



# 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

**2 June 2015**  
**Week 7 Term 2**

★ **No school Monday June 8th - Public Holiday** ★

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last Friday, we were proud to acknowledge the wonderful successes of teachers and children involved in Ipswich Eisteddfod performances. Our Year 6 classes took out first and second places in the Verse Speaking Choir section and there were many individual and pair successes. Congratulations to all who took part. Special thanks goes to Miss Donato and Mr Fergusson for their work in co-ordinating, guiding and training.

A list of achievements is reported elsewhere in this newsletter.

At St. Mark's we strive to give many opportunities for your children to challenge themselves to improve, to sometimes surprise themselves with the achievement that comes from being prepared to try their best, train/ practice and "have a go". To our student leaders, well done.

### Prep in 2015

Soon I will make offers for positions in Prep classes next year. It is important that applications have been received for all children born between 1/7/2010 and 30/6/2011 wanting to be enrolled at St Mark's to avoid disappointment and possibly missing out on a position. For those yet to enrol a child, simply pick up an application form from the office and return it as a matter of importance now.

### Tennis

Our tennis courts have been re-surfaced and ready for use again. I am currently in talks with coaches to provide lessons for your children. I would encourage you to take advantage of the service as tennis is very popular among many students at present.

Details will come soon and I am hopeful that lessons will be available before school from next term.

At last Friday's assembly, we acknowledged the success of Iverson Rizo in Year 6 who has made the district tennis side. Iverson is also the first to be eligible to receive financial support from our P and F. We wish Iverson every success.

### GALA Day

On Friday our Year 5 and 6 students will represent St. Mark's in a number of sports against opposition from other schools. Again, we wish them well. Later in the term, students from Years 3 and 4 will have a similar opportunity.

These days are designed to give your children the experience of teamwork, organisation, responsibility and successes. As a lived experience, it is hard to better.

Like so many other activities, participation is absolutely vital. Talking about almost anything without action is seldom satisfying or sustainable.

### Late Arrivals

Too many children are arriving after school has begun. The school day starts at 8.40 am. Ideally, all should be here by 8.30 am. Should your child be late, and there are many valid reasons why this may happen, please bring your child to the office. **Do not send your child in late alone.** Remember, attendance and safety are critical for success.

### Winter Appeal

Our traditional Winter Appeal in support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society begins next week. Please give generously of "winter" items—blankets, socks, non-perishable food. There are many in our neighbourhood needing a little extra assistance this year. In anticipation—many thanks.

We will present our donations at the end of the term.

### Personal Items

Now that Winter has arrived (though the daytime temperatures may have us think otherwise) please ensure that your child has the correct warm gear with name clearly marked on it.

There is a growing pile in the lost property area. Check this regularly. Thanks.

### Staffing

Mrs Oudyn will be away from this week and Mrs Anne Randolph will be teaching 3W. We wish Karen well and look forward to her return.

Mrs Kym Daley has been asked to stay on in Nauru and, with my consent, has accepted the invitation. I am pleased that Mrs Theresa Cheyne has agreed to teach 4G next term. Parents of 4G students have been informed and will meet Mrs Cheyne at the Parent/ Teacher meetings scheduled for the start of Term 3.

Mrs Neilson— Scott and Mrs Oliveri will be at school a little more often to give extra support to teachers in a number of classrooms—just in case you see them on days you did not expect!

Sr. Gracia will work in Year 3 classes on Fridays. We welcome Sr. Gracia to St. Mark's.

### Safety Concerns

At school we are aware of "Charlie, Charlie", a "game" that has scared many children. It has been banned. Any further concerns, please contact me.

### Advance Notice

Almost every child loves a disco night! We have scheduled a disco for Friday night 12th June, 6.00—8.00 pm in Mercy Hall. All children, and families from St. Mark's, are welcome. Gold coin entry.

I look forward to seeing many of you coming to join in this family—fun event.

*Garry Montgomery*  
Principal

## Student Awards

**For Forgiveness:**  
**Because Jesus said**  
**'Forgive and you will be forgiven!'**

Luke 6:37

PW: Cindy Nguyen  
PB: Jayden Vo  
1G: Chris Mugisha  
1W: Kyle Abasolo  
1B: Julie Tran  
2G: Tylah Ford  
2W: Noah Curtis  
3G: Harmony Elia  
3W: Tiffany Nguyen  
3B: Ruby Everett  
4G: Aluel Awag  
5G: Xander Thom  
5W: Juan Victorio  
6G: Jennifer Hoang  
6W: Eby Lawrence

**For Resilience:**  
PG: LL Taputoa

**For Organisation:**  
2B: Khiem Chan

**For Effort:**  
4W: Amber Brown

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
There is **NO** school on  
**Monday 8th June** for  
the Queen's Birthday  
public holiday.

