



# St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

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**Term 3 Week 5**

**Velkommen Tilbake Mrs. Malouf! Translated... Welcome Back Mrs. Malouf!**

Dear Parents and Carers

It was great to see all the smiling faces on my return to school yesterday after my wonderful extended holiday. There was a group of excited Prep students, who visited me in the office yesterday to proudly show and read their fabulous writing. Persistence is a major factor in student learning alongside encouragement and feedback from teachers and parents.

My thanks to all the staff and especially to Mrs. Kuschert and Mr. Biddulph for carrying out their duties so well whilst I was on leave.

Last Sunday, we celebrated the Transfiguration of Jesus – sometimes a difficult concept to grasp. Ultimately, the transfiguration of Jesus gives us hope when there appears to be no hope, courage and strength in times of fear and an unflinching belief in the trust and love of Jesus.

**Prayers please:** We offer our prayers and thoughts to Garry Montgomery and his family (former principal of St Mark's). Garry's mother died last week after an illness. May she rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon her.

#### **Woolworths Earn and Learn**

You may have heard through the advertising that the Woolworths Earn and Learn program is back. We have placed a box in our Student Entry for families to drop in the stickers that you collect with purchases from Woolworths. If you shop at Woolworths, we would really appreciate your support in donating the stickers to help us to earn resources for our school. This program is very beneficial to all schools and provides 'free' resources once we have gained enough stickers. Thank you for your support!

#### **External Review**

Next Tuesday, a panel of five members (including our Area Supervisor) will visit the school for the day to talk about teaching and learning over the past five years. The panel will visit classrooms, talk with Father Stephen and various staff groups during the day about school improvements, results and provide recommendations for the future. A group of parents have been invited to speak with the panel on the day. This is a great opportunity for our school to review the past five years and set directions for the future.

#### **Vietnamese tuck-shop**

Vietnamese tuck-shop is back this term on Tuesday 22 August, 29 August and 5 September – the funds raised will go to the Vietnamese orphanage. Thanks to our Mums and Dads who run the Vietnamese tuck-shop and to all families who support this worthy cause. More details will follow next week with the menu and pricelist.

Please note that school is **CLOSED** on Wednesday 16 August for the EKKA holiday.

Enjoy the week ahead.

Allison Malouf  
Principal



Madison, Andrew, Lily & Kyran from Prep G

#### **2017 TERM DATES:**

**Term 1: 24 Jan - 31 Mar**  
**Term 2: 18 Apr - 23 Jun**  
**Term 3: 10 Jul - 15 Sep**  
**Term 4: 3 Oct - 1 Dec**

#### **Upcoming Events**



**Thursday 10 August:**  
**Cricket Coaching Clinic**  
Yrs. 4-6

**Friday 11 August:**  
**Interschool Sport**

**Wednesday 16 August:**  
**EKKA Public Holiday**

**Thursday 17 August:**  
**Cricket Coaching Clinic**  
Yrs. 4-6

**Tuesday 22 August:**  
**Vietnamese Tuckshop**

**Monday 28 August: Yr.**  
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*You must not teach just content, but the values and customs of life.  
A computer can teach content but to understand how to love,  
to understand what the values and habits are that create harmony in the  
world, you need a good teacher*  
Pope Francis.

# Religious Life of the School News

## St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Feast Day

Today we celebrate Saint Mary of the Cross (MacKillop)  
a Saint for all Australians! Happy Feast Day!

Mary was a 'doer'. Her practicality in identifying the crucial issues facing the Church and doing something about them appeals to the Australian imagination. Max Harris, well-known writer and proclaimed agnostic, named it as 'goodness' ... 'Goodness is not a state of mind alone. It is a source for the most productive energies.' It comes as no surprise to those who admire Mary that her first response was always to 'roll up her sleeves' and do something about the situation.

Mary MacKillop was an extraordinary woman who has been given the honour of being Australia's first and only saint. She was born in Melbourne in 1842 and died in Sydney in 1909. Responding to the isolation of colonial families she pioneered a new form of religious life to provide education for their children. She and her sisters shared the life of the poor and the itinerant, offering special care to destitute women and children. Mary is remembered for her eagerness to discover God's will in all things, for her charity in the face of calumny and for her abiding trust in God's providence. Mary was canonised as Australia's first saint on 17 August 2010. She is the patron saint of our Archdiocese of Brisbane.



**St Mary of the Cross  
Pray for Us!**

## Date Claimers ...

- Child Safety focus in HPE lessons all this term.
- Prep B and 5W celebrate their buddy class mass on Thursday 10 August at 9:30am.
- 5G will lead us in our Assembly Prayer on Friday 11 August at 8:40am in Mercy Hall. Our theme will be the Assumption of Mary, which is next Tuesday.
- Many of our Year 3 students will receive the **Sacraments of 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation** at 11am on Sunday 13 August or Sunday 20 August. Please keep these students in your prayers during this time of preparation.
- The Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary is next Tuesday 15 August. It is a holy day of obligation and there will 2 masses here at St Mark's Parish. There will be an 8am mass in English and a 6pm Vietnamese Mass.
- There will be no school next Wednesday, 16 August, for Ekka Holiday.
- 2W & 3G will celebrate their buddy mass on Thursday 17 August at 9:30am.
- 4W will lead us in our Assembly Prayer next Friday 18 August.
- Vietnamese Tuck-shop will run 22, 29 August and 5 September. The money raised from these sales will go to the orphanage in Vietnam that we support each year.
- Catholic Mission Week will be run in Week 10—starting on 11 September.
- School holidays start at 3pm on 15 September.



