



# St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

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**18 August 2015**  
**Week 6 Term 3**



**School Fiesta in less than 4 weeks!**



### 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 Helpfulness:**  
**Because the Bible says**  
**'Let each of you look not**  
**only to your own**  
**interests, but also to the**  
**interests of others.'**  
*Philippians 2:4*

PG: Jada Creamer  
PW: Nhi Dinh  
PB: Emmanuel Anju  
1G: Denzel Burnes  
1W: Jordana Pile  
1B: Cindy Ly  
2G: Trinity Samu  
2W: Shacanna Leon  
2B: Teirah Green  
3G: Ben Le  
3G: Martin Vu  
3W: Laretta Leiataua  
3B: Katlyn Lu  
4G: Madison West  
4W: Xavier Roe  
5G: Emma Tran  
5W: Flora Ombeni  
6G: Joshua Skerman  
6W: Emily Pham

## Upcoming Events



**Friday September 11:**

*Harmony & Book Week  
Parent Celebration*

**Sunday September 13:**

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

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Last week had an unusual feeling with Wednesday being a public holiday! It brought with it the feeling of two starting days! Needless to say, we accomplished all that was needed to be done. This week brings with it the "usual" feel.

### Inter-school Sport

St. Mark's was well represented last Friday by many of your children. Thank you for your support of this. The experience is one that each child looks forward to and reports are very positive from teachers and staff.

### P and F Meeting

The scheduled meeting from last week has been set down for tomorrow evening, 6.00 pm in the staffroom.

We will continue with preparations for the fiesta as well as other matters. All are welcome to come and join us at these meetings. I hope to see a good number of you in attendance.

### Fiesta

The fiesta is now less than 4 weeks away!

Thanks for your support to date. All donations/contributions are gratefully received. To date,

\* there have been a number of meetings with the steering committee and much of the "bigger picture" work has been done. Now we need support with the specifics!

\* Please keep the donations coming. This week we are again looking for **chocolates**.

Mr Everett is also looking for donations of used/second hand books, DVDs and games!

\* The parish food stalls will be a great way to sample foods from the many cultural groups in our community. Please send in containers, plastic cutlery and napkins.

\* Can you assist at a stall? Please pass your name on to your child's teacher or to the office if you can give a little time/ assistance.

\* The fiesta starts with Mass at 9.00 am in Mercy Hall. It will have a most distinctive multicultural flavour. The fiesta fun then starts at 10.00 am and goes through till 3.00 pm. Come and enjoy the food, the stalls, the rides, raffles and performances. It will be a great day!

\* On a practical note, there will be no parking in the school grounds. Be prepared to walk in, or be dropped off.

Pre-purchasing of rides and show bags is a very cost efficient way to get value for money. Simply contact the office or see one of the parents from the P and F.

There will be an art show, with the opportunity to purchase pieces, Bear World, parade of national costumes, St. Mark's Got Talent and much more.

See you here on the 13th September.

Could you assist with setting up or cleaning up on the actual fiesta day?

Many hands will ensure a most successful fiesta. Please let the office know if you can help.

### Student Protection

Important lessons on student protection matters have been taking place for a number of weeks now. I hope you have spoken to your child about what they have learnt.

Schools throughout Brisbane Catholic Education have implemented a Child and Youth Risk Management Strategy, as required by law. These strategies refer to our codes of conduct (for employees, volunteers and other personnel), recruitment procedures, student protection processes, training opportunities and blue card screening procedures.

St. Mark's Child and Youth Risk Management Strategy and a link to BCE strategy has been uploaded to the school's website. A copy of our strategy can also be obtained through the office.

Please contact Mrs Savage, or one of the leadership team, if you have any questions or require any further information.

### Staffing

◆ Mrs Cheyne has agreed to teach 4G next term after Mrs Daley accepted an offer to continue her good work on Nauru. We wish both teachers well in their endeavours.

