



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

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20 February 2017
Term 1 Week 5

Year 5 & Year 6 Camp Next Wednesday 1 March

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to all parents who came to support us at the swimming carnival last Friday. Congratulations to Mercy house for their win! Congratulations to the age champions who will receive their medals this Friday at assembly. A huge thank you to Mr Biddulph for his excellent organisation and many thanks to all of our staff who supervise, swim, coach, judge, score and many other jobs to ensure our students have a great day.

Camp 2017: Next Wednesday, our Year 5 and Year 6 students will attend separate camps at the Sunshine Coast. It is a great time with their classmates, teachers and school officers. Our Year 5 students will attend Tunnel Ridge Ranch <http://www.tunnelridge.com.au> and the Year 6 students will attend Alexandra Park Conference Centre <http://alexpark.com.au>. The students will be accompanied by their class teachers, Mrs Gorman, Mrs Rossotti, Mrs De Jesus, Mrs Kuschert, Mrs Lysaght, Ms Waites and myself.

Clean up Australia Day: Our school has registered for 'clean up St. Mark's day' on Friday 2 March – this is a great opportunity to clean up our school prior to our opening and blessing on the 15 March. Thank you to Year 4W who are promoting the day for us.

School Goals 2017: Each year, school goals are set for the year in the areas of Learning and Teaching, Catholic Identity and Sustainability. Please find attached a document that shows the achievements of our school in 2016 and our plans for 2017.

Health and Physical Education: For the curriculum subject of **Health and Physical Education (HPE)**, teachers are required to teach the following 8 topics: Medicines, Food and Nutrition, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Relationships, Safety, Fundamental Movement Skills, Games and Sports, Rhythmic and Expressive Activities. To balance the time required for teaching each component and also to cover the physical movement part of HPE, this year we have decided to include Dance (Term 1); Yoga and Wellbeing (Term 2), Gymnastics (Term 3) and Swimming (Term 4) in the HPE program. This allows for variety in delivering the physical aspect of the curriculum and teachers will also have the flexibility to include fitness activities and sports skills in their teaching. This new arrangement with Yoga and Gymnastics is a trial for 2017 and we shall be seeking feedback at the end of the year about the new programs. Please come and see me if you have any questions about HPE.

Enrolments Prep 2018: We are now accepting enrolments for Prep students to commence school in 2018. Children born between 1 July, 2012 and 30 June, 2013 are eligible to enrol in Prep for 2018. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website www.stmarksinala.qld.edu.au or collected from the school office. Our enrolment policies can be viewed at our website. Interviews for siblings and new families will commence in the first week of Term 2. Enrolment forms need to be submitted by the 24 March, 2017.

School Fees Term 1: Please note that the first school fees went home last week and are due for payment on Monday 13 March. Please note that the fees are for the full term of 10 weeks.

Enjoy the week ahead.
Allison Malouf
Principal

Becoming like Jesus is as much about having a relaxed and joyful heart as it is about believing and doing the right thing, as much about proper energy as about proper truth.

Ronald Rolheiser



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



Wednesday 1 - Friday 3
March:
Year 5 & 6 Camp

Wednesday 1 March:
Ash Wednesday Liturgy

Friday 9 March:
Interschool Sports

Monday 13 March:
School Fees Due

Wednesday 15 March:
Opening and Blessing
New School Office

Sunday 19 March:
St Mark's Family Fun Day

Friday 24 March:
DanceCart Concert 6pm

Religious Life of the School News



"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."

~ Romans 8:38

ASH WEDNESDAY – Wednesday 1 March



Ash Wednesday is an important day in the Church liturgical calendar. It marks the first day of Lent, the beginning of a period where we take time to pray, almsgiving and make promises to Jesus. On Ash Wednesday, Fr Stephen will place a cross made from ashes on our foreheads. This cross reminds us that we need to try to be more like Jesus.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2017

Project Compassion 2017 focuses on Loving Your Neighbour. It throws a spotlight on global food issues and how Caritas Australia is empowering the world's poorest people to establish sustainable food sources for life. Next week each class will be given a project compassion box, where you are able to collect any monetary donations to go towards the project compassion appeal. Please have a look at the website: caritas.org.au and upcoming newsletters for more information.



Thank you in advance for giving so generously during this Lenten season for this worthwhile appeal.

You are invited ...

The community of St Mark's Catholic Primary School cordially invites



the St Mark's School community to the Opening & Blessing of St Mark's School Office.



Venue: St Mark's School Amphitheatre
92 Lilac Street, Inala

When: Wednesday 15th March, 2017
12 noon

Light refreshments will follow.

RSVP: St Mark's School Office: 33723408
pinala@bne.catholic.edu.au
6th March, 2017

Date Claimers ...

- This Thursday, 23 February, 2G & 4G will celebrate their buddy class mass at 9:30am in the Church.
- 6G will lead us in our assembly prayer this Friday, 24 February, at 8:45am in Mercy Hall.
- **Ash Wednesday** is on 1 March. We will celebrate the start of Lent with a liturgy in the Church. (Year 5 & 6 students, who will be on camp, will participate in an Ash Wednesday liturgy at camp.)
- Our assembly prayer on Friday 3 March will be led by 4W at 8:45 in Mercy Hall.
- 4B & 1G will celebrate their buddy class mass at 9:30am on Thursday 9 March.
- The **Opening & Blessing of our new School Office** will be on Wednesday 15 March at 12 noon. All are welcome.



