Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

World Teachers’ Day

This week, on Friday, we will acknowledge the work that the teachers in this school do. We will celebrate World Teachers’ Day with a special whole school assembly in the morning and a special meal in the staffroom at lunchtime. Parents are welcome at both of these events. Our school has a very good name and for very good reasons. Parents value the care that is offered for their child, sometimes in challenging situations. Parents value the lessons conducted, the way the teachers engage their child in learning. Parents value the resources that are available and are being used in every classroom throughout the school. Parents value the community, the setting where your child learns and grows each day with others of like mind. I could go on but, suffice to say, when school and home work together, success, growth and achievement are heightened. Thank you for your support of the wonderful teachers and school officers who give so much of themselves for your child at any game or during class time.

Student Protection

Lessons continue this week on this very important area of school life. Knowing what to do when things are not happening as they should is vital for all students. Tips given to the children last week included -

- check that what you hear is right/ true. Talk to your teacher, and/or Mum and Dad.
- Do not leave money in your school bag or desk.
- The “Hands and Feet to Self” rule is as important as it ever was.

P and F Dinner

Have you reserved your seat for this year’s P and F Dinner? Please send in your name and money ($35 pp) to the office this week. It will be a wonderful occasion and I look forward to seeing a crowd there on Friday night, 7th November. See the P and F page for details.

Staffing

As mentioned at last week’s P and F meeting, in 2015 there will be 18 classes, the make-up of which is dependent on final numbers. Applications are still being sought in a number of year levels but especially for Prep. Please spread the word! Interviews will be conducted this week to determine the teaching staff for next year. I will let you know in due course.

Prayers Please

Tomorrow I go to represent the school at the funeral of Mr Brian Duffy, husband of Mrs Annette Duffy, our school Area Supervisor. His sudden death has left us all in a state of sadness and the realisation that each day is a gift, with no guarantees. Please hold Annette and the family in your prayers. Perhaps you might pray the rosary with your child?

Swimming Block

The swimming block for this term is scheduled for 3 weeks time and will include 8 lessons. Please have your child’s gear ready on the relevant days. Prep swims for the first time this year. Years 6 and 7 swim 3 times. Swimming days are - November 11, 12, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28. Our aim is to have as many children “water safe” as possible before the holidays begin.

Practical Matters

- All children should be at school by 8.30 am each day.
- Call into the office to deliver or collect your child at any time during class time.
- Do not use the parish car park as a pick-up/ drop-off spot.
- Ask you child for the newsletter/ school forms/ fees regularly.

With the weather warming up, water bottles are important for children to have, and use.
We have a VERY BUSY term ahead:

• This Thursday, 23 October, Year 6 will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
• This Friday Year 6&7 will lead us for our Assembly Prayer on Friday, 24 October, to celebrate World Teachers’ Day.
• Next Friday, 31 October, there will be no assembly. Instead, during the day classes will gather together to celebrate All Saints and All Souls Day.
• On Sunday, 2 November, there will be a Parish/School Mass at 9:30am.
• Our Christmas Concert will be on Wednesday 26 November at 6:30 pm.
• Year 6&7 Graduation will be at 6:30 pm on Wednesday 3 December.
• 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.

Date Claimers ...

SCHOOL & PARISH MASS

At 9:30am on Sunday, 2 November, St Mark’s School will be joining with the Parish for a special Mass. The school will be responsible for providing singers, readers and children for the Offertory Procession. All families are welcome! If you are available to read or sing please let Mrs Lysaght know in the office. Thanks.

Markus says when you show Mercy you are caring for RELATIONSHIPS!!

Virtue of the Week: Mercy

What is Mercy?
Mercy is a quality of the heart. Being merciful means to treat others with compassion and forgiveness. It is willing to start all over again by giving people another chance. Mercy brings a gentleness which makes us feel safe with others. Mercy means you feel for someone who is suffering and you do something to help.

You are practising Mercy when you ...

• Are willing to forgive others when you have been hurt.
• Put yourself in others’ shoes.
• Let your heart be touched by people who are troubled and do something to help.

