Dear Parents and Carers

Holy Week: Yesterday we celebrated Palm Sunday—the beginning of Holy Week. We mark Jesus’ triumphant entrance into Jerusalem and follow the events of the week through the Stations of the Cross (in Kitty’s Place this week) and with our Holy Week liturgy on Thursday at 12pm in the church—please join us if you can.

Dance Cart: What a fabulous night and the students loved showing you their moves! Our thanks to their dance teachers (Amy, Ellie and Eloise) and to our staff for their organisation on Friday night.

P and F Easter Raffle: Thank you for your donations of Easter prizes and for buying tickets. The exciting Raffle will be drawn on Wednesday from 2pm – 3pm in Mercy Hall—all are welcome.

Parent-teacher interviews: These interviews will occur during the first 3 weeks of next term—your child’s teacher will send home a note. At the interview, you will have the chance to see your child’s work and to discuss their academic and social progress.

Working Bee: Next term, on Saturday 16th April, we are holding the first working bee of the year. It is to mainly weed and mulch major gardens at the front and rear of the school. We have extensive grounds and need your assistance to help with the tidying up. If you have Council waste vouchers that you do not need, please consider donating them to school so we can dispose of all of our green ‘waste’ properly. Please consider coming along for an hour or so on the day to help—children are welcome and morning tea is provided! Please email the school pinala@bne.catholic.edu.au or return the tear-off slip at the end of the newsletter.

P and F Meeting: The meeting day has changed permanently to 5pm on the 2nd Monday of each month—the April meeting is on the first day of Term 2: Monday 11th April.

Book Fair: We sold many books and raised money for our school so thank you for your support of the book fair.

Thank you to Mrs Badke, Mrs Keaton and staff who organised and ran the fair.

New Tuckshop Menu: In line with Education Queensland guidelines for Healthy Tuckshops, we have revised the current tuckshop menu, as per the attachment, and made some healthier changes to start next term. Schools have an important role in promoting healthy eating and physical activity to students and providing an environment that supports a healthy lifestyle. A healthy diet can improve behaviours critical to educational success and performance at school. Green foods may be eaten regularly, amber foods occasionally and red foods will be offered twice per term only.

Breakfast Club: We have received generous sponsorship from the Blue Fin Fishing Club of Inala in order to support our breakfast club. We are very appreciative of their funding which means that breakfast club will now be free of charge every Monday and Tuesday morning from 8am.

We say farewell to Mrs Jess Oliveri (Year1B) as she takes maternity leave for Terms 2 and 3. We wish her family all of our blessings as they await their new arrival!

Thank you everyone—parents, students and staff—for your great support of our school this year and for making me feel so welcome. I wish you a blessed and holy Easter and a relaxing holiday with your family. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on the 11th April.

Allison Malouf
Principal
This week is the most Holy Week in the Church’s calendar and a time when we stop and remember the sacrifice Jesus made for us. As Lent comes to a close it’s time to reflect again on our Lenten Promises—and what we have learnt about ourselves. Here at St Mark’s there are two significant ways we are going to gather to remember the Passion of Jesus:

1.) On **Monday—Thursday this week** classes are rostered on to pray the **Stations of the Cross**. This year we are thrilled that we will pray our Stations in the grounds of Kitty’s Place. We know that the beautiful environment will help focus our students on this most important week in the Church’s season. This will be reverent time of prayer where we will meditate on some of the stories about the death and resurrection of Jesus.

2.) Our **Holy Week Liturgy** celebration will be held this **Thursday, 24 March, at 12 NOON in St Mark’s Church** where we will hear the story of Jesus’ Passion and death. Everyone is most welcome to join us for this special time.

Let us join together as a community to share this journey from the cross—to the tomb—to the excitement of resurrection. **Jesus, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free! You are the Saviour of the world!**

On our first day back in Term Two, **Monday, 11 April**, we will gather together as a community at **12 NOON in St Mark’s Church for Mass** to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus.

### Holy Week Service Time at St Mark’s Parish:

- **Thursday 24th March**, **Holy Thursday**: 7pm English; 9pm Vietnamese
- **Friday 25th March**, **Good Friday**: 9am Stations of the Cross (English); 3pm English; 7pm Vietnamese
- **Saturday 26th March**, **Easter vigil**: 6pm English
- **Sunday 27th March**, **Easter Sunday**: **Easter Sunday**: (Usual Mass Times) 7.30am V, 9.30am E, 5pm E

**NB:** There will be an Easter Vigil Mass in the Vietnamese language at the Vietnamese Catholic Community Centre on Saturday 26th March at 7.30pm.