Virtue of the Week: Resilience

What is Resilience?

Being resilient means that you have the ability to overcome odds and demonstrate the personal strengths needed to cope with different kinds of hardship. Resilience is the ability to bounce back after encountering difficulties, negative events, and hard times and to return to almost the same level of emotional wellbeing.

You are practising resilience when you ...

- Find ways to solve your problems.
- Exercise control over negative thoughts and take responsibility for choosing how to act and feel.
- Persist with a task and persevere.
- Possess a sense of fun.

Mrs Nikki Lysaght
Assistant Principal Religious Education

Sporting News

St Mark's School Swimming

Swimming Carnival

Last Friday, Years 1-6 competed in our school swimming carnival in our first whole school sporting event for the year. We were blessed with real swimming weather and this, along with spirited competition made for an enjoyable day.

Congratulations to Red and their captain Amber Brown who were out right winners with 325 points, followed by Blue in 2nd place with 304 points and Gold finishing with 273 points. My thanks to all of the students for their enthusiastic participation on the day, Parents, Staff and Shelly / Karen from the Corinda Pool complex for their contributions. Particular thanks to Mrs. Oudyn, Mrs. Brehmer and Mrs. Gorman / Mrs. Thorne for coordinating the Year 1,2 and 3 carnivals respectively.

Finally, congratulations to our Year level Champions from Years 3-6 listed below.

Year 3: Boys	Isaac Richter	Girls	Aria Chadburn & Alessandra Rangel
Year 4: Boys	Abel O	Girls	Yvonne Connolly
Year 5: Boys	Jacob Richter	Girls	Cruze Connors
Year 6: Boys	Michael O	Girls	Gabriella Rangel & Amber Brown

Parents please note, the above children will receive their Age Champion Medals at assembly this Friday.

Kind Regards
Mr. Biddulph
Sports Co-ordinator



The 2017 Year Level Swimming Champions

Community Announcements

Brigidine College International Women's Day Forum

Finding Meaning in the Contemporary Landscape

Join host Rhianna Patrick from ABC Radio and forum members

- **Michelle McDonald – Refugee**
- **Advocate Erin Kennedy – Graduate School Captain**
- **Ros McLennan – General Secretary QCU**
- **Faiza El-Higzi – Create Global Founder**

Sharing stories about the role of women in a contemporary Australia, including health, wellbeing and spiritual lives in action

Thursday 9 March 2017 at 5:30 pm (supper included) at Brigidine College, The Brigid Centre.

*RSVP to the College office by Friday 3 March 2017
office@brigidine.qld.edu.au*

Our Lady's College Open Day May 20 2017

Our Lady's College Annerley are enrolling now for year 7 in 2020 and 2021. The College open day is Saturday 20 May 2017 10.00am -1.00pm. For further information contact 3426 8000, or visit our website: www.ourladyscollege.qld.edu.au

Brigidine College Open Morning March 6 & 7

You are invited to join the Brigidine College Open mornings on Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 March from 9.30am until 10.30am, at Brigidine College, Indooroopilly. Your local Catholic Girls Secondary College. Enrol now for Year 7 2019 and 2020. Call 3870 7225

Tuck Shop - Sushi Available Every Wednesday

Along with the arrival of the salad bowls and snack pots, the tuck-shop is excited to announce that Sushi and Vietnamese Rolls have been added to the menu from this Wednesday. All rolls are \$2.50 each. If you wish to purchase sushi or Vietnamese rolls for your child's lunch, please collect an order form from the school office (student entry desk) and return it completed on Monday in an envelope or paper bag with the appropriate monies.

Orders
due on
Monday



Vietnamese Rolls \$2.50 ea.



Sushi \$2.50 ea.

St Mark's P&F Association

St Mark's P&F AGM is on Monday 13 March 5pm

This is a perfect opportunity to gain more skills and life experiences.

All 2017 positions are open for nominations - President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and School Representatives.

All parents & carers are welcome to come along and nominate for a position!

When you encourage your child to behave in a positive manner in the class room, and school grounds - you are preparing them for success!

At the dinner table, ask your children; how are they behaving at school, what games do they play, who do they play with, and what subjects did they enjoy learning?

At first the conversations are difficult to start, but once you do this routine every night it becomes an enjoyable ritual for the whole family.

Responsibilities of St Mark's Students

BCEC believes that every learner is 'accountable for choices and responsible for actions' they expect our Students to:-

- Participate actively in the school's education program
- Take responsibility for their own behaviour and learning
- Demonstrate respect for themselves, other members of the school community, and the school environment
 - Behave in a manner that respects the rights of others, including the right to learn
 - Co-operate with staff and others in positions of authority

Responsibilities of Parents at St Mark's

We expect our parents will:-

- Show an active interest in their children's schooling and progress
- Work together with the school to achieve the best outcomes for their child
- Support the school staff in maintaining a safe and respectful learning environment for all students
- Initiate and maintain constructive communication and relationships with school staff regarding their child's learning, wellbeing, and behaviour
- Contribute positively to behaviour support plans that concern their child



St Mark's Family Fun Day

Sunday 19 March 11am-2pm
Everyone Welcome!

PACK A PICNIC LUNCH

Live Entertainment

Alvin Calypso Music courtesy of
Councillor Charles Strunk

Complimentary Raffles & More!

Sausage sizzle compliments of
Blue Fin Fishing



Thank you to
Kara Sutherland
& Team from
Brisbane Heat,
Queensland Cricket.

