



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

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Week 1 Term 2

Working Bee: Saturday 16 April 8am-10:30am

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 2 and I hope you have had a great holiday. It was wonderful to see all of the smiling faces returning to school yesterday! We are in the 'Easter season' of the church and from last Sunday's gospel, the two words spoken by Jesus to Peter sum up the hope of Easter: "Follow me."

Prep Interviews: This week, I will start Prep interviews for children starting school in 2017. I intend to meet with all students (including siblings) and their parents during the next few weeks. Please pick up an application form from the office and make an appointment time.

Parent-teacher interviews: During the next three weeks, all teachers are holding parent-teacher interviews. At the interview, you will have the chance to see your child's work and to discuss their academic and social progress. Please contact your child's class teacher if you have not yet received a meeting time.

Action Plan 2016: Each year, our school develops an action plan to achieve goals in the areas of Religious Education, Learning and Teaching, Community & Relationships and Resources. Please find St Mark's Action Plan for 2016 on the back of the newsletter.

Working Bee: This Saturday 16th April, we are holding the first **working bee** of the year. It is to mainly weed and mulch major gardens at the front and rear of the school. We have extensive grounds and need your assistance to help with the tidying up. If you have Council waste vouchers that you do not need, please consider donating them to school so we can dispose of all of our green 'waste' properly. Please consider coming along for an hour or so on the day to help – children are welcome and morning tea is provided! Please email the school pinala@bne.catholic.edu.au or return the tear-off slip at the end of the newsletter. The working bee starts at 8am – any time you can spare is appreciated. Please bring gardening gloves, wheelbarrow and a shovel.

Breakfast Club: We have received generous sponsorship from the Blue Fin Fishing Club of Inala in order to support our breakfast club. We are very appreciative of their funding which means that breakfast club will now be **free charge** every Monday and Tuesday morning from 8am.

We welcome back Ms Lauren Donato (5G) as Mrs Barker Lauren was married during the holidays! We offer her and her husband Alex, great congratulations and blessings on their marriage. We welcome Mr Simon Everett (3G) back from long-service leave and also welcome Ms Teresa Cheyne to 1B (Thursdays and Fridays) to teach with Mrs Prestidge whilst Mrs Jess Oliveri is on maternity leave.



Allison Malouf
Principal

*God of our sacred journeys
Be with us as we enter the Holy door of our Easter year together.*

2016 TERM DATES:
Term 1: 27 Jan - 24 Mar
Term 2: 11 Apr—24 Jun
Term 3: 11 Jul—16 Sep
Term 4: 4 Oct—2 Dec

Upcoming Events

Saturday 16 April: Working Bee 8am-10:30am

Term 2 Week 1-3: Parent Teacher Interviews

Term 2 Week 1: Prep Interviews commencing this week.

THIS WEEK'S STUDENT BIRTH-DAYS

Jayden PB
Flora 6W
Noah 3B
Chloe 4W
Quintin 5G
Devon 6G
Lorraine 4G
Eken 2W
Nicholas 4B

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Easter Celebrations



The recent celebrations of the Easter have taken us through one of the most amazing "cycles of life" from the highs of Palm Sunday when Jesus was welcomed to Jerusalem as a hero to the lows of Good Friday when he was executed for sedition in the most public and humiliating fashion of the day (crucifixion in a public place) to the totally amazing and somewhat unbelievable resurrection less than three days later! In any story, this is headline stuff that would have the media in a frenzy. St Augustine reflected back in his day that "We are Easter people and Alleluia is our song!" We can say the same – our life is blessed with hope and positive direction, but not without Good Friday experiences that show we are human and still endure the frustrating and hurtful life experiences that come from being human!

Date Claimers ...

11 weeks this term!! There's lots happening—so make sure you keep in contact with the many important dates via the newsletter, website and Facebook page.

- This Friday, 15 April, **4W** will lead us in **Assembly Prayer** at 8:45 am in Mercy Hall.
- Next Friday, 22 April, we will celebrate **St Mark's Day**. It is always a highlight in the school calendar!! Our whole school **Eucharist** will kick off a day of celebration at **9:30am** in **St Mark's Church**. The students will then participate in fun activities for the remainder of the day. To participate in these activities the children will need to bring \$1 or \$2 to buy Mark's Marks for entry into their chosen activities. Please join us throughout the day as we join as a community to remember the faithful saint who is our school's patron.
- Anzac Day Public Holiday is on Monday 25 April—please note there will be no school on this day.
- We will have our school Anzac Day remembrance ceremony at 10:20am on Tuesday 26 April in Mercy Hall.
- 2W will lead us in our Assembly Prayer on Friday 29 April.
- District Cross Country will again be run here at St Mark's on Friday 29 April.
- **School Photos** are on **Tuesday 3 May**.
- Our **Mother's Day Assembly** will be run by **Prep G** on **Friday 6 May**.
- **Mother's Day BBQ** will be on **Friday 6 May** at 3:00.
- **NAPLAN** runs from Tuesday 10 May—Thursday 12 May (For students in Year 3 & 5).
- Our school **Disco** will be at 6:30pm on **Friday 3 June** in Mercy Hall.
- The bi-annual school fundraising **Lapathon** will be on **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**.



