coming Friday. He will also come early next week to take the lessons that were scheduled for Friday June 25th, which is a Student Free Day.

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 wear your face mask and continue to socially distance. We ask that parents minimise their time onsite at drop off and pick up time, and continue to sign in and out using our Passtab if there is a need to enter school buildings. When we return to onsite learning, 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 our school is located in metropolitan Melbourne:

- School staff must carry a face mask at all times and wear a face mask when at school, including when attending an Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) program, unless a [lawful exception applies](#).
- Students at primary school are not required to wear face masks when at school, or when attending an OSHC program but those who wish to do so, can.
- Face masks are mandatory for all school staff and school students aged 12 or older on public transport and when in taxis or ride share vehicles. This includes travelling to and from school on public transport or in a vehicle with others not from your household.
- Teachers and education support staff are not required to wear face masks while teaching, but those who wish to do so, can.

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.

Week 9 Assembly – Assembly this Friday is a General Assembly for students and staff only (no visitors). A photo of the Learners of the Week will be shared on SeeSaw and Skoolbag after Assembly.

St Mark's Family Disco POSTPONED – Unfortunately, due to the uncertainty of the current times, we have had to make the difficult decision to postpone our Family Disco. We know how popular this annual event is, so the plan is to hold it in Term 3 when the current situation has eased. We thank you for your understanding.

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 3rd.

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.



2021 Prep Enrolments – If you have a child who will be starting school next year can you please collect an Enrolment Form from the Office. We need these returned as soon as possible so we know how many places we have for new families who wish to enrol.

2021 Sacrament Dates

First Eucharist –Grade 4's, Gr5's and Gr6's – **To Be Advised**

Confirmation - Grade 6: **Friday 16th of July at 7.00pm**

Birthdays

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

Date	Name	LA	Date	Name	LA
14 th June	Nirvan	9	17 th June	Sienna	1

Learners of the Week

Learning Area	Name
Prep	Savannah- For being curious when writing what you learnt about orangutans. You did an amazing job at writing multiple sentences about what you learnt about orangutans. Keep up the great work!
LA4	Zoe- for being curious with your number work and exploring all the ways to make equal groups.. You did an amazing job at skip counting to find the answer to these problems. Well done
LA5	Summer - for being persistent and curious when completing your information report on koalas. It is great to see the care you have taken when researching, writing and illustrating your report. Keep up the amazing work.
LA7	Onille- for demonstrating great persistence and curiosity as a learner during the period of remote learning. Congratulations on taking risks with your learning when faced with new concepts, especially with calculating the area of different shapes. It was fantastic to see you regularly share your learning on Seesaw. Keep up the positive mindset!
LA8	Joseph- for being curious. You are always trying to find answers to problems and are very resourceful in your approach. It is wonderful that you are so keen to share your learning with others
LA9	Evan, your persistence during remote learning was admirable, particularly when faced with technological difficulties. You consistently demonstrate persistence in class by working hard to understand new concepts and taking on advice.
LA10	Penitito - Always being respectful towards his peers and teachers. Well done on always working hard and trying your best.
ITALIAN	Declan LA9, for demonstrating a curious outlook towards all your Italian learning. You have shown how you make connections through carefully thinking about the content that is presented in class. Bravo!

God Bless and stay safe,

Peter Wilson, Principal

Mark's Catholic Primary School, Fawkner Community promotes the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.'

2021		
JUNE		
Thursday 17 th	9.00 am – 11.00 am	Playgroup @ St Mark's - CANCELLED
Thursday 17 th	2.30pm	Whole School Photo - POSTPONED
Friday 18 th	Semester 1 Reports Go Home Today	
Tuesday 22 nd	9.00am	LA7 attending Parish Mass – CANCELLED
Tuesday 22 nd	12.00pm	Students Dismissed – OSHC Available
Tuesday 22 nd	12.15-7.00pm	Student Led Learning Conferences
Tuesday 22 nd	2022 Prep Enrolment Interviews	
Wednesday 23 rd	2022 Prep Enrolment Interviews	
Wednesday 23 rd	3.45-5.30pm	Student Led Learning Conferences
Thursday 24 th	3.30pm	Final day for students – students dismissed at 3.30pm
Thursday 24 th	6.00-7.30pm	St Mark's Family Disco – POSTPONED
Friday 25 th	Student Free Day - Staff Faith Development Day	

