Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Mass: Thank you so much for making me feel so welcome at last Sunday's 9:30am parish mass! Father Stephen and all of our staff plus parents have made me feel ‘at home’ and I am very blessed to be the principal of St Mark’s. I look forward to working with you this year.

Camp: This week is exciting for our Year 5 and Year 6 students as they go on camp with their classmates and teachers from Wednesday until Friday. The Year 5 students will travel to Tunnel Ridge at Landsborough (www.tunnelridge.com.au) and the Year 6 students will travel to Alexandra Headlands to the Alex Park Conference Centre (www.alexpark.com.au). Both camps offer excellent outdoor education activities and it is a fantastic way for our students to experience many these outdoor activities and also to create special bonds within and across classes. Staff attending the Year 5 camp are Ms Donato, Mr Biddulph, Mrs Gorman, Mrs Kuschert and Mrs De Jesus. Staff attending the Year 6 camp are Mr Ebzery, Ms Waites, Mr Johnstone, Mrs Eaton and Mrs Lysaght. I will attend both camps and look forward to spending time with our students. My thanks go to the teachers attending - whilst they will be having fun; they are ‘on duty’ day and night.

Outdoor Education Centre: Soccer has been popular with the Year 3—6 students on the oval. We have also been using our new outdoor education centre for the past week and it has been a hit as you can see by the photos! We are having a small opening and blessing of the centre next Friday 11 March at 9am and all parents are invited to attend. Two special guests (Mr Montgomery and Mrs Ioannides) will be joining us for the morning!

Dance Cart: Our Dance Cart concert will be at 6:30pm on Friday 18 March in Mercy Hall. Costume requirements can be found on page 3 of this newsletter.

Enjoy the week ahead.
Allison Malouf
Principal

“No pessimist ever discovered the secret of the stars, or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new doorway for the human spirit.” ~ Helen Keller
Date Claimers ...

- The Year 6 students will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday 10 March.
- **THERE WILL BE NO ASSEMBLY THIS FRIDAY!** Instead, our new Outdoor Learning Area will be opened and blessed on Friday 11 March at 9am. Mr Montgomery and Mrs Ioannides will be our special guests.
- The **School Swimming Carnival** will be on Monday 14 March and is a wonderful way to demonstrate the virtue of Resilience! See you all there!
- Year 4&5 students will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday 17 March (St Patrick’s Day).
- 3G will lead us in our assembly prayer on Friday 18 March.
- Dance Cart concert will be at 6:30am on Friday 18 March in Mercy Hall. Please drop children to classrooms by 6pm.
- Our Holy Week liturgy will be on Thursday 24 March at 11:30am in the Church.
- **School holidays start at 3pm on Thursday 24 March.** Good Friday, 25 March is a public holiday.
- **School starts back at 8:30am on Monday 11 April.**

**PARENT AND FRIENDS YOU ARE ALL VERY WELCOME AT THESE EVENTS!**

**Virtue of the Week: Joyfulness**

What is Joyfulness?
Joyfulness is being filled with happiness, peace, love and a sense of well-being. Joy is inside us all. It comes from a sense of being loved. It comes from an appreciation for the gift of life. It comes when we are doing what we know is right. Joy is related to fun but is not exactly the same thing. Fun comes from what is happening outside – having a good time. Joy comes from what is happening inside.

**You are practising Joyfulness when you ...**
- Look for your inner happiness.
- Believe that God created you and loves you always.
- Allow sadness to come and then remember to let it go.
- Learn something from the hard times in your life.

Mrs Nikki Lysaght
Assistant Principal Religious Education
**SPORTING NEWS:**

**Swimming Carnival:** Teachers have been busy organising their students into events for the swim carnival on Monday March 14. I have made some changes to the carnival format this year. The Year 1 and Year 2 carnivals will this year be split into 2 separate times with Year 2 going down from 9:15-11:15 while Year 1 will compete from 11:15 - 1:15. Year 3 will be in the mushroom pool, with the best swimmers joining the senior carnival for all 25 m events and then going back to the mushroom pool in between these races. The Senior carnival (Year 4-6) will be in the Olympic size pool from 9-1:30.

Parents, I have left Mrs Aileen Richter in charge of organising a Parent’s team for the novelty event so if water is your go, please see her. Already Mr Everett has deserted the teachers and signed on for the Parent’s team.

Should you have any further queries about swimming or anything sport please don’t hesitate to see me.

Kind Regards, Mr Biddulph.

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**DANCE CART!**

All parents and friends are invited to attend the Dance Cart showcase evening on **Friday 18th March** to see what their children have been learning in dance class this term.

