



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

28 July 2015
Week 3 Term 3

★ **Catholic Education Week Mass this Friday** ★

Student Awards

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we are celebrating **Catholic Education Week**. This is the time we reflect on all the blessings that enrich our time and efforts here at St. Mark's.

Through the recent parent/ teacher meetings, I hope that you were encouraged with the progress that so many children have made over the first half of the year and are rightly proud of gains made. We now set our sights on the possibilities that will come this semester. Building success together requires thought, planning and a determination to "make it happen". Again, I encourage you to enter into the life of the school where the opportunities present themselves.

We celebrate all that is good about Catholic education with the focus on our Catholic mission, our dedicated staff, our range of learning opportunities, the resourcing of the school and the significant, and vital, input from our families and friends.

Student leaders are organizing some fun activities for students throughout the week and ,for 50c or \$1, there is some fun for children of all ages. Details are provided elsewhere.

Our celebrations culminate this week with our whole school Mass on Friday at 9.30 am in the church. This year the theme is -

**Engaging Minds
Igniting Hearts and
Serving Others**

All are invited to attend.

Student Protection

Last Friday we were pleased to have Senior Sergeant Andrew Edgecombe from the Inala police station come and speak to the school at assembly. Andrew is a familiar face to many of the children as our "Adopt a Cop." He emphasized the importance of keeping safe and being safe. Children need to know who they can go to for help if they need to. This is a big part of the message for all our children. Please follow up with your child/ ren in this most important matter. These lessons continue this week and in the weeks ahead.

Parents and Friends Association

A number of parents and staff represented the school last night at the annual Brisbane P and F Dinner at Lourdes Hill. My thanks to those who came. During Catholic Education Week, it is very fitting that the various P and F Associations from the archdiocese are acknowledged and celebrated.

There is a change of date for the next P and F meeting here at school, due to the Ekka holiday, from 12th August to 19th August. Please make the adjustment on your calendar.

Fiesta

A good number of donations came in last week— thank you.

This week we are calling for donations of bags, plastic and paper, for use in the various stalls. Again, in anticipation, thank you.

Some families have already taken advantage of the early rates for a day of rides, or the show bags. If you have not done so yet, you still have time.

Thanks to all who offered to conduct stalls at the fiesta. I will be in contact with you soon.

The fiesta starts with a multi-cultural Mass in Mercy Hall at 9.00 am on Sunday, 13th September. This celebration is one for the whole community before we then enter the fun of the fiesta from 10.00 am til 3.00 pm.

There will be food from the main cultural groups in the parish, a parade of traditional costumes as well as stalls, rides and raffles. It's going to be a lot of fun so be sure that you have marked the date in your calendar.

The next meeting for the steering committee is this Friday. Should you have any concerns, please see Agnes, Anna, Ena or myself.

Learning Team Assemblies

The first of these for the term are scheduled for tomorrow afternoon from 2.40 pm. Parents and friends are welcome to join teachers and students on this occasion.

Enrolments

Since the start of the term we have welcomed some 6 new students from 5 families into St. Mark's. They are all very welcome.

Positions are also still open for children in prep next year, those born between 1/7/2010 and 30/6/2011. Application forms are available from the office.

Did You Know?

There are now 475 children enrolled at St. Mark's from 355 families.

One family has 5 children currently enrolled. With the earlier enrolment date, our Year 6 students are now a similar age to the "old" Year 7 children. The vast majority of students arrive and depart by car each day.

The old dental facility will be taken down over the September holiday period.

Work on the flexible outdoor education area will begin next week.

Happy Catholic Education Week!

Garry Montgomery
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Principal

For Assertiveness:
Because the Bible says
'God gave us a spirit not
of fear but of power and
love and self-control
2 Timothy 1:7

- PG: Tevita Tupou
- PW: Kaidyn Vuong
- PB: Mimi Tran
- 1G: Nhi Ho
- 1W: Jamieiyah Tran
- 1B: Minh Truong
- 2G: Rico Ngatai
- 2W: Hayden Reyes
- 2B: Mikal Desbele
- 3G: Hoang Le
- 3W: Yen Tran
- 3B: Jasmine Le
- 4G: Vy Tran
- 5G: Devon Nguyen
- 5W: Dylan Ho
- 6G: Jo-Ann Nguyen

For Effort:
4W: Justin Lupu
6W: Grace Lokadir
6W: Maliqua Tennisio

Upcoming Events



CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2015
26 JULY - 1 AUGUST

Sunday July 26:
Sunday September 13:



Multicultural Fiesta
9:00am—3:00pm

HAPPY CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK!!