◆ This week we farewell Mrs Sandy Cook who has officially retired after many years of wonderful service to the children and families here at St. Mark's. We wish her well through the future and look forward to her return visits in the months and years ahead.

◆ Please hold in your prayers Mrs Curry who this week lost her Dad. Thanks go to Mrs Quinn and relief teachers for looking after 1G.

### Masters BBQ

Special thanks must go to our parents and friends who ran a very successful BBQ "station" at Masters last Sunday. With dedication and service, this group has done a wonderful job of raising some much needed funds and putting forward the good name of St. Mark's. Your efforts were very much appreciated.

*Garry Montgomery*  
Garry Montgomery  
Principal

## THE AMAZING WORK OF OUR ST MARK'S STUDENTS!



### YR 5&6 + NET MINISTRIES:

The experience and all the students learned last term over 3 days of personal development has stayed with them.

**PREP G RE LESSONS:** Yesterday I was visited by 4 beautiful Prep G students who wanted to tell me about their RE unit of work "When Jesus was a Boy." In particular they'd been learning about the stories Mary and Joseph would have told Jesus when he was little. With their class the students read the Old Testament stories "David and Goliath" and "Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat." They then had to choose their favourite story and explain why.



### YR 6 MATHLETICS CHAMPIONS:

Congratulations to our Yr 6 girls for doing so well on the Mathletics program. Well done girls! It's wonderful to see girls leading the way in the field of Maths!



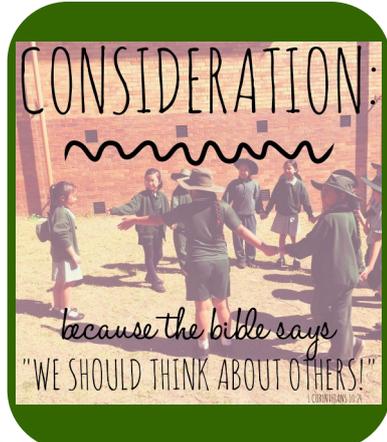
### 2W RE LESSONS:

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 made a difference in the lives of Australians and all the challenges she overcame. Aren't 2W's lapbooks about St Mary of the Cross AMAZING!? They tell the reader so much information about this inspirational woman!



## Date Claimers ...

- This Thursday, 20 August, 4W & 1B celebrate their buddy mass at 9:30am in the Church.
- This Friday, 21 August, 1W will lead us in our Assembly Prayer.
- Next Thursday, 27 August, 3W & Prep W celebrate their buddy mass at 9:30am in the Church.
- Next Friday, 28 August Prep G will lead us in our Assembly Prayer.
- Harmony & Book Week Parent Reading Circles will take place on Friday 11 September.
- St Mark's Fiesta is on Sunday 13 September.



## ***Virtue of the Week: Consideration***

### What is Consideration?

Consideration is having regard for other people and their feelings. It is thinking about how your actions will affect them and caring about how they will feel. Consideration is doing things in a way that benefits others as well as yourself.

### You are practising consideration when you ...

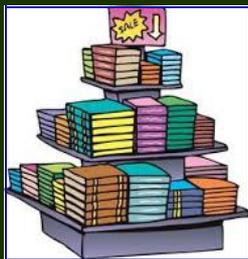
- Respect other people's needs and feelings.
- Observe what people do and do not like.
- Feel that other people's needs are as important as your own.
- Think about how your actions will affect others.

**Mrs Nikki Lysaght:**  
Assistant Principal Religious Education

# » Fiesta News

## Book Stall Donations

Mr Everett and the class of 4W are collecting 2nd hand books, CDs, DVDs and video games for the fiesta. All donations can be delivered straight to the 4W classroom.



