



WEEK 9 TERM 4 NEWSLETTER Wednesday 30th November 2022

Dear Families,

Welcome to Week 9 everyone. Last Sunday marked the beginning of the liturgical season of Advent and our Gr5/6 students led us in a lovely Advent Liturgy on Friday. During the four weeks of Advent, we wait in joyful anticipation for the birth of Christ at Christmas. Amid the busyness of Christmas preparations we are challenged to consciously observe the holiness of the season in our everyday lives. I invite all of our community to join us each Friday in our Hall as our students lead us as we await the birth of Jesus at Christmas. The second Advent Liturgy will be led by our Gr1/2 students on Friday at 9.00am. All welcome!

Thank you to everyone who came along to assist with our fundraisers last Saturday. Also thanks to everyone who generously donated baked goods, drinks, napkins, sauce, etc. Your support is greatly appreciated. We raised around \$600.00 which will go towards our STEM Play Pod which will be installed in early 2023.

Over the past eight weeks we have welcomed our 2023 Preps and their families to St Mark's in a number of ways. The children have been coming in to get to know each other and to familiarise themselves with the school and the staff. The parents had an information session last week and tomorrow all families will attend a second meeting to learn all about St Mark's. It has been a joy to meet the children and to see their happy, smiling faces. We look forward to a wonderful partnership with our new Preps and their families.

Our Gr5 students are currently preparing to take over as the formal student leaders of St Mark's in 2023. As part of this process several of the students have submitted applications to be School Captain. It has been a pleasure to read their applications and their vision as student leaders. Staff will be voting this week and our 2023 Captains and Vice Captains will be announced at Assembly this coming Friday, December 2nd. They will be formally inducted at the Candle Ceremony on Wednesday December 7th at 2.30pm.

Christmas Carols - Families are invited to join us tomorrow at 2.00pm in the School Hall for our annual Christmas Carols. This is the first time we have been able to host the Christmas Carols since 2019 and the children are very excited. Each class will be singing two songs as well as Carols in Italian. Students are asked to bring along Christmas colours and outfits to change into. We look forward to a lovely celebration together to get us all into the festive spirit. Many thanks to Mario Sansotta for assisting with the pick-up and return of the Portable Stages from Penola Catholic College.

Semester 2 Student Reports & 2023 Student Assessments - Student Reports will go home to all families on Friday December 9th. These reports will provide you with a snapshot of your child, their achievements throughout Semester 2 and the many qualities that assist them in their learning. Congratulations to our students on their wonderful achievements throughout 2022 and many thanks to our dedicated teachers who have worked so hard in recent weeks in producing the reports. Included in the Report Package will be all details for the Assessment process at the beginning of the 2023 school year.

2022 School Fees & Curriculum Levies - Families with outstanding 2022 School Fees and Curriculum Levies are asked to finalise payments as soon as possible please. Please contact the Office to finalise payment.

2023 School Fees & Curriculum Levies - As families were advised in Term 3, School Fees will increase by \$100.00 per Family in 2023. This is the first increase in School Fees at St Mark's since 2019 in order to support families during the challenges of the COVID 19 pandemic.

This increase is necessary to meet the increasing costs of providing a quality education for the students of St Mark's. In 2023 the cost of sending one child to St Mark's will be \$1,400.00 and the Family Fee for two or more children will be \$1,600.00. St Mark's Fees are amongst the cheapest of the Catholic Schools in the local area and we will continue to strive to provide an excellent education at an affordable price to the children and families of St Mark's.

There will be a slight increase of \$20.00 per child on the 2023 Curriculum Levy. As always, families are able to utilise a variety of payment options for 2023 designed to minimise financial pressure on families.

Our School Development Fund will be \$200.00 per family in 2023. This fund goes towards playground and facility improvements and servicing of loans taken by the school as our contribution to our Building Programs. I'm sure you will agree that this is a small amount to contribute to enable the continued development of wonderful facilities for our children. A document containing all details, payment options and eligibility criteria to access Concessional School Fees is attached to this Newsletter.

Please contact me directly if you would like to discuss fees, levies or payment options.

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic School (MACS) Concessional Fee Policy - Families are reminded that, in line with the MACS Concessional School Fee Policy, families can apply for concessional school fees if they meet the following eligibility criteria: of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage; holding an HCC and eligible for CSEF; experiencing severe financial hardship; holding a DVA Gold Card; identified as refugees and holding an ImmiCard.

Please contact the Office to make an appointment to meet with me if you would like to make an application.

