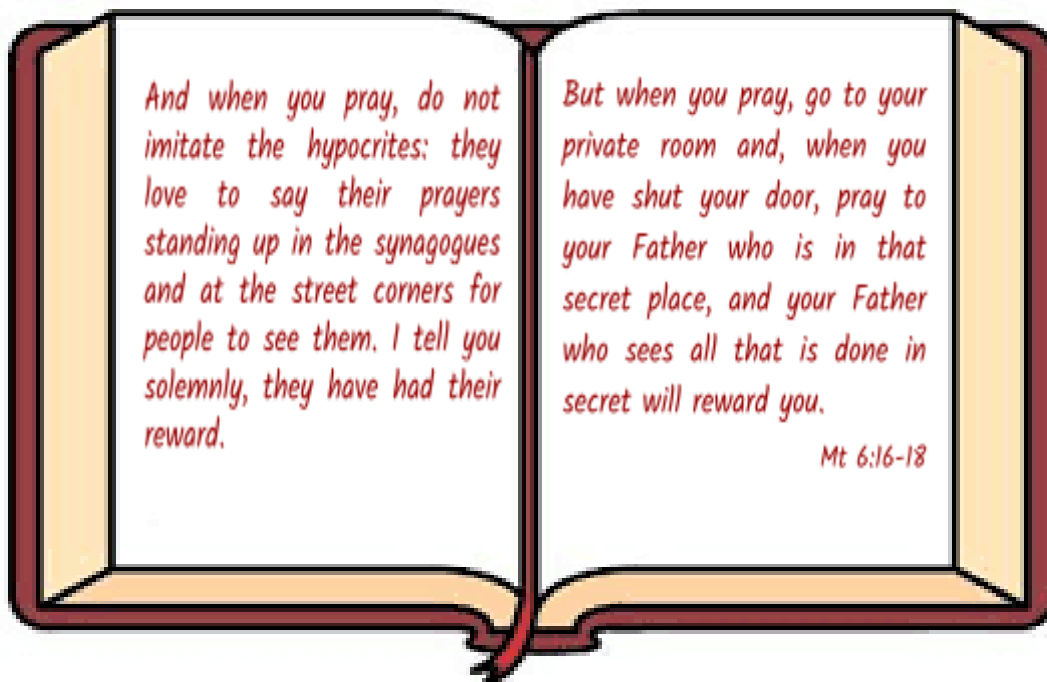


The season of Lenten is an opportunity to take stock of how we are living our lives and reflect on what our priorities are. We are asked to make prayer, fasting and providing for the most vulnerable in our communities areas of focus during the Lenten season.

Matthew's gospel helps us to reflect on how we pray.



*Loving God,  
help us this Lent to make room for you,  
in our days, in our minds  
and in our hearts.*

*May we, like the disciples so many years ago,  
go to our 'private room'  
-the still, silent part of ourselves -  
and wait humbly and quietly in prayer,  
until we hear your voice.  
Amen.*



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a great start to the new school year - I can't believe that we have already completed the first month of school. I am thrilled by the way in which the children have commenced the year bringing with them so much enthusiasm and eagerness to learn.

### We Welcome New and Returning School Staff

This year we also welcome the following new and returning staff members to our school:

**Tayla D'Asta- Coeducator (Bethany Village).** Tayla brings great energy and enthusiasm to this role as she is currently studying teaching at university.

**Veronica Harris - Year 3 White Home Group Teacher.** Veronica previously worked at Mickleham Primary School before joining us this year. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated professional join us.

**Rhonda MacIntosh - Year 3 Red Home Group Teacher (Mondays).** Rhonda is an experienced teacher who sought us out as she was very keen to join our school and make a contribution to our community. We are blessed to have her join our staff.

**Debbie Pearson - Finance Officer (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday).** Debbie joins us with a wealth of experience having worked across a number of schools in administrative/finance roles.

**Angela Rossitto - Visual Arts Teacher (Tuesday & Wednesday).** We are most fortunate to have Angela join our staff. An accomplished artist and very experienced educator, Angela brings an enormous energy and enthusiasm for teaching visual arts. She will be teaching classes across Jordan and Nazareth Village.

**Joseph Sedunary - Coeducator (Bethany Village, Wednesday & Friday).** Joseph brings great energy and enthusiasm to this role as he is currently studying teaching at university.

**Kerry Walles - Years 4 Green Home Group Teacher.** Kerry has previously worked at Good Samaritan as a casual relief teacher. We were so impressed with her we asked her to join our team on a full time basis. She brings much experience and great skills with her. I am thrilled she said yes!

We also welcome back from parental leave two of our much loved members of staff **Sarah Mascetti** and **Eliza Courts**. It's great to have them back!

I am sure that you will join me in making everyone feel welcomed and part of this wonderful community.

### Swimming and Water Safety Education

Last year we introduced a water safety program as part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum. This involved the children participating in classroom based lessons about how to stay safe near water. I am pleased to announce that in 2023, the swimming and water safety components of the curriculum will now include in-water swimming and water safety lessons for children across Years 3 to 6.



