



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

**10 March 2015
Week 7 Term 1**

★ **P&F meeting tomorrow night at 6pm** ★

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,
Last week Year 4s looked after the school! Mrs Ioannides, Mrs Lysaght and I had the privilege of joining staff and students on our Year 5 and 6 camps. The resounding conclusion from both camps was that the experience was a great one for all. My thanks to the teachers, and Mrs de Jesus, who ensured that all was prepared and went well. Each camp offered wonderful facilities and good food. Your children entered into the spirit of what a good camp needs—co-operation, enthusiasm, a sense of fun, and all had a great time. Thank you for your support. I hope you have had a chance to talk with your son/ daughter about their experiences. We have booked these camps again for 2016.

P and F Meeting

All are warmly invited to the first P and F meeting of the year, tomorrow evening, 11th March, at 6.00 pm in the staffroom. Part of this meeting is the Annual General Meeting where the new executive for the year will be selected. A discussion on learning and homework is also on the agenda. I look forward to seeing you tomorrow evening.

Learning Team Assemblies

Each fortnight, on a Wednesday afternoon, we stop to celebrate learning in the various parts of the school. This is an important time to recognize and congratulate students from the various classes as well as giving an opportunity to share learning that is happening in different classes and parts of the school.

All parents are welcome to join us on these occasions.

Prep and Year 1 gather behind the prep classrooms, Years 2 and 3 gather in the amphitheatre and Years 4—6 gather in a variety of places but we can certainly direct you there!

Monster Easter Raffle

Yes, it's on again! Please send in donations of chocolate eggs for prizes and buy your tickets. Each year, this has proven to be a great raffle that the children enjoy. With generous donations, over 100 prizes are won. Please send in

Your donations to either the classroom or the office and thanks, in anticipation, for your support.

Vietnamese Tuckshop

A group of our wonderful parents are again selling Vietnamese food on the next three Tuesdays. You will see the menu/ prices around the school—most items are \$2.00. All profits will go to Project Compassion. Orders can be placed each Tuesday morning. Again, thanks for your support of this generous offer from our parents.

Sabbatical Leave

I will be on leave for the final two weeks of the term and the first week of next term. I am taking leave and will be studying / travelling in the Holy Land. My Easter this year will be celebrated in Jerusalem! While away, Mrs Ioannides will be acting principal and Mr Biddulph will be acting assistant principal—administration. I thank both for taking on the responsibility of the respective roles. Year 2B will see a little more of Mrs Neilson— Scott and a relief teacher.

Student leadership and Involvement

Our student leaders are proving themselves worthy of the title through their efforts and involvement at recent school events. Interschool sport resumes for us this Friday. Those interested in making the cross-country team should start training now. We encourage all eligible children to put themselves forward and “have a go.” Encouragement from Mum and Dad is huge so please do so. We will look to present our Year 6 students with their leadership shirts soon. I know these will be worn proudly, and rightly so.

Fees

School fees go out this week. As always, please attend to this promptly and should you have concerns or difficulties, come and see Ms Barry or myself.


Garry Montgomery
Principal

Student Awards

For Friendliness:

Because the Bible says
‘A friend loves at all times’
Proverbs 17:17

PG: Elliot Connolly
PW: Moe Ula
PB: Peter Mai
1G: Martha Salvatore
1W: Jamieyah Tran
1B: Manuela Lado
2G: Yvonne Connolly
2W: Kenzie Jakavicius
2B: Carl Lemuelu
3G: Russel Par
3W: Motu Tenisio
3B: Rosie Nguyen
4G: Jayda Tran
4W: Catherine Huynh

PLEASE NOTE: 
School fees for
March will be sent
home this week.

Project Compassion: Choosing Food for Life

3rd Week of Lent: Karen from Australia



This week Project Compassion focuses on Australia. For the majority of Australians, good health and great food are part of everyday life. But the story is starkly different for First Australians living in rural communities, where low incomes, limited access to nutritious, affordable food, and poor food choices (due to lack of education) are severely compromising the health and well-being of families.