St Mark's Parish Christmas Carols - St Mark's Parish Christmas Carols will be held on the evening of Friday December 9th 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 24th in St Mark's Church.

Candle Ceremony - This year we will be holding our Candle Ceremony on Wednesday December 7th 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 9th 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. **Invitations are being sent out by all staff and some people may receive multiple invitations. It is only necessary to reply once.** 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
5 th December	Joseph	7			

Commencement of 2023 School Year

Friday 27.01.23	Staff resume - Office closed, no students
Monday 30.01.23	Office re-opens at 8.30am Day 1 of Gr1-Gr6 Student Assessments - <i>details will be sent home in Report Packages</i>
Tuesday 31.01.23	Day 2 of Gr1-Gr6 Student Assessments - <i>details will be sent home in Report Packages</i> 8.45am - Prep students commence 11.00am - Prep students dismissed
Wednesday 1.02.23	8.45am - Gr1-Gr6 students commence No school for Preps
Thursday 2.02.23	Prep students dismissed at 1.30pm
Friday 3.02.23	Prep students dismissed at 1.30pm
Tuesday 7.02.22	All students Prep-Gr6 dismissed at 12:00pm for Getting To Know You Meetings Aftercare Available – Bookings www.ylv.com.au

2023 Sacrament Dates

First Eucharist Family Night - Tuesday 2 nd of May at 7.00pm
Celebration of First Eucharist - Grade 4: Sunday 4 th of June at 10.00am in St Mark's Church
Conformation Family Night - Tuesday 18 th of July at 7.00pm
Celebration of Confirmation - Grade 6: Friday 18 th of August at 6.00pm in St Mark's Church
Reconciliation Family Night - Tuesday 8 th of August at 7.00pm
Celebration of Reconciliation - Grade 3: Tuesday 5 th 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 8th – Friday November 10th, 2023**. All details, including the cost of the Camp will be distributed to Gr5/6 families early 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

RISE TO GLORY @ ST. MARK'S CHURCH

Friday 2nd 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 1st 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

FREE MOVIE FOR CHILDREN @ THE HOPE CAFÉ

You are invited to an exciting movie on Sunday 4th 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 9th December 2022

Time: 11:30 am - 2:30 pm

Tickets: \$30

Bookings: 0479 076 372

Email: STMARKSC7@hotmail.com

RSVP & Payment: Sunday 4th 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		
DECEMBER		
Thursday 1 st	9.00am	Prep 2023 Orientation Session #2
Thursday 1 st	2.00pm	Christmas Carols
Friday 2 nd	Penola Catholic College Orientation Day	
Friday 2 nd	9.00am	2 nd Sunday of Advent Liturgy – LA4 & LA5
Sunday 4 th	2 nd Sunday of Advent	
Tuesday 6 th	Parade College Yr7 2023 Orientation Morning	
Wednesday 7 th	2.30pm	Candle Ceremony
Thursday 8 th	Gr6 End of Year Excursion	
Friday 9 th	9.00am	3 rd Sunday of Advent Liturgy – LA1
Friday 9 th	9.30am	Helper's Morning Tea
Sunday 11 th	2 nd Sunday of Advent	
Monday 12 th	9.15-10.15am	Step Up 2023 Classes Orientation Session
Tuesday 13 th	Government Schools Yr7, 2023 Orientation Day	
Tuesday 13 th	6.00pm	Gr6 Graduation Mass & Celebration
Friday 16 th	11.50am	Yr6 Farewell Assembly & 4 th Sunday of Advent Liturgy – LA9 & LA10
Friday 16 th	1.00pm	Students Dismissed
Sunday 18 th	3 rd Sunday of Advent	
2023		
JANUARY		
Friday 27 th	Staff resume	
Monday 30 th	8.45-11.30am	Student Assessments - Day #1 for students with Surnames beginning A-L
Tuesday 31 st	8.45-11.30am	Student Assessments - Day #2 for students with Surnames beginning M-Z
Tuesday 31 st	8.45am	Prep Students Commence – Preps dismissed at 11.00am
FEBRUARY		
Wednesday 1 st	8.45am	Gr1-Gr6 Students Commence
Wednesday 1 st	No School for Preps	
Friday 3 rd	9.00am	Beginning of School Year Mass – To Be Confirmed
Monday 6 th	Preps Dismissed @ 3.30pm this week (No school Wednesday)	
Tuesday 7 th	12.00pm	Students dismissed (Aftercare available from 12.00pm)
Tuesday 7 th	12.15-7.00pm	Getting To Know You Meetings – Session #1
Wednesday 8 th	3.45-5.00pm	Getting To Know You Meetings – Session #2
Wednesday 8 th	No School for Preps	
Monday 13 th	Preps Dismissed @ 3.30pm this week (No school Wednesday)	
Wednesday 15 th	No school for Preps	
Thursday 16 th	6.00-8.00pm	Kids Matter @ St Mark's Welcome Picnic in the Park @ Parker Reserve - BYO
Monday 20 th	Preps Dismissed @ 3.30pm this week (No school Wednesday)	
Wednesday 22 nd	No school for Preps	
Monday 27 th	Preps commence Full Time this week (including Wednesday)	
MARCH		
Friday 10 th	School Closure Day – Staff working on School Improvement Framework – No school for students	
Monday 13 th	Labour Day Public Holiday	
Tuesday 21 st	Harmony Day	

