Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Last Friday night’s P and F Dinner was a wonderful occasion to come together and celebrate the successes of the year. It was a great to see so many of you come and join in. Special thanks goes to Agnes, Anna, Ena and Veronica, the executive of the P and F, for all their work in organizing such an enjoyable night.

P and F Meeting
The final P and F meeting for the year is scheduled for tomorrow evening, 12th November, at 5.30 pm in the staffroom. All parents and friends are very welcome as we round off the school year with planning to ensure all goes according to plan.

Swimming
As mentioned, our swimming block begins this week. Please ensure that your child has their gear named and ready to go. Thank you. Our aim is to have all children as water safe as possible ready for the Summer season. Should your child be unable to swim, please send along a doctor’s certificate.

Years Prep—5 swim Wednesday and Thursday this week then Wednesday to Friday in the following 2 weeks.

Years 6 and 7 swim on Tuesdays for the next 3 weeks.

End of Year
With the swimming block, classes are preparing for the annual Christmas Concert, set for Wednesday night, 6.30 pm on 26th November. Again, all children are involved. It is a wonderful occasion for the whole family and I look forward to seeing you all at the concert. P&F Christmas Raffle tickets should have come out with this newsletter. Please support the P and F in this traditional final fundraiser for the year.

Christmas Appeal
Each year, during the final 2 weeks or so, we traditionally support the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. We will do so again this year. Please support with non-perishable goods, those that would go to make up a hamper. Donations will be collected in classes starting soon. Thanks for your generous response that I know will be forthcoming. To be able to make someone’s life a little better is one of the great opportunities that we get and Christmas is a wonderful time to be able to do that.

Remembrance Day
Today the whole school gathered at 10.30 am to remember all those who gave so much in the defence of this country. Our commemoration is one that fits well with our theme of remembering all those who have died, heroes in the Church (saints) and those in our circle of family and friends that we have loved and who have now died.

Fees
The final run of fees goes out this week. Please look to settle these as a matter of course. Should you have any issues or difficulties, please come and see either Ms Barry or myself as soon as possible.

Many thanks for your financial support throughout the year.

Lost Property
It’s time to check the pile again!

Prayers Please
We were greatly saddened to hear of the sudden death of Cameron Hatchman, a past student of St. Mark’s. Please hold Cameron and his family in your prayers at this very sad and difficult time.

Many of you will have read the article on Fr Gerard that appeared in the Catholic Leader on the week-end. I have had a text from Fr Gerard wishing me to pass on his thanks for your prayers and support. His time is limited but he is “looking forward to heaven.” Life seldom runs for long the way that we might like it and we hear the call to our God as we deal with life’s seasons. God Bless,

Your local Catholic School

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Remembrance Day

The 11th day of the 11th month (November) is the day when Australians take time to remember the servicemen and women who have fought and died in wars around the world. Originally called Armistice Day, the day when the First World War ended after four years of fighting. Close to 62,000 Australians, men and women lost their lives during the First World War. Together with the United Kingdom, the government of Australia decided to rename Armistice Day, Remembrance Day after the end of the second World War. New Zealand, United States, United Kingdom and Australia all commemorate Remembrance Day. Red poppies are a symbol of Remembrance Day. They were the first flowers to grow after the war in the fields that had seen battle in France and Belgium.

Remembrance Day has become a day to remember all those who have died in any war fighting for their country. Traditionally at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month people all around the world stop for one minute silence. At St Mark’s we will stop at 10:30 on Tuesday 11.11.14 to remember all who have given their lives in the name of War.

Date Claimers ...

- Today, 11 November, we gathered as a school community at 10:30 in the amphitheatre for a special Remembrance Day ceremony.
- This Friday 2G will lead us in our Assembly Prayer.
- Next Thursday, 20 November, 1B & 3W will gather together to celebrate their buddy mass at 9:30 in the Church.
- We will begin collecting for our St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal on Thursday 20 November. Thanks for what you’ll give!
- Next Friday, 21 November, 1G will lead us in our Assembly Prayer. Thanks Miss Coleman!
- Our Christmas Concert will be on Wednesday 26 November at 6:30 pm.
- Our Prep students will farewell our Year 6&7 students at our final assembly of the year on Friday 28 November.
- Year 6&7 Graduation will be at 6:30pm on Wednesday 3 December in the Hall.
- Our End of Year Mass is at 10:30am on Friday 5 December.
- School finishes for the year at 12 noon on Friday 5 December.