Mrs Nikki Lysaght
Assistant Principal Religious Education
Prep B enjoyed a visit to our Boy Jesus statue in the new entrance garden.

Term 3 Sports Awards
Touch Football and AFL

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STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
TRAVEL REBATE
Semester 2, 2014

Does your child have a verified disability that requires transport assistance to and from school? Has your school’s learning support teacher assessed your child’s travel capability rating as ‘semi-independent’ or more dependent? Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at www.schooltransport.com.au by 31 October 2014.

Late applications cannot be accepted.

Change to Tuckshop in Term 4

Tuckshop will be open Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

Tuckshop will operate on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from Week 1 of Term 4 2014. Tuckshop will not operate on Monday.

Thank you for supporting our school tuckshop.

Anna Sinitsky

FREE PARENTING WORKSHOP
Feel prepared for the holiday period!

The team from the Triple P-Positive Parenting Program are inviting separated or divorced parents to participate in a free, half-day parenting workshop.

The workshop targets concerns such as how improve personal coping skills, reduce conflict between parents, improve family relationships, and best support children during this time. Parents accessing the workshop will be asked to complete a study survey. If you are interested please access the study webpage here - https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/familytransitions.

The first workshop parents may be allocated is on Saturday the 25th of October. For further information or any questions, please email familytransitions@uq.edu.au.

YEAR 4W INVESTIGATE THE SURFACE OF EARTH

This term 4W are investigating the surface of the earth. 4W did an experiment where we made the different layers of soil. We used Solid Rock (rice crackers), Rock (choc chip biscuits), Sub Soil (crushed scotch fingers), Top Soil (crushed choc wafers), Organic material (chocolate mousse) and Grass (green liquorish). Worms live in soil so we added one of those as well. It was a delicious way to learn. By Mina 4W

Don’t miss out. ACT NOW...

If you have a daughter in Year 3, 4 or 5

Brigidine College, Indooroopilly is accepting enrolments for Year 7 2016, 2017 and 2018

OFFER YOUR DAUGHTER THE CHANCE to be a part of a strong academic tradition balanced by the wellbeing philosophy of Strength and Gentleness.

Phone 3870 7225 to secure an enrolment pack.
Next Visitation Days are Monday 27 or Tuesday 28 October 9.30-10.30am.

Go to www.brigidine.qld.edu.au for more information.

Anna Sinitsky
World Teachers Day Morning Tea
On this FRIDAY 24th Nov @10:40AM in the Staffroom

Bring a plate of food to share with our wonderful teachers & staff @ 10:40am
Let’s thank the staff for the important work they do for our children.

St Mark’s Teachers are Inspirational!

My favourite teachers are Mrs Bremer and Mrs Wilson because they are nice to everyone and to the teachers in the school.—Eva Amiga

This year my favourite teacher is Mrs Lerkenfelt and Mrs Morrow because they are kind and they are good at teaching. They both have good manners—Kyra Amiga

Mr Fergusson is a great teacher because he teaches us new things everyday. He always tells us interesting facts and funny jokes. I enjoy Mr Fergusson’s teaching and he always offers helpful advice and tips to everyone.

Happy World Teacher’s Day to all the BRILLIANT teachers at ST MARKS—Zoe Gavarra

St Mark’s P&F Xmas Dinner
7th November @6pm
Richlands Tavern Conference Room

$35 covers Buffet Dinner, Desserts, Soft drinks, Lucky Door Prizes & DJ MANNY

Please send your $35 with red form to the school by this Friday 24th October

Thank you to Ms Annastacia Palaszczuk & Cr Milton Dick for donating two lucky door prizes.

Welcome to Kaelan Eiko Amiga.
Born on 21/6 weighing 2050g.
His sisters Eva & Kyra are very proud of their little brother.
Kaelan is one of God’s little miracles.

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Thursday 6th Nov
Collect & pay for your portraits please. Thank you.

DJ Manny from ProDisc Music
Mobile: 0422 911 081
Wedding, Event & Party DJ Hire

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