



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

**24 February 2015
Week 5 Term 1**



Swimming Carnival this Thursday



Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

May the blessings of Lent be with you and your family. This week, be aware of God walking with you always.

Please support our Project Compassion appeal, run by Caritas each year, where our donations help others in need. The children are learning of this in their classes. Like so much else, giving needs to be taught and learnt.

Last week's rain has caused some disruptions. This week we will have a "catch up" day with swimming on Wednesday as well as the **swimming carnival** on Thursday starting about 9:30am. This is always a wonderful day for the school and all parents and friends are warmly invited to come and join in the day. Races are always keenly contested and the sense of pride in individual and team performances is great. All children, Years 1—6, will be bussed to and from the pool. Please have your son/ daughter ready on both days. Children will have war cry practice on Wednesday afternoon instead of the normal learning teams assemblies this week. Again, you are welcome to come along.

Inter-school Sport

This sporting season, St. Mark's will field teams in netball and soccer. This is a fabulous opportunity for our older children to join in team practices, learn what happens in them and then put skills and strategies into play in a game setting. For so many of your children, these experiences are some of the richest that they will have when it comes to being able to contribute to a common goal. Please support and encourage them in their efforts. Once selected, children need to be committed for the season. All children selected need to present well in full sport uniforms. It says much about themselves, you and the school. \$4.00 per game day pays for transport and association fees.

We look forward to a wonderful season ahead. Be sure to check for results in the newsletter. My thanks go to teachers prepared to coach the children and the others who support through supervision at school on game days.

Working Bee

Many hands make for light work! And we need you! Do come along and join our working bee on Saturday, 8.00—10.00 am. Please bring your gardening tools if you can. The "big job" of the morning is to top dress the junior oval. Last year's rain washed most of the top soil away! Please bring spades/ shovels, wheelbarrows and metal rakes. I look forward to a good roll up and spruced up grounds for all our children to use and enjoy.

Year 5 and 6 Camps

Our annual camps will run at Tunnel Ridge, Landsborough for Year 5 and Alex Park, Alexandra Headlands for Year 6. They both happen at the same time, next week, 4th—6th March. By now, all forms should have been returned to respective teachers and preparations well under way. Should you have any concerns, please contact the teachers, or myself, as soon as possible.

Each year, we hear of how much camp is valued and loved by your children. Again, I am very appreciative of the time and effort that teachers and school officers put in to ensure these camps are successful. Our fingers are crossed now for fine weather!

P and F Meeting

The first scheduled meeting for our Parents and Friends Association is set for Wednesday evening, 11th March, at 6.00 pm in the staffroom. This group of people works to support your school through the work of the teachers and selected projects and activities. Please mark it on your calendar and come along. Get involved in the life of the school. We will be the richer for your involvement.

Homework Club

Thanks for your support—Homework Club is now full!

Student Awards

For Respect:

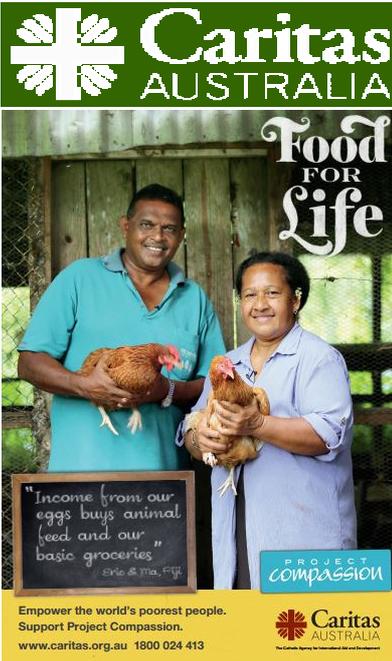
Because Jesus said
**'Treat others as you
want them to treat you'**
Matthew 7:12

