



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

21 July 2015
Week 2 Term 3



Catholic Education Week next week



Student
Awards

Dear Parents/Carers,

By now many of you will have seen your child's teacher for the parent/ teacher meeting where progress was discussed and you now have the Semester 1 Report Card. I trust that you have had the opportunity to find the answers to any questions that you might have had. Setting your child up for success this semester is one of the key aims of these meetings.

Incoming Principal Meeting

It was good that a number of you took up the invitation to come to the consultative meeting run last night with Mrs Annette Duffy, our Area Supervisor. Important information is taken from this and helps the process of the selection of the new principal. Once that person has been selected, that information will be published.

Fiesta

Thanks to those who sent in donations of chocolates last week. We will need a lot more!

We are wanting this to be the best fiesta yet so please give generously where you can.

This week we are calling for donations of lollies, please. Simply send them in to class teachers or the office.

Stalls—if you are considering supporting the school with a stall, I need to hear from you by the end of next week, 31st July. There are Workplace, Health and Safety issues that need to be covered and that needs time. There is already an impressive array of stalls planned with food, treats and bargains to tempt you!

I do hope you will take advantage of the special prices that the P and F have been able to secure with rides and show bags.

Have you bought your tickets in the super multi-draw raffle yet?

Student Protection

Starting this week, teachers will conduct a number of lessons over the coming weeks dealing with student protection issues. At all times we want your child to be safe and to feel safe. Understanding this rather complex issue is not always easy or straightforward. Please speak to your child about what they are learning. Parents and teachers have a most vital role in caring for, and protecting, all children.

Catholic Education Week

Next week, we celebrate all that is good about Catholic education. As a school community, we are continually looking at what we do, how we do it and working to provide the very best that we can for your children and your families. Being involved, taking an interest and working to a common end have long been the hall marks of good school communities.

At St. Mark's there is much to celebrate. For over 50 years now, this school has provided a good education to families living here. To this current generation, the challenge remains. To build success we must work together to achieve our goals. Thank you for your most wonderful and generous support of the school, its staff and me.

Please join us at our whole school Mass next Friday, 31st July at 9.30 am. All are very welcome.

Sacramental Programme

A good number of our children will receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation early next month. Please hold these children in your prayers. It is a very special time in the lives of these children and their families.

Tri-Care Visits

Last Friday, students from Year 6 went to Tri-Care to visit the residents there. It was a most rewarding time for all concerned. This is a wonderful opportunity for our older children to experience caring for others, to give a little of themselves and make an older person "special" for a time. Again, talk to your children about their experiences. These visits continue throughout the term.

Learning Team Assemblies

To celebrate learning and successes, these assemblies have been scheduled each fortnight on a Wednesday afternoon starting next week. Parents and friends are welcome to attend. They will take place in the usual places and, if unsure, simply ask your child.

Homework Club and other matters

This support commenced this afternoon. Remember that children need to be collected from the office at 3.45 pm.

Thank you for your efforts to have your child dressed in the correct school pullover. We do look smart when all are in uniform. Please ensure that your child has black shoes. Many do wear out, or are out grown, in the course of a term or semester.

An 8.30 am arrival can be a challenge in some households, especially at this time of year. Please work to have your child at school on time. If late, bring them to the office for registration.

It was good to see a good number of children at tennis lessons yesterday morning. Mr Guse was introduced to the school last Friday. We look forward to our budding players progressing in the weeks and months ahead.

Garry Montgomery
Principal

For Caring:

Because the Bible says
'Look out for one
Another's interests, not
just your own
Philippians 2:4

PG: Jada Creamer

PW: Lily Andlovec

PB: Leon Nguyen

1G: Sarah Kiriakous

1W: Namelia Andrews

1B: Daesia Ford

2G: Emmanuel Iosefo

2W: Joshua Jirima

2B: Alkiir Lowal

3G: Rothana Vicca

3W: Winston Pham

3B: Antonio Da Costa

4G: Pele Mau

4W: Jovany Jirima

5G: Tahlia Williamson-Field

5W: Rony Andria

6G: Dylan Nguyen

6W: Oanh Tran

Teacher: Mrs Brehmer

Upcoming
Events



Sunday July 26:

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2015
26 JULY - 1 AUGUST

Sunday September 13:



Multicultural Fiesta
9:00am—3:00pm

Your local Catholic School

www.stmarksinala.qld.edu.au

Catholic Education Week:



Catholic Education Week will be celebrated across Queensland from 26 July - 1 August this year. 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:
Engaging Minds. Igniting Hearts. Serving Others.

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. During Catholic Education Week 2015, Catholic education communities across Queensland are invited to celebrate and share how they are Engaging Minds. Igniting Hearts. Serving Others.

There are 299 Catholic schools in Queensland that educate around 147,000 students and employ almost 18,000 teachers and staff, and most will celebrate Catholic Education Week in some way.

Please join us for mass on Friday 31 July at 9:30am to celebrate this event!

