



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

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Week 4 Term 4



"Wear Red for Daniel" this Friday



Dear Parents/ Caregivers,
Last Friday, we celebrated World Teachers' Day here at St. Mark's. What a wonderful affirmation you gave to us! The food was plentiful and delicious. The letters and cards were very much appreciated as well as having a good number of you coming along and joining us for some treats at lunch time. Often we say that our vision is to "Build Success Together" and indeed that is true but only when we, parents and teachers, unite for a common purpose—educating your children. Thank you all for your acknowledgement and on-going support. I believe it is absolutely vital in every good school.



P and F Dinner

It's not too late to get your ticket for the P and F Dinner that will celebrate the work of 2014 next **Friday night, 7th November**. Please send in last minute forms, with \$35 per head, to the office as soon as possible. I look forward to seeing you there.

Student Protection

Important lessons in student protection continue this week. We will **"Wear Red for Daniel" this Friday**—no cost. The wearing of red is to remind us of how important the safety message is, and to take the appropriate action to keep our children safe.

This week's tip—always speak up. There are 5 key people known to all the children who they can talk to at any time—Mrs Lysaght, Mrs Daley, Mrs Patrick (Or Mrs Emma-Kate Corby), their teacher or me.

Public Holiday

Please make note on your calendar:

Friday, 14th November is a holiday in many parts of Brisbane. St. Mark's will be closed on that day.

Month of the Rosary

Thank you for your support and interest in this beautiful prayer form. While we will cease the 12 noon call to prayer after this week, the rosary can be prayed at any time throughout the year.

We will have special All Saints' and All Souls' day liturgies this Friday. Details are still being finalised but parents are very welcome to come and join us on these occasions.

Preparations for 2015

Throughout Brisbane Catholic Education, the staffing process is underway. Many are starting to wonder which teachers will be teaching which classes next year. This should become clearer in the next couple of weeks. Suffice to say, you will be informed once I know. At this time we will have 18 classes. I am still looking for more Prep aged children to enrol.

Should you not be returning to St. Mark's next year, please inform us here at the office.

2014 Annual Catholic Campaign

We will support the annual Catholic Campaign with a **"free dress" day on Tuesday, 4th November**—that's Melbourne Cup day!

For a gold coin, children come dressed in bright clothes of their choice. The campaign gives us the opportunity to support the formation of seminarians, our elderly priests, and the poorest of the poor in our own archdiocese. Every gift, regardless of size, is vital to the success of the Annual Catholic Campaign. Please come prepared to give what you can. See the insert for further details.

Parish/ School Mass

A Catholic school has special links to its parish and that is certainly the case here at St. Mark's. Next Sunday, we have been invited to take a key role during Mass. We accept the invitation with open hearts. Do come along and join in this special celebration. Children should be at the church with time to get ready—10 minutes before the start of Mass.



2014 TERM DATES:

Term 4: 7 Oct - 5 Dec

2015 TERM DATES:

Term 1: 28 Jan - 2 Apr

Term 2: 20 Apr - 26 Jun

Term 3: 13 July-18 Sept

Term 4: 6 Oct - 4 Dec

Student Awards

For Mercy:

PG: Christina Gebremedhin

PW: Ayal Awag

PB: Duy Pham

1G: Carmelita Da Costa

1W: Susannah Da Costa

1B: Daniel Nguyen

2G: Ethan Nguyen

2W: Winston Pham

2B: Tam Nguyen

3G: Hao Li

3W: Pele Mau

4G: An Nguyen

4W: Maddison Smith

5G: Diem Tran

5W: Sang Le

5/6B: Dylan Nguyen

6G: Patrick Dodd

6W: William Pulou

7G: Chan Le

Term 4 Reminders



Friday October 31:

"Wear Red for Daniel" Day

Tuesday November 4:

Free Dress: Gold Coin Donation

Friday November 7:

P&F End of Year Dinner

Friday November 14:

G20 Public Holiday

Wednesday November 26:

Christmas Concert

Garry Montgomery
Garry Montgomery
Principal

Your local Catholic School

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Remembering All Saints & All Souls



November is the month when the Catholic Church remembers all those who have died. Friday this week we celebrate All Saints and All Souls Day. Saturday is All Saints Day, a day that honours all those especially recognised by the Church as amazing people of God. I always remember that Fr Gerard described saints as, "people who do what God asks them to do." On Sunday we celebrate All Souls Day, which is a day where we pray for everybody who has died. As part of our liturgy on Friday each child will tie a ribbon around a tree in our sacred space and take a moment of silence to remember and pray for all those who have died.

