Dear Parents/Caregivers,

On Friday’s whole school assembly, I introduced Mrs Daley to the school as a “contact” person for matters relating to student protection. Soon, she will be visiting all classrooms so that children are aware of her role. Student protection lessons continue this week.

Disco
The disco will be held this Friday evening, 25th October, running from 6.30—8.30 pm. It is open to all current St. Mark’s students and their parents. (It is not for those who have left St. Mark’s, older brothers and sisters.) I’m sure it will be great fun so do come along. Entry is just $2.00 per child, with food, drinks and glow sticks available for sale. I hope to see big numbers here on Friday evening.

World Teachers’ Day
This Friday, we will also acknowledge and acclaim our teachers on the wonderful work that they do at a special whole school assembly. I invite you to come along if you can.

Teachers in 2014
Next year, providing there are no further staffing changes, classes will be taught by

Prep—Miss Waites, Mrs Wikarjusz and Mrs Wilson
Year 1—Mrs Eaton / Mrs Gorman, Miss Lerkenfeldt and Miss Coleman
Year 2—Ms Bonney, Mrs Neilson-Scott and Mr Biddulph / Mrs Eddy
Year 3—Mrs Oudyn and Mrs Brehmer
Year 4—Mrs Curry / Mrs Quinn and Mr Everett
Year 5—Miss Davy and Mr Ebzery
Year 5/6—Miss Donato
Year 6—Mrs Daley and Mrs Cook / Mrs Gorman
Year 7—Mr Fergusson

Should you have a valid reason for requesting a particular teacher next year, please contact me in writing for consideration.

Children are placed in classes with a great deal of thought by the class teachers and support staff. As you can see there are two new teachers coming to St. Mark’s next year and we will welcome them appropriately in due course.

Prep Orientations
I am still enrolling Prep students for next year and so places now are limited. Should you know of any eligible children, please have their parents contact the school as a matter of urgency. New students/families will have an orientation morning next Wednesday, 30th October at 9.00 am. Prep students who have brothers and sisters here at the school will have their orientation morning a week later, on Wednesday, 6th November at the same time. I look forward to meeting all families as they look to join our school community.

P and F Dinner
Spread the word! The P and F Dinner will be held on Friday night, 15th November in a private room at the Richlands Hotel. This will be a special occasion for all families and any one with an association with the school over the last 50 years. All are warmly welcome. At $35 a head, it will be a night not to be missed. Book now! See the P and F page for details.

Uniforms
I have given reminders to some children about their uniforms, mainly hats and shoes. All children require a hat and black shoes. Please attend to this as a matter of importance.

Book Lists for 2014
Brodies will again offer a service to parents with books needed. Next year, no book packs will be ordered. Book lists will come to you in the next few weeks.

For Caring
PG: Madison Aiono
PW: Evie Dorsamy
PB: Trinity Ngo
1G: John Bui
1W: Tayzha Timu
1B: Joanne Nguyen
2G: Hannah Nguyen
2W: Vi Pham
3G: Priya Thevar
3W: Linh
4/5B: Jason Lam
4G: Mi Pham
4W: Regina Chen
5G: Ethan Green
5W: Florence Seumanutafa
6G: Alyna Fetoai
7G: Jarod Nguyen
7W: Halefom Okbazghi
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

For more information check out their website:
www.dayfordaniel.com.au
Each class has been working on an art or technology display for Book week. These will be displayed in the library from Monday 4th – Friday 8th November. ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO VIEW DISPLAYS IN BOOK WEEK. After Assembly, or before or after school are good times to see the children’s work.

Book Week Assembly Friday 8th November

All parents are welcome.

8.50 Dress-Up Parade in Hall.

Prep to Yr 3 can dress up as a space character to follow our theme READ ACROSS THE UNIVERSE OR come dressed up as a favourite book character. Yr 4-7 are also welcome to dress up if they wish.

Winning books announced.

Prizes for library competitions will be presented and best Book Trailer and E-book will be shown.

If you would like to participate in this club and help raise funds for St Mark’s, please complete an application form and forward with payment to the parish office. Application forms are available from the school and parish office and as a download from the web page: www.stmarksinala.com. A fun way to raise funds for the parish and the odds of winning a prize are better than Lotto! Closing Date for Applications: early October.

St Mark’s 100 Club

November 7th, 2013 to November 1st, 2014

Purchase a number for only $5 a week.

Payment to be in advance: $260 for the year or $65 per quarter.

If you would like to participate in this club and help raise funds for St Mark’s Parish, please complete an application form and forward with payment to the parish office. Application forms are available from the school and parish office and as a download from the web page: www.stmarksinala.com. A fun way to raise funds for the parish and the odds of winning a prize are better than Lotto! Closing Date for Applications: early October.

Late Students

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!
UPCOMING APPEAL!

Our appeal will include the collection of care packs for the homeless. Simone Everett made a great suggestion that families have the option of gold coin donations if they don’t have the opportunity to purchase the items. However, all these details will be finalised closer to the commencement of the Appeal.

My Amazing Teacher...

I like Mrs Eaton because she is a wonderful teacher. She teaches me a lot of stuff, she is patient and makes learning a lot of fun. Jacob Richter

I like Mrs Nielsen-Scott because she is lovely and nice, does lovely stuff, helps us do our work, she is a great teacher. I like Mr Biddulph because he is sporty and teaches us fun games. I like playing games with Mr Biddulph because he is great and joyful. Gabriella Rangel 2W

Miss Parker is nice and kind and very helpful especially in helping us with our school work. I think Miss Parker is a great teacher. Amielia Chadburn

Miss Waites is a very happy, kind, helpful lovely teacher. Yvonne Connolly

Students - email me, agnes.sio@hotmail.com about your great teachers!

Welcome to Zy Robert James who was born on 12th Sept 2013. Here he is with his big sister Mekenzi from 1G.

DISCO - THIS FRIDAY
25TH OCT @6.30 PM
$2.00 Entry Fee (includes cordial)
Packets of chips and soft drinks for sale!
Proceeds towards your End of Year School Magazine.

ST MARKS CHRISTMAS DINNER
FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER
Private Function Room at Richlands Tavern: Book now!

PARENT FORUM 31ST OCTOBER 5.30pm—7.30pm
Review of Queensland senior assessment and school reporting and Over-all Position (OP) tertiary entrance processes, presented by Prof. Gabrielle Matters
Brigidine College Indooroopilly RSVP 25 October 2013 email. info@pandf.org.au

Join us this Friday 25th October to celebrate World Teachers Day!
Parents and Families—we invite you to join us this Friday 10.30am in the staffroom for a morning tea to celebrate our wonderful teachers and staff.
Please bring a plate (biscuits or cake or spring rolls etc) to share.

Grand Parents Day on Sunday 27th Oct

My Nanny is Special because she always has lots of hugs and kisses for me. We play lots of games and enjoy art and craft together. I love her very much! Maddison Smith

Eva and Kyra with their loving Grandparents who greet them with hugs &