



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

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13 October 2015
Week 2 Term 4

★ PUPIL FREE DAY - NEXT MONDAY OCTOBER 19 ★

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Today we farewell **Mrs Kathy Moses** after many years of wonderful service to St. Mark's in her role as school secretary. We will miss her gentle presence in and around the office.

Mrs Shona Baldwin will be the new school secretary. She commences on Monday, 26th October. Please make her very welcome when you meet her.

As you know, later this week we farewell **Mrs Kwok** as she goes on maternity leave. We thank her also for her great work in the school and look forward to word of the new arrival later in the year. **Mrs Tash Morrison** is continuing in Mrs Kwok's support role here on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Vietnamese Food

Today, and on the next two Tuesdays, a number of our parents are selling Vietnamese food to support an orphanage in Vietnam. Thanks for your support today and in the weeks ahead. We will continue to support this orphanage as we have done for some years now.

P and F Meeting

Tomorrow evening, 14th October, is the next scheduled P and F meeting. All are welcome to attend as we look to plan for the many activities coming up this term.

Homework Club

This support for registered students re-commenced today and will continue throughout the term. If your child is involved, please collect from the front of the school from 3.45 pm.

I am again very appreciative of the generous response of so many teachers who give freely of their time to support your children in their learning.

Orientation Days

Children with brothers and/or sisters at St. Mark's have their Prep orientation day on Wednesday, 28th October. Please mark it in your calendar.

We will have three prep classes again next year. Should you have not yet enrolled your child born between 1/7/2010 and 30/6/2011, please do so as a matter of importance now.

Pupil Free Day

There is no school on Monday, 19th October. Teachers will meet in various schools throughout the district for cross school moderation and consistency of judgement. Please ensure that you have made the necessary arrangements for your children for that day.

Outdoor Learning Area

Some unexpected funding has come in from Brisbane Catholic Education that will allow us to promote an on-going project that is developing in schools. For us this was very easy with our Outdoor Learning Area taking shape. To that end, elements planned for developing next year will begin very soon. This will allow the potential of this area to be realised much sooner than expected and that is wonderful.

Assembly

Mrs Allison Malouf, St. Mark's principal from 2016, will be our special guest at our whole school assembly next Friday, 23rd October, from 8.50 am in Mercy Hall. All parents and friends are warmly welcomed to join us on this occasion as Fr Stephen presides over a welcoming/transiting ceremony.

Mrs Malouf will then have the opportunity to meet the staff and children as well as having a tour of the school.

We look forward to having her, and you, with us if you can make it.

Sails

I am pleased to report that the shade sails damaged by the storm of a few weeks ago have now been repaired in the Prep and Year 5 and 6 play areas. Fingers crossed that the storm season will not cause any significant damage to the school!

Garry Montgomery
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Principal



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

Student Awards

For Gentleness

PG: Laylah Hannover
PW: Vy Nguyen
PB: De'Armani Faeteete
1G: Reigh Tignero
1W: Laylah Neli
1B: Atong Dhel
2G: Trinity Ngo
2W: Daniel Nguyen
2B: Nathan Mach
3G: Ethan Nguyen
3W: John Ceballos
3B: Tuan Nguyen
4G: Vi Phan
4W: Lisa Nguyen
5G: Bao Huynh
5W: Linh Vu
6G: Robert Bridge
6W: Mi Pham

Upcoming Events



Monday October 19:

Pupil Free - No Students

Sunday October 25:

Parish/School Mass @ 9:30am

Friday October 30:

Wear Red for Daniel Day

Tuesday November 3:

All Saints/All Souls Liturgies & Melbourne Cup

Free Dress Day/Disco

Friday November 6:

P&F Dinner—Richlands Tavern

Friday November 20:

Farewell Assembly for Mr Montgomery's Retirement
Mercy Hall @ 2:30pm

Wednesday November 25:

Christmas Concert

Wednesday December 2:

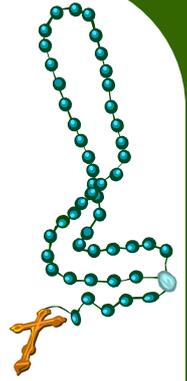
Year 6 Graduation Mass

Friday December 4:

Last Day of School

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.