PG: Leah Schuster
PW: Levi Lemau
PB: Ivy Nguyen
1G: Tram Pham
1W: Betti Huynh
1B: Emma Nguyen
2G: Emma Tierney
2W: Faustina Teni
2B: Lachlan Rowsell
3G: Adrian Nguyen
3W: Motu Tenisio
3B: John Bui
4G: Jazzanya Lemuelu
4W: Hannah Nguyen
5G: Zebadiah Latu Mulumu
5W: Sally Do
6G: Sandy Ngo

Garry Montgomery
Principal

Project Compassion: Growing Food for Life

1st Week of Lent: Eric and Ma from Fiji



Eric and Ma are married. In Fiji, where they live, there are not many jobs. They wanted to make a plan for their future together so they went to the Tutu Centre, helped by Caritas Australia. It's a place where young people make plans. They planned to build a house, to be farmers and to be in charge - to be the bosses. What a great plan.

At Tutu they learnt how to make a better farm, what to plant, when to plant and how to earn money from their farm. They learnt too, how to work together happily. They planned for a better future.

Eric says, "After the course...we came to realise that we two are one. So we are always saying one plus one is one!" I wonder what he means?

Eric and Ma have been married for 25 years. Nearly all the food they and their six children eat comes from the wonderful farm they have created together. They grow lots of fruit and vegetables on their farm like cabbage, cucumbers and pineapples. Eric and Ma also learnt about cooking and eating healthy food so they don't get sick. Now they share what they have learnt with others at the Tutu Centre.

Your donation to Project Compassion helps people in isolated areas of Fiji gain the skills they need to grow food for life. Please give generously by encouraging your children to bring along a dollar or two for their classroom box during Lent. **When you fill your Project Compassion boxes, you are sharing what you have and helping families around the world to grow food for life.**

Date Claimers ...

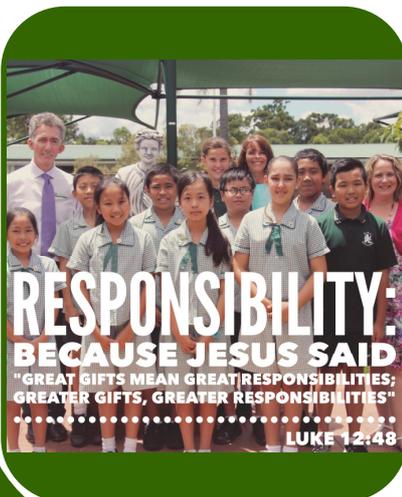
Our **SWIMMING CARNIVAL** is this Thursday, 26 February, at Corinda Pool. All parents and friends are very welcome to join us for this fun day.

This Friday, 27 February, 4G will lead us for our **Assembly Prayer**. Parents and friends are most welcome to join us in Mercy Hall at 8:40.

Our Year 5 and 6 students will head to camp on Wednesday 4 March—Friday 6 March. We wish them lots of fun!

NEXT Friday, 6 March, 3B will lead us in our Assembly Prayer.

We will begin our **weekly Class liturgies with 4W and 1B on Thursday 5 March.**



Virtue of the Week: Responsibility

What is Responsibility?

Being responsible means that others can depend on you. Being responsible means to do something well and to the best of your ability. When you are responsible, you keep your agreements. If you agree to do something – make sure it gets done. When you make a mistake, you take responsibility for it. When you are responsible others know they can count on you.

You are practising responsibility when you ...

- Take your agreements seriously.
- Do things to the best of your ability.
- Accept credit or correction for what you do and how you do it.
- If you make a mistake, explain what happened without making excuses. Make it right if you can.

Mrs Nikki Lysaght
Assistant Principal Religious Education

OPEN MORNING: SETON COLLEGE

Tuesday 3rd March 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.

Wildlife friendly school

St Mark's is a "wildlife friendly" school.
An information afternoon will be held on
the 2nd of March at 3.15pm. All are
welcome to attend in the Mercy Hall
meeting room. The Brisbane City
Council will be delivering a presentation.