In 2023, swimming and water safety education will be addressed through the following initiatives which will be provided at no cost to families:

YEAR LEVEL	LEARNING EXPERIENCE	WHEN	WHERE
F-2	<b>WATER SAFETY - Classroom based</b> In Foundation to Grade 2, students will learn water safety theory. They will learn how to be safe around the water at home, the pool, the beach and other water. They will learn to be sun smart and the importance of this.	<b>TERM 4</b> 24 -26 OCTOBER	AT SCHOOL
3-4	<b>SWIMMING LESSONS</b> In Years 3 and 4, the students will head to the aquatics centre and learn water safety as well as awareness in the water, stroke development, endurance by doing laps and basic water survival techniques.	<b>TERM 2</b> 26 & 27 APRIL , 2 - 4 MAY	SPLASH AQUA AND AQUATIC CENTRE, Craigieburn.

5-6	<p><b>WATER SAFETY - AT THE BEACH</b></p> <p>In Years 5 and 6 the children will have an open water experience.</p> <p>They will learn how to be safe at the beach or near open water and learn survival and rescue strategies.</p>	<p><b>TERM 4</b></p> <p>YEAR 5: 9 NOVEMBER</p> <p>YEAR 6: 23 NOVEMBER</p>	SANDRIDGE BEACH, Port Melbourne.
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It is my intention that we will continue to develop the swimming and water safety curriculum to include in-water lessons across all year levels, with the view to ensure all children have the opportunity to attain the Victorian Water Safety Certificate.

The Victorian Water Safety Certificate is a Victorian Government initiative, which describes specific competencies that should be achieved by the time students reach the end of primary school. The certificate describes specific competencies that focus on water safety knowledge, rescue skills, a survival sequence and the ability to swim a continuous distance of 50 metres. This future development is dependent upon the capacity of the school to fund the program without adding further financial burden to families.

Further details about the in-water lessons for Years 3 and 4 will be sent home shortly.

### Walk, Talk and Learn!

This year we invite all parents/carers to take part in our exciting **Walk, Talk & Learn!** initiative. Visiting classrooms through a *learning walk* is a great way to showcase and share a child's learning in school with families. It allows you to see classroom learning as it happens, and where it can happen, assisting you to understand how your child engages in day-to-day learning at school.

Learning walks are another way we welcome families into the learning spaces of the school, and hear from them; what they see, hear, do and wonder. It's **Learning by the Power of Three** in action!

Here's the calendar of learning walks that will be held in terms 1 and 2.

Walk, Talk & Learn!	
DATE	HOME GROUP
<b>TERM 1</b>	
Monday, March 20	Foundation White
Tuesday, March 21	Foundation Red
Wednesday, March 22	Foundation Green
Thursday, March 23	Foundation Gold
Thursday, March 30	Year 6 Classes
<b>TERM 2</b>	
Tuesday, May 23	Nazareth Rose, Red & Purple
Thursday, May 25	Nazareth Gold, Green & White
Monday, June 5	Year 3 Classes
Tuesday, June 6	Year 4 Classes
Thursday, June 8	Year 5 Classes

Each learning walk occurs during the morning session of classes and is followed by a morning tea. If you want to learn more about **Walk, Talk & Learn!** please contact **Nayana Bhandari** by telephoning the school office.

I look forward to seeing you throughout the term.

God bless,



PAUL SEDUNARY  
Principal

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## SCHOOL NEWS

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### MORNING DROP-OFF



**8:30am**

The school gates are opened at 8.30am

**Children are not to be at school prior to 8.30am.**

Any child who arrives at school prior to 8.30 will be sent to before school care and the child's family will be charged the full session amount.

Please avoid gathering in groups while waiting for your child.

**Keep your distance** – stay 1.5 metres away from people where you can.



**3:10pm**

### AFTERNOON PICK-UP

The school gates will open at 3.10pm.

**Keep your distance** – stay 1.5 metres away from people where you can.

Please avoid gathering in groups while waiting for your child.

### School Uniform

A reminder that the Uniform Shop is now open each week of the school term at the following times:

**Monday 2:30 - 4:00pm and Wednesday 8:30 - 10:00am**

There is no longer a defined winter/summer uniform. Children may wear any of the daily wear items of clothing listed below. The sports uniform may only be worn on designated sports days.

The daily uniform is selected from the following items

- Good Samaritan polo shirt (short sleeve)
- Good Samaritan polo shirt (long sleeve)
- Good Samaritan school shorts or trousers:
- Good Samaritan bomber jacket
- Good Samaritan summer dress (girls)
- Good Samaritan tunic (girls)
- School wide brim hat (Terms 1 and 4)
- White socks
- Dark blue tights
- Black school shoes
- Good Samaritan wet weather jacket (optic)
- Good Samaritan scarf (optional)
- Good Samaritan beanie (optional)



Short sleeve polo



Bomber Jacket



School trousers



Long sleeve polo



Summer dress



School shorts



## DRINK BOTTLES

Every child must have a water bottle to use throughout the day at school. Drink bottles need to be clearly marked with your child's name and grade.

School drink bottles are available for purchase from the School Office. The cost of a bottle is \$5.00.

## Coming Up This Term

6th, 7th & 8th March	Year 5 Camp
13th March	Labour Day Public Holiday - NO SCHOOL
15th March - 27th March	Naplan (Year 3 & 5)
17th March	Yrs 4-6 Cross Country
17th March	St Patrick's Cathedral visit (School Leaders)
21st March	Year 6 Excursion to Scienceworks
22nd March	First Reconciliation
29th March	Year 5 Excursion to Scienceworks
4th April	Last day of School for Children
5th , 6th April	PUPIL FREE DAY - Staff Seminar
7th April	Good Friday Public Holiday