



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

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**8 October 2013
Week 1 Term 4**

DATES TO REMEMBER:

**Term 4:
8 October to
6 December**

Welcome back to Term 4!!

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,
Welcome back to the last term of the school year here at St. Mark's. I'm sure it will have its full quota of opportunities for us all to engage in, to enjoy and learn from. It's hard to believe at times how fast the year is racing along!

Month of the Rosary

October is traditionally the month of the rosary, a special time of prayer to God through Mary, the Mother of God. All classes will be engaged in some expression of this time-honoured practice throughout this month. Please talk to, and encourage, your child in their prayer life.

New Students

A number of new students and families have joined our school community in a variety of classes. They are very welcome. When you get to meet each other, I'm sure they will pick up that special "St. Mark's feeling" that is here.

P and F Meeting

Our October meeting is scheduled for Wednesday evening, 16th October at 5.30 pm in the staffroom. All are warmly invited to this meeting.

The P and F is sponsoring the third of our big events in this, our 50th Jubilee, year. There is a St. Mark's Dinner planned for Friday, 15th November, in a private function room, at the Hotel Richlands. At \$35 a head, this is great value and a great opportunity for us all to celebrate this special year. Please mark it on your calendar. We'd love to see as many as possible make it along to this dinner. More details will come in the next few weeks.

Year 5 Camp

This traditional Year 5 activity is scheduled for the 5th week of this term. Students have taken home the necessary documents and these should now be with the teachers. Any outstanding forms need to be returned this week please.

This experience is a very important part of the Year 5 work. I am pleased with the way preparations are taking shape.

Child Protection

This important area of school life is the concern of absolutely everyone. Over the next few weeks, all classes will have lessons appropriate to year levels on their own safety and what to do when help is needed. Again, ask your children about what they are learning and make it a part of your talks with them.

Mrs Kym Daley joins with Mrs Nikki Lysaght, Mrs Jo Patrick, your child's teacher and myself as designated "contact" people in the school, should they need "an ear", support or assistance.

Looking Ahead

There are a number of events that will also need your/our preparation and support this term.

For your reference, I include -

* Swimming block - starts in Week 6, 10th November.

* Orientation Days for new Prep students are scheduled for Wednesday, 30th October and Wednesday, 6th November

* The Christmas Concert is set down for Wednesday evening, 27th November

* Year 7 Graduation comes along the following Wednesday, 4th December.

* End of Year Mass - 10.30 am on Friday, 6th December. The school year finishes at 12 noon that day.

Practical Matters

With the hot weather upon us, it's great to have classrooms that are air conditioned. Your school levy covers these costs.

Please ensure you have your child to school by 8.30 am each day and is collected by 3.30 pm.

Hats, and indeed the full uniform, need to be worn.

Enjoy the "busyness" of the term and I look forward to seeing you at some/ all of the events.

Garry Montgomery
Principal



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Student of the Week

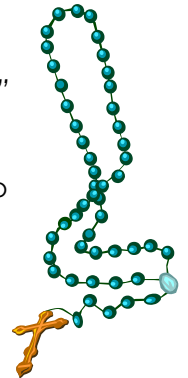
For Assertiveness

PG: Howard Tria
PW: Rico Ngatai
PB: Marcos Munoz
1G: Duy Dong
1W: Russell Par
1B: Ella Vu
2G: Daniel Ngabo
2W: Jared Dinh
3G: Dylan Ho
3W: Marcus Tenisio
4/5B: Ryan Nguyen
4G: Nadia Ladu
4W: Prinston Esera
5G: Andy Le & William Pulou
5W: Loretta Tui
6G: Caleb Esera
7G: Shalee Skerman
7W: David Nguyen

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October is the month of the Rosary

"The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, the unique contemplative prayer through which, guided by the Lord's Heavenly Mother, we fix our gaze on the face of the Redeemer in order to be conformed to his joyful, light-filled, sorrowful and glorious mysteries."
~ Pope Benedict XVI (Angelus Message, St Peter's Square, October 2, 2005).



The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated each year on October 7th. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. Legend tells us that the Rosary as a form of prayer was given to St. Dominic (1170- 1221) by Mary, the Mother of Our Lord, who entrusted it to him as an aid in the conflicts with the Albigensians.

What is the Rosary?

