



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

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Term 3 Week 11

WELCOME BACK TERM 3 BEGINS

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back – we hope you've had a great holiday! We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead.

Staffing news: **Mr. Gerard Marsh** has been appointed as APRE at St Mark's from the commencement of 2019. Gerard is currently the APRE at Christ the King School at Graceville and he has a wide range of leadership experience. We congratulate Gerard on his appointment and warmly welcome him to the St Mark's school community. I take this opportunity to thank **Mrs. Nikki Lysaght** for her excellent contributions as APRE over the last ten years at St Mark's and wish her well for her future career.

Mrs. Maree Wright (Acting APRE) has been appointed as the new APRE at St Joseph's Tobruk Memorial School at Beenleigh from the 13 August 2018. We congratulate Maree on her appointment and wish her well in her new job. We thank Maree for her excellent work with our community this year. The arrangements for Acting APRE from 13 August until the end of the year are still being developed.

Student reports and interviews: All students received the Semester 1 Report on the last day of Term 2. Please see your child's class teacher in the next two weeks if you wish to discuss the report or any aspect of your child's education.

FIESTA NEWS: On Sunday 9 September, our school and parish Multi-cultural FIESTA is taking place commencing with 9 am mass in Mercy Hall followed by entertainment, food, rides and stalls from 10 am – 2pm. There will be a **FIESTA NEWS** flyer each week included with the newsletter.

School Improvement: One of the ways we can continually improve as a school is to seek regular feedback from our community. This term, we will be

launching the **Brisbane Catholic Education Listens** surveys and asking our parents and carers, our Year 4-6 students and our staff what they think of St Mark's. As partners in your child's education, what you think of our school matters. We're calling these surveys 'listening surveys' because we want to hear from as many in our community as possible. Our goal is to ensure we continually improve our efforts to provide an enriching Catholic education for every student in our care. **All surveys will be confidential and are voluntary.** Parents/Carers and staff will have a month to complete the survey (from 20 July to 20 August) and teachers will be allocating a small amount of class time (we estimate about one half hour session) at an appropriate time in the first few weeks of this term for our students from Years 4 to Years 6. An information sheet is attached with this newsletter. **If you do not wish your child to participate, please complete the form which will be sent home with your child from their class teacher (Years 4-6 only).** The parent survey will be available via an online link or in hard-copy from the front office. The online and hard copy survey can be completed in Vietnamese, English or Arabic.

Complaints policy: We have updated the Complaints policy to align with Brisbane Catholic Education guidelines. The policy can be accessed via the school website by following: About us/School Policies and Procedures/Complaints Policy.

The commencement of the new early years playground construction has been delayed – we will keep you updated as more information is available.

Enjoy the week ahead

Allison Malouf
Principal

2018 TERM DATES:

Term 1: 23 Jan - 29 Mar
Term 2: 17 Apr - 29 Jun
Term 3: 16 Jul - 21 Sep
Term 4: 8 Oct - 7 Dec

*"Wherever we may
be let God's glory
absorb our thoughts,
deliberations and
actions"
St Mary MacKillop
1898*

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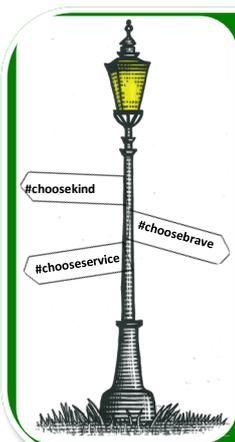


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Dates for Your Diary - Important dates in the next few weeks for this term:

Weeks 1-3	Parent Teacher Interviews Available
Week 3	Catholic Education Week (Mass at 9.30a on Thursday 2 August)
Monday 30 July	District Athletics
Sunday 5 August	Confirmation
Wednesday 20 August	Parent Night (Mindfulness)

Religious Life of the School News



In 2018
#ChooseA
adventure
with
Jesus!

Catholic Education Week

Catholic Education Week will be celebrated across Queensland from 29 July - 4 August. This annual event is held to promote the special ethos of Catholic schools and to highlight the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day. The theme for this year's celebrations is: Discovering New Horizons. Catholic education strives to make a difference in the lives of those in our schools and in the wider community by challenging young people to live out the message of Jesus and to reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society.



We will be celebrating Catholic Education Week at St Mark's with a whole school mass Thursday 26 July at 9:30am. Parents are very welcome to join us. 6B will also lead a special assembly prayer on Friday July 27 at 9am in Mercy Hall.

Fun Feet Friday- Gold Coin Donation for Blind Eye Ministries



As part of our Catholic Education Week celebrations, students are invited to wear crazy socks or shoes to school on Friday 27 July for a gold coin donation. These can be mismatched socks or shoes or bright colours. The money raised will support Blind Eye Ministries, which is a Catholic ministry devoted to journeying with the most vulnerable in society. There is a homeless drop in centre in the South Brisbane area, where lunch is served to the homeless every day along with facilities for the homeless to wash and dry clothes, have a shower, receive clothing and bedding and participate in recreational activities. Blind Eye value the worth and dignity of every person regardless

of circumstances. Later in the year, our Social Justice Crew from Year 6 will visit Blind Eye and see first hand the wonderful missionary and evangelisation work occurring. Please support 'Fun Feet Friday' to aid Blind Eye in their work.

