Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

As we come to the end of another busy term, I write to thank you for your on-going support for your children and the St. Mark’s school community. Much has happened, been achieved and learnt. All parents will have the very important opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher/s at the start of next term. I trust that these meetings are informative and worthwhile as they will set your child up for success in the next semester. Research shows that when parents and teachers are working together, fabulous learning takes place. Please ensure that the time for the meeting has been organized and you are ready.

Congratulations
As you will remember, Mr Adrian Biddulph was short listed as a nominee for the Brisbane Catholic Education Excellence in Teaching Award. Last Wednesday evening, Mr Biddulph won the award. We are all very proud of his recognition and achievement. As Adrian would say, he counts himself blessed to work on such a good staff of dedicated colleagues. Your children get to work with teachers who can and do build success for you and your children.

Winter Appeal
Our Winter Appeal enters its final week now. Thank you for your donations and please keep them coming! This week we have a free dress day on Wednesday where, for a gold coin, children come dressed in their pyjamas. Let’s hope it’s a cooler day! All donations will be delivered to the St. Vincent de Paul centre on Friday morning. Special thanks goes to our Faith and Mission student leaders who have added energy to this year’s appeal.

Spirit of St. Mark’s Award
This week’s whole school assembly will have special meaning as we present “Spirit of St. Mark’s” awards to one child from each year level. Teachers have had the difficult task of choosing one student who best lives the virtues, is a model student and is working well to be all that they can be. We will congratulate these students who have impressed so well. This follows the last of my Principal’s Afternoon Teas which took place this afternoon. Each of these occasions has been an absolute delight. We will continue the tradition next term.

Good News Story
We have just recently heard that Gavin Beccaria, a past student of St. Mark’s, has been made Associate Professor at USQ. Congratulations Gavin!

Staff Changes
Mrs Paula Schoutrop will teach 1B next term while Mrs Eaton is on long service leave. We look forward to having Paula on staff and wish Debbie a restful and rewarding time of leave. Mrs Alison Cummins finishes her contract at the end of the week. We thank her for her work and contribution while Mrs Oliveri has been on maternity leave. Jess returns next term and will be working one day a week in 3G and 5G. We farewell Mrs Sharon Kennedy who leaves us to join her husband in the USA. Sharon has contributed so much as our oral language teacher in the upper years. We wish her well and thank Mrs Samantha Eddy who will step in to that position next term. Miss Glinkiewicz will be away for the first two weeks of next term—she’s getting married! Congratulations Ola!! Finally, I have accepted the resignation of Mrs Annette Hamerton who has made such a wonderful contribution to the life of St. Mark’s over many years. We wish Annette every happiness in retirement and look forward to seeing her for regular visits. We will congratulate her appropriately later in the year.

24 June 2014
Week 10 Term 2

Don’t forget tomorrow is Onesie Wednesday!

For Excellence:
PG: Dan Pham
PW: Angelee Hoang
PB: Serena Le
1G: Faustina Teni
1W: Monika Anju
1B: Jeremy Vo
2G: Cruze Connors
2G: Ben Le
2W: Blessings Latu Mulumu
2B: Yen Tran
3G: Katelin Huynh
3W: Catherine Huynh
4G: Christina Phan
4W: Patty Dang
5G: Harry Tran-Nguyen
5W: Selena Bui
5/6B: Chau Nguyen
6G: Oanh Nguyen
6W: Annette Le
7G: Tran-Uyen Nguyen

Student Awards

LIBRARY REMINDER

Please return all books to the library ASAP.

Thank you,
Therese Badke & Leesa Keaton
Teacher Librarians
Date Claimers …

• St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal ON NOW and runs until the end of term.
• 1W will lead us in our assembly prayer on Friday 27 June.
• “Onesie” Day for Winter Appeal on WEDNESDAY 25 June. (Sorry for any inconvenience caused by the date change.)
• 1B and 3Ws buddy class Mass will be on Thursday 26 June.
• Holidays start 3pm Friday 27 June.
• Term 3 starts Monday 14 July.

Virtue of the Week: Cleanliness

What is cleanliness?
Cleanliness means washing often, keeping your body clean and wearing clean clothes. Cleanliness means keeping the areas around you (school and home) neat, tidy and clean. Cleanliness can be in your mind as well as your body. A clean mind means that you keep your thoughts on things which are good for you.

You are practising cleanliness when you …

• Keep your body fresh and clean.
• Tidy the environments around you: classroom, school yard, room, home.
• Use clean language.
• Ask God to help you clean up your act when you need to.
TUCKSHOP

The special combo meal for this week is a meat pie, a drink and a paddle pop for only $5!

