



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

**3 March 2015
Week 6 Term 1**

★ **Have fun on camp Year 5 and 6** ★

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,
Last Saturday, an enthusiastic band of parents, teachers and friends set to work at the working bee, accomplishing all that was set. My thanks to each who gave of their time and energy to assist your child's education at this school. The junior oval has now been top dressed and soon will have regular watering thanks to an improved irrigation system.

More play equipment and fitness stations have been installed and I'm sure the children will enjoy them. Additional cementing and the replacement of old and worn pathways have also been completed. With a run of drier weather, we will soon see our grounds back in good order. Mr Toso Menefata and Mr Mosa Rajab do a good job maintaining our grounds and I thank them for their continuing efforts.

Year 5 and 6 Camps

There is certainly great excitement in Years 5 and 6 as this week they enjoy the camp experience that they will long remember. My thanks to all parents who have encouraged and supported their children as they prepare for camp. My thanks also to teachers and support staff who happily give of their time and effort to ensure the camps are successful. I'm sure there will be lots of stories to share when you see them again on Friday afternoon.

Bush Neighbours

We enjoy a growing partnership with the Brisbane City Council in the development of our outdoor learning area that we started last year. A butterfly garden was planted with our Year 4 children. This year we will look to develop this area further. Yesterday afternoon's meeting gave us a greater understanding of the importance and potential of this partnership. Again, the invitation is there to get involved so do take the opportunity if/ when you can.

Principal's Afternoon Tea

I had the pleasure of hosting the first principal's afternoon tea this afternoon for children selected by their teachers as having displayed one of our virtues so beautifully at the start of the year

As you know, and as is easily seen at the front of the school, we have nominated our 5Rs as key virtues taught at St. Mark's. My congratulations to all chosen and all who have been considered. We look forward to congratulating many more throughout the year and, of course, presenting our "Spirit of St. Mark's" award at the end of each semester.

P and F Meeting

I look forward to our first meeting of the Parents and Friends Association next Wednesday evening, 6.00 pm in the staffroom. This meeting is also our Annual General Meeting where the executive for 2015 is elected and we put shape to the plans for the year. Please mark it on your calendar.

Staffing

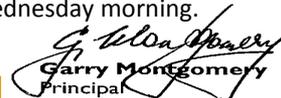
It is with pleasure that I announce that Mrs Michelle Stuart is our new school officer—special needs, replacing Mrs Diane Bortolussi who retired at the end of last year. Please make Michelle welcome in our school community when you get the opportunity. We look forward to all that she will bring to assisting you and your children.

Swimming Carnival

Last Thursday's annual swimming carnival was a great success. We congratulated Mercy House for winning the day, again! It was a fabulous day, well organised by Mr Biddulph and the teachers and enthusiastically supported by you and the children. We all agreed it was a wonderful day because of the leadership displayed by our Year 6 school leaders. We are very proud of them. Well done!

Lent

Thank you for encouraging and supporting the Project Compassion appeal. All are invited to join the teachers for Mass at 8.00 am each Wednesday morning.


Garry Montgomery
Principal

Student Awards

For Responsibility:

Because Jesus said
'Great gifts mean great
responsibility, greater gifts,
greater responsibility'
Luke 12:48

PG: Balcarra Gray
PW: Lily Andlovec
PB: Amy Dinh
1G: Serena Le
1W: Aria Chadburn
1B: Xavier Satchell
2G: Susannah Da Costa
2W: Livron Kolio
2B: Howard Tria
3G: Tina Nguyen
3W: Tiffany Nguyen
3B: Ruby Everett
4G: Anton Suka
4W: Jared Dinh
5G: Ellen McCormack
5W: Hannah Nguyen
6G: Isobel Everett
6W: Fides Noforget

Project Compassion: Essential Food for Life

2nd Week of Lent: Mariama from Niger



This week Project Compassion focuses on Niger, where life is very tough. Many live in extreme poverty, often unable to afford or access food and water. This week we meet Mariama who is raising her daughter in Niger, a country that suffers widespread poverty. When her little girl became malnourished, she received life-saving food and care at a Nutrition Centre, supported by Caritas Australia.

For most of us, it's almost impossible to imagine what it would be like to live from day-to-day without enough food to eat. But for Mariama and her family, it's a reality they confront daily.

Mariama's mother tries to support the family by selling vegetables on the side of the road. But her tiny, inconsistent income often means the family doesn't have enough money to buy food. As a result, Mariama's young daughter, Fati, is often sick and recently became malnourished.

Your donation to Project Compassion 2015 helps save the lives of people living on the brink of survival in Niger, giving them access to nutritional support and essential food for life. Please give generously by encouraging your children to bring along a dollar or two for their classroom box during Lent. Last week alone we raised over \$500—keep up the good work!