**Year 5W's Fiesta Viking Pot**  
**Only 100 Tickets!**  
**Only 1 Prize of \$500!**



**\$10 per Ticket**  
**Last ticket drawn is the winner.**  
*Don't miss out!*

## 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 possible.



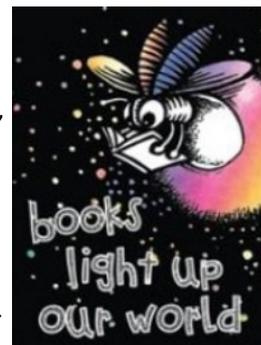
My Child \_\_\_\_\_  
 in Yr \_\_\_\_\_ has a costume for

\_\_\_\_\_ (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: \_\_\_\_\_

# From the Library

Book Week will be celebrated the week leading up to the Multicultural Fiesta. We decided to have it here as the theme "BOOKS LIGHT UP OUR WORLD" works wonderfully with our Fiesta.



For this reason, we will have a slightly different format to our Friday Book Week Assembly. We are asking for children volunteers to participate in our Multicultural Fashion Parade where children will come in costumes from different countries on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September at the Fiesta.

**THIS WEEK we are also looking for parent volunteers to assist on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September.** The children are not being asked to parade in fancy costumes this year, INSTEAD we are looking for parents from different cultures who are happy to read or tell a folktale from their own country. If you are happy to read but don't have a story, we can find you one from our library. We have heaps of folktales from around the world. We will then ask these parents to read or tell their story to one of the year levels (it may mean reading it 2 or 3 times so that a few classes have the joy of hearing a story).

Our Book Week Assembly will start at 9.00am Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September. We will have prizes to award for our competitions and we will show our winning imovie from Yr 6. The winning books will be shown and to finish the morning, our volunteer parents will be assigned to a different class and stories will be told across the classes possibly until first break.

If you can assist please fill in below and return it to the library as soon as possible.

Many thanks,

*Therese Badke and Leesa Keaton (Teacher-librarians)*

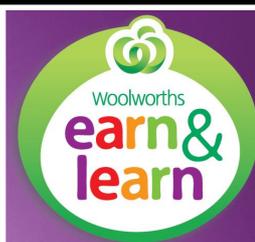


\_\_\_\_\_ parent of \_\_\_\_\_  
 in Yr \_\_\_\_\_ .

Would like to volunteer as a parent to read/tell a story from  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (country) on Friday Sept 11<sup>th</sup>  
 after the Book Week Assembly.

Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_

(Please return this slip to the Library)



When you shop at Woolworths, you can collect stickers from the check-out 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 8940 stickers!**

# ST MARK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL P&F

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



Thank you to Anna Sintisky for organising the Masters BBQ. Thank you to the helpers; Ena, Oscar, Veronica, Christel, Chris, Mary, Nicholas, BJ & Sefo for their great work! We made \$524 on BBQ including \$228 on raffles sold by the boys and handed out flyers for our Fiesta on Sunday 13th September. Thank you to Miss Briody for helping Anna print out 300 Fiesta flyers on Sunday—Your assistance was greatly appreciated!

## FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD at the Fiesta!

Cafe—Tea/Coffee/Cakes/Biscuits

Fabulous Filipino Food

Samoa Youth Group: Fried Chicken Wings

African Group - Kebabs & Hot Chips

Tasty Tongan Dishes

Delicious Indian Dishes

Four Vietnamese Food Stalls

Samoa Stall: Sweet n Sour, Chop Suey, Curry, Rice & Bananas

Youth Group: Aussie Food, Burgers,  
Lamingtons, Drinks

Sri Lankan Food: Roti bread with Vegies, Chicken, egg & spices, fried dhal cutlet.

## PREPAY & SAVE \$\$\$

Get a group together—Prepay for 3 or more armbands at \$20 each  
OR pay \$30 per armband on the day.

Armbands give you unlimited access to the Animal Farm, Jumping Castle, Tea Cup Ride and the NEW RIDES— Frog Hop, Super Sizzler & Triple Screamer!

## Are you ready for the new rides 10am—3pm?

Frog Hop



Super Sizzler



Triple Screamer

