



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

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Term 2 Week 4

Mother's Day Get Together this Friday 12 May 3pm

Dear Parents and Carers

Thanks to Mr Biddulph and all of the staff who trained our cross country runners and helped out at the carnival last Friday. It was a perfect day with the weather and our students did very well in completing the course. Thank you to Nang and his team for the delicious tuckshop on the day!

The Mother's day stall is on this Wednesday – all items are \$3.

St Mark's Day and Mother's Day: We are holding these two events on the same day this week – Friday 12 May. St Mark's day commences with mass at 9:30 am which parents are most welcome to attend. Following morning tea, students move between all classrooms in small groups to enjoy all the fun to celebrate our great school! Activities such as fairy bread, disco, games, craft activities and more are sure to be very popular. To be admitted to each activity, students require a red 'mark' (small paper token). These **marks** are free of charge and each student is issued with a **page of marks** during the week.

After school from 3pm – 4:30pm, please join us for the **Mother's Day celebration** in the undercover area with pizza (\$1 per slice, drinks, free face painting and craft activity and entertainment. We would love to see you there!

Reading: This year, we have a large emphasis on participating in reading, enjoying reading and improving our reading. We have recently introduced books to the 8 am waiting group in the amphitheatre.

On the weekend, shade sails were installed on the Gilly Lyons oval steps. These sails were funded by a successful grant given to the P and F association from the State Government and we are grateful to the P and F for all of their hard work in obtaining the funds.

Drop off and pick-up: Please note that U-turns are not permitted in the morning or afternoon when dropping off or picking up your children. U-turns are very unsafe outside our school. Cars are not permitted to drive into the parish driveway to pick up or drop off children. Your co-operation with our parking rules is appreciated and necessary to ensure the safety of our students. If you are picking up your child outside their classroom, please note that parents are asked to wait in the courtyard (Year 1 and 2 + Prep B) and away from the room so that teachers may conclude the day with important messages to students.

School photos: Photos are being taken next Wednesday 17 May. All students need to wear correct uniform on the day: **Preps – usual uniform, Years 1-5 checked formal uniform; Year 6 – Senior Leader shirts.** If your child does not have a checked uniform, please call into the school office and we can provide one.

Enjoy the week ahead.

Allison Malouf
Principal

Transformation means to change form, move across, or "shape-shift." To be transformed is to look out at reality from a genuinely new source and centre, seeing things in a larger and more holistic way.

Richard Rohr



2017 TERM DATES:

Term 1: 24 Jan - 31 Mar
Term 2: 18 Apr - 23 Jun
Term 3: 10 Jul - 15 Sep
Term 4: 3 Oct - 1 Dec

Upcoming Events



**Tuesday 9 – Thursday 11
May: NAPLAN Yrs. 3 & 5**

**Wednesday 10 May:
Mothers Day Stall**

**Friday 12 May:
St Mark's Day Mass
9.30am
P&F Mother's Day Get
Together 3pm**

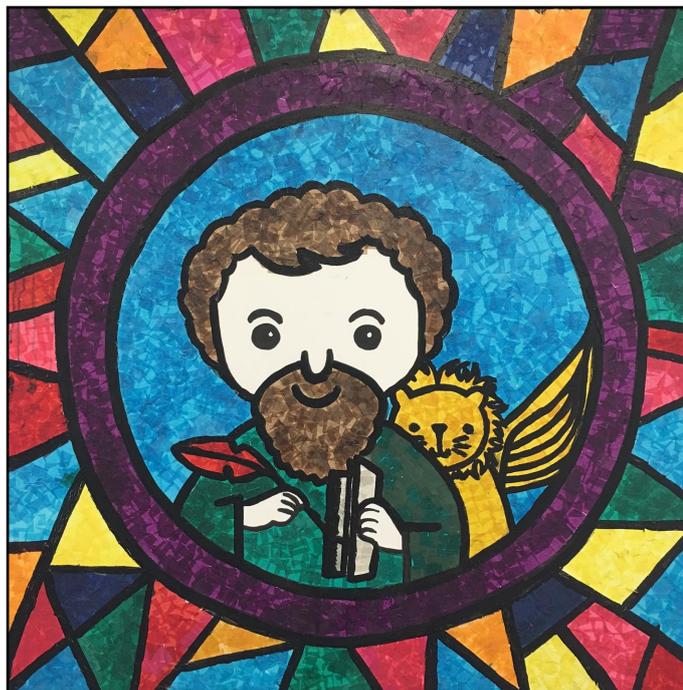
**Wednesday 17 May:
School Photo's**

**Friday 19 May: NRL
Development Cup**

**Friday 16 June: School
Athletics Carnival**

Religious Life of the School News

Who is St Mark?



