



# St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

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**October 2 2017  
Term 4 Week 1**

## Welcome Back Students, Families and Staff. Term 4 Begins!

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Term 4! We hope that you have had a great holiday and we look forward to all our work with your children this term.

Over the holidays, asbestos was removed from 8 classrooms and new carpet and vinyl was laid which now completes the process for the entire school. Also during the holidays, work has commenced on the construction of two new classrooms – one is a purpose-built Prep classroom located near the existing Prep classrooms and another new classroom attached to the Year 2 block. This has meant the removal of several trees on our property and the demolition of the original Year 1 playground. During the construction phase of 18 September – 22 December, we are required to follow all safety procedures as designated by the builder and the school. There is safety fencing erected and teachers have taken their students on a walk today to show new access routes to the library and to Kitty's Place. Prep and Year 1 students will play around the entire Prep area during the construction phase. Once the classrooms are completed, we are building a new contemporary place space for Prep – Year 2 students. We appreciate your patience and support during the building phase. Please see me if you have any questions or comments – the plans for the building will be displayed in the front office.

**P and F:** Next Monday night, 9 October, is our first P and F meeting for this term at 5pm in the office building. The main item for discussion is the 2018 combined School and Parish Fiesta – this is always a great day of celebration and many parent volunteers are required to make it a success so please come and join us! The initial meeting next Monday is to put forward ideas and a plan for the preparations necessary for the Fiesta – I will be discussing this topic with the St Mark's Parish Council this month.

**Tiny Tots Reading:** Our reading goals for the next few years are to improve reading progress for every student whilst at the same time fostering a great love of reading. We are pleased to introduce TINY TOTS READING each Wednesday morning from 8:45am – 10am in Mercy Hall commencing next week 11 October. This morning session is for all children under school age and their parents – it's a great way to share and experience books and we would love to see you there! More information is later in this newsletter.

**EAL/D:** We welcome Bonnie Whelan to our school who will work with us this term in the EAL/D team each Wednesday.

**Prep 2018 applications:** We are still accepting 2018 Prep applications – please fill in an enrolment form from the front office. Prep Orientation mornings are:  
Tuesday 31 October ( new families) and Tuesday 7 November ( siblings).

Enjoy the week ahead.

Allison Malouf  
Principal

Let us love, since that is what our hearts were  
made for.  
St Therese of Lisieux



### 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 3 October: Term 4  
Commences**

**Wednesday 11 October:  
Tiny Tots Reading**

**Thursday 12 October: Yr. 3  
Excursion**

**Monday 16 October:  
STUDENT FREE DAY**

**Wednesday 18 October:  
NRL Girls Challenge Day**

**Tuesday 31 October: Prep  
Orientation Day (New  
Families)**

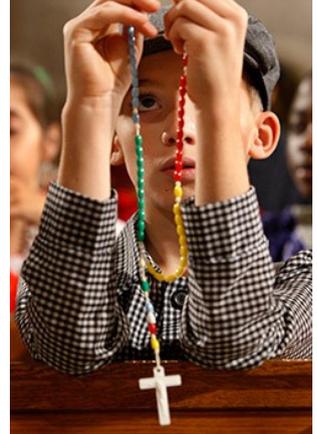
# Religious Life of the School News

## October is the month of the Rosary

"The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, the unique contemplative prayer through which, guided by the Lord's Heavenly Mother, we fix our gaze on the face of the Redeemer in order to be conformed to his joyful, light-filled, sorrowful and glorious mysteries." ~ Pope Benedict XVI (Angelus Message, St Peter's Square, October 2, 2005).

**What is the Rosary?** The Rosary is not only a mental prayer, but also a vocal prayer in which we meditate on the virtues of the Life, Death, Passion and Glory of Jesus Christ and His Blessed Mother, the Virgin Mary (the mysteries). As you say the prayers, you think about the current decade's mystery. The Rosary is actually a combination of all **three** main forms of Christian prayer: vocal, meditation, and contemplation.

- It's *vocal prayer* because you're constantly saying the words of some prayers.
- It's *meditative prayer* because you're using Christian meditation to pray, using both the mystery and the words of the vocal prayers as source material.
- It's *contemplative prayer* because sometimes you also just sit in a kind of inner silence with Mary, just watching Christ and being in love, contemplating his love for us in the mystery at hand.



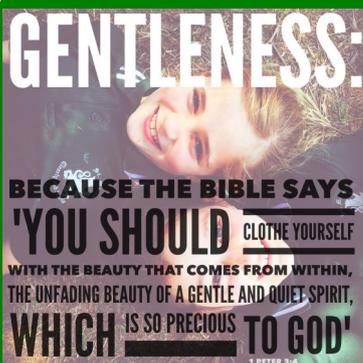
Each day at 12 noon every class will pause to pray a decade of the Rosary.  
You may, also, like to pray the Rosary together as a family each night during October.

