Dear Parents and Carers

With the cold weather finally arriving, we seem to have several children late for school each day – please remember to ‘check-in’ at the front office if you arrive after the bell.

Photos: Tomorrow is school photo day. All students are required to wear the formal check uniform and have their hair tied back. Sibling photos will be taken at morning tea time.

Picking up children in the afternoon: As the last 10 minutes of the school day are important times for the teachers to give students messages, parents are requested not to wait on the verandas outside the classroom in direct eyesight of the class. Parents can wait in the courtyard (Year 1) or around the corner out of eyesight (Year 3 and 4). Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Breakfast club: This service is offered for free every Monday and Tuesday morning from 8 am – 8:30 am. Please note that the breakfast club is for students who have not eaten before coming to school on Monday and Tuesday.

This week, we acknowledge with respect National Sorry Day on Friday – please join us for a special prayer led by Year 1G at 8:45 am.

Next week, there are three exciting events happening. We will launch our annual Vinnies Winter Appeal led by the Faith and Mission student leaders – more details are over the page.

On Wednesday June 1st, it is the first State of Origin match and we are having a free dress day – children are encouraged to wear their colours in exchange for a gold coin donation to the P and F. On Friday 3rd June, it’s the disco! Entry is by gold coin donation with snacks on sale from p.m. – p.m. Parents are required to stay with their children for the disco. We hope to see you there!

Enjoy the week ahead.

Allison Malouf
Principal

“Whenever you feel unloved, unimportant or insecure, remember to whom you belong.”

Ephesians 2:19-22
Virtue of the Week: Justice

What is Justice?
Practicing justice is being fair in everything you do. It is seeing with your own eyes and not judging something or someone by what other people tell you. Justice means that people receive what they deserve. Everyone gets their fair share. It is just for people to receive a consequence or punishment when they do something wrong, so they will remember to do things differently next time. It is also just for people to be rewarded and recognised when they are doing something right or making an improvement. Justice means that every person's rights are protected.

How can we help?
Here at St Mark's our Year 5 and 6 student leaders will again this year run our Winter Appeal for 4 weeks in June starting next week! During this time YOU can help by donating money and goods which will go directly to those who will be severely affected by the cold and uncomfortable months of winter in our area. St Vincent de Paul have specifically asked for certain items for their Family Packs. These items include: Tin corn beef, Deodorant, Pasta shells, band aids, Pasta sauce, laundry powder, scotch finger biscuits, nappies all sizes, coffee, razors, tea, shampoo, baked beans, toilet rolls, spaghett, soap, tin tomatoes, noodles, sugar, soup, cereal, long life milk, toothpaste, and jam. Donations are be handed in to your class. Please consider donating to those in need! Thank you in advance!
District Representatives

In recent weeks, I have sent many students to District Trials in various sports. I am pleased to announce that 12 students have made Inala District teams to compete in Regional Trials in the coming months. Congratulations to Jacob, Marley & Kruz who made the District Boys touch team, while Amielia, Nhia & Sally made the Girls District Touch team. Iosefa & Justin were also successful in making the District Tennis team and finally Marcus, Rony, James & Kruz were selected in the District Rugby Union team. Congratulations to these boys and girls and we wish them well at their respective Regional Carnivals.

School Athletics Day

Friday June 17 is our School Athletics Carnival for 2016. As we are unable to do all of the events on this day other events are planned for the week. On Tuesday June 14 the running of the 800 metres will take place on the Fr Lyons Oval. This is for all grades from Prep through to Year 6 from 1:30-3pm. The order will be Year 5, Prep, Year 1,2,3,4, & 6. Each year level will compete in a boys and girls event. Thursday June 16, Years 3 through to Year 6 will compete in the 200 metres. These will be heats and finals starting at 1:50pm and finishing at 3pm. Finally, on Friday June 17 the Athletics Carnival will conclude with 7 rotations followed by relays and Sprints finals in the afternoon session. I have inserted the rotations list and times as a separate attachment in today's newsletter so you are aware of the times your children are competing. Parents, watch out if Aileen Richter comes your way as she is recruiting Mums, Dads & Guardians for the novelty event. Any other queries please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Gala Day

Last Friday, all Year 5 and 6 students attended the Inala District Gala Day in 4 sports: Rugby League, Tennis, Lawn Bowls, and Softball. This is an opportunity for all students to experience a sport in a non-competitive environment and develop an awareness and appreciation at the same time.

For Rugby League, I nominated Marcus and Toan as winners of the Coach’s award, while Misiona was voted Players’ Player. William was the choice of Ms Waites for Coach’s award for Tennis, Mr Ebzery nominated Bao and Mrs Barker nominated Kim for the Coach’s award.
Trials are always hard and can be tricky at times as each student needs to somehow shine amongst other students from 18 schools in the Inala District and get noticed by selectors. Well, didn’t St Mark’s Students do that at the District Touch Football trials! We had 6 students selected – Congratulations Nia, Amilelia and Sally for the girls under 12s and Kruz, Marley and Jacob in the under 12 boys—Aileen Richter

Congratulations Amielia Chadburn (U12 Girls), Jacob Richter and Marley Ngatai (U10 Boys) whose teams won the Arthur Davies Touch Football Cup at Redlands. These St Mark’s Students played for BMTA Mustangs and both teams played and won their 5 games! They played against Touch Football Club around Gold Coast, Toowoomba, Ipswich, Logan and Dalby. We also had our younger St Mark’s students, Sean Miranda, Rico Ngatai and Kealan Chadburn who also played and really gave some old teamers a run for their money. Well done everyone!!- Aileen Richter

Congratulations!
Alina participated in her first eisteddfod on Tuesday for Violin and won first place in the “Piece by memory” section.

Thank you.
To the Vietnamese Children for their beautiful dance offering at St Mark’s Mass last Sunday to celebrate May the month of Mother Mary.
Next Sunday a different community will do a performance at the 9.30am Mass. See you there!

State of Origin — Wear your Team Colours Day
Wed 1st June 2016
Gold Coin donation please

St Mark’s School Disco
Fri 3rd June 2016
6.00-8.00pm at Mercy Hall
Gold Coin Entry—Chips, poppers and LED candles on sale

Parents please attend with your children.

Lap-a-thon or Walkathon our Major Fundraiser
Friday 10th June 2016
All Students raising $10 or more for the school can select a prize
The Student that raises the most money for the school will Win a Major prize
The classroom that raises the most money for the school will Win a Pizza Party

We are raising funds to provide shade cover over the steps in the oval. The sports carnival and cross country district events take place in this location, so the shade will provide cover and protection for the children/parents/spectators.