



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

14 July 2015
Week 1 Term 3

★ **Principalship meeting next Monday at 6pm** ★

Dear Parents/Carers,
Welcome back for a new term. I hope you have had a wonderful holiday with your children and can agree to let them return to school.

Parent/ teacher meetings are scheduled for this week and next week. These very important meetings are for you to discuss your child's progress with their teacher. At these meetings, Semester 1 report cards will be presented. There is much to celebrate with significant gains being made with so many students. Your support and interest from home is vital for your child's continued success. If, for any reason, you can not make it to the meeting, contact the school and a new meeting time will be arranged.

The very good work of teachers and your children needs to be acknowledged and acclaimed.

P and F Meeting

The first meeting of the term is scheduled for tomorrow evening, 6.00 pm in the staffroom. All are invited as we make plans for the fiesta and other events in the life of the school. I hope to see you here.

Fiesta

We need your support to make this community event a truly great one. First, mark it on your calendar—Sunday, 13th September. The fiesta starts with Mass in Mercy Hall at 9.00 am then all the fun of the fiesta from 10 am—3.00 pm

Second, come!

Third, support our efforts where you can. We need your support. In the lead up to the fiesta, each week we are calling for donations to various stalls and other needs as they are identified. Please help where you can. Every little bit will help.

This week we are looking for donations of chocolates as prizes on a number of stalls. Please send them to classroom teachers or the office.

Many thanks, in anticipation, for your support.

Spirit of St. Mark's Awards

Congratulations to our first semester recipients of the Spirit of St. Mark's award. Teachers had the very difficult task of selecting one child from each year level who we would look to as a model student here at St. Mark's, in the way they conduct themselves as a learner and a caring student. We are very proud of them all, the blessings they bring to their families and to their school.

Prep—Alexx Nguyen

Year 1—Venus Louis

Year 2—Emma Tierney

Year 3—Charli-An Pham

Year 4—Manicarl Ferazol

Year 5—Hang Tran

Year 6—Chau Nguyen

Winter Appeal

On the last day of term my ute was filled with the donations that came through our Winter Appeal. The good folk at St. Vincent de Paul, Inala, wanted me to thank you so much for your generous donations. There are many in need in our community and each item will assist in some small way those who are needing help.

New students

We welcome 4 new students, and their families, into the school. Please make them welcome if/ when you have the chance.

Retirement

Yesterday, I announced to the staff and the children that I have decided to retire at the end of this year. My time has been a truly satisfying one, highlighted by the people, that's you, that I work with, and for, each day.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your wonderful support of the school and me over the last 7 and a half years that I have been principal.

Importantly, there is a consultative meeting chaired by Mrs Annette Duffy, school Area Supervisor, scheduled for next Monday evening at 6.00 pm in the staffroom. This important meeting aims to discern from your voices the future direction of the school and its leadership as you see it. I do hope that you can take up this offer and come along. The meeting will take approximately 45—60 minutes.

Student/ Family Support

Homework Club begins again next Tuesday afternoon, 3.00—3.45 pm in the library. All students need to be registered.

Breakfast Club operates on Monday and Tuesday mornings from 8.00 am where, for \$1, a simple breakfast is provided.

Tuckshop operates each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and needs your on-going support if it is to continue. Takings pay for stock as well as wages so please support regularly.

Practical Matters

The weather is cold and every child needs their school pullover, named. Two bags of unclaimed, un-named pullovers went to lifeline at the end of last term. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and that it is named!

School begins at 8.40 am. If for any reason your child is late, bring them to the office so that can be marked on the roll. Do not have them walk in alone. This is for their safety.

