Dear Parents and Carers

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to the parents, students and staff who came last Saturday morning to weed two major gardens at the front and near the Prep section of the school. The group worked tirelessly for two hours and their great efforts enhance our extensive grounds. Thank you to Anna for organising the morning tea! The school is contracting a garden company once a year to prune our many trees on the property.

St Mark’s Day

This Friday, 22nd April, we celebrate St Mark’s day with lots of fun and celebration! Please join us for mass at 9:30am in the church if you can. The children will enjoy many activities between 11.30-1.30pm when they travel around the school to ‘buy’ their activities such as painting, competitions, craft and more. Students buy ‘marks’ which are their entry ticket into each activity. We welcome Year 5 students from Ambrose Treacy College who will join us for the day.

Breakfast Club has started again this week. Due to generous sponsorship from the Inala Blue Fin Fishing Club, breakfast club is now free each Monday and Tuesday morning from 8am. Thank you to our staff who run this club.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Friday 22 April: St Mark’s Day
- Monday 25 April: ANZAC Day
- Thursday 28 April: Principals Afternoon Tea
- Friday 29 April: District Cross Country
- Term 2 Week 1-3: Parents Teacher Interviews

Allison Malouf
Principal

God of our sacred journeys
Be with us as we enter the Holy door of our Easter year together.
What is Courage?

Courage is personal bravery in the face of fear. It is doing what needs to be done even when it is really hard or scary. Courage is going ahead even when you feel like giving up and quitting. It doesn’t mean taking unnecessary chances just to look brave.

Do what you know is right even when it is hard or scary.

Are willing to try new things.

Remember to ask God and others for help when you need it.

Find courage in your heart even if others laugh at you or call you names.

Who was St Mark?

St Mark was an evangelist—someone who set out to tell people the Good News of Jesus. He was not one of the chosen 12 Apostles, but appears in the Scriptures as a travelling companion of St Paul and St Peter. It is also believed that Mark was the young boy who appears in the Gospel story of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Mark accompanied Paul to many places until Paul was martyred. Mark was also associated closely with Peter as sort of an interpreter. Much of what Mark wrote down was as a result of Peter’s testimony and reflects his thoughts on Jesus’ activities.

The symbol of St Mark is a lion— which represents St Mark’s strength and bravery when preaching the Good News of Jesus.

This Friday, 22 April, we remember St Mark’s Day. Our Eucharist will kick off a day of celebration at 9:30am in St Mark’s Church. The students will then participate in fun activities for the remainder of the day. To participate in these the children will need to bring $1 or $2 to buy Mark’s Marks for entry into their chosen activities. Please join us as a community to remember the faithful saint who is our school’s patron.

When he was a boy St Mark was inspired to proclaimed Jesus to all he met—may we also do the same.

Date Claimers ...

11 weeks this term!! There’s lots happening—so make sure you keep in contact with the many important dates via the newsletter, website and Facebook page.

- This Friday, 22 April, we will celebrate St Mark’s Day. It is always a highlight in the school calendar!! Our whole school Eucharist will kick off a day of celebration at 9:30am in St Mark’s Church. The students will then participate in fun activities for the remainder of the day. To participate in these the children will need to bring $1 or $2 to buy Mark’s Marks for entry into their chosen activities. Please join us throughout the day as we us as a community to remember the faithful saint who is our school’s patron.

- Anzac Day Public Holiday is on Monday 25 April—please note there will be no school on this day.

- We will have our school Anzac Day remembrance ceremony at 10:20am on Tuesday 26 April in Mercy Hall.

- 2W will lead us in our Assembly Prayer on Friday 29 April.

- District Cross Country will again be run here at St Mark’s on Friday 29 April.

- Our Mother’s Day Assembly will be run by Prep G on Friday 5 May.

- Mother’s Day BBQ will be on Friday 6 May at 3:00.

- NAPLAN runs from Tuesday 10 May—Thursday 12 May.

- School Photos are on Wednesday 25 May.

- Our school Disco will be at 6:30pm on Friday 3 June in Mercy Hall.

- The bi-annual school fundraising Lapathon will be on Friday 10 June.

- St Mark’s Athletics Carnival will be on Friday 17 June.

- Year 5 & 6 Personal Development workshop with NET Ministries and Real Talk will run Monday –Wednesday 20-22 June.

