



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

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Week 2 Term 2



St Mark's Day this Thursday



Dear Parents/Carers,
It is good to be back! My sabbatical leave to the Holy Land and particularly at Easter time was a fabulous experience and I look forward to sharing parts of it with you in the weeks ahead. I know I will never be able to listen to, or read, Bible stories and accounts in the same way ever again. I felt particularly privileged to be on the land in Galilee where Jesus walked some 2000 years ago. In much of the region around the Sea of Galilee very little has changed in the country areas.

I wish to thank Mrs Ioannides, Mrs Lysaght and Mr Biddulph very much for looking after the running of the school while I was away. The teachers and support staff have continued with the great work of educating your children. I look forward to all that will come through our combined efforts throughout the term.

Some things have changed, my, how the children have grown and Janssen Building looks great for being repainted, while others stay the same, the genuine friendly welcome from all in the school.

District Cross Country

Last Friday, we again hosted the district championships in cross country successfully. Many thanks to Mr Biddulph, in his capacity as sports co-ordinator here at St. Mark's, Mr Everett and Mr Ebzery as coaches and a team of teachers and support staff who worked to make it a success. Our small team of runners did their best against strong opposition and two boys, Silesh and Roni, are reserves in their respective age groups. Congratulations.

This Thursday we will send out a representative Rugby League team and look forward to hearing of their endeavours and success.

St. Mark's Day

St. Mark is the patron saint of our school. We will celebrate this special day on Thursday this week with a whole school Mass at 9.30 am followed by a session of fun activities for all children from 11.30—1.30 pm. Parents are very welcome to join us in these celebrations.

Teachers have been busy preparing these activities and, to cover minimal costs, children will need some "marks" to be able to buy/ participate.



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 Love:

'Because God so loved the world he sent his only son.'

John 3:16

PG: Elliot Connolly

PW: Jamie Nguyen

PB: Vincent Pham

1G: Venus Louis

1W: Jamieilyah Tran

1B: Katrina Nguyen

2G: Alina Favier

2W: Vy Le

3G: Mai Trinh

3W: Wendy Nguyen

3B: Emily Tran

4G: Phuong Anh Le

5G: Maddison Smith

5W: Priya Thevar

6G: Vy Vy Dinh

6W: Diem Tran

For Resilience:

2B: Taylor Tufele

For Effort:

4W: Queendy Tran

They are \$1 per sheet and no one will have time to use more than two or three sheets. It is a time for some fun.

The day is especially significant for us as it gives us the opportunity to appreciate again just who makes up our school community and what each brings to that community. When we can look at each other with eyes of appreciation, we can then build the strong, life-giving community we all want and deserve.

School Photos

As mentioned last week, school photos will be taken throughout the day next Tuesday, 5th May. All children need to be presented well, in full school uniforms, checks, with white socks and black shoes. Thank you for your efforts to ensure that your son/ daughter is ready. Please be sure to follow all directions that you received with the envelopes so that all are happy with the photos that come.

Mothers' Day Celebrations

It's that time of year again and we want to let all mothers know how special they are and how much we love and value them. Come along to our special, P and F sponsored, Mothers' Day BBQ next Friday afternoon in the amphitheatre. As usual, there will be music, raffles, face painting, cake and a few surprises. I look forward to seeing many of you here at that time. Stay for a little, or a long time, as we treat our Mums to this special time. (That's the invitation Dads and children!!)

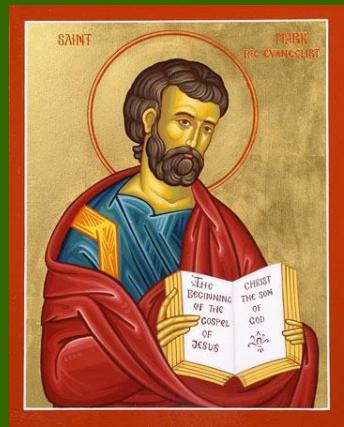
Thanks to our P and F who have also undertaken a Mothers' Day stall. Please take advantage of this to again make Mum feel special on her day.