There is also popcorn for 50c and cupcakes available for $1

St Mark’s Tuckshop is open on Monday, Thursday and Friday each week. If you can help at any time, please contact the tuckshop.

As Friday is our last Tuckshop Day for Term 2, some orders may require substitutes where items are not available.

Thank you….Anna Sinitsky

Memorandum of Understanding

Over the past few months a number of discussions have taken place to investigate further options for families seeking a Catholic Education for their sons in the Brisbane west corridor. Today I write with information of a developing relationship between, Mr Michael Senior, Principal of Nudgee Junior College, Indooroopilly & the Brisbane Catholic Education, Executive Director, Ms Pam Betts, Directors of Schools and the Principals of the Brisbane Catholic Education western corridor schools. The aim of this relationship is to develop a “Memorandum of Understanding” between Brisbane Catholic Education and their western corridor schools, including our school, St Mark’s Inala and Ambrose Treacy College to provide further Catholic Education options for families in the area. As part of this agreement, Ambrose Treacy College aims to offer Catholic families attending Brisbane Catholic Education western corridor schools a “guarantee” of enrolment in year 7 for their sons. This offer of a place at Ambrose Treacy College for year 7 will be made at the same time as the College’s enrolment process for their year 4 intake is made. This option would effectively mean that parents will be able to make a family decision to have their son continue in his BCE Catholic school (St Mark’s Inala) until the end of the primary years (Year 6) with a place confirmed at Ambrose Treacy College for year 7. The “guaranteed” offer for a place in year 7 will be made available to Catholic families who have a committed enrolment at BCE western corridor schools from Prep and it will be dependent on families fulfilling the Ambrose Treacy College’s Enrolment processes and the College being able to meet the educational needs of the student. Information about enrolling in Ambrose Treacy College is available on the College’s website at http://www.njc.qld.edu.au/preview/index.html.

Year 6 and 7 Gala Day

Last Friday, the 20th of June, Year Six and Seven students competed in the Semester One Gala Day. St Mark’s students participated in two events, futsal and touch football. Mrs Daley and Miss Weinheimer supervised the futsal teams and Mr Fergusson, Miss Donato and Mrs Tauasosi supervised the touch football students. The students competed against students from other schools in our area. The futsal teams played four games throughout the day and the touch played five games.

All students enjoyed the friendly competition throughout the day and showed a significant improvement in teamwork and skills. A teacher from another participating school took time to tell us how impressed she was with the standard of sportsmanship that St Mark’s displayed on the field.

Mrs Daley & Mr Fergusson
Enjoy your holidays and keep safe!

Here are some FREE local holiday activities for your family to explore:

PCYC & Vietnamese Resource Network presents
MULTICULTURAL YOUTH DAY
Tuesday 1st July 10am - 3pm
PCYC, 37 Swallow Street, Inala

FREE RIDES: Giant Slide, Quad Bikes, Dodgem Cars, Giant Slide, Quad Bikes, Dodgem Cars, Giant Swing, Rock Wall, Jumping Castles, Camel Rides

Affordable Delicious Food on Sale!

CREATE YOUR OWN COMIC BOOK
Wednesday 2nd July 11am – 12pm
Inala Library – Bookings required 3403 2205 to reserve a place (Free Activity)

Learn the basics of comic book creation. Work on your storyline to take home your very own comic book ideal for ages 8-12 years.

INALA NAIDOC FAMILY FUN DAY
Wednesday, 9th July 10am-3pm
West Inala Junior Rugby League Club, Freeman Road, INALA
Lots of great activities and Rides for the Family!

My Story Universe
Wednesday 9th July 11am-12pm
Inala Library

Can you imagine a world where a great story could take place?
Come along to this creative workshop to make a diorama of the setting for your story.
Ideal for children aged 5-12 years. Bookings required.

The Brisbane Archdiocesan Council of Parents & Friends
2014 Dinner with Catholic Education Week Ambassadors Annabel Pike & Michael Mangan

When: Monday 28 July
Where: Good Samaritan Centre, Lourdes Hill College, 86 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne
Time: Doors open 5.15pm with dinner from 6.00-8.30pm, Dress: Smart Casual

Please let me know if you wish to join our table—email agnes.sio@hotmail.com to RSVP by 16th July.
This Free event provides a great opportunity for networking.

July Ipswich NRL Holiday Clinic—Tues 8th July 9.10am-2pm, North Ipswich Reserve
This is clinic is for boys & girls 5–12 years boys. Main aim of the day to have as much FUN as possible and learn how to pass, catch, kick and a whole lot more.
Cost $40 - Receive Pack : NRL Mod Football, NRL Boot Bag, NRL Water Bottle, NRL