



# St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

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**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

**11 August 2015**  
**Week 5 Term 3**

★ **No school this Wednesday for EKKA Holiday** ★

## Student Awards

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last Friday, children from Year 5, with their teachers, played host to students and teachers from Ambrose Treacy College. It was a wonderful occasion for all and a great way for children from both schools to develop a relationship that has been going for some years now. Thanks Mr Ebzery and Miss Waites in your efforts to ensure the day was a great success.

### Sacraments

On Saturday, a number of children received the sacrament of Eucharist for the first time and were confirmed. They have now been fully initiated into the Catholic community and this was, and is, a time of great joy and celebration in the lives of families, school and parish. We look forward to the many blessings that will come as they move through life.

### NAPLAN

Results for this year's NAPLAN tests in Years 3 and 5 were sent home on Friday. This, along with school report cards, are important documents of progress being made by your child/ren. From the school's point of view, these results help us to see how successfully we are implementing the approaches and programmes here in the school. Please keep them in a safe place.

Should you need any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Those children away from school need to collect them as soon as possible now.

### Ekka Holiday

Tomorrow, the school is closed for the annual ministerial Brisbane Exhibition (Ekka) holiday. Please make the necessary arrangements.

### Inter-school Sport

Last week, 18 of our students represented St. Mark's at the District Athletics championships. They all did well, with a couple of our students gaining top three places. Please see Mr Biddulph's report elsewhere in this newsletter. We congratulate all who represented us and wish every success to those who will go on to compete for higher honours.

My thanks to teachers and students who took part in this important part of school life.

This Friday we begin the next season of inter-school sport. This is always a wonderful opportunity for older students to develop specific sporting skills along with those of commitment, fair play and being part of a team.

I look forward to a great season. We will hear of team progress through their reports in this newsletter over the weeks ahead.

My thanks to teachers and school officers prepared to coach and supervise so that this sport can happen.

### Staffing

Last week we welcomed Mrs Amanda Chapman onto the staff as a new school officer. Mandy will work to support teachers in various classes with children with special needs as well as assist Mrs Wikarjusz on Fridays. Please make her welcome when you get to meet her.

### Fiesta

The next meeting of the Fiesta steering committee is set for this Friday afternoon. Much of the "broader" thinking has been done and the planning now gets to be more specific. Thank you for the contributions that you have sent along so far.

### This week we are calling for donations of chocolates.

The parish groups have organised themselves with many stalls of various cultural foods planned.

To assist them, I am also calling for donations of

- ◆ containers
- ◆ Plastic cutlery
- ◆ Serviettes and
- ◆ Plastic gloves.

Thank-you.

Together we will make this into the best fiesta ever. The fiesta is a wonderful way to celebrate our community which is so rich in the cultural groups, their customs, foods, music and dance.

### Principal Afternoon Tea

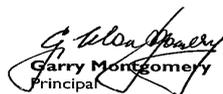
The first for the term will take place this Thursday. Invitations to children selected by each teacher went home yesterday. Recipients show themselves to be excellent role models, living the virtues everyday, working hard to be better learners and enjoying being part of this faith centred, learning community. Well done to all recipients.

### Projects

Work in the outdoor education area is certainly capturing the attention of our younger children! Heavy machinery has been hard at work. We look forward to getting into this area in about a month or so. Check it out!

### Lost Property

While jumpers "get lost", a good number can, and are returned where the name of the owner can be clearly seen. Thank you for that.

  
Garry Montgomery  
Principal

**For Kindness:**  
**Because the Bible says**  
**'Be kind to one another,**  
**tender hearted, forgiving**  
**one another, as God in**  
**Christ forgave you.'**  
*Ephesians 4:32*

- PG: Remy Pham
- PW: Vy Nguyen
- PB: Vicky Ly
- 1G: Davania Chadwick
- 1W: Namelia Andrews
- 1B: Natalia Thompson
- 2G: Henryk Dabrowski
- 2W: Demechris Loia
- 2B: Madison Aiono
- 3G: BJ Connolly
- 3W: Shayla Nguyen
- 3B: Jessica Khong
- 4G: Cynthia Iulio
- 4W: Katelin Huynh
- 5G: Thang Bui
- 5W: Tommy Ly
- 6G: Bao Vo
- 6W: Jayden Ngo
- 6W: Ekin Khong
- 6w: David Ngo