On Friday this week we will celebrate St Mark's Day. St Mark is the patron saint of our school and parish but who *is* he? Scripture and tradition tell us that St Mark was an associate of the apostles and an active figure in the early church as a close companion of Saints Peter, Paul and Barnabas. Tradition teaches that about 10 to 20 years after Jesus ascended into heaven, St Mark travelled to Alexandria to preach the Good News and many people were baptised. He formed what is now known as the Coptic Orthodox Church, became its first bishop and the founder of Christianity in Africa. St Mark was martyred in AD68 by members of the pagan religion, but left other leaders in his place to carry on his work.

St Mark is the traditional author of the Gospel of Mark and is credited as having invented the new literary genre we now know as the '*gospel*'. He wrote his gospel to share the message of Jesus with Gentile Christians (i.e. Christians who were not Jewish) and much of the content of his gospel comes from all that he had heard and learned from St Peter of the

life and teachings of Jesus. One of the key messages of St Mark's Gospel is that, through God, impossible things are made possible! He shared this message by telling lots of stories about the amazing things that Jesus did during his life, death and resurrection.

St Mark is often depicted with a lion which symbolizes the might and royal dignity of Jesus Christ. We wear the symbol of the lion on our school uniforms also. It is a reminder to face each day *clearly and boldly*, knowing that the risen Jesus is with us. When something seems impossible, St Mark reminds us to ask Jesus for the grace and courage we need, because he is always faithful.

Date Claimers ...

- **Mother's Day stall**—Wednesday 10 May
- **NAPLAN** runs from Tuesday 9 May—Thursday 11 May.
- **St Mark's Day mass**—Friday 12 May at 9.30am.
- **Mother's Day Pizza Party** will be on **Friday 12 May** at 3:00.
- Mother's Day Sunday 14 May.
- **School Photos** are on **Wednesday 17 May**.
- National Sorry Day is on Friday 26 May.
- **St Mark's Athletics Carnival** will be on **Friday 16 June**.
- **Year 5 & 6 Personal Development** workshop will run Tuesday –Thursday **20-22 June**.
- **School Holidays** start at 3pm on **Friday 23 June**.
- **Term 3 starts on Monday 10 July**.

Virtue of the Week: Courage

What is Courage?

Courage is personal bravery in the face of fear. It is doing what needs to be done even when it is really hard or scary. Courage is going ahead even when you feel like giving up and quitting. It doesn't mean taking unnecessary chances just to look brave.

You are practising Courage when you ...

- Do what you know is right even when it is hard or scary.
- Are willing to try new things.
- Remember to ask God and others for help when you need it.



Sports News



Inala District Cross County

Last Friday St Mark's hosted the 2017 Inala District Cross Country. It was a successful day with some pleasing results. Congratulations to Kealan Chadburn who came 4th, which qualifies him for the Inala District Cross County team to compete in the Regionals. Well done also to Jacob Richter who came 7th, Daniel Butkowski who finished 19th and the entire team for finishing their race.

Thank You!

Thank you to Mrs. Williams, Mrs. De Jesus, Mrs. Morrow, Mr. Everett, Mr. Ebzery, Mrs. Kurchert, Mrs. Winterflood and Toso who assisted me on the day. A special mention to Mr. Oscar Miranda who acted as a station attendant on the course all day and to the parents and the P and F representatives who came along to offer valuable support on the day. Thank you also to the Vietnamese Community and Mrs. Sinitsky for their efforts in the tuck shop area on Friday. Finally, thank you to Paola Rangel for engraving the Cross Country medals.



School News

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos forms and payment are due back to school or ordered online by May 15

Tuck Shop

Sushi Available Wednesday \$2.50

Sushi is Back!