Parents & Friends you are most welcome to these events!!

Virtue of the Week: Resilience

What is Resilience?

Being resilient means that you have the ability to overcome odds and demonstrate the personal strengths needed to cope with different kinds of hardship. Resilience is the ability to bounce back after encountering difficulties, negative events, and hard times and to return to almost the same level of emotional wellbeing.

You are practising Resilience when you ...

- Find ways to solve your problems.
- Exercise control over negative thoughts and take responsibility for choosing how to act and feel.
- Persist with a task and persevere.
- Possess a sense of fun.

Markus says when you show strength in hard times you are RESILIENT!!
St Mark’s Uniform Shop

is open every Friday during school term between 8am and 9am.

Also open:
5th and 12th November 2014
(Prep Orientation days)
21st, 22nd January 2015: 9am-11am
28th, 29th, 30th January 2015 from 8am

Get in early and avoid the rush!
Lay-by is available

Please support our annual

P&F Christmas Raffle

Prizes:
1st: $100 Gift Card
2nd: $50 Gift Card
3rd: $50 Gift Card

We wish you a Merry Christmas

PLEASE NOTE:
Final school fees for the year are included with this newsletter

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO ST MARK’S IN 2015
Please complete this section and return it to the school office if you ARE NOT returning to St Mark’s in 2015.

STUDENT NAME: __________________________________________
DOB __________________ CLASS:________

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SIGNED (Parent): __________________________________________
PRINT (Parent): __________________________________________
PHONE NUMBER: __________________________________________
NAME OF NEW SCHOOL: __________________________________
REASON FOR LEAVING: __________________________________

Thanks for letting us know.

St Mark’s Uniform Shop

TERM 4 & JAN 2015 OPENING TIMES

Year 6&7 Graduation

Graduation celebrations for Year 6 and Year 7 students:

Wednesday 3rd December
Mercy Hall at 6:30pm
Students to be at the hall by 6pm.
No supper (food) this year.
PLEASE EAT BEFORE YOU COME.
In this special year, 100 students
will graduate.

Thursday 4th December

Year 6 and 7 Wet’n’Wild excursion.
Invitation only.
Please be at school by 8.30am.
Bus will return by 3pm.

Coffee and morning tea will be
provided for you at the Mothers
Group every Wednesday morning
9.30am - 11.30am at Lobelia
House.
For further details, please call
Carrie McCormack 043 429 0540 or
Christine DaCosta 043 458 1406.
This ministry is sponsored by St Mark’s Parish and School.

Late Students

Be in the gate by half past eight!
All students should be at school by 8:30am. If students
are late they must report to the school office, to let Mr
Montgomery or Mrs Ioannides know the reason why they are
late for school. Thank you!

Important Notice

Do you have a new address
or telephone number?
If you or your child’s emergency
contacts have changed address or
telephone number, please inform
the school office. It is very
important that we can
contact you in the case
of an emergency.
Thank you!

Slush Puppies have arrived at the tuckshop!
The ‘school approved’ crushed ice cordial
drinks are now available for a cool treat.
All flavours are $2.00 per cup.
Tuckshop is open every Wednesday, Thursday
& Friday. Thank you for your support.
Anna Sinitsky
Everyone is welcome to join us for the
last P&F meeting for the year
Wednesday 12th November @5:30pm at St Mark’s staffroom

Thank you for making the 2014 Xmas Party a success!
Thank you to DJ Emmanuel and his lovely wife. Thank you to Ms Annastacia Palaszczuk, Cr Milton Dick & Mrs Rose Ogden for our lucky door prizes. Thank you to Anna Sinitsky & Ena Miranda for their work in organising the dinner.

DJ Manny from ProDisc Music
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