## Virtue of the Week: Confidence

### What is Confidence?

Confidence is being certain and feeling assurance. It comes from knowing and trusting someone. Self-confidence means you trust yourself. You can do things without doubts holding you back. You know your own strengths and weaknesses. When you are confident in others, you rely on them and trust them. Confidence in God is a sense of trust that your Creator loves you and watches over you as you go through life.

### You are practising Confidence when you ...

- Remember that you are worthwhile whether you succeed or fail.
- Try new things.
- Think positively.

Mrs Nikki Lysaght:

Assistant Principal Religious Education

# Sports News



## Cricket Coaching clinics

This Thursday, Kara Sutherland will be visiting St Mark's to provide the 1st of the 2 cricket coaching clinics for classes in Years 4-6. A reminder district cricket trials are coming up for both boys and girls, so if you think your child is up to that standard please see me to nominate.

Kind Regards - Mr. Biddulph Sports Coordinator



# School News

## Library News

### Book Week is Coming...

### Our theme this year is "Escape to Everywhere".

We will celebrate Book Week at St Mark's in Week 9, Monday 4-Friday 8 September. We have already started preparations in the Library. We would like the children from Prep to Yr. 3 to dress up for our Assembly on the Friday 8 September. They can dress up as a favourite book character or dress to show to where their book has helped them escape. The older classes will find out what to prepare at Assembly this week!



## Homework Club

Dear Parents and Students

Commencing from week two of term three, Homework Club will be on Tuesday and Thursdays mornings from 8.00am in the Learning Support room Years 3,4,5 and 6. Mrs Shaw, Mrs Gorman, Mrs Williams and/or Mrs Winterflood will be there to help.

Kind regards,

The EAL/D Team



## Community News

### Inala Community Kindergarten, Enrolments for 2018

Our Kindy has limited spaces still available for next year. We are a community Kindergarten for children who turn 4 before June 30 and 5 after June 30. Our hours for next year will be 8am—3.30pm, we are changing models from the 5 day fortnight to the 2 day group model. We will have 2 groups—Monday/Tuesday and Thursday/Friday. Please call if you need a place for 2018, 3372 8570.

### Girls "Come and Try Day" Day, West Moreton Anglican Cricket Club

#### *Celebrate a win with your team.*

*Girls can join the fun and play cricket with their friends in an active and competitive environment.*

Activity: Girls "Come and Try" Day  
Club: West Moreton Anglican College  
Address: Keswick Road, Karrabin  
Date: Friday, 25 August 2017  
Time: 3.45-5.30pm  
Contact: Jude Coleman  
0466 479 332 or  
[jude.coleman@qldcricket.com.au](mailto:jude.coleman@qldcricket.com.au)

Find your local club today at [playcricket.com.au](http://playcricket.com.au)

## Tuck Shop Ordering System



Please note as of this term the tuck shop will no longer be accepting lunch orders before school by students or parents. If you wish to order food for your child, please send all orders to school via a brown paper bag and have your child/children place them in their classrooms tuck shop basket at the commencement of the day.

# Focus on Reading and Writing

## Parents' Reading Corner



### Questions you could ask your reader

#### Before reading a book

- Look at the pictures and think about the title. What tricky words might we find in this book?

Let's take turns to find the tricky words so we are ready for them. Say the word. What sounds do you hear?

#### After reading a book

- Does this book remind us of anything – a movie, another book, a real-life experience? How?
- Did you like the pictures? How do you think the illustrations helped you?
- Did the story end the way you expected?
- Could the story continue? What could happen next?

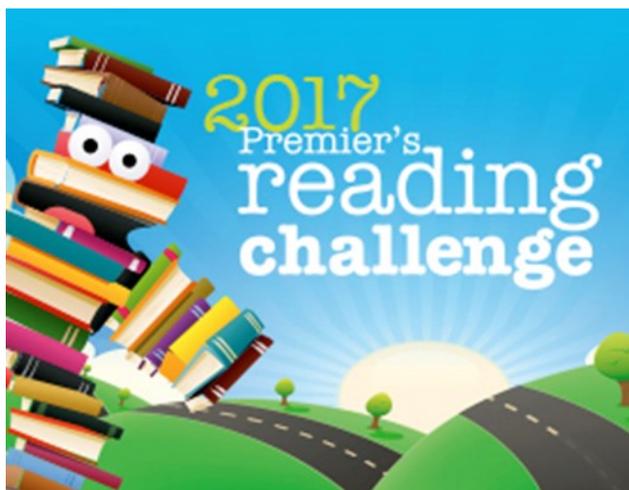
Do you want us to find more books on this topic or from the same author or illustrator?

#### For older children, consider asking:

- What could have made the story better? Why?
- What did you think about ...? (name of character)
- Did the author use this type of text structure well? Did it work? Why?

Do you think the topic would work in another type of book?

- During reading, discuss what has been read up to that point and predict what might happen next.
- After you've finished reading with your child, talk and ask questions about the story and the pictures.



Only **2** weeks to go!

Please return any forms to your classroom teacher or the office before Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of August. More forms available from Miss Waites or the office.

Year level	Number of books
Prep – Year 2	Read or experience 20 books
Years 3 and 4	20 books
Years 5 and 6	15 books