Karen is a First Australian living in a remote rural community. Like many she can't always afford or access healthy food. At the Centacare Wilcannia-Forbes Manage Your Income, Manage Your Life Program, supported by Caritas Australia, Karen gained the skills she needed to budget and choose healthy food for her family. In Central New South Wales, sole mother-of-six Karen had limited education in life-skills such as money management, cooking, nutrition and health. Food and groceries in remote communities like Karen's are expensive due to freight costs and limited local competition. As a result, it was very hard to stretch her Centrelink payments to afford essentials like food and rent. "I was in a lot of debt and wasn't handling my money properly," says Karen. "Feeding the kids was about what was easiest, not what is healthy." But now, "I learnt how to make quiche," says Karen. "My family loved it!"

Your donation to Project Compassion 2015 helps First Australians to provide for their children. Please give generously by encouraging your children to bring along a dollar or two for their classroom box during Lent. Last week we raised over \$175.70—keep up the good work! And bring along some money next Tuesday for Vietnamese Tuckshop.

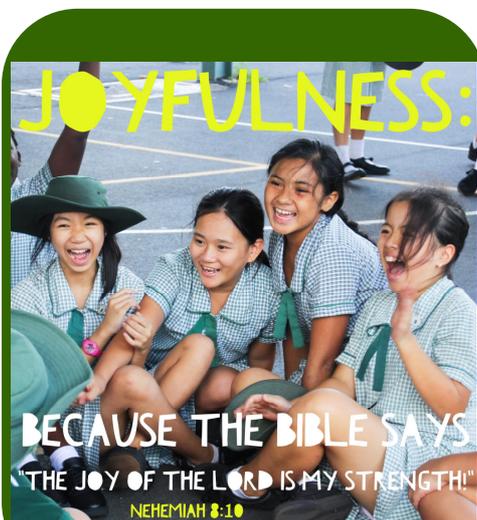
Date Claimers ...

This week **6G and 2G** will celebrate their **buddy class Mass** on **Thursday 12 March** at 9:30am in the Church.

This Friday, 13 March, 1W will lead us for our **Assembly Prayer**. Parents and friends are most welcome to join us in Mercy Hall at 8:40.

Next Wednesday 18 March, Catholic students from Year 5 and 6 will be given the opportunity to participate in the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. As Catholics it is an important part of our Lenten time of preparation to confess our sins and receive the grace of God's forgiveness. We will gather in the church at 11:30 with a brief liturgy before the students will go to confession with a priest. If you have a child who will be participating in this sacrament it is a great opportunity to take some time to talk with them about the importance of Reconciliation in our church.

NEXT Friday, 20 March, 5G will lead us in our Assembly Prayer.



Virtue of the Week: Joyfulness

What is Joyfulness?

Joyfulness is being filled with happiness, peace, love and a sense of well-being. Joy is inside us all. It comes from a sense of being loved. It comes from an appreciation for the gift of life. It comes when we are doing what we know is right. Joy is related to fun but is not exactly the same thing. Fun comes from what is happening outside – having a good time. Joy comes from what is happening inside.

You are practising joyfulness when you ...

- Look for your inner happiness.
- Believe that God created you and loves you always.
- Allow sadness to come and then remember to let it go.
- Learn something from the hard times in your life.

Mrs Nikki Lysaght
Assistant Principal Religious Education

St Mark's Sacramental Program 2015 Confirmation and First Holy Communion for children in Year 3 and above.

Enrolment form with payment of \$50 per child or \$75 per family and a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate must be lodged by **Friday 24th April** at the parish office. **Parents must also attend a Parents Information Session on Wednesday 29th April at 7pm in the church.** For the children, the program commences on **Saturday 2nd May.**



Enrolment forms can be collected from...

- The table at the church entrance
- The school office
- The parish office
(Office hours are Mon-Fri, 9am to 3pm)

Or by..