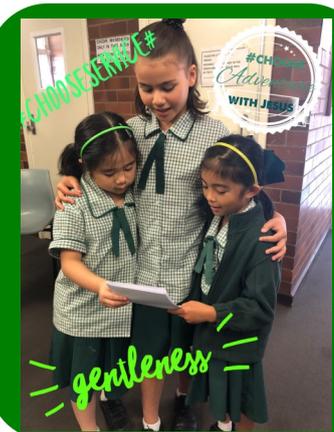
St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

Thank you for your support of the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal last term. St Mark's was able to deliver close to 2000 food items to help those in need within the local community. In addition, a cheque was forwarded to St Vincent de Paul from funds raised from the disco and the State of Origin Free Dress. Thank you to the Year 6 students who helped load the Ute and to Mr. Ebzery and Mr. Biddulph for delivering the items. Over the holidays, we received a letter of thanks from St Vincent de Paul, St Mary of the Cross Conference, for our donations that will allow them to distribute items to the needy people in our area.

A special congratulations to Mrs. Cheyne's Prep W class who are the winners of the class pizza party. They donated a huge total of 386 items. A massive effort! They will be receiving pizza for lunch this Friday as a token of thanks.

Dates Claimers

- Assembly 6W- Friday 20 July 9am Mercy Hall
- Friday 20 July- PW class pizza party
- Whole School Mass- Catholic Education Week- Thursday 26 July at 9:30am
- Fun Feet Friday- Gold Coin donation for Blind Eye Ministries Friday 27 July
- Confirmation and 1st Holy Communion - Sunday 5th August



Virtue of the Week: Gentleness

Gentleness is acting and speaking in a way which is considerate and kind to others. Being gentle means to be very careful. Gentleness is moving wisely, touching softly, holding carefully, speaking quietly, and thinking kindly.

You are practising gentleness when you.....

- Decide not to hurt or offend anyone's feeling if you can help it.
- Use self control with your body, mind and voice.
- Say things in a tactful way that respects the listener's feelings

Mrs. Maree Wright: Acting Assistant Principal Religious Education

Library News

Author Visit & Book Week



On Tuesday 31 of July we have a very special library event. **Michael Salmon**, who is a wonderful author and illustrator, will be visiting our school and speaking to

our students. He will also have books for sale and will be doing book signings between sessions. His dinosaurs books, Australian books and many others have been favourites for the children here at St Mark's for many years. His books are well priced:

- Activity/sticker books \$5
- Chapter books \$10
- Picture-story books \$8-10
- Hard cover books \$15

Some of these books will arrive soon and will be on display beforehand. I will advise you when the books will be available for purchase.

Find Your Treasure – is the theme for this year's Book Week, which we will celebrate in Week 6 this Term – Mon Aug 20-24. The teachers have already started to share their Book Treasures on Wednesday lunchtimes when they have been reading to their eager audiences here in the library. More information coming soon.



School Photos

Please note that school photo's went home last term. If you have any concerns regarding your order please contact the office.



Lost and Found School Jumpers



We have several unnamed and unclaimed school jumpers in the school office. If your child has lost a jumper please ask them to come to the office and take one in their size. We also ask that you ensure all clothing and personal items are named.

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Arriving late to school in the morning

Please note all students who arrive after the bell (8.40 am) need to be signed in to the front office by a parent or carer. This is a safety process which needs to be adhered to.

Important flu facts from Queensland Health:

- Flu is dangerous for everyone, but particularly for children.
- Flu strains change each year
- Flu spreads easily between people, particularly children
- If you (or your child) are unwell, stay home until better
- Remember it is not 'just the flu', it is a serious disease. Having an annual flu vaccine will help keep you, your family and the community healthy this flu season.



In 2018, Queensland Health is offering free influenza vaccine to children aged 6 months to less than five years.

Visit: <http://conditions.health.qld.gov.au/HealthCondition/condition/14/217/82/Influenza-The-Flu>

CLAIRVAUX MACKILLOP COLLEGE

2018 "Windows" TOURS

Please join us for a College Tour on

FRIDAY 27th July 2018

9.00am - 11.00am

TO ASPIRE BEYOND WHAT PEOPLE THINK POSSIBLE. This event will provide you with a comprehensive insight into the life of Clairvaux MacKillop College and will allow you to take a tour with our Student Leaders; meet our Principal, Mr Brian Eastaughffe and senior members of staff. We look forward to welcoming you to the College.

To book a space please contact our Enrolment Secretary on 3347 9223 or email enrolments@cvxmck.edu.au



Additional College Tour dates include:

Friday 7 September
9.00am - 11.00am



St Mark's Inala Multicultural

FIESTA

Sunday September 9 2018

Cultural Performances Books Rides Raffles Food Stalls

Rides	Raffles
Armbands are available for purchase from July 30 through the front office.	Raffle tickets will be sent home on July 30 to every family. \$2 per ticket with some great prizes!
Chocolate Throw	Cake Stall
Face Painting	Tombola
Lucky Dips	Snow-cones and Lollies
Pluck-a-duck	White Elephant and Books
Hospitality Café	Food
Brisbane Heat	Entertainment
Viking Pot	
	Please drop off to school any unwanted books, magazines, , toys, household crockery/glasses that are in good condition. (No electrical or broken items)

**St Mark's Parent and Guardian Email Address Survey -
IMPORTANT PLEASE COMPLETE AND SEND BACK TO YOUR
CHILD'S CLASSROOM**

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Child's name _____

Class _____

Your email address _____

Do you have internet access either on your phone or a computer? YES / NO

If YES, please indicate which (circle) Smart Phone / Computer