Dear Parents/Carers,

Tomorrow night is our Parent Information Night. It starts at 6.30 pm in Mercy Hall. All families need to be represented. At this meeting, I will introduce the teachers to you and highlight the most important aspects of school life to you. Later, you go to the classroom of your child to hear from that particular teacher. A little after that, there will be the opportunity to hear from your other child's teacher. All in all, this process will bring us into line with many other schools and provide you with the chance to establish the vital links between home and school that are so important for your child/ren's success. The evening concludes at around 8.00 pm. I look forward to seeing you.

Mass of Welcome and Commissioning
Student leaders will be acknowledged and presented at our Welcoming Mass at 9.30 am on Friday, 14th February in the church. Parents are warmly invited to attend, especially those with children in Years 6 and 7.

Welcoming BBQ
Later that day we will celebrate with our traditional Welcoming BBQ in the amphitheatre from 3.00—5.00 pm. This is always good fun and this year will be no different. My thanks to the P and F who have worked hard to make sure it will be a success. Bring the whole family! See the P and F page for details.

Breakfast Club
Reminder to parents - Breakfast Club is now on each Tuesday and Wednesday, and for $1 provides a simple breakfast to assist those families that might like to take advantage of the service.

Camps
Next week, all the students in Years 5, 6 and 7 will be on camp, the Year 5’s to Tunnel Ridge, near Landsborough and the Years 6 and 7's to Mudjimba. There is excitement building as the camps come closer. Please ensure that your son/daughter is packed and ready to go next week. Should you have any late queries, do not hesitate to contact classroom teachers or myself.

Leadership Conference
Mrs Ioannides, Mrs Lysaght and I will be out of the school on Thursday and Friday attending the annual leadership conference. Should you have any concerns over those days, come to the school as you would normally and they will be addressed.

Maintenance/ Groundsman
This is a final reminder to anyone who might be interested in the 10 hour/week maintenance/groundsman position that I am offering here at the school. Please submit, in writing by Friday, your expression of interest highlighting your skills and experience. I would look to appoint the replacement to Mr Cazaly in a couple of week’s time.

Practical Matters
* New telephone numbers - please give to teachers or office.
* Children arrive at school between 8.00—8.30 am. There is no before or after school care offered at St. Mark's. All children come to the amphitheatre up to 8.20 am.
* No children are to use the playground equipment without supervision. Parents are to supervise young children while waiting for school age children.
* For the safety of all and to avoid a fine, please observe all signage on the roads around the school.

I look forward to seeing you at school this week!

Garry Montgomery
Principal
Our littlest students are using their Heart and Hands to “Just Do It”!

Prep B are excited to use their hearts and hands to just do it.

1G ‘ar’ happy, quiet, hard working Pirates this year.

Prep G are exploring our 2014 scripture, Philippians 4:4-9.

2G are focusing on how to use their hearts and hands this year.

Date Claimers ...

- Our Welcoming and Commissioning Mass for 2014 will be on Friday 14 February at 9:30am in St Mark’s Church. It will be a special time when we commit ourselves to get in and “JUST DO IT!” in 2014. Our Year 6 and 7 leaders will also be presented to the community and they will be commissioned as they promise to lead St Mark’s to the best of their ability. Once again it promises to be joyous occasion to start our school year. All parents and friends are most welcome.

- There will be no assembly this Friday—due to the School Mass.

- Our Welcome BBQ will also be on Friday 14 February at 3pm in the Amphitheatre. We’d love to see you here!

- Next Friday, 21 February, 2G will lead us in our Assembly prayer at 8:45am in Mercy Hall.

- We will begin our weekly Class liturgies with 6W and 2W on Thursday 27 February.

Markus says when you are aware of God you are being REVERENT!!

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 practice of reflection or prayer.
- Treat sacred things with special care.
- Spend time in the beauty of nature.

Mrs Nikki Lysaght
Assistant Principal Religious Education
TUCKSHOP
St Mark’s Tuckshop is open on Monday, Thursday and Friday each week.
Please support our tuckshop.
If you can spare any time to help, please contact Anna at the tuckshop.
Thank you

OUR LADY’S COLLEGE ANNERLEY
Inspiring Young Women
Celebrating 50 years of Educating Girls in the Tradition of St Mary Mackillop
Our Open Day is
17 May from 10am—1pm
Enrolling now for 2016 and 2017
Limited places for Years 7 and 8 in 2015
For further details contact 3848 7492
Or visit our website
www.ourladysscollege.qld.edu.au

Library News
Book club
Please return book club orders by Friday. Place your completed order form and money into an envelope and give to the class teacher.
Many thanks!
Mrs Badke and Mrs Keaton

SCHOOL FEES
School fees will be sent home with your oldest student today. Please ask your child for the envelope and check their school bag.
Thank you!
Thank you for a great P&F Meeting last week.

It was wonderful to see a couple of extra parents attending and we finalised the Welcoming BBQ preparations and upcoming Easter Raffle.

We were lucky enough to get a tour of the classrooms and learned about the exciting innovative education that our children receive at St Mark’s.

**Parents we need your help at the Welcoming BBQ on this Friday 14th Feb, 3pm at St Mark’s**—We need cooks, servers and raffle ticket sellers PLEASE

**Please keep this date free—Wednesday 12th March 5.30pm—St Mark’s P&F AGM**

President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary—All positions will be made available for nominations on the evening.

Each position requires time commitment to organise events, help with the banking, shopping and event set up, organising and attending them.

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**Please join us at the Welcoming Sausage Sizzle**

**This Friday 14th February 2014**

**3.00pm to 5.00 pm**

**At St Mark’s Catholic Primary School**

FREE LIVE MUSIC, FREE FACE PAINTING—Thank you to Mrs Wilson & Friends

1 FREE RAFFLE TICKET PER FAMILY

**RAFFLE TICKETS $1.00 each**

**DRINKS $2.00 each**

**SAUSAGE ON BREAD $2.00 each**

All proceeds go to subsidise school leader shirts so our students pay $10 for one shirt

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**Major raffle prize donated by Physics 3D**

**Total RRP $165.00**

Pair of youth shorts in blue,
Short sleeve shirt in blue & hat

**St Mark’s Parents & Friends wish to thank**

Physics 3D for the revamped school leader shirt and their valuable contribution to supporting this community event.

Physics 3D will hold a special sale on Friday for St Mark’s community.

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Thank you to Cr Milton Dick and his wonderful staff at Richlands Ward for donating a hamper towards the raffle prizes on Friday.

We now have 5 raffle prizes and 2 complimentary raffle prizes!