The theme for this year's celebrations is: **Engaging Minds. Igniting Hearts. Serving Others.**



There are lots of ways we engage minds, ignite hearts and serve others at St Mark's. Here are what some of our classes said:

Prep W: We are **engaging minds when we listen for God.**

Prep B: We are **igniting hearts when we show love and kindness to everyone.**

1G: We are **serving others when we treat them with love and respect.**

2W: We are **engaging minds when we listen to our Teacher during class time and complete challenges.**

2G: We **ignite hearts by treating others the way we would like to be treated.**

2B: **Serving others requires us to sacrifice ourselves in carrying out the work of Jesus.**

3W: We **engage our minds by using a "no hands up policy", so that every person has a chance to think.**

3G: We **ignite hearts by forgiving and helping others, sharing, praying, and following Jesus.**

3B: When we **serve others we make donations to St Vincent De Paul, Project Compassion and pray for people in need.**

4G: We **engage our minds by having growth mindsets which allow us to try new things and not give up easily.**

4W: We **ignite hearts by caring for each other and discussing our feelings during circle time.**

6G: We **serve others by actively setting a good example as school leaders. We offer to help teachers and care for the elderly at TRICARE visits.**

5W: We **engage our minds by challenging each other in all of our learning experiences to do our best.**

5G: We **ignite hearts by sharing our gifts with our community and being open to receive the gifts of others.**

6W: We **serve others when we look after those who are close to us and we understand that the world is much bigger than St Mark's. We work hard to raise money for those in our world who need it most.**

Another way we engage minds, ignite hearts and serve others is by joining together as a community to celebrate Eucharist! So please join us for mass on Friday 31 July at 9:30am!

CATHOLIC MISSIONS: Our student leaders are serving others by running a number of activities to raise money for Catholic Missions over the next two weeks. Please bring along a dollar or two to support them!

Thursday 30 July: Face Painting

Tuesday 4 August: Disco in Mercy Hall

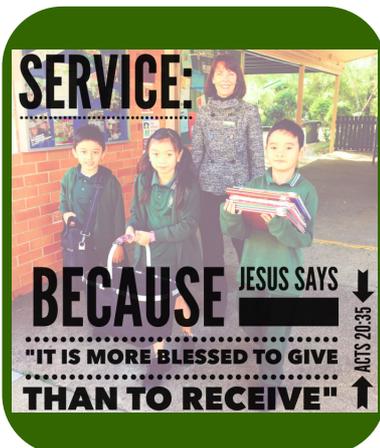
Wednesday and Thursday 5 & 6 August: Shoot a Hoop and Kick a Goal in Mercy Hall

Friday 7 August: Decorate a Leader.



Date Claimers ...

- 4 weeks of **Child Protection** lessons started last week—remember to keep the lines of communication open with your children.
- **Catholic Education Week** is on this week! To celebrate we will gather as a whole school for mass this Friday, 31 July, at 9:30am.
- Two weeks of **Catholic Missions** fundraising activities started yesterday. Thanks for your support.
- Next Thursday our Catholic students from Year 4, 5 and 6 will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Next Friday, 7 August, 3G will lead us in our Assembly Prayer.
- Many of our Year 3 students will receive the **Sacraments of 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation** on Saturday 8 August. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.
- St Mark's Fiesta is on Sunday 13 September.



Virtue of the Week: Service

What is Service?

Being service-oriented is wanting to make a difference in the lives of others. Helping other people is one of the very best ways to serve God. One of the best ways to pray is to do a service and dedicate it to God. Having an attitude of service means looking for ways to be of help rather than waiting to be asked.

You are practising Service when you ...

- Look for opportunities to be of service.
- Think of thoughtful things to do for your family.
- Do your part to recycle, reduce or reuse.
- Do things for the love of God.

