



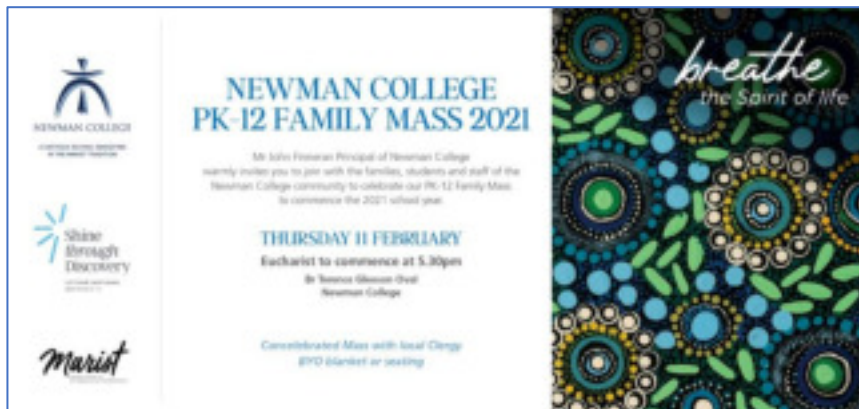
*From the Principal, Mr John Finneran
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Dear Parents and Guardians

PK-12 Family Mass, Thursday 11 February, 5.30pm

All Newman College families are invited to join in celebrating the PK-12 College Family Mass which will be celebrated by Father Garner Vergara. Our identity as a Catholic school is inspired by the charism of Saint Marcellin Champagnat, and our Marist educational tradition invites all members of this College community to a deeper commitment and understanding of what it means to actively live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As part of this significant College event, the Years 6 and Year 12 student leaders will be officially commissioned. It is the expectation that all students between Pre-Primary to Year 12 attend the Family Mass.

To assist families in planning for this significant occasion, the following details are provided both here and on the College’s website.



Arrival and Departure

All students are expected to arrive at either the Lavalla or Marcellin campus by 5.00pm in full summer uniform to meet their teachers in the areas outlined below. Attendance rolls will be taken upon arrival, and prior to dismissal. A free sausage sizzle will be available for all students who would like to stay at school until the commencement of Mass from 3.45pm – 4.45pm at the Lavalla canteen for PP – Year 6 students, and in Founders Court on the Marcellin Campus for students in Years 7-12.

Pre-Primary – Year 2 Students	Years 3-6 Students	Years 7-12 Students
Students are to meet their teachers in the Lavalla Campus Hall.	Students are to meet their classroom teacher at their usual classroom at the Lavalla Campus.	Students are to meet their Pastoral Care Group (PCG) teacher at designated year-group areas on the Marcellin Campus ovals.

Challenge — Collaborate — Create — Celebrate

Between 5.00pm and 5.25pm live music will be performed on the Br Terence Gleeson oval. The Mass and Commissioning of student leaders of Years 6 and 12 will commence at 5.30pm and is scheduled to conclude at 6.45pm. Students will be dismissed by their teachers in groups at approximately 6.45pm - 7.00pm. Students from Marian and Lavalla Campuses will remain with their teachers on the ovals at the conclusion of the Mass for collection by parents/guardians or nominated adult.

Seating

During the Mass, all students will be seated in unit and year groups with their respective teachers. Students will be seated on the grass during Mass. Parents and family members are encouraged to bring their own fold-up chairs for seating in the designated seating areas (see below).

SunSmart

Although the sun will be in the process of setting at 5.00pm, we encourage all families and students to be vigilant in maintaining appropriate sun protection i.e. hats, sunscreen and sunglasses.

Parking and Drop off Zones

The College anticipates a high traffic flow both within the College and in surrounding streets before and after this event. Considering this, the following arrangements have been put in place to assist with the ease of dropping students off and for their collection, as outlined below:

Drop off Zone Marcellin Campus	Onsite Parking
Accessed via Tuscany Way (entrance behind the Sports Complex). No parking is permitted behind the Sports Complex as this will be used as a set down and pick up point for students.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lavalla Campus carpark • College Ovals, entry off Dolomite Court
<p>Parking and drop off zones will be coordinated by College staff. Where possible, families attending the Family Mass are encouraged to car-pool.</p>	

