



# St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

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**27 October 2015**  
**Week 4 Term 4**



**Wear Red for Daniel on Friday**



Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Last Friday we welcomed Mrs Allison Malouf, principal here from next year. It was great to have her meet the staff, children and some of the parents. We will see her again a little later in the term.

Mrs Shona Baldwin also started work in the office this week. Again, please make her welcome when next you visit the school office.

#### **This Week**

There is a lot happening in the school as we enter this very busy time of the term and year. Today was the final time for our Vietnamese food on Tuesdays. Thank you for your support of this. I especially thank our parents who worked/ cooked to assist the orphanage in Vietnam where all profits will go.

Tomorrow is **prep orientation** day for those with brothers and sisters here at St. Mark's. Bring your child with you to the prep classrooms at 9.00 am. We look forward to seeing you then.

On Friday we have "**Wear Red for Daniel**" day to raise awareness of the very important safety message that goes with the day. There is no cost involved. I hope to see a school of red!

Friday is also when we have a special assembly to celebrate **World Teachers Day**. It is important to recognize and acknowledge the wonderful efforts of this staff who work to educate your child/ren. With parents, they form the vital partners to ensure success. I hope that a good number of you can join us at morning tea (10.45 am) in the staffroom. You are very welcome.

Sporting commitments this week are with Year 4 on Thursday and Year 6 on Friday. We wish all players and coaches well as they represent St. Mark's. Thank you for your support in this regard.



#### **P and F Dinner**

Have you got your tickets yet? Come and join other parents and friends, as well as the staff, as we celebrate this community and all that has happened throughout the year. See the P and F page for details.

#### **Teachers for 2016**

Teacher allocations have been made:

##### **Prep:**

Miss Alicia Briody,  
Mrs Allison Cummins and Mrs Fran Miles  
Mrs Jacqui Lerkenfeldt

##### **Year 1:**

Mrs Karen Oudyn  
Mrs Alina Wikarjusz  
Mrs Ann Prestidge and Mrs Jess Oliveri

##### **Year 2:**

Mrs Tanya Brehmer  
Miss Anne Fitzgerald  
Mr Mark Morris

##### **Year 3:**

Mrs Chantale Wilson  
Miss Jess Davy  
Mr Simon Everett

##### **Year 4:**

Mrs Joanne Curry and Mrs Nicole Quinn  
Mrs Kym Daley  
Mr Peter Fergusson

##### **Year 5:**

Miss Lauren Donato  
Mr Adrian Biddulph and Mrs Jess Neilson-Scott

##### **Year 6:**

Miss Cheryl Waites  
Mr Matt Ebzery

Other teachers will teach in support roles throughout the school. Should you have reasons for a particular class, write to me outlining the particular learning need that might exist. (This is not simply a preference).

Class lists will be made known at the start of next year as is our usual practice

Garry Montgomery  
Principal

#### 2015 TERM DATES:

Term 4: 6 Oct - 4 Dec

#### 2016 TERM DATES:

Term 1: 27 Jan - 24 Mar

Term 2: 11 Apr—24 Jun

Term 3: 11 Jul—16 Sep

Term 4: 4 Oct—2 Dec

## Student Awards

#### For Flexibility

**PG:** Liam Vickerson  
**PW:** Siobhan McCormack  
**PB:** Mikayla Ho  
**1G:** Martha Salvatore  
**1W:** Rose Marie  
**1B:** David Ngabo  
**2G:** Byron McNeill  
**2W:** Demechris Loia  
**2B:** Jordan Nguyen  
**3G:** Vi Vu  
**3W:** Blessing Latu Mulumu  
**3B:** Ronni Nguyen Do  
**4G:** Nhung Bui  
**4W:** Gabriella Rangel  
**5G:** Tran Bui & Amy Nguyen  
**5W:** Helen Pham  
**6G:** Emily Lu  
**6W:** Oanh Tran

#### Upcoming Events



##### **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

## Remembering All Saints & All Souls



November is the month when the Catholic Church remembers all those who have died. Next Tuesday we celebrate All Saints and All Souls Day. Sunday is All Saints Day, a day that honours all those especially recognised by the Church as amazing people of God. I always remember that Fr Gerard described saints as, "people who do what God asks them too." On Monday we celebrate All Souls Day, which is a day where we pray for everybody who has died. As part of our liturgy on Tuesday each child will tie a ribbon around a tree in our sacred space and take a moment of silence to remember and pray for all those who have died. Each class is also compiling a list of friends and relatives that have died. These lists will be displayed in our classroom sacred spaces. It is a reminder to pray for all those people. If your family has names of people you would like added to the list—please send them along with your child.

**Wear Red for Daniel Day:** This Friday, 30 October is Day for Daniel. As part of our continuing child protection lessons all students are invited to wear something red as a way to highlight the importance of child safety awareness. The Day for Daniel is a National Day of Action to raise awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention. It is about educating children and adults about keeping kids safe through child safety and protection initiatives. It aims to help empower our children to 'Recognise, React and Report' if they feel something is not right.



**Fundraising efforts for Vietnamese Orphanage:** This coming Tuesday is Melbourne Cup day. To celebrate we will have a free dress day and lunchtime disco to help fundraise more money for the orphanage in Vietnam. Please allow your children a couple of extra dollars so they can participate next Tuesday. Many thanks to our Vietnamese parents and friends for running the Vietnamese tuckshop for the last 3 weeks!