Homework Club

This wonderful support started again this afternoon. All registered children can take advantage of the assistance generously given by teachers. Children attending need to be collected at 3.45 pm from the front office. Thanks. Don't forget, Breakfast Club operates on Monday and Tuesday mornings.

Garry Montgomery
Principal

Who was St Mark?



St Mark was an evangelist—someone who set out to tell people the Good News of Jesus. He was not one of the chosen 12 Apostles, but appears in the Scriptures as a travelling companion of St Paul and St Peter.

Mark accompanied Paul to many places until Paul was martyred. Mark was also associated closely with Peter as sort of an interpreter. Much of what Mark wrote down was as a result of Peter's testimony and reflects his thoughts on Jesus' activities.

The symbol of St Mark is a lion—which represents St Mark's strength and bravery when preaching the Good News of Jesus.

This **Thursday**, 30 April, we remember **St Mark's Day**. Our **Eucharist** will kick off a day of celebration at **9:30am** in **St Mark's Church**. The students will then participate in fun activities for the remainder of the day. To participate in these the children will need to bring \$1 or \$2 to buy Mark's Marks for entry into their chosen activities. Please join us as a community to remember the faithful saint who is our school's patron.

Because of Jesus and His impact on the world, when St Mark was a boy he was inspired to proclaim Jesus to all he met—may we also do the same.

St Mark's Remembers



Last Friday, 24 April, Year 6G and the school choir led us in our Assembly Prayer focussed on the Anzacs. It was a beautiful Prayer Service that honoured the Courage of all those who fought for Peace and Freedom in our countries.
LEST WE FORGET!

Our Global community needs our prayers ...

Mercy- it knows no borders or politics, it is simply about humans & their capacity to change,



underpinned by forgiveness. You are invited to attend a Candlelight Vigil Candlelight Vigil for Andrew Chan and Myuran Sukumaran at Christ the King Catholic Church, Graceville on Tuesday 28 April at 7pm.

#standformercy #forgiveness #love



Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of
NEPAL

In solidarity we pray for the victims of the devastating earthquake in Nepal over the weekend. We pray too

for the wounded, and all those impacted by this natural disaster entrusting them to the loving care of God. We also pray for the emergency services personnel and all those involved in recovery operations. [#prayfornepal](#)

Date Claimers ...

- This Friday, 1 May, **4W** will lead us in **Assembly Prayer** at 8:45 am in Mercy Hall.
- **School Photos** are on **Tuesday 5 May**.
- Next week **5G** and **2B** will celebrate their buddy **Class Eucharist on Thursday 7 May** at **9:30** in **St Mark's Church**. **All parents and friends are welcome!**
- Our **Mother's Day Assembly** will be run by **5G** on **Friday 8 May**.
- **Mother's Day BBQ** will be on **Friday 8 May** at 3:00.
- **NAPLAN** runs from Tuesday 12 May—Thursday 14 May.

Virtue of the Week: Courage

What is Courage?

Courage is personal bravery in the face of fear. It is doing what needs to be done even when it is really hard or scary. Courage is going ahead even when you feel like giving up and quitting. It doesn't mean taking unnecessary chances just to look brave.

You are practising courage when you ...

- Do what you know is right even when it is hard or scary.
- Are willing to try new things.
- Remember to ask God and others for help when you need it.
- Find courage in your heart even if others laugh at you or call you names.



Mrs Nikki Lysaght

Assistant Principal Religious Education

Please come along to our

High School Expo

Mercy Hall
May 20
6-8pm

On Wednesday May 20,
St Mark's will be holding a 'High School Expo' in
Mercy Hall from 6-8 pm.

This expo is an opportunity for Catholic High Schools within our catchment area to display, demonstrate and communicate what their school has to offer. As High School selection for your child is an important decision in their educational journey, we would encourage you to attend.

