Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to the P and F for their excellent organisation of the disco last Friday night and to the staff for their organisation and supervision. It was a great night thoroughly enjoyed by all!

This Friday, we are holding the Lap-a-thon on the Gilly Lyon’s oval from 11.30am – 1.30pm. Students have been busy collecting sponsorship and all money goes to the P and F. You can gain a prize by raising money! Parents are most welcome to join us if you wish.

Tomorrow we celebrate World School Officer Day (teacher aides). We say ‘thanks for your fantastic work with our students’ to all of our great school officers!

Next Friday is our annual Athletics carnival – all parents are most welcome to attend. There will be a coffee van in attendance from 8.30am and a sausage sizzle throughout the day. More details follow in the newsletter.

Enjoy the week ahead.
Allison Malouf
Principal

SCHOOL FEES!
School Fees will be sent home this week.
Virtue of the Week: Consideration

What is Consideration?
Consideration is having regard for other people and their feelings. It is thinking about how your actions will affect them and caring about how they will feel. Consideration is doing things in a way that benefits others as well as yourself.

You are practising Consideration when you ...
- Respect other people’s needs and feelings.
- Observe what people do and do not like.
- Feel that other people’s needs are as important as your own.
- Think about how your actions will affect others.

Sarah’s story: Not long ago, Sarah found herself trapped in an abusive relationship. Determined to give her children a better life, she got up in the middle of the night and drove away from everything.

After seeking refuge in her car, Sarah reached out to Vinnies, who found her a home, along with food and school supplies for her kids.

Vinnies have helped Sarah break the cycle of abuse, while transforming her into an ambitious mother, who is currently studying at university and volunteering at her son’s school.

What can we at St Mark’s do about it?
The St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal campaign is ON NOW!!!! Our Year 5 and 6 leaders are again running our Winter Appeal for 4 weeks in June until the end of term. 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, spaghetti, soap, tin potatoes, noodles, sugar, soup, cereal, long life milk, toothpaste, and jam.
Donations are be handed in to your class. Each class is creating a tally to record how many donations they are bringing in. We are already thrilled with how much we will be able to deliver to the Inala St Vinnies centre. Thank you in advance for your kind donations of money and goods.

Date Claimers ...
- ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL IS ON NOW!! Please bring in your donations to classrooms!
- This Friday, 10 June, 28 will lead us in our Assembly Prayer.
- The bi-annual school fundraising Lapathon will be on next 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.
- Term 3 starts on Monday 11 July.

Thank you in advance for your kind donations of money and goods.
English as an Additional Language or Dialect/Library News

Currently we are trying to build up a bank of bi-lingual books in the school’s library. Students are now able to borrow books in their first or main language, although at this stage the books are mainly suitable for younger children. Currently we have books available to borrow in Vietnamese, Spanish, Samoan, Tongan, Tagalog, Tamil, Portuguese, Chinese and Arabic. It is beneficial for bi-lingual students to develop print literacy in their first, main and/or additional language and it would be a wonderful experience for you and your child to share one of these books together.

If you have any children’s bi-lingual books at home and you would like to donate them to the school’s collection, your generosity would be greatly appreciated. Please bring them to the library and they will be happily received. Thanks so much to the families who have already done this. We are having some difficulties sourcing some more bi-lingual Samoan and or Tongan children’s books, so if you know where we may be able to buy any, please let us know.

Please note also that the term, ESL – English as a Second Language, has changed to, EAL/D – English as an Additional Language or Dialect. Brigid Low, Eugene Shaw and I are now St Mark’s EAL/D teachers and we are very blessed to teach many of your wonderful children. The change of term has been a Brisbane Catholic Education initiative.

Kind regards,
Tina Winterflood and Leesa Keaton.

Sports Report

Athletics Day - Friday June 17
Just an information update on our up coming Athletics carnival. The week commences with 800 metres for all grade levels on Tuesday June 14 from 1:30-3pm on the Fr Lyons Oval. Thursday June 16 will see the 200 metres heats and finals for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. This will also take place on the Fr Lyon Oval from 1:50-3pm.

Friday June 17 will be the concluding day of our carnival with 7 rotations for all year levels with the exception of Prep, who will do 4 rotations followed by their sprint finals. At this stage Preps will finish for the day after their sprint finals. Session 2 will see the conclusions of the 7 rotations with Year 1 finishing with sprint finals to conclude their day. The afternoon session will see the running of the sprint finals and relays for Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6.

On the Friday there will be a sausage sizzle for the half hour break from 11-11:30am. Students need to send their orders to the tuckshop no later than Thursday June 16 at 1:30pm. Ms Sintsky is looking for volunteers to help with the sausage sizzle on the Friday so any time you can spare would be greatly appreciated. The students will have lunch with their Year levels so normal duty roster won’t apply; they will be supervised by their Year level teachers at designated areas. Please see your year level teachers for information.

NRL Gala Day - Year 3 and 4
Last Wednesday, 68 Year 3 & 4 students attended the NRL Gala Day at Forest Lake JRLFC. It was a most successful day with our Year 4 Titans team winning the Year 4 Championship while our Year 3 Sea Eagles team came runner up in their division. The winning Year 4 team was Marley, Russel, Gloria, Brendan, Steven, Francesca, Peter, Le Leije, BJ, Sean, Steph & John.

Individual player awards for each of the 6 teams: Year 3 EELS - Lachlan, COWBOYS- Jim & SEA EAGLES - Khelan & Rico; Year 4 TIGERS - Jacob, BRONCOS - Motu & TITANS- Marley.

My thanks to Mr Everett, Mrs Morrow, Ms Oudyn and all of the Parents & Friends who came to support on the day.

Met West Touch Football

Congratulations to Amielia & Kruze who yesterday were selected in the Met West Regional Touch Team to compete in the State Carnival in Roma in August. Jacob was selected as a shadow player. It is an accomplishment to make a regional team as you are competing with students from close to 300 schools for selection in 1 team. Well done.

Kind Regards
Mr Biddulph Sports Co-Ordinator
CONGRATULATIONS!

KALIYAH CONNORS has recently been selected to represent the SEQ U14 Girls to compete in the upcoming QRL State Junior Carnival to be held in Toowoomba on 29th June to 3rd July. This is the first year the girls will be playing in the Carnival. I watched Kaliyah’s trial and the girl can tackle!!!

CALEB ESERA who made the SEQ U14 Boys team.
This is a proud moment as both Kallyah and Caleb were St Marks 2014 Sports Person of the Year (Kaliyah Year 6 and Caleb Year 7) Seeing them both still pursuing their sport and getting results is fantastic! - Aileen Richter

Year 3 and Year 4 NRL GALA DAY
Well done to all the students who represented St Marks. They participated bravely and with great spirits! Many of these students do not play rugby league so seeing them having a go was fantastic. Many schools in the Inala District and as far as Wynnum competed.

CONGRATULATIONS to St Marks for winning the Year 4 division (Team Titans—Marley, BJ, Laiaje, Sean, Brendan, Gloria, Francesca, John, Russell, Steven and Stephanie) Thank you Mr Biddulph, Mr Everett, Mrs Morrow, Miss Oduyn and to the many parents who came to cheer and support the students—Aileen Richter

Thank you to Wendy our lovely crossing Angel for keeping our Children Safe! We will miss her beautiful smile and wish her all the best!

Thank you Parents & Staff for a Successful Disco!