Mrs Nikki Lysaght:

Assistant Principal Religious Education

Year 6 Tri-Care visits

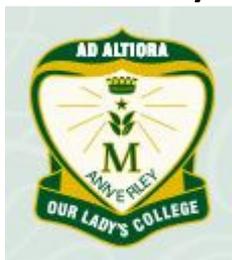


Throughout the term students from Year 6 will visit residents at Tri-Care. It is a most rewarding time for all concerned. This is a wonderful opportunity for our older children to experience caring for others, to give a little of themselves and make an older person "special" for a time.



Our Lady's College Annerley Visitor's Day

Friday 31 July 2015 9.00 – 11.00am
Phone 3426 8000 to register your interest. Accepting enrolments now for Year 7 in 2019.



... Inspiring Young Women

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).

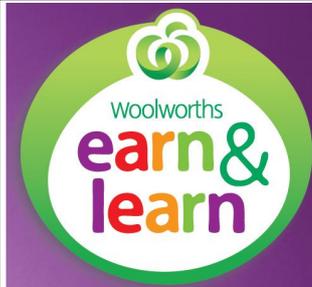
The College accepts students of diverse abilities, but seeks to provide opportunities for students who need to 'pick up the pace' of their school work in the primary school years. This is done through a curriculum in which core subjects are offered at many levels and classes with a very favourable teacher – 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.



The Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion is back!

When you shop at Woolworths, you can collect stickers from the check-out 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.

So far we have collected 900 stickers. Well done! 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.

Salaka Drum Experience

Last Wednesday our Prep, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 students enjoyed a workshop run by Salaka Drum Experience. The children had a fantastic time learning about Ghanaian culture, songs and trying many different types of instruments. The teachers even joined in showing off their dance moves!



ST MARK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL P&F

Please join us at the next P&F Meeting on
Wednesday 19th August 6pm in the staffroom. Thanks

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Thank you to the families who sent in their prepaid showbags & armband forms. It's great to see them using the group discount of \$20 per armband for 3 or more instead of paying \$30 each on the day.

**LIMITED SHOWBAGS ON SALE AT THE FIESTA SO PLEASE
PRE-ORDER YOUR BAGS FOR \$6.00 EACH OR 2 BAGS FOR \$10**

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



**St Mark's P&F Sausage Sizzle
MASTERS RICHLANDS
Sunday 16th Aug 10am—2pm**

State Budget Supports Families in Catholic Schools

The Federation of Parents & Friends Associations in Catholic Schools Queensland congratulates the Palaszczuk Government on the budget.

Executive Director Carmel Nash says the budget places education at the top of the State agenda and particularly recognises the important role of parents in Catholic Education.

Minister Kate Jones places great value on the crucial role parents play in engaging in the learning and well-being of children and young people and the contribution they make to school communities in so many ways," she said. "This budget has delivered



ThemeParks.com.au Our School Ticket Sale

An advertisement for ThemeParks.com.au's School Ticket Sale. The background is a vibrant, colorful illustration of a theme park street scene with a blue car in the foreground and various buildings and rides in the background. The text is white and yellow, standing out against the colorful background.

Village Roadshow Theme Parks is offering our school community a limited time ticket offer. Simply visit ThemeParks.com.au/promocode and enter our promocode "CPC615" to gain access to these ticket offers.

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A row of logos for various theme parks: World Park, SeaWorld, Wet'n'Wild, and Outback.

on an election promise of \$250,000 over three years to assist the P&F Federation to build on vital parent engagement strategies in Catholic schools".

"The funding will assist the Federation to undertake further work in parent engagement in our schools working with parents, principals and staff so that all students can have the opportunity for success' Mrs Nash said.

Mrs Nash said the funding, along with a 7.5% increase in overall funding for Non-state schools and increased capital funding to build and maintain Catholic schools, supports parental choice in schooling for their children and also recognises the contribution Catholic schools make to Queensland.

"In particular the increased funding will take pressure off increases in school fees in Catholic schools at a time when some families are doing it tough,' she said. The Federation of Parents and Friends in Catholic Schools represents the families of 147,000 students in Catholic Schools in Queensland.