**THE POWER TO CHANGE A LIFE  
IS IN YOUR HANDS.**

DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.  
Please donate to the Vinnies Winter Appeal.



## *St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal*

Not long ago, Grace's whole world was full of happiness. But a visit to the paediatrician, followed by numerous tests, confirmed her son Jack was autistic. Soon after, Grace's marriage ended and she lost her job. Suddenly, she had no income and was looking after Jack full time. So she turned to Vinnies for help. Grace's life is tough. Every day, Jack needs lots of personal care. Her expenses include \$300 in rent a week and \$110 a fortnight on special food. She also needs \$60 a month for medication and \$500 a year for occupational therapy. And that's just the start.



**THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MAKES A REAL DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF 1 OUT OF 18 PEOPLE IN AUSTRALIA**

When you support Vinnies, you are helping us do what we do best: rebuild lives.

Because you are not just giving money, you're giving hope.

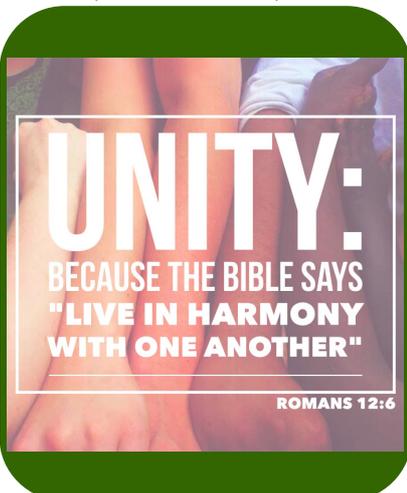
As we brace ourselves for another winter, some people need hope more than anything.

### What can we do to help?

Here at **St Mark's** our Year 5 and 6 Leaders will again this year run our **Winter Appeal for 3 weeks in June starting next week**. During this time **YOU** can help by donating money and goods which will go directly to those who will be severely affected by the cold and uncomfortable months of winter in our area. St Vincent de Paul have specifically asked for certain items for their Family Packs. These items include: Tin corn beef, Deodorant, Pasta shells, band aids, Pasta sauce, laundry powder, scotch finger biscuits, nappies all sizes, coffee, razors, tea, shampoo, baked beans, toilet rolls, spaghetti, soap, tin potatoes, noodles, sugar, soup, cereal, long life milk, toothpaste, and jam. Donations are be handed in to your class. *Thank you in advance!*

## **Date Claimers ...**

- Our **class Mass** this week is on **Thursday 4 June** at **9:30am** with **4G and 1W** in **St Mark's Church**.
- Our **assembly prayer** this week will be led by **2W** at 8:45 on Friday morning, 5 June.
- **Public Holiday** is on Monday 8 June.
- **St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal** starts on 9 June and runs until the end of term.
- **School Disco** is on Friday 12 June from 6-8pm.
- **Year 5&6 Personal Development** Workshop is on **Tuesday 23 June—Thursday 25 June**. Once again **NET Ministries** and **Real Talk** will be joining us to facilitate these days. A **Parent Information Session** will run on Monday, 15 June, at 3pm in the Mercy Hall Meeting Room.



## ***Virtue of the Week: Unity***

### What is Unity?

Unity is a very powerful Virtue, and it brings great strength. It is a way of seeing the universe as one, designed by God who created us all. You allow yourself to see how everything is connected and depends on one another. Unity brings harmony. It doesn't mean to be the same. You value what each part brings to the whole. Unity brings peace and balance.

### You are practising Unity when you ...

- Treat all people as members of one human family.
- See the gifts in differences.
- Solve conflict through listening, then taking unified action.
- Act like a peacemaker wherever you go.

**Mrs Nikki Lysaght**

Assistant Principal Religious Education

# Prep 2016 Enrolments

We are now accepting applications for enrolments from all our school families and the wider community for Prep 2016.