Learners Of The Week

Learning Area	Name
Prep	Arianna - for showing courage and creativity when writing. You took on the challenge to write a creative story in book making. Well done Arianna!
LA4	Jaidan - for always being respectful and considerate towards your teachers and peers. You listen attentively and follow instructions. Your determination to always do your best is evident in your learning. Keep up the great work!
LA5	Vaskar - for being a collaborative learner. Vaskar it was amazing to see the way you worked with your partner to create your slideshow. Great work!
LA7	Nirvan - for being a persistent learner. You are always striving to do your best in your learning and work hard towards achieving your learning goals, especially within the areas of Reading and Mathematics. Well done!
LA8	Josef - for being a reflective learner. You reflected on the qualities you possess that would make you a good leader and wrote a persuasive letter to demonstrate this. Your application letter for School Captain was well written and well thought out. Good luck!
LA9	Lucas, you've applied persistence and have been very reflective while completing reading comprehension tasks. Your ability to explain your thinking, and your 'can do' attitude shows your positive approach towards progressing through the learning pit.
LA10	Ezalena - Well done on reflecting carefully before answering questions to achieve great results in your Reading assessment. Keep up the great work!

ACCOUNT NOTICE FOR 2023

November 2022

Dear Parents,

In consultation with the School Advisory Council and School Accountants, School Fees and Curriculum Levies have been set for 2023.

This is the first increase since 2019 as we understand the ever increasing financial pressures on families and strive to balance those pressures with the financial obligations of the school. Families who qualify for Concessional Fees are asked to contact the School Office for an application form. **Concessional school fees are available to any family that meets the following eligibility criteria:** a family of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage; holding an HCC and eligible for CSEF; experiencing severe financial hardship; holding a DVA Gold Card; identified as refugees and holding an ImmiCard.

Curriculum Levy for 2023

Years P – 2:	\$520.00 per student
Years 3 – 4:	\$500.00 per student
Years 5 – 6:	\$540.00 per student

School Fees for 2023

Family with one child:	\$1,400.00 per family, per year
Family with two or more children:	\$1,600.00 per family, per year

School Development Fund

\$200 per family (Annual payment to fund school improvement initiatives)

Payment structure for 2023.

One invoice will be raised at the start of the 2023 school year.

Payment is to be made in 3 instalments – each instalment equal to one third of the combined fees, levies and building fund. *Please round payments up.*

Fee payment dates:

Term 1. Final payment date: End of Week 3 – Friday 10 February

Term 2. Final payment date: End of Week 3 – Friday 12 May

Term 3. Final payment date: End of Week 5 – Friday 4 August

Note: Fee payment dates do not apply to those families who have chosen to pay by Direct Debit

In addition to the above, parents are required to provide the following items per child: one art smock (can be an old over-sized shirt), one library bag - drawstring type (waterproof preferable) and a large box of tissues.

All books and stationery will be ready in the classroom for student use at the beginning of the 2023 school year.

Curriculum Levies account for recurrent curriculum expenses. Some examples of these costs are:

- classroom books and stationery;
- water awareness program for Years Prep to 2;
- sports and excursions - hiring of venues, buses, entry fees, etc;
- inter-school sports for Years 5 and 6 (additional bus hire)
- licenses, memberships and subscriptions;
- the upgrade of resources and curriculum requisites such as those needed for literacy, mathematics, library, science and technology, etc;
- other recurrent curriculum expenses as arise from time to time.