If you wish to order sushi for your child's lunch on Wednesday please place your orders at the school tuck shop before school.

Yellow Ribbon Week 8-14 May 2017

Message from Sandra Poulton, Manager Road Safety SEQS, Department of Transport and Main Roads

Yellow Ribbon Week is your opportunity to say thank you to our School Crossing Supervisors.

School Crossing Supervisors have an extremely important role in our community - to promote road safety among young children and educate them on how to use a supervised crossing. School Crossing Supervisors play a vital role in keeping our children safe. They improve the safety of travel to and from school for students in the city, regional and remote areas, with children as they walk, cycle or travel by bus or car to school.

In hot, cold or wet weather you will always see the supervisors on the crossing, ensuring children's safety.

Supervised crossings are an important part of Transport and Main Roads' road safety program with the school crossing supervisors the unsung heroes of school road safety.

This week is Yellow Ribbon Road Safety Week when we say thank you to those who assist us on the roads and help us stay safe. So, thank you to all our school crossing supervisors. Your commitment to road safety is invaluable to our community.



Federal Government changes create uncertainty for school funding

Over the last week you will have heard significant discussion in the media about school funding and its potential impact on Catholic schools in particular. The Catholic education sector is concerned the Federal Government has, to date, been unable to provide the necessary detail to allay concerns about potential funding changes. We remain committed to a funding system that is fair, needs-based and transparent.

While the package as announced includes a base funding increase beyond what had previously been proposed by the Federal Government, it also alludes to a number of changes to the existing funding system which may impact on the overall level of funding to Catholic schools.

We are confident, however, based on the Minister's comments, that there will be no reduction in the quantum of funding to Brisbane Catholic Education.

Some key points of concern include:

- The absolute failure of the Federal Government to consult with the Catholic sector before announcing its proposed changes
- The lack of detail and so a heightened sense of uncertainty about our future funding position
- Proposed changes to the funding model which will potentially alter the way in which government funding is allocated and which may therefore impact on our funding levels.

The Catholic education sector has urged the Federal Government to urgently meet Catholic education representatives to provide more detail about how the proposed changes will impact on schools, teachers and parents and to negotiate a fair and acceptable outcome. We will provide further information as it becomes available.

St Mark's P&F Association



Mothers Day Get Together - Help Required

If you are available to assist with serving on the day please let us know.

Introducing Your P & F Team for 2017

President: Eric Haylock
Vice President: Mark Bennett
Treasurer: Ena Miranda
Secretary: Veronica Tierney

We look forward to a great year working for and with all our Parents & Friends!

Mothers' Day Stall Wednesday 10 May

Mothers' Day Stall run by your P&F team will be held on Wednesday 10 May. Children can purchase a **small gift (\$3)** for their Mothers'.

Gifts include candles, hanging ornaments.



District Cross Country

Congratulations to all St Mark's students who competed in the District Cross Country today and did their very best! Thank you to Mr Biddulph and his helpers for all of the organisation in running another successful, enjoyable day for all the students who attended! Thank you to our Vietnamese community for preparing and selling their Spring Rolls & to Mrs Sinitsky for running the Tuckshop for all to enjoy!



Congratulations!

Congratulations to our former students Kruze Taputoa and Amielia Chadburn. Kruze has recently made the U12s Met East Rugby League team and will travel to Townsville and Amielia has made the U15s Met West Touch Football team and she will travel to Rockhampton. Both will compete in the Qld School State Championships in the next two months. It's fantastic to hear our former students achieving in their chosen sport!

Mothers Day Get Together

Friday 12 May at 3.00pm at the undercover area.

Join us in celebrating our wonderful mothers!

Pizza, water, soft drinks, poppers available to purchase.

Music entertainment - Roby Curtis

Craft Activity table for the children run by

Lara of "Berry, Berry Sweet"

Face Painting

Raffle tickets available to purchase with lovely prizes & a complimentary ticket for all our lovely mums!

♥ Please come along & join in the fun!!

St Mark's School Mothers Day Get Together

Join the St Mark's P and F
Friday May 12, 2017

3pm

And celebrate all our wonderful
mums.

Children will be provided with
free class activities and
entertainment

Pizza is available for purchase.