Lord, we pray for all people who are hungry in the world today. We pray for all of those in West Africa who are struggling through drought, conflict and famine. We pray that people continue to work together to build peace. Thank you that so many young children and mothers like Mariama and Fati are being cared for at places like the Nutrition Centre in Niger. We pray that many more can recover from hunger and sickness. Amen.

Date Claimers ...

Our Year 5 and 6 students will head to camp on Wednesday 4 March—Friday 6 March. We wish them lots of fun! I will be heading to Year 5 camp on Thursday night.

This week **4W and 1B** will celebrate their **buddy class Mass** on **Thursday 5 March** at 9:30am in the Church.

This Friday, 6 March, 3B will lead us for our **Assembly Prayer**. Parents and friends are most welcome to join us in Mercy Hall at 8:40.

Next Thursday **6G and 2G** will celebrate their **buddy class Mass** on **13 March** at 9:30am in the Church.

NEXT Friday, 6 March, 1W will lead us in our Assembly Prayer.



Virtue of the Week: Friendliness

What is Friendliness?

Friendliness is taking an interest in other people, making them feel welcome, and being willing to share with them. When you are friendly, you happily share the things you have. You share your time and yourself. Friendliness is sharing the good times and the bad times together.

You are practising friendliness when you ...

- Like yourself.
- Share yourself and what you have with others.
- Look for someone to do things with.
- Smile at someone that you don't know.

Mrs Nikki Lysaght
Assistant Principal Religious Education

School Swimming Carnival

Last Thursday saw 300 enthusiastic St Mark's students participate in our Swimming Carnival. We were blessed with excellent weather made for swimming and the outdoors.



I was particularly impressed with the excellent leadership and enthusiasm shown by our Year 6 Leaders from the onset and throughout the day. All students, regardless of the events they were in, competed with the commitment and spirit that is often shown in these events. Every house colour took pride in keeping their areas neat and tidy.

Thank you to all of the teachers, staff and parents who all played a part in making this event an experience for our students to remember. Particular thanks to Ms Bonney and Mrs Oudyn who co-ordinated the Year 1-2 and Year 3 carnivals respectively.

Now for the final results. On 347 points and champions for the 2015 Mercy house, followed by McKillop in 2nd place on 274 points and in 3rd place on 259 points McAuley house.

Thanking you for making this day so successful.

Mr Biddulph



Brigidine College Open Day

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for Year 7 2018 at
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COME AND SEE
the innovative and creative learning programs for
yourself.

**Next Visitation Days are Monday 9 & Tuesday
10 March 2015 9.30-10.30am.**

OPEN DAY Sunday 17 May 10am – 1pm

Phone 3870 7225 to secure an enrolment pack.

Go to www.brigidine.qld.edu.au
for more information.



Free workshop for Vietnamese families for parents and carers of school age children on the autism spectrum.

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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**BREAKFAST
CLUB**

Available to students every

Monday and Tuesday

Cost is \$1.00 for toast
and a drink.

CYBER SAFETY TIP #3

Please make sure your child knows what private and public information is.

Private information is never to be shared with online friends such as date of birth, full name, address, passwords.

Public information can be shared with online friends such as favourite football team, books they are reading and their hobbies. This ensures they are protecting themselves while still enjoying their online games.

**Leesa and Therese
Teacher Librarians**



St Mark's Parents & Friends



THANK YOU!

Thanks to families & teachers who attended the Working Bee. Especially the workers who started at 7.30am and Jacob who left late afternoon!

You are welcome to share photos of special family occasions email agnes.sio@hotmail.com



Swimming Carnival



Parker Allegra Connors Christening



Temperance Laukkanen 2nd Birthday



ST MARKS AGM WED 11TH MARCH 6.00PM

In the Staffroom

All positions open for nomination—President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Make maths fun and interactive for your child

You can do many fun activities to ignite your child's learning. For the Preps, ask them to recognise numbers in their surroundings, mailboxes, rego plates, signs etc.

For older children, go through weekly shopping catalogues and ask them to figure out how many items they can buy for \$10 and increase the amount as it becomes easier for them or ask them to work out the change.

Take your child shopping and together work out how much your shopping will cost.

TARGETING MATHS App on IPAD for \$10

Students can access a huge range of activities (Australian based Curriculum) that make learning maths skills fun, motivating and full of rewards. Each child has their own account and their individual achievements are recorded in the progress section.

These are some great ideas from parents who use them successfully in their homes, please email more ideas to agnes.sio@hotmail.com

THANKS FOR SHARING!



THANK YOU

After removing costs we raised \$605 at the Welcome Back BBQ \$1556 at the Bunnings BBQ

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

Michelle will cover "Managing Disrespect in the Home" Michael from KIDS MATTERS will also be speaking.

Please call 3336 9242 to RSVP for this FREE Event