### Date Claimers …

- The **Easter raffle** will be drawn tomorrow, Wednesday 23 March at 2pm in Mercy Hall.
- This **Thursday, 24 March**, we will gather as a whole school at 12 noon in the Church to remember the **Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ**. Parents and friends you are welcome to join us.
- **Holidays start next Thursday, 24 March, at 3pm.**
- **School starts back on Monday 11 April.**
- **Resurrection liturgy** will be on Monday 11 April at 12 noon.

### Virtue of the Week: Reverence

**What Reverence?**

Reverence is behaving with an awareness that you are always in the presence of the Creator and that all life is very precious. Reverence can be experienced in moments of prayer or reflection. It is treating Holy books and other sacred things as very, very special.

**You are practising reverence when you …**

- Have an attitude of deep respect toward all living things.
- Have a regular practise of reflection or prayer.
- Treat sacred things with special care.
- Spend time in the beauty of nature.

Mrs Nikki Lysaght  
Assistant Principal Religious Education
Library News

Thanks so much!!!

Our Book Fair was an amazing success - the most successful ever!!! We would like to thank all students, parents, family and teachers that bought the beautiful books and all those teachers and staff that helped run the Fair!! The Book Fair sales contribute both money and books into the Library and we are very grateful for your support.

Happy Holiday Reading!!!

Leesa Keaton and Therese Badke
Teacher Librarians

St Mark’s Sacramental Program 2016 -
Confirmation and First Holy Communion
for children in Year 3 and above.
Closing date for enrolments: Friday 8th April
Please collect enrolment forms from the parish or school office. A copy of your child’s Baptism certificate is also required.

Sports Report

District Cross Country
On Friday April 29, St Mark's will host the Inala District Cross Country. This is a day where 15 schools from all over the district come to compete in 10, 11 & 12 Years boys and girls events. Training has begun for St Mark's and the final team will be selected on Wednesday April 20.

As in previous years we are asking for donations of spring rolls, oil and fry pans to sell on the day. All donations can be sent anytime in the week beginning Monday April 25 to the tuckshop in preparation to cook on Friday April 29. A note with Vietnamese translation has also been sent home with today's newsletter in relation to this.

NRL 9’s
This Wednesday, 6 teams from Year 3 & 4 will compete in the NRL 9’s to be played at Forest Lake High School.

All the best for students participating and I am sure they will benefit from the experience.

Inter School Sport
Last Friday saw the conclusion of the Inter School Sports season for both Rugby League and Netball. Today an award ceremony was held for this season with winners announced below.

My thanks to Ms Donato, Mrs De Jesus, Mrs Morrow and Mrs Sailaeu for their valuable contribution in coaching and managing these teams. A thanks also to the students who showed an excellent commitment to their respective teams and their performance on the field.

Year 5 & 6 Coach's award for Rugby League: Rony, Tahlia & Aluel

Year 5 & 6 Players’ Player award for Rugby League: Kruz, Marley & B.J.

Year 5 & 6 Coach's award for Netball: Amelia, Rebecca, Frances & Leanne

Year 5 & 6 Players’ Player award for Netball: Hang, Sally, Manicarl & Miracle

District Representatives
Congratulations to Kruz, James & Rony who made the Inala District Rugby League team to compete in the Met West Trials in April.

Congratulations to Rony who also made the Inala District Soccer team. This is the 3rd District team Rony has made this year along with AFL & Rugby League.

Kind Regards
Mr Biddulph - Sports Co-ordinator
P&F Meetings are on every 2nd MONDAY of each month
Next meeting is on MONDAY 11TH APRIL 5PM

Ellen, Blaise, Siobhan and Xavier are happy to introduce their new baby Sister
Imogen Mary McCormack
Born 2.3.16

Chloe, Noah, Jonah, Miley and Rosie are happy to introduce their new baby Sister
Lucy Amelia Curtis
Born 17.3.16

Happy Birthday Sean

Happy Birthday Arturo

Happy Birthday Aria

Parents won Gold

Students won Silver

Teachers won Bronze

Photos courtesy of Mrs Aileen Richter

The P&F Wish you a Safe & Happy Easter!

WORKING BEE

Saturday 16th of April 2016

I ____________________________ will be attending the St Mark’s Working Bee on Saturday the 16th of April.