The Rosary is not only a mental prayer, but also a vocal prayer in which we meditate on the virtues of the Life, Death, Passion and Glory of Jesus Christ and His Blessed Mother, the Virgin Mary (the mysteries). As you say the prayers, you think about the current decade's mystery. The Rosary is actually a combination of all **three** main forms of Christian prayer: vocal, meditation, and contemplation.

- It's *vocal prayer* because you're constantly saying the words of some prayers.
- It's *meditative prayer* because you're using Christian meditation to pray, using both the mystery and the words of the vocal prayers as source material.
- It's *contemplative prayer* because sometimes you also just sit in a kind of inner silence with Mary, just watching Christ and being in love, contemplating his love for us in the mystery at hand.

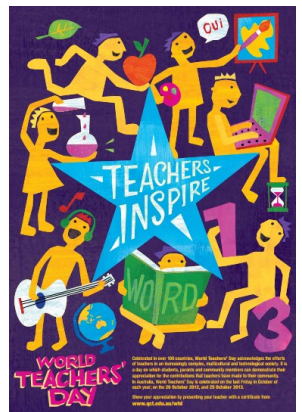
**Each day at 12 noon every class will pause to pray a decade of the Rosary.
You may, also, like to pray the Rosary together as a family each night during October.**

Date Claimers ...

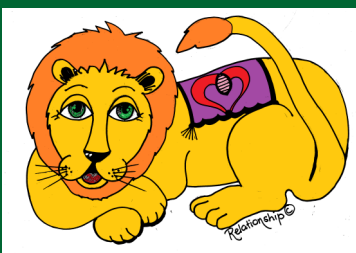
We have a VERY BUSY term ahead:

- This week **Mrs Ioannides** will lead us for our Assembly Prayer this Friday, 11 October.
- Next Thursday, 17 October, **Year 5** will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Next week **2G** will lead us for our Assembly Prayer on Friday, 18 October.
- **International Teachers Day** will be celebrated on Assembly on Friday 25 October.
- Our **Christmas Concert** will be on Wednesday 27 November at 6:30 pm.
- **Year 7 Graduation** will be at 6:30pm on Wednesday 4 December.
- Our **End of Year Mass** is at 10:30am on Friday 6 December.
- School Finishes for the year at 12 noon on Friday 6 December.

PARENTS & FRIENDS YOU ARE MOST WELCOME TO THESE EVENTS!!



Markus says when you are Gentle you are caring for **RELATIONSHIPS!!**



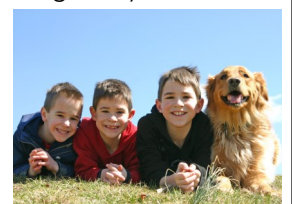
Virtue of the Week: Gentleness

What is Gentleness?

Gentleness is acting and speaking in a way which is considerate and kind to others. Being gentle means to be very careful. Gentleness is moving wisely, touching softly, holding carefully, speaking quietly, and thinking kindly.

You are practising Gentleness when you ...

- Decide not to hurt or offend anyone's feelings if you can help it.
- Use self control with your body, mind and voice.
- Say things in a tactful ways that respects the listener's feelings.



Mrs Nikki Lysaght:
Assistant Principal Religious Education

Deanery Mission Event
 Facilitated by The Catholic Guy Team
 St Joseph's Catholic Church,
 Cnr Oxley Rd & Martindale St, Corinda.
Morning sessions at 10.00am
~ Repeated each evening at 7.30pm

Wednesday 16th October
Thursday 17th October
Friday 19th October
Monday 21st October
Tuesday 22nd October

*Each session will be approx 1.5 hours in length.
 Come to one session or come to the whole week!*

Bruce Downes and The Catholic Guy Team are evangelists who proclaim Christ crucified and risen. They regularly facilitate parish missions and retreats; have a TV show, books, DVDs & other media releases. Brisbane West has engaged The Catholic Guy team for a week long Mission Event.



Parent Evening Mental Health Week

Parents of Years 6-12 students are invited to attend a Mental Health presentation, featuring:

- May Chi—a psychologist who will speak about the Signs and Symptoms of Teen mental health and how parents might best respond.
- Brett Lee—presentation and discussion about Cyber Safety.

Date: Wednesday, 9 October 2013

Time: 6.30-8.30PM

Venue: The Augustine Centre
 St Augustine's College
 St Augustine's Drive
 Augustine Heights

Light refreshments will be provided between speakers.