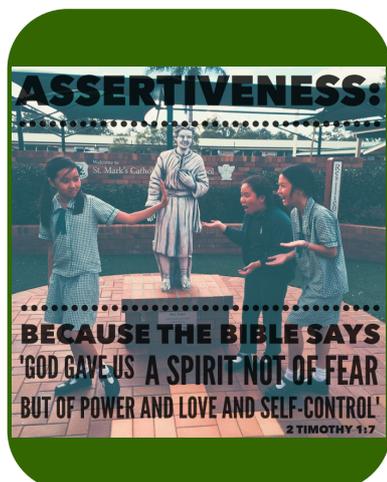


As part of our Catholic Education Week celebrations we will focus on "Serving Others" by raising much needed funds for Catholic Mission. Our Year 6 students leaders will run activities daily during Week 3 and 4. Don't forget to bring along a gold coin each day to participate in these activities. Thanks for your support!

Date Claimers ...

We have a VERY BUSY term ahead:

- Parent/Teacher Interviews run this week.
- 6W will lead us in our Assembly Prayer this Friday, 25 July at 8:45.
- 4 weeks of **Child Protection** lessons started this week on Monday 20 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 coming soon.
- Many of our Year 3 students will receive the **Sacraments of 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation** on Saturday 8 August.
- St Mark's Fiesta is on Sunday 13 September.



Virtue of the Week: Assertiveness

What is Assertiveness?

Being assertive means to be positive and confident. Assertiveness begins by being aware that you are a worthy person created by God. When you are assertive, you don't follow others. If someone is trying to hurt you, lead you into trouble, or influence you to do something you feel is wrong, you protect yourself.

You are practising Caring when you ...

- Recognise that God created you special and unique.
- Think for yourself.
- Tell people what's true for you when they ask for your opinion.
- Say no to things that make you feel uneasy, that might hurt you or get you into trouble.

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.



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!

St James College Open Day

The St James College Open Day will be held on **Friday 31 July, 2015 – 10am to 12noon.**

- ◆ St James is a vibrant, multicultural College inclusive of all
- ◆ Experience The St James Way during the course of a normal school day
- ◆ Meet our highly qualified, caring and enthusiastic staff
- ◆ Let our students take you on a guided tour of the College
- ◆ See our new industry standard Trades Skills Centre, science facilities and eLearning Centre
- ◆ Come and see for yourself how a St James education can provide YOUR child with the skills for a happy and successful future.



Important Notice

Do you have a new address or telephone number?

If you or your child's emergency contacts have changed address or telephone number, please inform the school office.

It is very important that we can contact you in the case of an emergency.

Thank you!



OPEN MORNING: SETON COLLEGE



Tuesday 4th August 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.

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

New School Principal Process

Annette Duffy ouy Area Supervisor from Brisbane Catholic Education, met with parents to ask about their ideal candidate and explained the process in appointing a new principal.

She ran a similar meeting in the afternoon with the staff and will take the feedback from both groups to their panel before they place an advertisement in the paper.

It usually takes around 6 weeks for the panel to make a recommendation and the director will make the final appointment. There is a hand-over period between the principals.

Essential criteria summarised; committed practising catholic, holds educational & RE qualifications, experienced and successfully ran a similar sized school.

Annette asked us these 3 important questions:

What is going well at St Mark's Primary School that you would like to continue?

What changes would you like to recommend to the new principal?

What are some of the important qualities that you think a principal should have?

HAVE YOUR SAY—email agnes.sio@hotmail.com by this Fri 25/7 and your responses will be forwarded onto Annette Duffy.



Mr Johnstone pictured here with amazing David, students and their parents.
Congratulations to Mr Johnstone and the choir for their magnificent singing and good behaviour.

CHECK OUT these AMAZING prizes at only \$2.00 a raffle ticket

2 nights accommodation for 4 people in 2 bedroom ocean view Marcoola Beach apartment
Valued at \$650 Expires March 2016

Mini iPad *valued at \$298*

4 x VIP tickets to Illusions Magic Show Sanctuary Cove *valued at \$360*

3 burner BBQ from Masters Richlands *valued at \$215*

Llewellyn Motors car service voucher, bike & helmet from Cr Milton Dick, \$100 gift voucher,
\$75 Oxley Hotel voucher, Magic Bullet from HQ Migration Solutions,
\$50 Forest Lake Hotel voucher, \$50 Punjab Indian voucher,
Richlands Hotel voucher for 2 adults & 2 children, \$50 Blue Fin voucher,
Malouf Chemist beauty pack, boys scooter & helmet pack, girls scooter & helmet pack, ladies
pamper pack, AMF bowling voucher, ladies hamper,
Guse's Tennis donated 2 tennis racquets



St Mark's P&F sausage sizzle
MASTERS RICHLANDS
Sunday 16th August
10am—2pm

Thank you to Julie & Team
from MASTERS Richlands for
their generous support!