- School Holidays start at 3pm on Friday 24 June.

Virtue of the Week: Courage

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You are practising courage when you ...

- Do what you know is right even when it is hard or scary.

- Are willing to try new things.

- Remember to ask God and others for help when you need it.

- Find courage in your heart even if others laugh at you or call you names.
ADVERTISEMENT FOR SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR

CASUAL POSITION VACANT

A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at St Marks Catholic School.

The hours of work for the School Crossing Supervisor may be up to an hour in the morning and half an hour in the afternoon.

School Crossing Supervisor/s may be required to work five days per week in all weather conditions.

Commencement of work for the successful applicant is dependent on:

The favourable outcome of a health assessment carried out by a duly qualified Medical Practitioner according to the guidelines in the “Notes for Medical Practitioner” on the School Crossing Supervisor Scheme - Health Assessment Form;

The applicant either holding a current Blue Card or having submitted an application for a Blue Card to the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian. An applicant will not be employed by the Department of Transport and Main Roads unless they meet this criterion.

Department of Transport of Main Roads will organise and fund both for selected applicant.

Application packs are available from the School. Completed applications should be returned to the school office.

ST MARK’S INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

For more than 40 years ST MARKS INDOOR BOWLS CLUB has provided for its members a place of friendship, relaxation and fun. Over this period we have given thousands of dollars to the school for the use of your facilities.

NOW we need new members. Age and lack of experience are not barriers (our oldest playing member is in his mid-eighties, we have had teenagers in the past). None of us are experts, but we enjoy ourselves and will teach new comers.

We play on Thursday Nights from about 7:15pm and finish around 9:00pm in the school hall.

Contact Jill or David 3372 7268

OPEN MORNING: SETON COLLEGE

Tuesday 3rd May starting at 9am
in the College Chapel with an Information Session
followed by a tour of the College.
The Open Morning will conclude at 10.30am

ANZAC DAY

For Sale in the Office:
Badge $2
Ribbon $1
Sticker 50c

Open Day
14 May 2016 • 10am to 1pm

Inspiring Young Women

Our Lady’s College — Annerley
A Catholic Secondary College for Girls
For further details contact 3426 8000 or visit our Website: www.ourladyscollege.qld.edu.au
Interviewing now for Year 7/2019 & 2020 – Accepting Enrolments for Year 7/2021
Outcomes from P&F Meeting—Monday 11th April 2016

To benefit the students and community, P&F paid to install a new water fountain at the edge of the oval.

P&F bank account is changing from Commonwealth Bank to Archdiocesan Development Fund enabling monthly bank statements to be printed for meetings

Saturday 30th April- Monday 2nd May - Engaged Communities for the Future Conference – Agnes Sio, Anna Sinitsky, Ena Miranda and Veronica Tierney will represent St Mark’s. They will learn new ideas and strategies to increase parent engagement.

Wednesday 4th May – Mothers Day Stall – Volunteers required please.

Friday 6th May – Mothers Day BBQ 3pm-4.30pm – DJ Manny Volunteers required please.

Monday 9th May – St Mark’s P&F Meeting – 5pm PBL and Conference report by the P&F committee

Friday 3rd June – St Mark’s Disco – 6pm-8pm – gold coin entry

Wednesday 22nd June – State of Origin Free Dress Day – gold coin

ST MARK’S IS USING PBL! (Positive Behaviour for Learning)

What is PBL?

How does PBL help your child be successful?

How does PBL benefit your family?

Come and learn the answers to help unlock your child’s full potential!

St Marks P&F Meeting on Monday 9th May 5pm, Staffroom

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THE WORKING BEE!

Thank you to the workers and students who attended.
Thank you to Anna for organising morning tea.

Parents from the working bee came up with great ideas on what to fundraise for this year. The best idea that benefits our children and school community was to “install shading above the cement steps in the oval where we hold our sports day and district cross country events”. How many people became sunburnt sitting there with no protection from the sun? Let us know what you think, you are Welcome to join us at the 9th May P&F Meeting.

Cheap Movies at Cineplex Redbank—Redbank Shopping Centre

Special price before 6pm : $4.50 child and $6.50 adult ticket
After 6pm : $8.50 adult ticket