Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome
Welcome back to Term Two. What beautiful weather we all experienced throughout the two week holiday break. We have had three new families join the St Mark’s community this week—the Thomas Family Prep W, Agoth Family 1G and Nguyen Family 3W. Year 4G also welcomes Mrs Teresa Chyne. Teresa will be their teacher while Mrs Daley is in Nauru. I know that they had much fun yesterday re-arranging their learning space.

Next week we are looking forward to Mr Montgomery’s return and hearing his stories about his time, over Easter, in Jerusalem.

Thank You
I’d like to sincerely thank everyone for your combined efforts in fundraising for Caritas this year. Here are the finalised amounts:–
Easter Raffles: $1426.55
Project Compassion: $1982.95
Vietnamese tuckshop: $1836.50

P & F Meeting
Please join us for the P & F Meeting this Wednesday at 6pm. At The AGM the subject of Naplan was raised by some parents. In response to this Miss Waites and myself will deliver a presentation on Naplan which will be conducted across Australia between May 12th – 14th. Parents of Year 3 and 5 children may have particular interest in this presentation.

School Photos
Today, as well as the newsletter, you will have received envelopes to order school photos. Students need to come dressed in their formal school uniform on May 5th. If families require school sibling photos taken, please collect an extra photo envelope from the school office.

Fees
The fees went out yesterday so please check your child’s school bag if they didn’t give them to you.

District X-Country
This Friday we will, once again, be hosting the District X-Country event. Many of our students had attended eight weeks of training sessions, three times per week, hoping to be chosen in the St Mark’s team. The following students were successful in being selected—
10 Years Boys: Silesh, Daniel B, Jared, Leuca, Daniel N, Ding;
10 Years Girls: Jayda, Manicarl and Amber;
11 Years Boys: Andrew and Rony;
11 Years Girls: Flora, Quyen, Chau, Amelia;
12 Years Boys: Patriss and Daniel.

In recognition of their dedication to participating in all training runs, 5 other students who missed selection in the School Cross Country team - Tyson, Jazzanya, Leanne, Josephine and Tahlia – have been appointed as team managers for the X-Country team. This means that on the day they will assist Mr Biddulph and the two Sports Captains, Emily and Matthew. I’d like to thank Mr Biddulph, Mr Ebzery and Mr Everett for committing to the training of our students and Mr Rajab and Mr Connolly for helping to mow the course. Best of luck for this Friday.

Term 2 Date Claimers
Term Two is yet another busy time at St Mark’s. Here are some dates that you may like to write up on your calendar. We would love to have you join us.
April 30th – St Mark’s Day;
May 8th – Mother’s Day Stall and BBQ;
May 27th – State of Origin Free Dress Day;
June 1st – 5th – Harmony Week;
June 19th – Athletics Carnival.

Christine Ioannides
Acting Principal

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

PLEASE NOTE:
School fees were sent home yesterday and payment is due by the end of April. Thank you.
ST MARK’S PARISH NEWS

St Mark’s Sacramental Program 2015
Confirmation and First Holy Communion for children in Year 3 and above.
Enrolments close this FRIDAY!
An enrolment form with payment of $50 per child or $75 per family and a copy of your child’s Baptism Certificate must be lodged by Friday 24th April at the parish office.
Parents must also attend a Parents Information Session on Wednesday 29th April at 7pm in the church.
For the children, the program commences on Saturday 2nd 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.stmarksina.com

St Mark’s Day Celebrations
Thursday April 30
Mass at 9:30am
All Welcome

Celebrating Jesus’ Resurrection