Vietnamese Tuckshop fundraising for Vietnamese Orphanage:

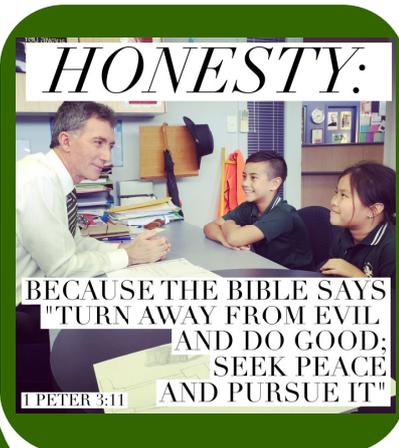


Again this year we are supporting an orphanage in Vietnam with links to our St Mark's community. A group of Mums, Dads and family friends will be again selling Vietnamese food from the tuckshop today and for the next 2 Tuesdays. All the profits will go directly to the orphanage. Thank you to our Vietnamese parents for giving so generously of their time and talents and spoiling us with this beautiful food! We will also have a free dress day and lunchtime disco on Melbourne Cup day, Tuesday 3 November, to help fundraise more for this orphanage. Thank you all for your support.

Date Claimers ...

We have a VERY BUSY term ahead:

- This Friday, 16 October, **4W** will lead us in our Assembly Prayer.
- Next Monday, 19 October, is a **Pupil Free Day**.
- Next Thursday, 22 October, **Year 5 students** will celebrate a year level mass.
- Next Friday, 23 October, **Mrs Allison Malouf** our new Principal for 2016 will visit us for our assembly. I will lead us in a **handover ritual** from Mr Montgomery to Mrs Malouf. You are all welcome to join us on this special occasion.
- **Our Parish/School Mass** will be on Sunday 25 October at 9:30am. Please join us!
- **Staff & P&F Dinner** is on Friday 6 November. Please come along and show your support for our wonderful P&F.
- We will formally farewell Mr Montgomery on Friday 20 November starting with a whole school assembly from 2:30.
- Our **Christmas Concert** will be on Wednesday 25 November at 6:30 pm.
- **Year 6&7 Graduation** will be at 6:30 pm on Wednesday 2 December.
- Our **End of Year Mass** is at 10:30am on Friday 4 December.



Virtue of the Week: Honesty

What is Honesty?

Being honest is being open, trustworthy and truthful. When people are honest, they can be relied on not to lie, cheat, or steal. Honesty is telling the truth. It is admitting mistakes even when you know someone might be angry or disappointed. Being honest means that you don't pretend to be something you are not. With honesty, you can trust things to be as they appear.

You are practising Honesty when you ...

- Say what you mean and mean what you say.
- Make promises you can keep.
- Admit your mistakes.

Mrs Nikki Lysaght

Assistant Principal Religious Education

Please join us for
**Garry Montgomery's
 Retirement Farewell Assembly**
 November 20 2015
 Mercy Hall at 2:30pm
All Welcome!

Children's Liturgy



Children aged 5 - 7 years old are invited to attend Children's liturgy on Sundays at Mercy Hall from 9.30am. Parents please bring your child to Mercy Hall before the Mass begins. Your child will return to the church at the Offertory. The children will hear a simpler form of the scripture readings, learn prayers and do fun activities. Sr Jana and Sr Gracia are the teachers. All teachers and volunteers attending have a Blue Card. For more information please contact the parish office.

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO ST MARK'S IN 2016

Please complete this section and return it to the school office if you **ARE NOT** returning to St Mark's in 2016.

STUDENT NAME: _____

DOB _____ CLASS: _____

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SIGNED (Parent): _____

PRINT (Parent): _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

NAME OF NEW SCHOOL: _____

REASON FOR LEAVING: _____

Thanks for letting us know.

STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES

Semester 2, 2015

Students with Disabilities

Does your child have a **verified disability** that requires **transport assistance** to and from school? Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's **travel capability rating** as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?



Bus Fare Assistance

Does your child attend a **school outside the Brisbane City Council** boundary? Does your family spend more than **\$33/week*** on fares to and from school (* \$25/week if you hold a concession card)? Does your child travel on a **publicly available bus** not owned or associated with the school?



Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at www.schooltransport.com.au by

31 October 2015.

Late applications cannot be accepted.

YOU ARE INVITED TO AN OPEN MORNING

at Brigidine College, Indooroopilly
 on Monday 26 or Tuesday 27 October 2015 9.30-10.30am
FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR ALL GIRLS CATHOLIC

SECONDARY EDUCATION

Offer your daughter a chance to be a part of a strong academic tradition balanced by the wellbeing philosophy of Strength and Gentleness.