## Date Claimers ...

We have a VERY BUSY term ahead:

- This Thursday, 29 October, **Prep G & 3G** will celebrate their buddy mass.
- This Friday, 30 October, **3B** will led us in our World Teacher's Day assembly. It is also Wear Red for Daniel day.
- Next Tuesday we will gather as a whole school for an All Saints and All Souls liturgy at 9:30 in the Church.
- Next Friday, 6 November, **6G** will led us in our assembly prayer.
- **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 2:00pm. Please join us for this special assembly.
- 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.
- School Finishes for the year at 12 noon on Friday 5 December.
- **PARENTS & FRIENDS YOU ARE MOST WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR ALL THESE EVENTS!!**



## Virtue of the Week: Peacefulness

### What is Peacefulness?

Peacefulness is to feel peaceful. It is an inner sense of calm that can come in moments of silent gratitude or prayer. It is a way of getting very quiet and looking at things so you can understand them. It is facing your fears and then letting them go. It is trusting that things will be all right.

### You are practising Peacefulness when you ...

- Create inner peace, with a regular time to pray or meditate.
- Give you worries to God and ask God's help in solving them.
- Look for the good in others.
- Appreciate differences.

Mrs Nikki Lysaght  
Assistant Principal Religious Education

## 2016 St Mark's Parish 100 Club

7th January 2016 to 31st December 2016

Purchase a number for only \$5 a week.

Payment to be made in advance: \$260 for the year or \$65 per quarter.

### Prizes:

*Weekly draws of \$75 gift card.*

*3 Quarterly draws of 1 x \$500, 1 x \$100, 1 x \$50*

*And the big prize draw on*

*Saturday December 31st, 2016:*

*1 x \$5000, 1 x \$500, 1 x \$200*

If you would like to participate in this club and help raise funds for St Mark's Parish, please complete an application form and forward with payment to the parish office. Application forms are available from the school and parish office and as a download from the web page: [www.stmarksinala.com](http://www.stmarksinala.com).



*This is a fun way to raise funds for the parish and the odds of winning a prize are better than Lotto!*

**Closing Date for Applications: 13th December.**

Please join us for  
**Garry Montgomery's  
Retirement Farewell Assembly**  
November 20 2015  
Mercy Hall at 2:00pm  
**All Welcome!**



## » Sport News

### Year 6 Gala Day

On Friday, all Year 6 students will attend the Term 4 Inala District Gala Day in either Basketball or Water Polo. Basketball will be played at Richlands East SS and Water Polo at Acacia Ridge State School. These Gala Days are an excellent opportunity to develop skills, while also experiencing the sport in a non-competitive environment. Mr Fergusson, Ms Donato, Mrs De Jesus and Ms Fitzgerald will accompany the teams on the day.

### Year 4 NRL 9's Gala Day

On Thursday this week, 30 Year 4 students will participate in a 9's Rugby League tournament run by the NRL. They will compete in mixed teams with other schools from the Inala District. The tournament will be played at Centenary JRLFC at Wacol. Mr Everett and Mrs Morrow will accompany the teams on the day.

Should you have any queries with any matters relating to Sport, please don't hesitate to contact me at school.

Kind Regards,  
**Mr Biddulph**

## Coding at St Mark's

Coding is a set of commands or directions sent into technology to make something happen. It is mostly used on computers and robots.



At St Mark's School we have practised coding by using BeeBots and playing some coding games online. **-Miguel 4G**

I first saw coding when we watched BTN in class and it looked really interesting. Then we had a chance in class-time to do coding with Ms Kwok. We had to set up instructions to make the figure to move around the screen where we wanted it to go. I was excited to learn more at ACU. **-Dung 5W**



In Year 4, we have been learning about coding. Our coding was about directions, and telling the robot what to do. We had to tell it when to go forward, jump and turn right/left. Coding has been great, and learning about something new was even better! **-Tan 4G**

Here are some resources/apps/sites we have enjoyed using: BeeBots, Lego Robotics, code.org/learn, Lightbot, The Foes, Scratch Jr.

**Wai Ming-Kwok**  
Literacy/Numeracy  
Inclusion Teacher



## Vietnamese Tuckshop



Thank you to Nang and his wonderful helpers for running another successful Vietnamese Tuckshop. We all enjoyed the delicious food and money raised goes to the orphanage in Vietnam.

# ST MARK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL P&F

MORNING TEA ON THIS FRIDAY 30TH OCT 10.30AM

Please bring a plate of delicious home-made food to share with our fantastic staff who do a wonderful job inspiring our children.

## St Mark's Christmas Party!

Friday 6th November @ 6pm at Richlands Tavern

DJ Manny, delicious food, lots of prizes to win on the night

You need to pay \$35 at the office by this Friday please.



### \$650 Value in Raffle Prizes to be drawn at the Xmas Concert

1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$300 credit towards first term school fees.

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$200 credit towards uniform shop or school fees.

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$100 gift card & 4<sup>th</sup> Prize \$50 credit towards tuckshop.

Raffle tickets cost \$2.00 each



*Dear Mr Montgomery & staff,  
Thank you for the amazing work you do with our children.  
Thank you for the patience, support, knowledge and experiences you share.  
Most importantly thank you for being there for them.*

*Happy Teachers' Day this Friday.  
You all deserve recognition for your valuable contribution!*

*Kind regards  
Agnes Sio, Anna Sinitsky, Veronica Tierney & Ena Miranda.  
St Marks P&F Committee*



Charles Rajab (Year 3) enjoying his 9th birthday celebrations with his loving family and friends..



Marah (year 3- 6th on the right) with All Stars Performing Arts, Forest Lake getting ready to entertain the public for free on Mc Happy Day to raise money for sick children ♥♥

**\$10**

**Tivoli Family Drive-in,** 50 Coal Road, Chuwar, Qld 4306

\$10 per car or van to see 2 movies commencing at 7pm

<http://tivolidrivein.com.au>