Dear Parents/Carers,

Last week saw the running of a very successful sports carnival. The children gave a lot of themselves for their teams and the effort, sportsmanship and fun were very evident. Congratulations to all who assisted and particularly to Mr Biddulph, for his co-ordination, and the staff who made sure that all went well. The weather was great and allowed us to put into action all of the plans that we had.

We also spotted some extra-ordinary talent from among our parents (and teachers) when it comes to “javelin” throwing!

My thanks to you for your support on the day, of our school and your children.

Challenge Cup
Last week Mackillop 1 team won the inaugural intra-school challenge and their name goes proudly on the Challenge Cup. The competition was one of mixed teams, playing fixture rounds, semis and grand final. All games were played in great spirit and some amazing skills, at lunch times, culminating in the final game last Thursday. Special thanks must go to Mr Ebzery and Mrs Eaton for the concept/organization and energy. The children certainly enjoyed it.

We look forward to the next challenge next term which will be in a different sport.

Spirit of St. Mark’s Awards
This Friday, at our final assembly, we look forward to proudly announcing and presenting to one girl or boy in each year level the Spirit of St. Mark’s award. It celebrates a semester’s achievement, not necessarily based on academic work alone but on the living out of our virtues, in being true models of all that we hold dear in a Catholic school. My congratulations to all who have been considered, and there were many, and our recipients for this semester.

Fiesta
Date Claimer:
Sunday 13th September 9.00—3.00 pm.

Last Friday, the second steering committee meeting was held and now parish, P and F and school have a clearer picture of what each will bring to the fiesta. This community building event needs your support. Throughout next term, we will be asking for your help. Please give generously as we work to stage the best fiesta ever! Details will come soon.

Thanks to those parents and friends who have expressed their willingness to run a stall or help to run a stall. This is a fabulous start in our lead up to the fiesta.

Semester Reports
Reports have been printed and currently being signed, ready to be presented to you in the first week of next term. The parent/teacher meetings are so very important for your child’s on-going success. Should there be a need to change arranged meeting times, please contact the school as a matter of urgency.

Prep 2016
Interest and interviews for prep continues and the number of positions available are more limited. If your child is born between 1/7/2010 and 30/6/2011, get your application in now.

Personal Development Programme
This programme is tailored to meet the needs of our older children and has been run very successfully for a number of years now. Last week a small number of parents took the opportunity to find out more about its content and intent.

Today the programme started and it will continue for the next two days. Please speak to your child about what they have been learning. Details have been made available from Mrs Lysaght and, should you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact the school.

Practical Matters
- School finishes for the term this Friday at 3.00 pm.
- School resumes on Monday, 13th July.
- There is a “disturbing” amount of lost property and without it being claimed by the end of the week, will be given away. Come and check it, or better, have your child check for their named property, and claim it.
- Please assist by returning overdue library books and any other school resources.

Fiesta
Multicultural Fiesta
9:00am—3:00pm

www.stmarksinala.qld.edu.au
Virtue of the Week: Cleanliness

What is Cleanliness?
Cleanliness means washing often, keeping your body clean and wearing clean clothes. Cleanliness means keeping the areas around you (school and home) neat, tidy and clean. Cleanliness can be in your mind as well as your body. A clean mind means that you keep your thoughts on things which are good for you.

You are practicing Enthusiasm when you...
- Keep your body fresh and clean.
- Tidy the environments around you: classroom, school yard, room, home.
- Use clean language.
- Ask God to help you clean up your act when you need to.
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.

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
CONGRATULATIONS!

Amelia Chadburn 5G made the Met West regional Touch Football team. She is representing St Mark’s and will compete at the State Championship in Toowoomba in August.

GOOD LUCK!

Amelia & Kealan Chadburn, Jacob Ritcher, Sean Miranda and Marley Ngatai. These St Mark’s students are competing in a Touch carnival in Hervey Bay during the school holidays!

FREE DAILY EVENTS DURING THESE HOLIDAYS AT BUNNINGS OXLEY

To register go to Bunnings OXLEY

Kids Kokedama Workshop—Kids! Make and take home a Kokedama hanging moss ball. Suitable for ages 6-12 years. Must be accompanied by an adult.

TIVOLI DRIVE-IN MOVIES ONLY $10 PER CAR/VAN

www.tivolidrivein.com.au

Twilight Markets on before movies start @ 6.30pm

The St Mark’s P&F would like to thank the following people for their support of the Multicultural Fiesta on Sunday 13th September.

Michelle & Team from Wyndham Hotel Group - South Pacific
Robert & Team from BUNNINGS OXLEY
John & Team from PCYC INALA
Annastacia Palaszczuk MP
Cr Milton Dick
Ricky Probst from Village Theatre Sanctuary Cove