Virtue of the Week: Love

What is Love?

Love is caring for someone, wanting to be near them, and wanting to share with them. Love is a special feeling that make you want to do nice things for people. Being loving is being affectionate through a smile, hug or nice words. Love is treating other people just like you would like them to treat you – with care and respect.

You are practising love when you ...

- Feel good about yourself and know you have something to give.
- Treat others as you would want them to treat you.
- Express your love for God in prayer and caring for others.

Mrs Nikki Lysaght
Assistant Principal Religious Education



SCHOOL FEES!

School Fees will be sent home this week.

PARENTS VIEWS ABOUT PARENTING SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Do you have concerns about your child's behaviour or emotional adjustment?

Do you want to learn more about managing your child's behavioural or emotional problems?

Researchers from the University of Queensland and the University of Western Australia are investigating perceptions of parenting support programs and what influences whether parents take part in such programs.

If your child is aged between 2 and 10 years, and you are worried about their behaviour or emotional adjustment, we encourage you to follow the link below and complete a short, 20 minute survey. Your support and participation in this project is invaluable and will benefit parents and children across the country.

If you wish to participate, please click on this link, or type the URL into your internet browser: <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/parentviews>

If you would like more information about the project, either use the link provided above, or contact alina@psy.uq.edu.au

We thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Alina Morawska
The University of Queensland

Parent Information Session

The Parents Information Session for the Sacramental Program will be tomorrow night on Wednesday 13th April, 7pm in the church.

At least one parent must attend.

Thank you!



Homework club is run on a **Tuesday afternoon** for students in Year 3—6 in the **library (NOT the 1st and last week of term)** from **3-3.45pm**. It is a time when two teachers are present to assist the students in completing their weekly homework.

Students are to remain in the library during this time.

Afterwards, the students will be walked out to Lilac Street to be collected by the parents.

St Mark's Uniform

open every Friday during school term between



Available to students Monday and Tuesday
Now free for all students

WORKING BEE

Saturday 16th of April 2016



I _____ will be attending the St Mark's Working Bee on Saturday the 16th of April.

***Please bring gardening gloves, wheelbarrow and a shovel.**

St Mark's Inala Action Plan 2016

Priority 1: Mission and Religious Education	
Goal	To implement the recommendations for the 2015 Religious Education Validation report.
Major actions	Religious Education committee will develop an adaptation to the Religious Education planning document allowing for details of how the Religious Life of the School is to be addressed in specific unit plans. Review plans each term and provide feedback and opportunity for discussions on the effectiveness of their Learning Intentions and Success Criteria.
Priority 2: Learning and Teaching	
Goal 1	To develop teachers' capacity to effectively use data from the electronic Business Intelligence tool to directly influence their teaching in order to progress students' learning.
Major actions	Provide 'hands-on' professional development for teachers using the Business Intelligence tool to analyse student progress and to guide teaching directions. Use coaching sessions with individual teachers to provide feedback on use of the tool and the use of data.
Goal 2	To re-introduce Visible Learning concepts of learning intentions, success criteria, data walls and feedback.
Major actions	Provide staff with professional development on elements of Visible Learning, breaking it down into sequential steps of learning intentions, Success Criteria, Feedback and assessment. Introduce to staff the concept of data walls and their use.
Priority 3: Professional Practice and Collaborative Relationships	
Goal 1	Introduce and implement the Positive Behaviours 4 Learning program into the school community.
Major actions	Provide staff with professional development and opportunity for professional conversation in behaviour management and student support under the PB4L guidelines. Share with parents the matrix and support them in understanding this new approach to behaviour management and student well-being.
Goal 2	Develop Anti-Bullying Policy as part of Whole School Behaviour Support Plan
Major actions	Adapt Brisbane Catholic Education policy to suit St Mark's school. Seek consultation with staff and parents.
Priority 4: Strategic Resourcing	
Goal 1	To develop a plan for future resourcing of ICLT devices.
Major actions	Review of current usage and distribution of ICLT devices (Information Communication Learning Technology) Auditing of teaching of ICLT skills across year levels.
Goal 2	To develop a consistent approach to furniture resourcing across the school.
Major actions	Audit, consultation and planning for furniture distribution for each classroom.