**A child born from 1st July 2010 to 30th June 2011 will be eligible for Prep in 2016. Please come to the office to collect an application form.**

The PCYC and Multicultural Community Network presents

## MULTICULTURAL YOUTH DAY

**Inala** HEALTH AND HARMONY  
40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1976-2016

**TUESDAY 30TH JUNE 2015 10AM TO 3PM**  
Location: PCYC Inala, Swallow St  
contact: Inala PCYC 3372 2222

**FREE RIDES AND ACTIVITIES**

FEATURING  
**ASHTON'S CIRCUS PERFORMERS**  
"AUSTRALIA'S OLDEST CIRCUS FAMILY"

AFFORDABLE MULTICULTURAL FOOD

Meet the **BRISBANE ROAR**

A Drug and Alcohol Free Event for 8-25 year olds  
Major Sponsors:

## Brisbane Book Launch

for Frank Brennan SJ's latest book, "Amplifying that still, small voice" on Thursday 11 June at 7.30pm in the Horstmann Room (St Ignatius Parish Office), 30 Kensington Terrace, Toowong.

Frank Brennan has been a long time advocate for human rights and social justice in Australia.

This collection of essays brings together some of his major addresses and writings on justice in the Catholic Church and in Australian society.

**AMPLIFYING THAT STILL, SMALL VOICE**

Frank Brennan SJ



# Sport News

## Gala Sport

We are heading into a busy part of the year for sport at St Mark's. In the next 2 weeks, 4 different year levels will attend various Gala Days around the district. This Friday, the 5th of June all Year 5 and 6 students will attend the district's Term 2 Gala day. They will have the choice of attending Tennis, AFL or Soccer. On Wednesday June 10, students from Year 3 & 4 have the opportunity to attend the NRL Gala Day to be held at St Brendan's JRLC, Rocklea. These Gala Days are great opportunities for students to experience the Sport with an emphasis on skill development and some competitive elements. By now your son / daughter should have brought home a permission and information note I sent home last week.



## Athletics

Moving into athletics, a reminder that our school carnival will be held on Friday June 19 on the Fr Lyon Oval for all Year levels from Prep through to Year 6. Prior to this day, the 800 metres will be held on Tuesday the 16th of June from 1:40-3pm and the 200 metres will be held on Thursday the 18th of June from 1:50-3pm. Both of these events will also be held on Fr Lyon Oval. Parents you are most welcome to attend some or all of these events to support your child and their house colour.

Should you have any queries with any aspect of sport, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards  
**Mr Biddulph**

## Ipswich Eisteddfod Year 6 Speech Choir Success

Last Thursday our Year 6 students competed in the Speech Choir section of the Ipswich Eisteddfod. It was a very successful day with 6G and 6W placing first and second respectively. Thank you to Mr Fergusson, Ms Donato, Mrs de Jesus and all involved in achieving such a fantastic result. Individual results are listed below:

### Paired Poem Category

- 2nd - Mi Pham and Regina Chen
- 3rd- Mimi Le Nguyen and Quyen Chu
- 4th- Grace Lokadir and Ashleigh Kennedy
- 5th - Ngan Nguyen and Christine Tran

### Other participants in Paired Poem Category:

- Jo-Ann Nguyen and Selena Bui,
- Andrew Mitchell and Daniel Tran,
- Fides Noforget and Tina Nguyen, Ekin Khong and Tam Tran



### Prepared Speech

- 2nd - Isobel Everett
- 3rd - Emily Dodd



# St Mark's Catholic Primary School Disco



Date : Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June, Time : 6pm – 8pm at Mercy Hall

## Gold Coin Entry

\$1.00 Packets of chips

\$2.00 Soft drink cans

\$3.00 LED Candles

\$2.00 LED Glow Sticks



Thank you for supporting the free dress day last Wednesday.

Happy to see the Maroon supporters!

## P&F Meeting on Wednesday 10th June 6pm St Mark's staffroom Everyone Welcome!

### “God, God Challenge”

Charlie, Charlie is the latest twitter/internet game gone viral and hit many homes and playgrounds.

A Ouija-Board inspired game calling on dead spirits and demons is not a suitable game to play.

Parents let us support our children by explaining to them the dangers of this game; instead they could do a “God, God Challenge” and count how many blessings they have — God's love, family love, health & education!



*Congratulations to Zoe Gavarra last year's School Captain for coming first place in St Thomas Moore's Public Speaking Competition Junior Division!*



### Congratulations to Marley Ngatai & Jacob Richter

Congratulations to Marley Ngatai and Jacob Richter who played for Under 10's Brisbane Metropolitan Touch Association. They competed at the Junior Brisbane Mustang Touch Carnival and played their way through to the Grand Final. They walked away as runner's up against Toowoomba.

### St Marks Student Sponsorship Form

The P&F will provide some financial assistance to St Mark's students for costs **representing St Mark's** in their chosen sports field **at Regional, State or National level.**

Application forms in the office.