Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Welcome back to what will be a very busy term. I trust the joy of Easter time fills your heart and that of your family. The Easter message of joy and hope in Our Risen Lord is a profoundly important one, and one that we can give expression to in our own lives.

Today the children celebrated the resurrection in a lovely liturgy that sets the tone for the Easter season in which we now find ourselves.

We welcome back Mrs Nikki Lysaght from her long service leave and thank Mrs Chantale Wilson for her wonderful work during that time.

District Cross Country Championships
This Thursday, we host the annual district Cross Country Championships. There will be runners from some 20 schools competing. We wish our runners well as they strive for success and higher honours. This is the call for spring rolls. If you can assist by making spring rolls, please have them at the tuckshop, at school, on Thursday morning.

Leaders’ Shirts
They have arrived! We look forward to our school leaders in Years 6 and 7 wearing them proudly in the weeks and months ahead. Many thanks for the extra support from the P & F.

High School Expo
This invitation is to all parents to have the information to be able to make the best decision for your child’s further education. Please see the article on the back page for details. The evening is for all parents but especially for those with children in Year 3 and older. I am very appreciative of each of these schools for taking part in this initiative. Do take the offer seriously. I commend it to you.

ANZAC Day
This Friday is a public holiday for ANZAC day. We will have a special whole school assembly on Thursday morning, 8.50 am to which you are all invited. It is important that we remember, and commemorate, this most important day in the life of this country.

Advance Notice
There are a number of events on the horizon. Please note-

• School Photos – 9th May. Order envelopes will be given out today with this newsletter. For school family (sibling) photos, please collect special envelope from office.

• We will celebrate St. Mark’s day next Thursday, 1st May. You are invited too!

A Matter of Concern
In the last week of last term, one of our mothers had her car, a Nissan X-Trail severely scratched when she was parked in Eucalypt Street. Should you be able to assist with any information, please come and see me. Thank you.

Garry Montgomery
Principal

St Mark’s Sacramental Program 2014 -
Confirmation and First Holy Communion for children 8 years and over.
Enrolment form together with payment of $35 per child or $50 per family and a copy of your child’s Baptism Certificate must be lodged at the parish office by Monday 5th May. The program commences on Saturday 10th May.
Enrolment forms can be collected from...
• The table at the church entrance
• The school office
• The Parish Office (office hours are Mon-Fri, 9am to 3pm)
Or by...
Contacting the Parish Secretary:
Email: stmarks@bne.catholic.net.au ; Phone: 3372 5658
Downloading from parish web page: www.stmarksinala.com
Happy Easter! Jesus is Risen!!

At the end of term one, we remembered the Passion and Death of Jesus. Today, we gathered as a whole school community to celebrate Easter. It was a wonderful reminder of the most important part of the Easter story: the RESURRECTION of Jesus! Here, as a community of St Mark’s, we remember that Jesus lives in all that we do as we pray, work and play together!

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 makes 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.

God showed great love when he sent Jesus his Son – who died for us and rose again.

Date Claimers...

On Thursday morning at 8.50am a special Assembly Prayer will be held in Mercy Hall to commemorate ANZAC DAY. Please join us for this prayer event, which will be led by 7G.

Thursday 1st May, we will observe St Mark’s Day. Please join us as Eucharist starts our day of celebration at 9.30am. We will then join in with a number of fun rotational activities for the middle session of our day. Let’s join together as a community to remember the faithful saint who is our school’s patron, a man who proclaimed Jesus to all he met.

Mrs Nikki Lysaght
Assistant Principal Religious Education

HIGH SCHOOL EXPO

Dear Parents,
Please attend our first HIGH SCHOOL EXPO. It has been organised to assist you in making this important decision for your child. You need to be considering this when your son/daughter is in Year 3, as many of the schools offer positions three years prior to attending. You don’t want to miss out on enrolling your child into the school of your choice. Which schools will be setting up a display on the evening and providing staff to talk with you?

St Peter Claver       St Augustine’s       Our Lady’s        St Thomas More
Brigidine          Ambrose Tracey       St Laurences       St James       Seton

WHERE:  Mercy Hall
WHEN:   Wednesday May 7th
TIME:  6.30pm – 8.00pm

Please take up this opportunity. Our St Mark’s teachers (years 3-7) will also be in attendance on the evening.

Christine Ioannides
Assistant Principal

STUDENT OF THE WEEK – FOR REVERENCE

PG: Sinna Wedensea  2G: Ruby Everett
PW: Betti Huynh    2W: Jake Williamson-Field
PB: Kim Bui         2B: Emily Tran
1G: Semi Seumanutafa 3G: Josephine Kalaja
1W: Khang Tran  3W: Jazzanya Lemuelu
1B: Annvanah Pulou  4G: Leonia Tavelangi
5G: Mi Mi Le Nguyen
5W: Folototo Mataafa
5/6B: Angel Salarzon
6G: Melanie Tenisio
6W: Thao Nguyen
7G: Melody Alo