



# St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

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**1 September 2015**  
**Week 8 Term 3**



**School Fiesta in less than 2 weeks!**



**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 Honesty:**  
**Because the Bible says**  
**'An honest answer is like**  
**the kiss of friendship!'**  
*Proverbs 24:26*

### For Honesty and Truthfulness

PG: LL Taputoa  
PW: Ajani Antiporda  
PB: Leon Nguyen  
1G: Yvonne Lemau  
1W: Betti Huynh  
1B: Steven Pham  
2G: Sunny Pham  
2W: Khang Tran  
2B: Nathan Mach  
3G: Tina Nguyen  
3B: Tayzha Timu  
4G: Silesh Belayneh  
4W: Gabriella Rangel  
5G: Patty Dang  
5W: Thien Dinh  
6G: Selena Bui  
6W: Tina Nguyen

### For Determination

3W: Max Niyanyisu

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

With the change of season comes the inevitable health concerns. Certainly the colder months brought more than their fair share of sickness to many families in the school. I trust that, with due care, the change of season will bring greater health to all.

Please ensure that jumpers/ pullovers are worn and then stored ready for when the time arrives. Unclaimed property will again be processed and disposed of at the end of the term.

### Fiesta

Our multi-cultural fiesta, a highlight of the year, is less than two weeks away. It is going to be a fabulous occasion, celebrating the various groups that contribute to this community and give to the richness that is St. Mark's.

Thanks for your wonderful support to date. A quick check list would include -

Have you

- ◆ sent in any/ all contributions to the various stalls?
- ◆ Secured pre-paid rides (there will now be a very limited number of show bags on sale at the fiesta)? \$25 now will save \$5 on the day—there are greater savings in groups/ families!
- ◆ Bought your raffle tickets or sent back the money/ tickets?
- ◆ Volunteered to assist on the day where you can?

Send in donations and buy tickets from the office now.

There is a full programme of entertainment from the parish and school, starting at 10.30 am, that will have us all impressed and proud of our community.

On the day, there is no parking on the school grounds. Off road parking will be available on the oval near Lobelia House, along Lilac/ Lobelia Street. Parking is at your own risk but will allow you to park reasonably close to the school.

Mass begins at 9.00am in Mercy Hall, celebrating the rich connections that exist in our school/ parish.

All the fun of the fiesta follows straight after.

### Book Week/ Harmony Week

This year, both of these celebrations happen simultaneously. Reading is a most important skill that all students need to acquire and the promotion of reading should be a priority in every school and family.

Please see the notice elsewhere in this newsletter from the library about the activities on offer during this week. There is a great opportunity to have you involved in sharing a story from your culture with the children on Friday. We need your assistance. Simply make contact with the school.

Assembly next Friday will have a distinctly different feel to it as we celebrate the way "Books light up our world."

All are welcome to come and join us on this occasion. I look forward to seeing you here.

### Student activities

We were again well represented on sporting fields and at Tri-Care Aged Care facility last week. Your children are to be congratulated for their involvement and commitment. Many of our older children have volunteered to give a little of their time to help at the fiesta. I am very appreciative of their generosity. Thanks for your support of them in these activities.

### Safety Concerns

Being safe/ feeling safe is our first concern as you know.

Please be aware that children get dropped off and collected from the designated areas.

Do not use the parish parking area.

Please do not block any of the drive ways along the street. All need to work together on these issues or I am left with no alternative but to call in council/ police.

Thank you for your assistance with these matters.

### Happy Fathers' Day

Special wishes to all our Dads on your special day this Sunday. I trust it will be a great family day for you all.

Garry Montgomery  
Principal

## Upcoming Events



**Friday September 11:**  
*Harmony & Book Week*  
*Parent Celebration*  
**PARENT HELPERS NEEDED**

**Sunday September 13:**

**FIESTA** *Multicultural*  
*Fiesta 9am—3pm*

## Becoming Dad: A Father's Day reflection

As we prepare to celebrate Father's Day this Sunday, one Dad has reflected on his journey of fatherhood. (The full transcript of this story can be found on the Catholic Leader website.)

**A whole new sense of purpose in life** By Peter Pellicaan

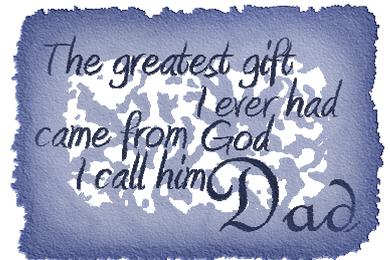
My oldest son was born four years ago in the emergency room at the end of 23 hours of labour. We were shocked, exhausted, traumatised, relieved, joyful and emotional – parenting had begun. Though you have nine months' notice, fatherhood begins suddenly. One day you're a happy couple, the next day you're looking at a little baby wondering if you're even responsible enough to raise a little human. Lord have mercy. I don't think anything quite prepares you for parenting. People talk about it, lots of people have done it, but you really don't know what you're in for until you find yourself living the crazy adventure that is parenting.