Contacting the Parish Secretary:
Email: stmarks@bne.catholic.net.au ;
Phone: 3372 5658
Downloading from parish web page:
www.stmarksinala.com



★ Photos of the week

Preppies enjoying a new playground



★ Year 4 did a great job on Assembly



★ Wonderful memories made at Year 5 & 6 camps



Vietnamese Tuckshop

Every Tuesday until the end of Term 1

All profits go to support Project Compassion.

Menu includes:

Spring rolls : 3 for \$2

Fried rice; \$2 / container

Chicken-chips \$2

Stir fired noodles : \$3/container

Thank you for your support



CYBER SAFETY TIP #4

Please make sure your children are playing age appropriate games and apps. The general rule is stick to 'G' rated to be 100% sure they are suitable.



BOOK FAIR
COMING SOON!

Leesa & Therese
Teacher Librarians

Book Fair is happening in Week 9!!!
Now is a great time to encourage the children to do an extra chore or help out more around the house if they are considering buying a book. Lots of books are around the \$4 mark!!!



Free workshop for Vietnamese families for parents and

Quý vị có lo lắng gì về cách con em của mình

- Nói chuyện
- Chơi hoặc giao tiếp với người khác
- Cư xử
- Học hỏi

Hãy đến cùng học hỏi thêm về những cách quý vị có thể giúp con em mình tại nhà và trường học.

Buổi hội thảo sẽ nói bằng tiếng Việt.

Kim-Vân Nguyễn là nhân viên phụ trách các gia đình Việt nam tại Victoria và sẽ giúp chia sẻ những thông tin này. Tất cả những gì thảo luận đều được giữ kín tuyệt đối.

Chi tiết của buổi hội thảo

Địa điểm: Hội trường Inala, Inala Shopping Centre, Góc đường Corsair Ave và Wirraway Pde, Inala QLD 4077

Thời gian: Hội thảo nguyên ngày: Thứ Ba, 17 tháng Ba, 2015
Từ 9:30 sáng đến 2:30 chiều (giờ đến, từ 9:00 - 9:30 sáng)
Sẽ có trà, bánh giải lao và bữa ăn trưa.

Để đăng ký, xin vào trang mạng

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St Mark's Parents & Friends

ST MARK'S AGM MEETING THIS Wednesday 11th March 6.00pm in the staffroom

We will be discussing a couple of questions raised by parents on grounds maintenance and homework.

We will also be setting prices for Fiesta rides armbands Super Sizzler, Cups, Frog Jumper, Triple Screamer.

Jumping Castle supplied thanks to John, courtesy of Inala PCYC.

Your opinion counts!

St Marks MONSTER Easter Raffle

Drawn : Tuesday 31 March

Cost : \$1.00 per ticket



Raffle books sent out with newsletters this week.

WE NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE

Can you bring in Easter eggs, chocolates, baskets, things to make up Easter hampers for the raffle prizes please?

St Marks P&F Meeting Dates

6pm in Staff room

22nd April 2015 – NAPLAN

13th May 2015

10th June 2015

15th July 2015

19th August 2015

9th September 2015

14th October 2015

11th November 2015



Thank you to the wonderful staff who supervised Year 5 & 6 Camps.

They took great care of our precious children!

It was a wonderful experience that everyone enjoyed



Thursday 19th March 5.30pm at Mt Maria College Mitchelton - Brisbane Parents & Friends AGM & Expo

Michelle will cover 'Managing disrespect in the home'

Why this generation doesn't think they are disrespectful.

Teenage aggression and ways teens bully parents

A step by step guide to saying No to a difficult teenager

A behaviour management system that actually works

The importance of teaching teenagers to apologise

The importance of winning the little battles

Incorporating respect into your home routine



Michael more recently coordinated the QUT Resilience Project involving primary schools in Brisbane and Charleville. He is passionately committed to engaging school communities and taking a creative approach to mental health and wellbeing. He is the Assistant State Manager Principals Australia Institute Programs, Kids Matter and Mind Matters



Please let Agnes know OR call 3336 9242 to RSVP for this free event