Garry Montgomery
Garry Montgomery
Principal

Upcoming Events



Tuesday July 14:

NO Homework Club

Monday July 20

Principalship meeting with Annette Duffy at 6pm

Sunday July 26:

Catholic Education Week begins

Sunday September 13:



Multicultural Fiesta

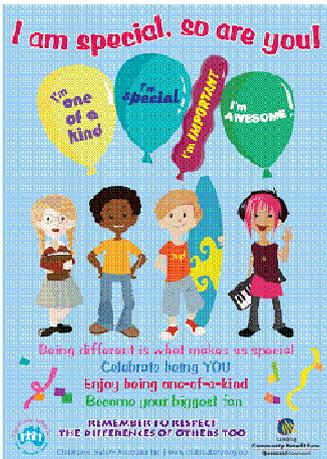
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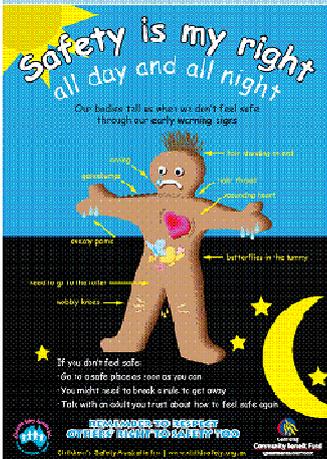


School Fees are included with the newsletter this week.

Child Safety Information



Next week we will begin our annual focus on **Child Safety** here at St Mark's. Once again we are using a program provided by the Queensland Government which runs the students through a series of four lessons which talk about safety issues. At St Mark's we use these lessons to explain that **we are all special, unique individuals created by God** and we have the right to be safe at all times. The students will talk about the **"early warning signs"** that their body gives out that tells them they might be in danger. For example, butterflies in the tummy, sweaty palms, an uneasy feeling or the hairs on the back of the neck stand up. Many children think that being safe refers to practical matters like crossing the road, wearing a bike helmet—many don't realise that being safe also means being emotionally safe too. The children discuss the importance that their **body belongs to them**—and that nobody can touch them or make them touch somebody else. Because God has created each of us special—and we are all important—we have a right to protect ourselves from people who may want to hurt us. The children will also be given some very **practical, proactive strategies** to use against someone who may potentially be dangerous to them. They also take time to specifically **name adults that they can trust** to talk to if they ever don't feel safe. These lessons will be conducted by their teacher or myself.



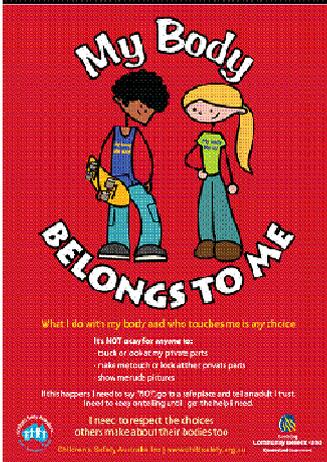
These are very important life lessons for our students. Please take the time to talk to your children about these lessons. Please talk to myself or your child's teacher if you have any questions.



Date Claimers ...

We have a VERY BUSY term ahead:

- Parent/Teacher Interviews run this week and next week.
- Mr Montgomery will lead us in our Assembly Prayer this Friday, 17 July at 8:45.
- 4 weeks of **Child Protection** lessons start on Monday 20 July.
- 6W will lead us in our Assembly Prayer on Friday 25 July.
- **Catholic Education Week** starts on Sunday 26 July. The theme for this year is *Engaging Minds, Serving Others, Igniting Hearts*. Our whole school mass to celebrate this event will be on Friday 31 July at 9:30am.
- Two weeks of **Catholic Missions** fundraising activities will start on Monday 27 July, as one way we show how we serve others. More information will be in next week's newsletter.
- Many of our Year 3 students will receive the **Sacraments of 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation** on Saturday 8 August.



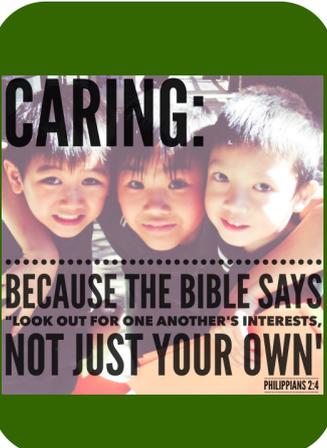
Virtue of the Week: Caring

What is Caring?

Caring is giving love and attention to people and things that matter to you. You can show you care about someone by saying and doing things that help them. Caring about something means giving it your very best. It is a sign of love, respect and concern. Caring about yourself means that you treat yourself with the respect and concern that you deserve as a child of God.

You are practising Caring when you ...