Each class is also compiling a list of friends and relatives that have died. These lists will be displayed in our classroom sacred spaces. It is a reminder to pray for all those people. If your family has names of people you would like added to the list—please send them along with your child.

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.

Wear Red for Daniel Day



This Friday, 31 October is "Day for Daniel" As part of our continuing child protection lessons all students are invited to wear something red as a way to highlight the importance of child safety awareness.

The "Day for Daniel" is a National Day of Action to raise awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention.

It is about educating children and adults about keeping kids safe through child safety and protection initiatives. It aims to help empower our children to 'Recognise, React and Report' if they feel something is not right.

Date Claimers ...

- This week we will gather with our buddy classes to celebrate **All Saints & All Souls Day** on **Friday 31 October** at **9:30 or 11:30**. (There will be **no assembly**.)
- This Friday is **Wear Red for Daniel Day** to raise awareness for child safety.
- On **Sunday, 2 November**, there will be a **Parish/School Mass** at 9:30am.
- Next Thursday our Year 5 students will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Next Friday 4G will lead us in our Assembly Prayer.
- 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.



Markus says when you are Peaceful you are being

REVERENT!!



Virtue of the Week: Peacefulness

What is Peacefulness?

Peacefulness is to feel peaceful. It is an inner sense of calm that can come in moments of silent gratitude or prayer. It is a way of getting very quiet and looking at things so you can understand them. It is facing your fears and then letting them go. It is trusting that things will be all right.

You are practising Peacefulness when you ...

- Create inner peace, with a regular time to pray or meditate.
- Give your worries to God and ask God's help in solving them.
- Look for the good in others.
- Appreciate differences.

Mrs Nikki Lysaght

Assistant Principal Religious Education

Year 7 reach out to the elderly and homeless



Since our sleep-out for the homeless, Year 7 has been doing a good job with helping activities in their own time. Some wrote interesting letters to the elderly and homeless. Example:

Dear Trevor,
Hi my name is Van. I am a student leader at St Mark's Catholic School. I'm going to tell you a little bit of myself. I am a religious person and I really like learning about Jesus' life and how he sacrificed his life for us. I read the bible over and over again. At school we recently held an athletics carnival and my house colour won! YAY! During lunch times I really enjoy playing basketball with my friends. Can you tell us about how you are becoming a Christian and what it is like?
From,
Year 7

Dear Year 7,
I was interested in what you wrote. It is good that you said that you read the bible, and you're not afraid to say it. Making the values in your life is like going to the supermarket. You can grab the first thing you see which are going to be bad for your health, or you can choose healthy goods. It's up to you to make it happen. I had trouble finding a place to stay, but now I'm living with a Christian family. I get chances to talk about my faith. Their son Roby writes Christian songs and I find it uplifting when he sings in the church. I have 3 CD's of their songs which I listen to.

Trevor

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO ST MARK'S IN 2015

Please complete this section and return it to the school office if you **ARE NOT** returning to St Mark's in 2015.

STUDENT NAME: _____

DOB _____ CLASS: _____

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SIGNED (Parent): _____

PRINT (Parent): _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

NAME OF NEW SCHOOL: _____

REASON FOR LEAVING: _____

Thanks for letting us know.

St Mark's Uniform Shop

is open every Friday during school term between 8am and 9am.

Also open:

21, 22 January 2015: 9am-11am

28, 29, 30 January 2015 from 8am

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES



Get in early and avoid the rush!

LAY-BY is available

Thank you

Slush Puppies are coming to Tuckshop!

The 'school approved' crushed ice cordial drinks will be available this Wednesday.

All flavours are \$2.00 per cup.

Tuckshop is open every Wednesday, Thursday & Friday. Thank you for your support.

Anna Sinitsky



Thank you!

World Teacher's Day Morning Tea

Thank you to our Parents and Friends for the wonderful morning tea provided on Friday.



Prep visit to the Planetarium



World Teachers Day Morning Tea Success

Thank you to the parents who brought a dish to share, cakes & gifts for their teachers. Thank you to the parents who attended the morning tea, especially the Mum who took the day off work.

We enjoyed great company and delicious food.

Next week we will include Annette's Scrumptious Banana Toffee Banoffee Pie recipe.

Thank you to Catherine and family for the beautiful flowers!



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

Thank you to Ms Anastacia Palaszczuk & Cr Milton Dick for donating 2 Lucky Door Prizes.



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

Free Self Defence Classes for Women

Garra Jiu Jitsu Darra

Friday Night 7pm

11 Queensland Road Darra

Instructor Phil : 0421 840 765

Please call Phil for further details.



Thursday 6th Nov

Collect & pay for your
portraits please.