TERM 3, 2021		
JULY		
Monday 12 th	8.45am	Term 3 Commences for all students
Tuesday 13 th	2022 Prep Enrolment Interviews	
Wednesday 14 th	2022 Prep Enrolment Interviews	
Thursday 15 th	10.00am	Bishop Terry Curtin visiting Yr6's
Friday 16 th	Confirmation Retreat Day	
Friday 16 th	2.45pm	Assembly – Host TBA
Friday 16 th	7.00pm	Celebration of Confirmation @ St Mark's – Bishop Terry Curtin
Friday 23 rd	10.00am	Grandparents Day visits to Classrooms
Friday 23 rd	10.30am	Grandparents Day Assembly – Host TBA
Friday 23 rd	11.00am	Grandparents Day Morning Tea
Friday 23 rd	2.45pm	Kids Matter @ St Mark's Action Team Meeting
Friday 30 th	2.45pm	Assembly – Host TBA
AUGUST		
Friday 6 th	2.45pm	Assembly – Host TBA
Friday 13 th	Penola Volleyball Competition	
Friday 13 th	2.45pm	Assembly – Host TBA
Sunday 15 th	Feast of the Assumption	
Tuesday 17 th	6.30pm	5/6 Camp Parent Info Session
Friday 20 th	2.45pm	Assembly – Host TBA
Friday 20 th	Catholic Secondary Colleges Yr7 2023 Enrolments close	
Monday 23 rd	BOOK WEEK COMMENCES - Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds	
Wednesday 25 th	Book Fair – Wednesday - Friday	
Friday 27 th	Book Week Celebrations	
Friday 27 th	2.45pm	Assembly – Host TBA
Monday 30 th	Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd School Improvement Surveys Open	
Tuesday 31 st	9am-1pm	St Mark's Athletics Sports @ Parker Reserve

SEPTEMBER		
Friday 3 rd	7.30am	Father's Day Breakfast
Friday 3 rd	9.00am	Father's Day Assembly – Host TBA
Sunday 5 th	Father's Day	
Thursday 9 th	3.30pm	St Mark's Art Show
Wednesday 15 th – Friday 17 th	Gr 5/6 Camp to The Ranch – Cape Schanck	
Friday 17 th	Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd School Improvement Surveys Open	
Friday 17 th	Final day for students – students dismissed at 3.30pm	
Friday 17 th	2.45pm	Assembly – Host TBA

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's Gospel, we read about a time when Jesus and his friends travelled in a boat across the Sea of Galilee and were met with a severe storm along the way. His friends were so afraid that they woke Jesus up and he looked at his friends and said *"Why are you so afraid? How is it that you have no faith?"* Sometimes there are things that happen to us in our lives that we don't expect and that make us feel uneasy or afraid. Jesus wants us to know that when we are faced with times that feel like storms are inside of us, that he is always with us and that our friends and family are also there to help us in these difficult times.



Gospel Reading Mk 4:35-41

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

The Gospel of the Lord



Exploring our Interactive Outdoor STEAM Learning Space

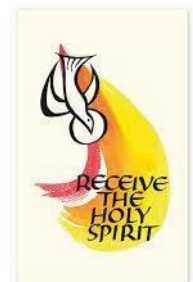
Our Year 5/6 students had an exciting time last Friday exploring the learning space at the front of our school. We look forward to enabling further opportunities for the students to utilise this learning space in the future!



Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in the first week of Term 3 on Friday 16th July at 7.00pm at St Mark's Church.

A special thanks to Nelson Graham from MACS who led our Information Evening last night via a Zoom Meeting. Although we were unable to meet onsite, it was a wonderful opportunity for us to be engaged online and learn about the importance and significance of the Sacrament of Confirmation in our lives. Please continue to keep the children in your prayers as they continue preparations for the sacrament.



Ms. Dorothy Mash
RE Teacher

Dear Parents and Friends,

St Mark's will be participating in this wonderful new initiative where they 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!!

A short video explaining how the campaign works



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.



LUKE KENNEDY - MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER

PARENT SESSION

Presented by St Matthew's School, Nth Fawkner

THURSDAY 17TH JUNE 6.30

ZOOM LINK

<https://zoom.us/j/91010006381?pwd=UWwhScFFSWVNodHp2M0FmN3lOVGV2Zz09#success>

Adults only



TOPICS COVERED

- Resilience
- Mental Health/Self care
- Bullying - Self Bullying and Negative Self Talk
- Motivation and Inspiration

Please call St Matthew's office to RSVP to this event 9359 5423