Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

I trust all Mums had a great Mothers’ Day last Sunday. Certainly, the Mothers’ Day BBQ was very well attended and a whole lot of fun. Congratulations to the lucky winners of the raffle prizes. More importantly, it was great to see so many enjoy time with children and friends. The P and F are rightly proud of the support that you give them and the offers of help that allow such an event to be so successful.

Last Wednesday evening, a good number of you took up the invitation to attend our first High School Expo. It answered questions for many parents. The feedback from the secondary colleges was very positive and we will look to offer a similar evening next year. Thanks also to those of you who passed on good feedback.

NAPLAN
These important tests for Years 3, 5, and 7 happened today and will continue tomorrow and Thursday. We wish all children great success. These tests give a snapshot of achievement for a particular point in time. For a greater understanding of progress made, look out for Semester One Reports that teachers will be writing soon. Remember, should you have concerns on any aspects of school life and how your son/daughter is going, do not hesitate to contact Ms Barry or myself here at school.

Prep Interviews
Time really moves along! Already, I have started interviews for next year’s Prep children. If you have not yet submitted an application for your child, born between 1/7/2009 and 30/6/2010, please do so at your earliest convenience. Already, interest and demand is strong for positions. Numbers will determine whether we have two or three classes.

Prep School Officers
Following Mrs Williams completing her time as Prep School Officer in Prep W, Mrs Nhung Vu has accepted the offer for the position. We look forward to having her in the Prep W classroom in a couple of weeks.

School Fees
Fees will be going out this week. Please look for them and attend to them promptly. As always, should you have any financial concerns, do not hesitate to contact Ms Barry or myself here at school.

Arrivals and Departures
There are currently too many children arriving late for school! Teachers are marking rolls and starting lessons, when too many children are arriving. This disrupts good learning time. Please note—all children should be at school by 8.30 am ready for the start of the school day which is 8.40 am.

The school day finishes at 3.00 pm. All children should be collected by 3.30 pm unless involved in school activities e.g. homework club which finishes at 3.45 pm. Should you need to see your child/collect them/deliver things etc, during school hours, you must come to the school office first. This is for the safety of all.

P and F Meeting
The next P and F meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday evening at 5.30 pm in the staffroom. All are invited. Do come along if you can and take a vital interest in the life of the school.

Student Leaders
Next week, I’m looking forward to our student leaders and proposals they have on possible initiatives for the year. In the past, our students have been insightful and challenging at times and some very good proposals acted upon. I’m sure this year will be no different!

School Photos
We all looked good for the photos taken last week! Thanks for your support of this annual event. Once photos have been processed we will distribute them to all as ordered. It will take a few weeks, as usual.

Uniforms
As the weather cools, please ensure that your child has a green pullover—no other colour will do. All pullovers need to be clearly named.

Prayer
Lord, we ask you to open our eyes that we may value and appreciate all people, recognising what we have in common rather than focussing on what our differences might be.

Inspire us to distinguish between what is important and what is not and open our minds and hearts that we may always be people of goodwill who bring life and joy to others.

Amen
We declare that your work is holy work. It is sacred. It is Christ-like.

For we recognise that you lay down your lives for others, that you give without cost of repayment. You serve and love above and beyond what is seen or asked for. This is a high calling; to nurture and shepherd God’s own children. For this we honour you. And in this calling we ask for God’s blessing.

We ask for God’s blessing for you to be wise. To see what is hidden, to hear what is not said and to do what has been undone. To know when to speak and when to listen.

We ask for God’s blessing of discernment. May it be sharpened. May your prayers be arrows in a bull’s eye. May you hear the whisper of God on behalf of His children.

May God bless your words. May you speak goodness and kindness into children. May you strengthen, encourage and comfort with great skill. May children thrive in your praise and correction.

May God bless your time. May you have the time you need to pray. May you have time to reflect. May you have time to laugh. May you have time to share deeply with dear friends and time to walk closely with your God.

May God bless you with freedom, freedom from the expectations of others and the eye of the world. May you be free to be the person God created you to be and free to be all that God has given you.

May you be free to allow children the freedom to discover their call in God.

May God bless you today and everyday.

**Date Claimers …**

- **NAPLAN** runs from Tuesday 13 May—Thursday 15 May. Because of this there will be no Class Mass this week.
- **Assembly Prayer this Friday, 16 May**, will be led by 1G.
- Our next class Mass is on **Thursday 29 May at 9:30am** with Prep G and 5G in St Mark’s Church.

**Virtue of the Week: Trust**

What is Trust?

Trust is having faith. It is relying and believing in someone or something. It is having confidence that the right thing will happen without trying to control it or make it happen. Trusting others is believing that people will do what they say they are going to do. It is having faith in your own ability to learn and grow.

You are practising Trust when you …

- Have faith in God’s love and follow your own guidance.
- Let trust chase away your fears.
- Ask God for help with anything that scares you.
- Know that your best is good enough.
- Trust others unless you have good reasons not to.

Mrs Nikki Lysaght
Assistant Principal Religious Education
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THE HIGH SCHOOL EXPO EVENING.

Make and Take Number Session

Who: Prep parents
Where: Learning Support Centre
When: Tuesday 27th May 2014
Time: 2.00-3.00 pm

Receive a FREE take home Kit
and have some fun with number!

Wellbeing Program Timetable

Community Educator: Amanda Bowden
Phone Number: 3848 1600 / 0431 267 301
Name of Group: St Mark’s Catholic Primary School - Parents
Contact Person: Jo Patrick – Guidance Counsellor
Contact Details: 3372 3408 jpatrick@bne.catholic.edu.au
Location: 92 Lilac St, Inala

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Sở diễn thoại mới của chương trình nha khoa trường học.

Metro South Oral Health Hub - 1300 300 850

Metro South Health cung cấp dịch vụ nha khoa miễn phí cho tất cả các học sinh trong vùng.

Dịch vụ nha khoa miễn phí dành cho:
- Học sinh từ lớp Prep tới lớp 10.

Nếu con quý vị đã điều kiện được hưởng quyền lợi trong chương trình nha khoa thiếu niên (Child Dental Benefits Schedule- CDBS), chi phí sẽ được trả từ Medicare. Nếu con quý vị không đủ điều kiện được hưởng quyền lợi trong chương trình nha khoa thiếu niên, con quý vị vẫn được dùng dịch vụ nha khoa trường học miễn phí cho đến khi học xong lớp 10.

Chương trình nha khoa thiếu niên yêu cầu phụ huynh phải đi cùng với trẻ em trong các buổi khám/ làm răng.

Để đặt hẹn, xin gọi: 1300 300 850
Thank you to all the helpers; parents, teachers and students, who made this BBQ possible! Thank you to Anna from Mater Hill Chemist who donated the complimentary raffle gift packs.

BEST WISHES WITH NAPLAN TESTING THIS WEEK!
Students—Get plenty of sleep the night before your test and eat breakfast on the morning because your brain needs the fuel. Try your best — that’s all you can do!

ST MARK’S P&F MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY NIGHT 5.30PM IN ST MARK’S STAFF ROOM! EVERYONE WELCOME.

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