**For Service:**  
Teacher: Mrs Morrow

**Upcoming Events** 

**Sunday September 13:**

**FIESTA** Multicultural  
Fiesta 9am—3pm

**PLEASE NOTE** 

**School Fees are included with the newsletter this week.**

## CONGRATULATIONS SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM CHILDREN

Congratulations to those St Mark's students who made the sacraments of Confirmation and 1st Holy Communion last Saturday! A big special thanks to Miss Briody for help prepare these students so wonderfully! Thanks also to Mr Johnstone and his special choir for singing so beautifully for the Mass.



**CATHOLIC MISSIONS:** Many thanks to our Yr 5 & 6 student leaders and teachers for running two weeks of FABULOUS activities to raise money for Catholic Missions. Thanks to the generosity of our community we have raised \$395 for this wonderful cause! Thank you for what you were able to give! I know the children had fun!

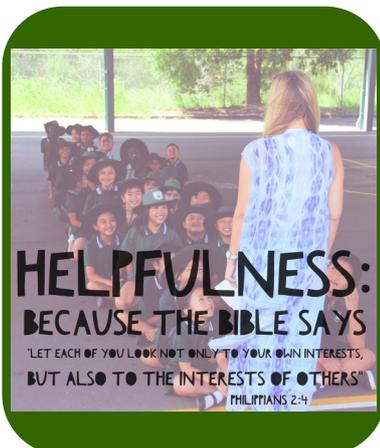


**YR 2G RE LESSONS:** As part of this term's Religious Education lessons Year 2 students have been learning about Australia's first saint, Mary MacKillop. They've been learning about how she demonstrated a great example of living according to God's will (even when it's tough). Isn't 2G's artwork depicting St Mary of the Cross AMAZING!! GOOD JOB 2G!



## Date Claimers ...

- 4 weeks of **Child Protection** lessons are continuing this week—remember to keep the lines of communication open with your children.
- Ekka Holiday tomorrow, Wednesday 12 August.
- This Friday, 14 August, 2B will lead us in our Assembly Prayer.
- Next Thursday, 20 August, 4W & 1B celebrate their buddy mass at 9:30am in the Church.
- Next Friday, 21 August 1W will lead us in our Assembly Prayer.
- St Mark's Fiesta is on Sunday 13 September.



## Virtue of the Week: Helpfulness

### What is Helpfulness?

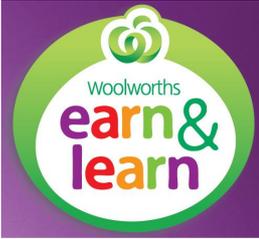
Helpfulness is being of service to someone. It is doing something useful for or with them. When you are being helpful you do things that have a positive effect – that make a difference. You can also be helpful to yourself by being sure you have what you need and praying to God.

### You are practising helpfulness when you ...

- Think about what people need (including yourself).
- Learn to tell the difference between what people want and what they need.
- Do a service for someone.
- Ask God for help when you need it.

**Mrs Nikki Lysaght:**

Assistant Principal Religious Education



When you shop at Woolworths, you can collect stickers from the checkout operator. There will be one sticker for every \$10 spent. These stickers can be handed to classroom teachers or to the office. The more stickers we

collect the more educational resources we can get for the school. **Thank you for your support!**

**So far we have collected 5815 stickers!**

## Sport News

Last Saturday 18 students were afforded the opportunity to play at halftime of the AFL game between the Lions and Gold Coast

Suns at the Gabba. They were divided into 2 teams of 9 and played for 15 minutes. As you can imagine they



were thrilled with this opportunity, as was I, to be in the centre of an excellent sporting facility on such a big occasion. A thank you to each of the parents who attended with their children, Mrs Barry and Emily and her team from AFL

Auskick who extended the invitation to our school. This was a wonderful experience for our students and one that will be remembered forever. Please see the P&F section of the newsletter for more photos from the event.