Parents are asked to have their **children to their classrooms by 6pm** so that the Concert can commence at 6.30pm.

**Listed below are the costume requirements for each class:**

**PG – Eye of the Tiger:** All students – Plain white T shirt and coloured shorts

**PW – I’ve Been Everywhere:** All students - Plain white T shirt and plain green school shorts

**PB – I Milk Cows:** All students – Plain White T shirt and plain green school shorts

**1G – Walking on Sunshine:** All students – Jeans and any shirt (they will given a shirt to wear)

**1W – ABC:** All students – Jeans and any shirt (they will given a shirt to wear)

**1B – Calendar Girl:** Girls – Plain white T shirt and black leggings to go under a skirt; Boys – Jeans and a plain white T shirt

**2G – Ring Ring:** All students – Jeans and any shirt (they will given a shirt to wear)

**2W – This Ole House:** Girls – Plain white T shirt and leggings to go under a skirt

**3B – Signed Sealed Delivered:** All students – Jeans and a plain white T shirt

**3W – ABC:** All students

**3G – Telephone:** Girls – Black leggings to go under a skirt and any shirt (they will be given a shirt to wear); Boys – Jeans and any shirt (they will be given a shirt to wear)

**3W – 4 Minutes:** Girls – Black Leggings to go under a skirt and a plain white T shirt; Boys – Jeans and a Plain white T shirt

**4B – On the Road Again:** All Students – Plain white T shirt and jeans

**4W – Sugar Rush:** Girls – Plain White T shirt and black leggings to go under a skirt; Boys – Jeans and a plain white T shirt

**5G – Vogue:** Girls – Plain white T shirt and Black leggings to go under a skirt; Boys – Jeans and a plain white T shirt

**5W – Bills:** All Students – Plain white T shirt and jeans

**6W – Eat It:** All students – Jeans and a Plain white T shirt

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**ST PETER CLAVER COLLEGE**

Great Opportunities

School Education in the Ipswich and wider community.

- Genuine commitment to the Catholic Vision for education of young women and men.
- A school built on faith and committed to respect, courtesy and high, mutual expectations between students and staff.
- Excellent academic, vocational and career outcomes for its young people.
- Comprehensive and exciting curriculum options that include all academic, artistic, trade and cultural disciplines.
- Vocational and trade-based pathways in established Ipswich Community Partnerships.
- Impressive facilities that cater for all curricular and co-curricular activities.
- Wide range of sports including “School of Excellence” status in Dance, Rugby League, Netball and Football.
- Lived commitment to quality explicit teaching, inclusive practices, celebration and family-orientation in the Marist Way.

Enrolment Interviews for **Year 7 2017** will be **commencing soon**, so please make arrangements to enrol through the online Enrolment tab on the website:  **http://www.spcc.qld.edu.au**

or by contacting the College Registrar Mrs Marion Hunt  
Ph.: 07 3810 5907  
Email: mhunt@bne.catholic.edu.au

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“Concern, Love and Justice” is not just our motto; it is our reality.
MONSTER EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS PLEASE!
Please bring in Easter Eggs, Chocolates, or non-chocolate items like Easter Activity Books, Stickers or soft toys, things to make up Easter Hamper Prizes.

Brisbane P&F AGM Meeting on
Thursday 10th March 2016 5.30pm at the Marist College, Ashgrove
Everyone Welcome—Complimentary Supper Provided

Special Guest for the evening: Michelle Young speaking on Visible Learning
Michelle is a Senior Education Officer at Brisbane Catholic Education.
Visible Learning is the result of the largest ever evidence-based research into what actually works best in education.

According to Hattie's findings Visible Learning occurs when teachers see learning through the eyes of students and help them become their own teachers. RSVP Friday 4 March info@pandf.org.au or call 3336 9242

$20 Family Portraits on Saturday 19th March 2016 @Mercy Hall

WHAT YOU RECEIVE FOR $20.00

TO BOOK—Use your Smart phone, Laptop or Computer to go online to book & pay $20

2016 Queensland Catholic Schools Parents Conference
1:00pm Saturday 30 April to 12:00pm Monday 2 May 2016 @ ROCKHAMPTON

Engaged Communities for the Future.
We invite you to be part of conversation around the following:
What does Parent Engagement and Parent Voice look like in your Catholic school in the future?
Your school community is invited to attend this important Conference and we encourage every school to be represented at this event.
Plan now to send at least one member of the school leadership team and a parent from every school community to this Conference to Dr Debbie Pushor.

Happy 3rd Birthday Tempy