Phone 3870 7225 to secure an enrolment pack or book a place for the Open Morning Visitation Day

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



Thank you for the warm welcome to St Mark's Community last week. I am really looking forward to working here with you as the Guidance Counsellor this term. It looks like a very full term ahead and I look forward to being part of it. I will be here at St Mark's on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Kerry Kearns
 Guidance Counsellor



TENNIS COACHING AT ST MARK'S

Tennis Lessons on Monday mornings have commenced this term with Guse's Tennis. New players are welcome to join during the term and if you require further information please ring Wayne Guse on 3271 3852 or email info@gusestennis.com.au



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

ST MARK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL P&F

Join us at the P&F Meeting on Wed 14th Oct 6pm in the Staffroom

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Australia promotes early childhood literacy for children by providing free age appropriate books from birth to age 5.
Find information on au.imaginationlibrary.com OR call Jacqui Baty (Mission Australia) 3713 2300 to check eligibility and help you register. Thanks to Deb for sharing this information.

Thank you Mrs Moses

You are an amazing person who welcomed people with a smile and was always happy to help in any way. Your patience and compassion was appreciated by all.

We will miss your positive energy and wish you all the best with your new job

Here is what Rebecca from 5G wrote about you.

I love Mrs Moses because she is wonderful!

She works hard and is caring of others.

She is one of our best teachers in St Mark's. She gives us happiness in our lives. She is so amazing at St Mark's that God will guide her and bless her at all times!



WORLD TEACHERS DAY MORNING TEA FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER

Please bring delicious home-made food to share with our teachers & staff!

Let's show our appreciation for their dedication in educating our children.



**P&F XMAS DINNER - 6pm Friday 6th November—
DJ Manny, delicious food, lots of prizes to win on the night
RSVP and pay \$35 at the office—LIMITED PLACES ONLY**

My Favourite Teacher..

Mrs Barry is my favourite person in the School. She is kind, loving and caring, likes kids and if I have a problem I will tell her. **Zeb 5G**

My favourite teacher is **Mr Biddulph**, because he is nice and lets us do fun things like sports. He helps people and even though he goes for the Blues he is my favourite teacher. **Tahlia 5G**

Miss Briody is my favourite because every time I go to pick up my sister from Prep she greets me with a smile and I go home feeling happy. I also noticed she is very nice with the preppies. **Ellen 5G**

Our favourite teacher is **Mrs Cheyne** because when she is angry she still controls her temper and is very nice. She is also loving and very important in our lives, she is full of joy—**Kim, Amy & Vy 4G**

My favourite teacher is **Mrs Curry** because she helps me with my learning. For me she is one of the useful teachers to ask advice from because she is full of great ideas and thoughts. Whenever you need her I know she'll be there for you. She knows what is coming before her eyes which is a beautiful future in front of her. **Georja 5G**

Mrs De Jesus is a fantastic school officer. She is funny and kind to everyone. She has a special talent as a teacher and she should be the world's most famous teacher. **Lual 5G**

I have a lot of favourite teachers and one of them is **Mrs Eaton**. She is kind to everyone and has a fun personality. She is a good teacher because she is easy to talk to and always fun to be around. She likes having a joke and is funny.

I wish all the teachers a Happy Teachers Day especially Mrs Eaton. **Zara 5G**

Mr Everett is my favourite teacher because he is entertaining and funny. He also does sports a lot with the class and makes learning fun. **Peter 5G**

Mr Ebzery is my favourite teacher. He takes us out to sports and can be really funny when teaching. **Andy 5G**

My favourite teacher is **Mr Montgomery** because he is kind and helps me to be a good person. He is a responsible person at St Marks and makes our school a happy place for kids. **Ever 5G**

Miss Waites is my favourite teacher because she is funny, smart, cool, awesome and a caring person. She knows if we need help and cheers us up when we are sad. I also like her because she is not strict but nice. I am glad to see her as my teacher everyday. **Toan 5G**

Mrs Wilson—Magnificent at teaching everyone with a great heart. Respects all students and staff. Spectacular teacher because she cares. Will always be willing to help. Is an encouraging person with a kind nature. Lots of love for all people. Super friendly member in our community. Often optimistic with every situation. Never gives up on anyone.