Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great day we had last Friday for **St Mark's day!** The happy faces that were around all day said it all……and Anthony Milford just happened to drop by as well. It was great to also welcome the Year 5 boys from Ambrose Treacy College. Thanks to all of our staff for providing excellent activities that were very popular and to Mrs Lysaght and Father Stephen for a beautiful mass.

On Wednesday May 18, St Mark’s will be holding a **‘High School Expo’ in Mercy Hall from 6-8 pm.** This expo is an opportunity for Catholic High Schools within our catchment area to display, demonstrate and communicate what their school has to offer. As High School selection for your child is an important decision in their educational journey, we would encourage you to attend. You, as parents know your child best and an expo such as this will make you aware of the schools that can best cater for your child’s learning and educational needs. Closer to the time we will be able to give you a list of the schools that will be attending the night. **Please note, that many high schools request enrolments for students from as early as Year 3-4.**

**District cross-country carnival:** This Friday, we are hosting the annual District Cross Country for students 10-12 years old. As there will be many students on our premises using the tuckshop, please note there is no ordered tuckshop for St Mark’s students on Friday 29th April. Students will need to bring their own lunch on that day.

**Breakfast club** has started again this term. 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.

Allison Malouf
Principal

**Becoming like Jesus is as much as about having a relaxed and joyful heart as it is about believing and doing the right thing, as much about proper energy as about proper truth.**

~ Ronald Rolheiser
Virtue of the Week: Loyalty

What is Loyalty?
Loyalty is standing up for something you believe in, having unwavering faith. Loyalty is being faithful to your family, your country, your friends or your ideals. It is remaining faithful when things get tough as well as when thing are good.

You are practising Loyalty when you ...

- Are supportive of people and ideas you believe in.
- Are faithful through good times and bad.
- Don’t allow blind loyalty to lead you into trouble.

Mrs Nikki Lysaght
Assistant Principal Religious Education
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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.
Do you want to help your child at School?

Research supports the positive affects of parent engagement for children.
   If parents can provide their children with;
   1. A loving and stable (safe) home environment
   2. Daily discussions/chats about their day
   3. Encourage them to set inspirations to achieve
   4. Apply tips you learned from parent/teacher interviews to help your children
   5. participate and support school events

The above are just a couple of examples on how you can help your child reach their full potential.

You can read the full report “The Impact of Parental Involvement, Parental Support and Family Education on Pupil Achievements and Adjustment: A Literature Review Professor Charles Desforges with Alberto Abouchaar

Come & learn about PBL! How does PBL help your child?
St Marks P&F Meeting on Monday 9th May 5pm, Staffroom

Wednesday 4th May – Mothers Day Stall
Volunteers required to sell gifts at the stall please

Friday 6th May – Mothers Day BBQ 3pm-4.30pm
Volunteers required to cook sausages, serve food & drinks please

FREE Mothers Day Craft Activity courtesy of Robert from Bunnings Oxley
FREE Face Painting courtesy of St Mark’s Teachers
DJ MANNY PERFORMING—Prizes for Best Dancers

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

Congratulations to our Year 4, 5 & 6 Rugby League Players

David Vs Goliath

The St Mark’s Rugby League Players displayed big Hearts on the field as some of their opponents were twice their size.

They were great to watch especially when they worked together as a team.

Thank you to Mr Biddulph for this wonderful opportunity.

Thank you to Mrs De Jesus,
Mr Miranda & Mrs Ritcher for their support on the day.