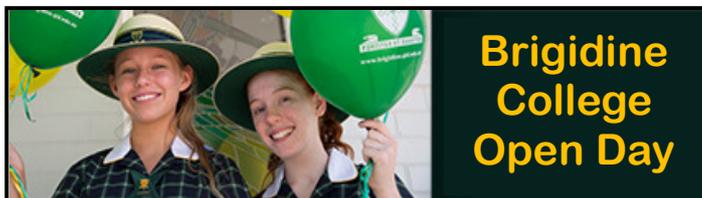
**There will be a butterfly garden
on our school grounds!**

CYBER SAFETY TIP #2

Always make sure your child
uses technological devices in
an open communal space
where there is a grownup
monitoring them.

This is important to ensure
they stay on safe sites and
games and also to watch for
any change in body language or facial expression
which may show that they are getting distressed
while using this device.

Leesa and Therese
Teacher Librarians



Brigidine College Open Day

Don't miss out...
ENROL your daughter NOW
for Year 7 2018 at
Brigidine College, Indooroopilly

COME AND SEE
the innovative and creative learning programs for
yourself.

**Next Visitation Days are Monday 9 & Tuesday
10 March 2015 9.30-10.30am.**

OPEN DAY Sunday 17 May 10am – 1pm

Phone 3870 7225 to secure an enrolment pack.

Go to www.brigidine.qld.edu.au
for more information.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



A weekend away for married couples
in peaceful, picturesque
surroundings – away from the
distractions of everyday living.

Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your
most precious asset . . . your Marriage!
This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship
batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over
again!

Weekend date: 15th – 17th May 2015

**Venue: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston
QLD (on Brisbane's bayside)**

**For bookings/details contact: Maria and David Murphy
Phone: (07) 3342 1456**

**Email: dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au
Information website: www.wvme.org.au**

Well done Caleb!

Caleb Esera (2014 Year 7
student) has made the Brisbane
Lions AFL Development Squad.



Available to students every
Monday and Tuesday

Cost is \$1.00 for toast
and a drink.

St Mark's Parents & Friends



Please join us at your **Working Bee**
on this **Saturday 8am-10am**
Morning Tea supplied by P&F



Let's work together to make our school look beautiful!
Just a couple of hours this Saturday will make a huge difference.
Please bring along a hat, garden gloves and gardening tools.
Thank you for your support.

ST MARKS AGM MEETING

wednesday 11th March 6.00pm
in the staffroom

Your opinion counts!

GOOD LUCK

Swimming carnival is on this
Thursday at Corinda Pool.
Parents are invited to go along to
cheer the children. 9:30am start.



Weddings, birthdays, farewells etc.

Hire DJ SAM

Phone 0406968452

RnB, Hip Hop, 70/80/90s, Old & New SKool,
Remixes Polynesian,



Thursday 19th March 5.30pm at Mt Maria College Mitchelton - Brisbane Parents & Friends AGM & Expo

Two fabulous speakers, Michelle Mitchell, Youth Excel and Michael Hardie,
Assistant State Manager Principals Australia Institute Programs,
Kids Matter and Mind Matters

**An evening meal will be provided and St Marks Parents & Teachers are welcome to be
guests at this special event. Call 3336 9242 to RSVP or speak to Agnes**

Michelle will cover **Managing Disrespect in the Home**

Why this generation doesn't think they are disrespectful.

Teenage aggression and ways teens bully parents
A step by step guide to saying no to a difficult Teenager.

A behaviour management system that actually works
The importance of teaching teenagers to apologise.

The importance of winning the little battles.
Incorporating respect into your home routine.



Michael has worked in health promotion, education and community development for over 20 years in Queensland, Scotland and Spain. More recently he coordinated the **QUT Resilience Project** involving primary schools in Brisbane and Charleville. He is passionately committed to engaging school communities and taking a creative approach to mental health and wellbeing.



**Nominate today for a position on the executive of your Archdiocesan Parents and Friends.
Nomination forms are available from info@pandf.org.au**