Now I'm a father of four.

Each day Fatherhood presents two options to me. I could feel completely overwhelmed with the sense that all my freedom is gone. Almost every spare second of life is lost chasing children. I rarely have an opportunity to just sit down for a few minutes without harassment, going anywhere is a massive logistical effort, and we now have to drive around in a big van. There could be a sense of despair and the wish to fast-forward 25 years to the return to my freedom. On the flip side, I could feel completely overwhelmed at the wonder of life and the sense that my life has a distinct sense of purpose in being given up to raise these four beautiful gifts that God has given me. What a blessing that I get to chase our kids around, that I can't sit down because my kids depend on me to stand up. What little a sacrifice it is to trade my motorcycle in for a van so that I can share life's adventures with my children. There is a whole new sense of purpose in my life.

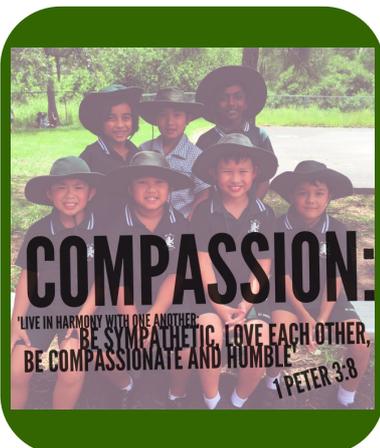
It's the discovery of my true vocation – to be a husband to my wife and a father to my children. What a blessing that fatherhood challenges me every day to be conformed to the likeness of Christ – to lay down my life for others; my children.

Dads, take time this Sunday to reflect on the awesome blessing bestowed upon you—to raise your children to be the best people they can be! Children, take time this Sunday to reflect on the awesome blessing your dad is in your life. Take time to appreciate each other! HAPPY FATHER'S DAY DADS!



### Date Claimers ...

- This Thursday, 3 September, 6G & 2G celebrate their buddy mass at 9:30am in the Church.
- This Friday, 4 September, 1G will lead us in our special Father's Day Assembly Prayer.
- Harmony & Book Week Parent Reading Circles will take place on Friday 11 September. Please see Library notice for more information on how YOU can help!
- St Mark's Fiesta is on Sunday 13 September.
- Thursday, 17 September, 3B & Prep B celebrate their buddy mass at 9:30am in the Church.
- Friday, 18 September, 4G will lead us in our Day Assembly Prayer.



### Virtue of the Week: Compassion

#### What is Compassion?

Compassion is understanding and caring about someone who is in trouble or has made a mistake. It is being kind and forgiving because another people really matters to you. It is feeling the pain of someone who is in trouble even if you do not know that person. It is caring deeply and wanting to help – even if all you can do is to say kind words.

#### You are practising compassion when you ...

- Recognise when someone is hurting or needs a friend.
- Care enough about them to stop what you are doing and let them know that you care.
- Do what you can to help when someone (it could be an animal) needs help.

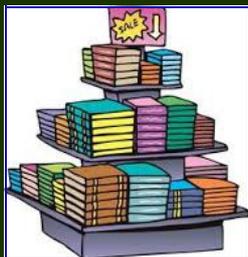
**Mrs Nikki Lysaght:**

Assistant Principal Religious Education

# » Fiesta News

## Book Stall Donations

Mr Everett and the class of 4W are collecting 2nd hand books, CDs, DVDs and video games for the fiesta. All donations can be delivered straight to the 4W classroom.



## Year 5W's Fiesta Viking Pot

Only **18** Tickets left!  
Only **1** Prize of \$500!



**\$10 per Ticket**  
**Last ticket drawn is the winner.**  
*Tickets selling out! Don't miss out!*

## Multicultural Fashion Parade!

We have been doing many multicultural lessons in the library this term in preparation for the Fiesta.

Our Book Week theme also blends with the Fiesta – Books light up our world. As our library contribution, we have decided to put on a Multicultural Fashion Parade at the Fiesta. We know that many children in the school have national costumes from different countries. We cannot have everyone in the parade but we will take from 1-6 children from different countries. The first six children who have their own costumes that return the form to us in the library will be able to be in the parade for a particular country. Teachers/school officers are welcome too! We will contact you to let you know if your child was in the first 6 to reply. Extra children may be put on standby. **WE NEED MORE CHILDREN FOR THE FASHION PARADE. Only 18 have replied. We were hoping for 50!** The Fashion Parade will be early in the Fiesta and we would probably require your children for 30 to 45 minutes. They will need to be lined up and ready for their turn. If your child wishes to participate please fill in the form below and return it to the library ASAP.