### District Athletics

Last week 18 students from St Mark's participated in the Inala District Athletics Carnival at Glenala High School. Under the new format this carnival acts solely as a trial to select the Inala District Athletics team to participate in the Regional Carnival in late August. As a result, no points are awarded to schools. St Mark's had 5 students come 1st, 2nd or 3rd in various events over the day. Rony Andria finished 1st in 200m, 1st in Long Jump and 2nd in High Jump, while Ding Lowal finished 2nd in 200 m for 10 Years Boys. Emily Dodd finished 2nd in 12 Year Girls Long Jump, Siyama Wani 3rd in 11 Years Girls High Jump and Rebecca Matapula 2nd in 10 Years Girls Shot Put. Oanh Tran put in a tremendous effort to make the final of the 100m sprint in the 12 Years Girls age group.

Of these students, Rony, Ding, Emily and Rebecca gained selection to compete in the upcoming Regional Carnival for Inala District. Thank you to the students and Mrs Eaton for their efforts in the lead up to the day as well as their performance on Wednesday.

Kind Regards,  
**Mr Biddulph**



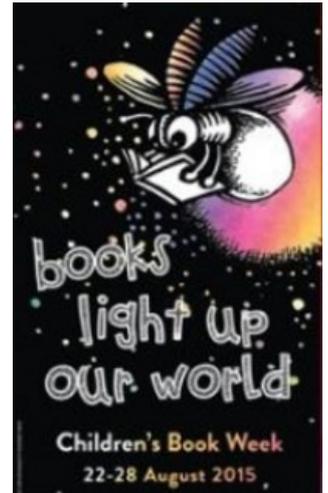
# From the Library

## Book Week is coming!!!

In Week 9 we will celebrate Harmony Week and Book Week together. The theme 'Books Light up our World' fits in lovely with the cultural respect and diverseness in our world.

**Stay tuned to find out more!!!**

**Mrs Keaton and Mrs Badke**  
Teacher Librarians



## » Fiesta News

### Multicultural Fashion Parade!

We have been doing many multicultural lessons in the library this term in preparation for the Fiesta.



Our Book Week theme also blends with the Fiesta – Books light up our world. As our library contribution, we have decided to put on a Multicultural Fashion Parade at the Fiesta. We know that many children in the school have national costumes from different countries.

We cannot have everyone in the parade but we will take from 1-6 children from different countries. The first six children who have their own costumes that return the form to us in the library will be able to be in the parade for a particular country. Teachers/school officers are welcome too! We will contact you to let you know if your child was in the first 6 to reply. Extra children may be put on standby.

The Fashion Parade will be early in the Fiesta and we would probably require your children for 30 to 45 minutes. They will need to be lined up and ready for their turn. If your child wishes to participate please fill in the form below and return it to the library as soon as



My Child \_\_\_\_\_  
in Yr \_\_\_\_\_ has a costume for

\_\_\_\_\_

(Country Name)

and would like to be in the

**Multicultural Fashion Parade**

at the Fiesta Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Library office/ Date received: \_\_\_\_\_

# ST MARK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL P&F

Please join us at the P&F Meeting next Wednesday 19th August 6pm in the staffroom.



**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT PLEASE!**  
**MASTERS RICHLANDS**  
**THIS SUNDAY 16TH AUG 10AM—2PM**  
**ST MARK'S P&F SAUSAGE SIZZLE**



**The St Mark's Year 2/3 students AFL trip to the Gabba was a truly wonderful night!**

A huge thank you to Mr Biddulph, Mrs Barry and Mr Everett for making it happen.

The children were so excited and happy to be playing in a massive stadium in front of over 20,000 people.

All parents definitely enjoyed watching our children having so much fun.

On behalf of the kids and parents we would like to thank Mr Biddulph for organising this memorable life experience.

Kindest Regards, Mrs Aileen Richter



## PREPAY & SAVE \$\$\$

Get a group together and prepay for 3 or more armbands at \$20 each

OR pay \$30 per armband OR \$5 single ride on the day



### *Congratulations to Amielia Chadburn*

Amielia is representing St Mark's in Met West U12 Girls Touch State Championships in Toowoomba from this Thursday-Sunday 13th -16th August.

We wish Amielia an enjoyable & successful tournament!



## ARE YOU READY FOR THE NEW RIDES?

Frog Hop

Triple Screamer

Super Sizzler

Tea Cup Ride

Animal Farm

Jumping Castle