- Love others and yourself.
- Let people know that what they say is important to you by looking at them and listening closely.
- Treat your body with respect.
- Protect and nurture anything placed in your care, particularly pets.



Mrs Nikki Lysaght:
Assistant Principal Religious Education

**Nationally Consistent
Collection of Data (NCCD)**

Notice to Parents

In 2015 the Commonwealth Government has committed to gathering data on the prevalence of students with disabilities across all educational institutions. This requires a data collection process which was started at St Mark's throughout Term 2 and the results of which will be recorded online and made available to Brisbane Catholic Education Office at the start of Term 3. No student's name will be attached to this data collection when it is sent on to the Commonwealth Government.

If you have any questions or concerns about this process please contact the school office and ask to speak to someone who can address your questions or concerns.

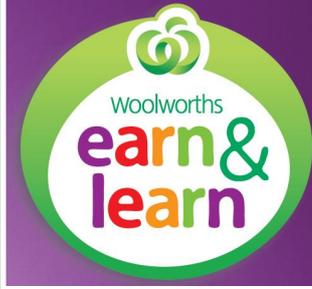


**Thank you for
the generous
support of our
Winter Appeal**



Inaugural Intra School Challenge Cup

Congratulations to the winners - MacKillop Indoor Soccer Team.



The Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion is back!

This year the promotion begins on the 15th of July. When you shop at Woolworths, you can collect stickers from the checkout 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!

**Congratulations to our Spirit of St Mark's
Award Recipients**



Charli-An Pham Yr 3	Manicarl Ferazol Yr 4	Hang Tran Yr 5	Chau Nguyen Yr 6	Emma Tierney Yr 1	Venus Louis Yr 1	Alexx Nguyen Prep
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**TENNIS COACHING AT ST MARK'S
SCHOOL WITH GUSE'S TENNIS**

Guse's Tennis have been part of the Western Suburbs community for the past 15 years with their 4 court tennis centre located at the entrance to Forest Lake.

Wayne Guse is delighted to have been given the opportunity by the school in offering before school tennis lessons on their newly resurfaced tennis courts and will begin by offering lessons one morning per week to increase with demand.

Lessons are starting from 2nd week of Term 3 from Monday the 20th July.

Monday

7:30am to 8:10am - Beginners Grade 3,4,5 & 6 / Intermediate - \$99 per term

8:10am to 8:35am - Beginners Grade 1 & 2 - Red Ball - \$80 per term

All players receive Free Tennis Queensland Membership
For enquires or enrolments please call Wayne Guse on 3271 3852 or email info@gusestennis.com.au

We look forward to seeing you on the court!

www.gusestennis.com.au



ST MARK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL P&F NEWS

Thank you to our wonderful school principal, Mr Montgomery

You nurtured our children and provided them with opportunities to enhance their life journeys. You lead our exceptional teachers to inspire our children daily.



We will miss you greatly, but look forward to working by your side and making this a year to remember!

Kind regards Agnes, Anna, Ena & Veronica on behalf of parents & families.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Iverson Rizo, Justin Lupu & Jacob Richter won the Wednesday Junior Fixtures at Brisbane West Tennis Centre last term.



Iosefo Connolly & Justin Lupu played well at the Brisbane West Tournament to receive their prizes from Ashleigh Barty



St Mark's P & F Meeting on this Wed 15th July 6pm in the staff room— EVERYONE WELCOME!



Sean Miranda, Marley Ngatai, Amelia Chadburn, Jacob Richter and Kealan Chadburn competed in the Qld Junior State Cup Touch Football.

Thank you to our various Fiesta Sponsors



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MEGA Multi-draw Raffle— Only \$2.00 per ticket



RAMADA
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FIRST PRIZE

2 nights' accommodation in a
2 Bedroom Ocean View Apartment for
4 guests valid until 30th November 2015
Valued at \$650



Thank you to Michelle Cooper & Team from
Wyndham Hotel Group - South Pacific
for their valuable contribution

SECOND PRIZE iPad mini

Thank you to Annastacia Palaszczuk MP
for her generous support



THIRD PRIZE

4 x VIP Passes to the
**Matt Hollywood Illusions
Show**
Tickets valued at \$85 each

Thank you to Ricky Probst
Village Theatre Sanctuary Cove