For more information, please contact Ms Jacqueline Weidman, Assistant Principal Student Wellbeing on 3814 8300.

Every Friday morning a class is rostered on to lead the school in a time of prayer. It is a wonderful time where the classes may celebrate a special event, share something they are learning about or about the virtue of the week. Assemblies are open to all parents and all of us (students & teachers) love seeing you there. Assembly starts at 8:50 in Mercy Hall every Friday morning.



St Columban's College
 cordially invite past students from either their
 Albion or Caboolture campus to the annual

Soaring Eagles Reunion

Friday 18 October 6-9pm

\$25 per head

The Irish Club,

125 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane. RSVP

events@stc.qld.edu.au ph 5495 3111

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.

Prizes:.....Weekly draws of \$75 gift card. 3 draws of 1 x \$500, 1 x \$100, 1 x \$50
The big prize draw on Saturday, 1 November 2014: 1 x \$5000, 1 x \$500, 1 x \$200

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.*

SPECIAL SHOWBAGS FOR SALE!



The **St Mark's Show bags** are now for sale at the bargain price of \$10. You could keep all the items for yourself or you could split up the items to share with the family. This is a wonderful purchase for anyone - in particular, **YEAR 7's**. What a great memory of your primary school as you head off to your separate high schools and a lovely graduation gift, parents, for your year 7 child. **Purchase NOW from the office.**

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!



ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASS

MERCY FAMILY SERVICES
 ROMERO CENTRE AND ST MARK'S PARISH

Every Thursday from 5 September,
 9.30am to 12.30pm, Lobelia House, Corner of Lobelia Street,
 Inala Avenue, Inala. No bookings required. For more
 information:- Contact Romero Centre—3013 0100

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO ST MARK'S IN 2014

Please complete this section and return it to the school office if you **ARE NOT returning to St Mark's in 2014.**

STUDENT NAME: DOB: CLASS:

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SIGNED (Parent): PRINT (Parent:

PHONE NUMBER NAME OF NEW SCHOOL:

REASON FOR LEAVING: ,

P&F News

Welcome back - let's have another enjoyable, busy term.

Update from 17th Sept P&F Meeting.

Fiesta Update—Our share from the fiesta was \$5384 and it was agreed to donate \$5000 to help the school upgrade our Prep playground. Our Prep monkey bar was “closed” due to OHS regulations.

World Teachers Day Morning Tea on Friday 25th October

To celebrate our wonderful teachers and staff we will be inviting parents and families to bring along a plate (biscuits or cake or spring rolls etc) to share with our teachers for morning tea.

Students are welcome to submit a paragraph, poem or picture about why their teacher is special to include in next week's newsletter.

World Grandparents' Day on Sunday 27th October

Our school community is filled with special grandparents, you see many of them drop their grandchildren off to school or help out their families in many different ways.

We would love to receive a photo with story or poem about how special your grandparents are to share with others in the newsletter and don't forget to spoil them on Sunday 27th Oct.

Upcoming P&F Dinner on Friday, 15th Nov — further details to be confirmed.

NEXT P&F MEETING IS ON NEXT WED 16TH OCT 5.30PM

Words that describe my Amazing Teachers...

Magnificent, Mindfulness,

Respectful, Reliable

Strength, Stewardship

Compassionate, charming

Openness, orderliness,

Optimistic, organised

Kindness, Knowledgeable

Munificent, magnanimous

Responsible, reverential

Skilful, suave

Generous, gentleness

Outgoing, observant

Relaxed, respectful

Marvellous, merry

Aspiration, amusing

Nice, nurturing

Munificent means Very Generous

Magnanimous means Noble in Mind and Spirit



What do you think?

We encourage parents that make suggestions to support our school and community. At the sleep out a couple of Mums suggested we ask families for help in providing something useful for our local homeless.

They suggested we ask for donations of a pack bag filled with essentials e.g. shampoo, conditioner, hair brush, toothpaste, toothbrush, OR exercise books with pens, pencils, textures, books etc. These are everyday luxuries that the homeless can't afford and a pack bag enables them to travel around the streets.

Sounds like a fabulous idea, just wondering how many families would support this idea and how many can afford this? Let us know what you think...email agnes.sio@hotmail.com