



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

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Term 3 Week 1

Welcome Back! Term 3 Begins

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope you had a wonderful holiday with your families it has been lovely to see all the happy, smiling faces returning to school this week.

Staff News: We have a number of staff on leave to start the term, including Mrs. Malouf. I will be acting in her role for the first four weeks of term and Mr. Biddulph will be taking on the role of Acting Assistant Principal. We wish Mrs. Malouf, Mr. Morris, Mrs. Curry and Mrs. Williams a wonderful extended holiday and welcome Mrs. Murray (5W), Ms. Pizzica (4W) and Ms. Meier (2G) to our St Mark's community for this time. Mrs. Gorman will be taking on the role of STIE and Mrs. Brehmer the role of EAL/D teacher for the first three weeks of this term as well.

Interviews: During this term, please see your child's class teacher if you wish to have an interview regarding your child's report, which was sent home at the end of last term. It is an opportunity to sit down and discuss any part of the report.

Golfing Champions: Over the holidays, a small group of our staff participated in the annual Brisbane Catholic Education Golf Day. We are proud to say that they took out the trophy and came home champions! Well done Mr. Everett, Mr. Ebzery, Ms. Schaefer and Mr. Delany!

School Disco: On Friday 28 July we will be holding a School Disco in Mercy Hall. This will run from 5:30pm and finish at 7pm. This will be a wonderful evening for our students and is open for all students from Prep to Year 6 (sorry, older siblings are not able to attend this event). Parents are most welcome to stay with their children or collect them at 7pm.

School pick-up and drop-off: Please remember that the pick-up zone on Lilac St is a 'No Standing Zone' of a morning and afternoon. This means that you are not able to park and leave your car. Can I also please remind you that the Parish Carpark is not for our use and ask that you don't park there to collect your children. It is also dangerous as many of our students cross that driveway in the afternoon and are not always careful to check the driveway for cars before crossing. Thank you for your assistance in this.

Enjoy your week

Clare Kuschert
Acting Principal



St Mark's Golf Champions



Mrs. Malouf with students at the Principals afternoon tea

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



**Monday 10 July: Term
3 Commences**

**Tuesday 18 July:
District 800m and
Discus**

**Wednesday 19 July:
District Athletics**

**Tuesday 25 July: Year
5 Cathedral Visit**

**Friday 28 July: School
Disco**

Religious Life of the School News

Relationships & Sexuality Education: Child Safety focus

This term we will begin our annual focus on **Child Safety** here at St Mark's. In the past we have used the Child Safety Kit provided by the Queensland Government in conjunction with the newer Daniel Morcombe curriculum. This year we will continue to use these resources to support the teaching of these concepts through the HPE curriculum. Last year we started as a pilot school working with Brisbane Catholic Education to implement a Catholic perspective within the HPE curriculum through the use of BCE's Relationships and Sexuality Education online platform. The support that we have received from BCE in the form of professional development for our teachers and online resources has been wonderful.

Our Year 5 and 6 students participated in a 3 day workshop last term run by NET Ministries, Real Talk, the classroom teachers and myself, which was an excellent opportunity for us to once again implement Relationships and Sexuality Education. This workshop will form an excellent foundation for our Year 5 and 6 teachers to build upon this term. A particular area of focus for these students will be remaining safe on social media and other online platforms.



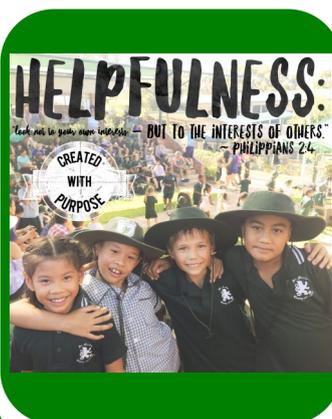
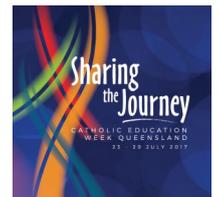
Our priority here at St Mark's is to ensure that all our students (and staff) remain safe at all times. During this term that will be our explicit teaching focus in HPE. Some concepts that will be covered include:

1. *We are all special, unique individuals created by God.* We all have dignity as humans and deserve to be treated with respect.
2. We have the right to be safe at all times. And our body gives out "early warning signs" to tell us we might be in danger. Students explore safe and unsafe situations.
3. Our *bodies belong to us*—nobody can touch us or make us touch them. The children will be given some very *practical, proactive strategies* to use against someone who may potentially be dangerous to them. The students will also be taught (or revise) the correct anatomical names for their body parts (including their private parts).
4. Where to get help if they ever don't feel safe. We specifically *name adults that they can trust*. The students are told to keep telling someone until they get the help they need.

These lessons will be conducted by their teacher, supported where appropriate by our Guidance Counsellor, Kimberley Cunial or myself. ***These are very important life lessons for our students. Please take the time to talk to your children about these lessons. Please talk to myself or your child's teacher if you have any questions.***

Date Claimers ...

- 4G will lead us in our Assembly Prayer this Friday, 14 July at 8:45 in Mercy Hall.
- **Child Safety focus** in HPE lessons all this term.
- Prep G will lead us in our Assembly Prayer on Friday 21 July.
- **Catholic Education Week** starts on Sunday 23 July. The theme for this year is *Sharing the Journey*. Our whole school mass to celebrate this event will be on Thursday 27 July at 9:30am. And Prep B, with their buddies 5W, will lead us in a special assembly prayer on Friday 28 July at 8:45.
- Many of our Year 3 students will receive the **Sacraments of 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation** on Sunday 13 August or Sunday 20



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

Anthony Milford visit

In the last week of Term 2, I invited Anthony to come and speak with the Year 5 and 6 students as part of their personal development course. He provided the students with insights into the issues that are apparent in their development and some key strategies to overcome them. He was able to relate his experience as a professional NRL player to the experiences of a Year 5 and 6 student.



As a school community,

I thank Anthony for his effort and the time he gave up to speak with the students.

District Athletics

Next Wednesday July 19, 35 students will represent St Mark's in the Inala District Athletics carnival to be held at Glenala High School. If your child was selected, a note was sent home on the last day of term 2 outlining details of their event (s). Should you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me at school.

Mr. Biddulph's State of Origin

Tip:

NSW 20-16,
James Maloney 1st try scorer and Nathan Peates Man of the Match



Thank You

A thank you to Mr. Lupu and his son Justin (Year 6G) who over the holidays, cleaned up the tennis court and surrounding areas. Take the opportunity to have a look and see the wonderful contribution they have made to our school community. Also a thank you to Mrs. Camilleri and 6G, for their efforts in putting all the rocks back into the riverbed in Kitty's Place on the last day of Term 2.



Kind Regards - Mr. Biddulph Sports Coordinator

Sports Leadership Award

Congratulations to Gabriella from Year 6 who was the winner of the 2017 Year 6 Sports Leadership award. She was the winner of 3 nominees including Leuca McLeod and Daniel Butkowski.



School News

STUDENT AWARD CEREMONY

Semester 1, 2017

SPIRIT OF ST MARK'S AWARDS



THE SPIRIT OF ST MARK'S RECIPIENTS

AND

THE ST MARK'S ATHLETICS AGE CHAMPIONS

ATHLETICS AGE CHAMPIONS



YEAR 6 SPORTS LEADERSHIP RECIPIENT



Focus on Reading and Writing

YEAR 1 FIRE FIGHTER VISIT



Monday 19th June
Today one fire man came inside
IB class to say some thing to
Mrs prestidge. The fire man said you
can bring IB to see the fire
engine. First we got to squirted
water out of the hose. They ^{gave}
everybody a sticker. Lastly, we
^{went} inside the fire engine.

Monday 19 June
Today four fire fighters
came to visit St. Marks.
First we sprayed water
from the fire hose. Then
we got a sticker. Lastly we
went inside the fire engine.