You, as parents know your child best and an expo such as this will make you aware of the schools that can best cater for your child's learning and educational needs. Closer to the time we will be able to give you a list of the schools that will be attending the night. *Please note, that many high schools request enrolments for students from as early as Year 3-4.*



St Augustine's College
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As member in love and charity

Year 7 2016 Enrolments

Enrolment interviews have commenced for Year 7 in 2016. To be eligible for a first round enrolment interview, applications must be submitted prior to the 9th May 2015. Download an application from our website www.stac.qld.edu.au or phone the College on 3814 8300.



OPEN MORNING: SETON COLLEGE
Tuesday 5th May starting at 9am
in the College Chapel with an
Information Session
followed by a tour of the College.
The Open Morning will conclude at
10.30am

SETON COLLEGE, MT GRAVATT EAST, a Catholic Co-educational College, is now accepting enrolment applications from students wishing to attend the College in Year 7 2016 and 2017 (maximum Year 7 enrolment is 65 students).

The College accepts students of diverse abilities, but seeks to provide opportunities for students who need to 'pick up the pace' of their school work in the primary school years. This is done through a curriculum in which core subjects are offered at many levels and classes with a very favourable teacher - student ratio. In the Senior years, (Years 11 – 12) the College offers students the opportunity to do QCE subjects and a variety of VET pathways. Please visit the College website at <http://www.seton.qld.edu.au> or phone 3291 5333 to obtain an enrolment package.



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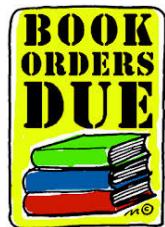
OUR LADY'S COLLEGE
ANNERLEY
A Catholic Secondary College for Girls

2015 OPEN DAY Saturday 16th May 10:00am - 1:00pm

Book Club Orders: Due this Friday

Book club is due at the end of this week. Please make sure your children hand any orders in to their teacher by **Friday May 1st**. Remember to send money in an envelope with the order clearly marked. *Please make sure your child's name and grade is on the order form.*

Thank you for your support in Book Club. The school receives free resources for our library when we participate in Book Club.



Brigidine College Indooroopilly OPEN DAY

Have fun and learn more about the options for your daughter's secondary education. Enjoy free face painting, free sausage sizzle, many creative performances and lots of hands-on workshops as well as guided tours, over 20 displays and much more on **Sunday 17 May 10am – 1pm**. More information at www.brigidine.qld.edu.au



St Mark's Uniform Shop

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

**OPEN
FRIDAY
8am - 9am**

St Mark's Day Celebrations

Thursday April 30
Mass at 9:30am



All Welcome

Congratulations

to the Agoth family (Jemyma 1G) who welcomed baby Samuel last week. Jemyma started at St Mark's last Wednesday, so it was a big week of new beginnings for the family!



Available to students every

Monday and Tuesday

BREAKFAST CLUB
Cost is \$1.00 for toast
and a drink.

JOIN US at the Family Sausage Sizzle

Next Friday 9th May 2015

3.00pm to 4.30pm at St Mark's Primary School



FACE PAINTING

RAFFLE TICKETS \$1.00 EACH

Sausage on Bread \$2.00

Soft drink \$2.00



Dear School Leaders,

It is great to see you wearing your School Leader shirts with pride.

Please pay \$10 to your teacher as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

Agnes, Anna, Ena & Veronica. (Your P&F team)



NAPLAN PREPARATION

Thank you to Mrs Ioannides & Miss Waites for their NAPLAN SESSION last Wednesday.

St Mark's students are introduced early to numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar. They practice techniques during class and become familiarise with different styles of questions.

Families can support their child by ensuring the child gets a good nights sleep before the exam, has a hearty healthy breakfast and is relaxed for school. As long as we reassure our child to give it their best shot and not pressure them, this will help them greatly.

	Tuesday 12 May	Wednesday 13 May	Thursday 14 May
Year 3	Language conventions <i>40 minutes</i> Writing <i>40 minutes</i>	Reading <i>45 minutes</i>	Numeracy <i>45 minutes</i>
Year 5	Language conventions <i>40 minutes</i> Writing <i>40 minutes</i>	Reading <i>50 minutes</i>	Numeracy <i>50 minutes</i>