## Term 4 Religious Life of the School Date Claimers ...

- **3W** will lead us in our Assembly Prayer at 8:40am on **Friday 6 September** in Mercy Hall.
- **1W & 5B** will celebrate their buddy class mass on **Thursday 12 October** at 9:30am in the Church.
- **1G** will lead us in our Assembly Prayer on **Friday 13 September** at 8:40am in Mercy Hall.
- **Free Dress Day & lunchtime Disco** to support Blind Eye Ministries is on **Friday 20 October**.
- **Farewell to teachers** leaving St Mark's is on **Friday 17 November**.
- St Vincent de Paul's **Christmas Appeal** start on Monday 20 November and runs until Thursday 30 December.
- **Spirit of St Mark's Assembly and Farewell to Yr. 6 students** is on **Friday 24 November**.
- **Christmas Concert** is on **Friday 24 November**.
- **Yr. 6 Graduation** is on **Wednesday 29 November**.
- Our **End of Year Thanksgiving Mass** is on at **10:30am on Friday 1 December**.
- **School holidays** start at **12 noon on Friday 1 December**.

Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone affected by the Las Vegas tragedy.

do not be overcome by evil,  
BUT OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD.  
- romans 12:21



## Virtue of the Week: Gentleness

### What is Gentleness?

Gentleness is acting and speaking in a way which is considerate and kind to others. Being gentle means to be very careful. Gentleness is moving wisely, touching softly, holding carefully, speaking quietly, and thinking kindly.

### You are practising Gentleness when you ...

- Decide not to hurt or offend anyone's feelings if you can help it.
- Use self control with your body, mind and voice.
- Say things in a tactful way that respects the listener's feelings.

Mrs Nikki Lysaght:  
Assistant Principal Religious Education

## Homework Club

Please note there will be **NO Homework Club** during the first week of Term 4. Homework Club will resume in Week 2 of Term 4, on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8.00am in the Learning Support room.

Thanks so very much.



### Woolworth's Earn and Learn Program

The Woolworth's Earn and Learn program is back for 2017. Please help St Mark's earn amazing equipment by shopping at Woolworth's

from Wednesday 26 July 2017.

It is easy for your kids, parents, grandparents, staff, neighbours and friends - absolutely anyone - to help your school. This is how it works. For every \$10 spent at Woolworths, you earn 1 sticker. Adhere your stickers onto the collector sheet and bring it into the school office and pop the sheet into the Earn and Learn Box. Every sticker helps St Mark's earn sporting and other school equipment.

## St Mark's Parish News

### Confirmation and First Holy Communion Photo

**Attention: Parents of children who received Confirmation and First Holy Communion in August 2017 and 2016:**

Confirmation and First Holy Communion photos can be downloaded from a parish office computer, Monday to Friday, from 9am to 3pm.

The Parish Office will also be open on these week end dates and times:

Saturday 7th Oct: 4.30pm to 5.30pm

Sunday 8th Oct: 10.30am to 11.30am

Sr. Philo will be in the office to assist you. Please bring a new USB stick to download the photos.

## Free children's dental program

Metro South Health provides free dental care to children throughout our region.

### Who is eligible?

- ✓ All students 4 years of age through to year 10 who have a Medicare Card
- ✓ Students in years 11 and 12 who have a current Centrelink Card, Healthcare Card or Pension Card
- ✓ 0-3 year olds whose parents have a current Centrelink Card, Healthcare Card or Pension Card
- ✓ 2-17 year olds who are eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS). To check your eligibility visit the website at [my.gov.au](http://my.gov.au) or phone 13 20 11.

Adults who hold a current Centrelink, Healthcare or Pension Card are also eligible for free public dental care.

### Attending your child's appointment

Good dental health begins at home. That's why our children's dental program encourages all parents to be involved in their child's dental care. We ask that a parent or legal guardian attends every dental appointment with their child.

You can choose the clinic most convenient for you. All clinics have on-site client car parking.

### Making an appointment

Simply call our telephone line - 1300 300 850.

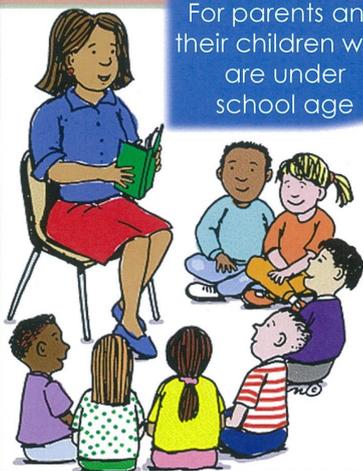
For more information visit: [metrosouth.health.qld.gov.au/oral-health](http://metrosouth.health.qld.gov.au/oral-health)

*We look forward to welcoming you and your family soon.*



## St. Mark's Tiny Tot's Reading

For parents and their children who are under school age



Join us in Mercy Hall

Come along and learn how to share books with your children in fun and different ways

Morning tea is provided

All welcome

Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	8:45 am - 9:45 am
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	8:45 am - 9:45 am
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	8:45 am - 9:45 am
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	8:45 am - 9:45 am
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	8:45 am - 9:45 am
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	8:45 am - 9:45 am

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## Jesus Day with 1W



Jesus Day  
13<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
On Jesus Day I went to Kitty's place and I ate olives and grapes and lemon and flat bread with honey and juice and I wore a rope and a mantle and a Belt and a tunic. But I didn't like the lemon because it was sour and they I played

Jesus day  
on Jesus day we ate some lemon and I hated the lemon. I hated lemon because it is sour.  
By Hung

Jesus Day 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
On Jesus Day I went with the whole class to Kitty's place we drank date juice, flat bread, honey, olives, grapes, lemon and the lemon was very sour and the juice was yummy and we dressed up as Jesus and after we ate the food we played at Kitty's place.  
By Chrystle