We highly recommend Direct Debit for its convenience. Many of our families currently have Direct Debit plans in place. If you would like to take advantage of our Direct Debit facility, please collect a form at the office. Just nominate the \$ amount to be debited from your account and the payment frequency - i.e. weekly, fortnightly or monthly. We also ask you to nominate a start and end date. Once in place, amendments or adjustments can be made, but must be in writing.

Note: All accounts paid via Direct Debit (unless payments are ongoing) are to be finalised by 3 November 2023.

School Development Fund - this is an annual payment of \$200.00 per family to assist with the funding of school improvement initiatives such as playground improvements and facility upgrades.

CSEF 2023 (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund)

Families who hold a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card or Veterans Affairs Gold Card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) allowance of \$125 per child.

*Note: If you applied in 2022, you do not need to complete an application form in 2023 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred - **new student enrolments** - your child has started or changed schools this year or - **changed family circumstances** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number or new siblings commencing this year. All current recipients will be automatically assessed by Centrelink in 2023.*

If you did not apply in 2022, please pick up an application form from the office or download the Application form from the website <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

We ask that you please notify the office if you think you are eligible. Under strict regulations governing this fund, payment can only be credited towards the sports and excursions component of your Curriculum Levy thereby reducing the fee payable by eligible families.

For further information please contact the office.

If you are facing financial difficulty you are encouraged to make an appointment to see me as soon as possible to discuss mutually suitable payment arrangements.

Yours sincerely,
Peter Wilson – Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Season of Advent

This Sunday we celebrate the second Sunday of Advent.

In the Gospel, we read about a time when John the Baptist talked about preparing for the arrival of Jesus. John the Baptist came to tell the people about Jesus and he also baptized them with water. His work and purpose was to prepare the people to receive Jesus who was to come with the power of God.

Jesus gives us the Spirit of Love, His Spirit which lives within us. In this Season of Advent, let's prepare the way for God's love to be in our lives through our words and actions.

Gospel Reading: Mt 3:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire.

I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord



Dear God,

Prepare our hearts to celebrate your Son's birth joyfully!

We thank you for faithfully doing what you promised long ago,

when you sent your Son to earth,

so that we might have the chance to

become part of your family.

Amen

Advent Liturgies

Each year level will be preparing prayerful celebrations based on the themes of *Hope, Peace, Joy and Love*. We thank our Year 5/6 students for leading the

1st Week of Advent liturgy last Friday. It was fantastic to see so many parents coming along to this celebration.



Advent Liturgies Timetable

Year Levels	Date
LA4 & LA5	Friday 2 nd December 9.00 am
LA1	Friday 9 th December 9.00 am
LA9 and LA10	Friday 16 th December 11.50 am



Saints Club News

The Saints Club met this week to organise the following outreach to our local community. We thank you in advance for your continued generosity in supporting those less fortunate than ourselves.



St Vincent de Paul

Christmas Food Appeal

All food donations will be given to the
needy families within our local community.

Thank you for your generosity!

Please send in your donations by Tuesday 13th December

Food items needed:

Jam, peanut butter, pasta, pasta sauce, tin fruit, tin tomatoes,
tin soup, tin tuna, coffee, tea, vegemite, sweet biscuits

Ms Dot Mash
RE Leader



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)

PLAYGROUP NEWS

Dear parents – we are going to make some mini pizzas for our beloved little ones at Playgroup on Tuesday December 6. I'm looking forward to seeing you all and having fun as usual.

Regards Bushra




St Mark's
ST. MARK'S
FAWKNER


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



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



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



A VERY BLESSED CHRISTMAS!

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

WISHING YOU A VERY BLESSED NEW YEAR!



Wonder Recycling program.

Many months ago we collected multiple bread bags and we were able to save these from landfill. These soft plastics were then sent off and recycled into other products. The bread bags collected enabled us also to receive some equipment for our school, as can be seen in the photo below. Thank you once again for participating in the Wonder Recycling rewards. We are so proud of what we have achieved together.

Daniela Lazzaro





**THANK YOU
FOR PARTICIPATING
IN WONDER
RECYCLING
REWARDS!**

**WE ARE SO PROUD
OF WHAT WE
ACHIEVED
TOGETHER.**





BUNNINGS CHRISTMAS NIGHT MARKET

8th December from 6pm to 8pm

FREE Family Event with games,
Santa Visits, Kids D.I.Y and more!

Hope you can join us at Bunnings Coburg.
Mini golf, Petting Farm, Sausage Sizzle, Craft,
Face painting, Raffle & light refreshments

For more Christmas inspiration visit @bunnings on Instagram and Facebook

BUNNINGS
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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.

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

REGISTER NOW