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 Lerenfeldt

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.
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

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.

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

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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.

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.

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 Foos, Scratch Jr.

Wai Ming-Kwok
Literacy/Numeracy Inclusion Teacher

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

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.
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
1st Prize $300 credit towards first term school fees.
2nd Prize $200 credit towards uniform shop or school fees.
3rd Prize $100 gift card & 4th 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 ♥♥

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