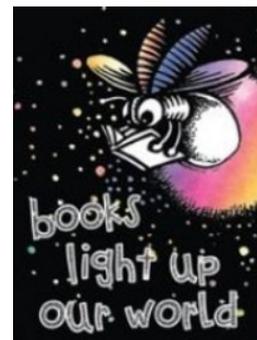
My Child \_\_\_\_\_  
in Yr \_\_\_\_\_ has a costume for \_\_\_\_\_  
(Country Name)  
and would like to be in the  
**Multicultural Fashion Parade**  
at the Fiesta Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Library office/ Date received: \_\_\_\_\_

# From the Library

Book Week will be celebrated next week!!!! The theme is "BOOKS LIGHT UP OUR WORLD." This fits in so well with our Multi-Cultural Fiesta.

**Parents, you are invited to your child's library lesson to celebrate the love of reading around the world!!!** If unsure of the time of your child's lesson, please check with your teacher. to come and help!!!



**We are still looking for parent volunteers to assist on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September. WE HAVE SOME PARENTS, BUT NEED MANY MORE!!!**

The children are not being asked to parade in fancy costumes this year, INSTEAD we are looking for parents from different cultures who are happy to read or tell a folktale from their own country. If you are happy to read but don't have a story, we can find you one from our library. We have heaps of folktales from around the world. We will then ask these parents to read or tell their story to one of the year levels (it may mean reading it 2 or 3 times so that a few classes have the joy of hearing a story).



Our Book Week Assembly will start at 9.00am Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September. We will have prizes to award for our competitions and we will show our winning iMovie from Yr 6. The winning books will be shown and to finish the morning, our volunteer parents will be assigned to a different class and stories will be told across the classes possibly until first break. If you can assist please fill in below and return it to the library as soon as possible.

Many thanks,  
**Therese Badke and Leesa Keaton (Teacher-librarians)**

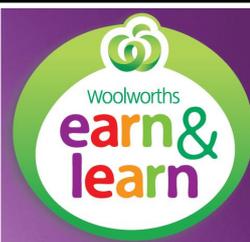
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\_\_\_\_\_ parent of \_\_\_\_\_  
in Yr \_\_\_\_\_ .

Would like to volunteer as a parent to read/tell a story from \_\_\_\_\_ (country) on Friday Sept 11<sup>th</sup> after the Book Week Assembly.

Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

(Please return this slip to the Library)



When you shop at Woolworths, you can collect stickers from the check-out operator. There will be one sticker for every \$10 spent. These stickers can be handed to classroom teachers or to the office. The more stickers we collect the more educational resources we can get for the school.

**Thank you for your support!**

**So far we have collected 16740 stickers!**

# ST MARK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL P&F

## NEWS Multicultural MASS 9am on Sunday 13th September



Father Stephen has organised a special Mass at Mercy Hall 9am to open the Multicultural Fiesta on Sunday 13 September.

Please join us to experience the gathering of different nations praising God in multicultural languages, reading, singing & dancing, united in celebration!

**MULTICULTURAL FIESTA IS ONLY 2 WEEKS AWAY!**

**\$2.00 Raffle Tickets still available in the office.**

1st prize Accommodation—4 guests over 2 nights in a SSC Seaview Apartment  
2nd prize Mini iPad 3rd prize 4xVIP Tickets 4th prize 3 Burner BBQ & More

**ARMBANDS COST \$30 EACH AT THE FIESTA**

**BUY ARMBANDS BY THIS FRIDAY 4TH SEPT AND SAVE MONEY**

1 Armband for \$25	2 Armbands for \$50	3 Armbands for \$60
4 Armbands for \$80	5 Armbands for \$100	6 Armbands for \$120
7 Armbands for \$140	8 Armbands for \$160	9 Armbands for \$180

**P&F Meeting**  
6pm Wed 16th Sept  
Everyone Welcome!

**P&F Christmas Dinner**  
6pm Fri 6th Nov 2015  
Richlands Tavern  
Everyone Welcome!

**World Teachers Day**  
Friday 30th October  
Morning Tea

Super Sizzler



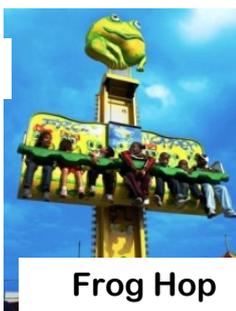
Animal Petting Zoo

PCYC  
JUMPING  
CASTLE



## HAPPY FATHERS DAY!

Wishing all Dads, Grandads & Uncles an enjoyable celebration with their families on  
**SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER**



Frog Hop



Tea Cup Ride



Tripple Screamer