Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Fiesta
Last Sunday’s fiesta was a fabulous multi-cultural celebration of our community. With the parish, school and P and F all working together so well, I believe our Fiesta this year was the best yet. Certainly the numbers were greater than what we were expecting, and you stayed to enjoy the food, the stalls, the rides, the entertainment, the raffles and the joy of being together. Thank you to everyone who was here for your generous support and attendance. St. Mark’s has a wonderful reputation for its inclusive community and Sunday’s fiesta was a great example of just that.

Congratulations to the school, parents and parish also come from Annastacia Palaszczuk, Milton Dick, Annette Duffy, Carmel Nash and Allison Malouf, new principal in 2016.

We look forward to finishing the week with a “Fiesta Friday” where we will look to sell off unsold stock from last week-end. Details will come to you through your children but a few dollars to spend will let every child finish the term in true “fiesta” style!

P and F Meeting
I hope a good number of you can make it along to our final monthly P and F meeting of the term tomorrow evening, 6.00 pm, 16th September in the staffroom. All are welcome. We will look to wrap up our work with the fiesta and set ourselves for support and success through the last term of the year.

Protected Action
Teachers belonging to the union, this week, have the option of taking protected action in support of claims under negotiation in the current enterprise bargaining process. For some staff, this means they will take part in protected action during Wednesday and/or Thursday afternoon. Rest assured, necessary adjustments will be made to ensure all children are supervised and cared for during this time.

Practical Matters
The term finishes this Friday at 3.00 pm and resumes on Tuesday, 6th October. I trust all will enjoy the holidays with good ‘family’ time where you get to spend time with your children.

There is a lot of unclaimed property to be collected or processed. Please check that your child has their winter pullover and, once washed, will be ready for next time!

Please check at home and return any school resources, mainly library books. Staff are conducting end of term checks at present.

I will host the final principal’s afternoon tea for the term this Thursday afternoon. Invitations should be coming with this newsletter. Congratulations to all invited – you have certainly impressed your class teacher.
MULTICULTURAL FIESTA:

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY MR MONTGOMERY!
Last Wednesday Mr Montgomery celebrated his 60th birthday—and we celebrated too!! Fire alarms, cake, a whole day, whole school scavenger hunt and a movie made by students entitled “60 things to do now you’re 60”! Everyone had a GREAT day!

Virtue of the Week: Patience

What is Patience?
Patience is quiet hope and expectation based on trust that, in the end, everything will be all right. Patience means waiting. It is enduring a delay or troublesome situation without complaining. It means having self-control and perseverance.

You are practising patience when you ...

- Calmly tolerate a delay or confusion.
- Set goals and stick with them until they are completed.
- Are gentle with others when they make mistakes.
- Rely on God to help you persevere.

Mrs Nikki Lysaght: Assistant Principal Religious Education
What an amazing day we had on Sunday. Lots of opportunities to celebrate who we are as a truly multicultural community. We prayed together and played together and ATE together! Thanks to all of you who came along and contributed in some way to making it such a fantastic day!! How blessed we are!

From the Library

BOOK WEEK

Book Week was a wonderful adventure for all the children coming to the library with the interactive displays and activities contributed by the different classes. The children always love the Reading on a Rug session when the older children read to the younger ones. Our assembly proved a great success too with all our teachers parading the best books, our competition winners and especially our best trailer winners Maligi Pulou and Patriss Tawor from 6W for their book trailer of “Scary Night” voted best by the students.

A big thank you to all the parents, friends and staff who gave their time to come and read multicultural stories to the classes. It was so appreciated. The classes were delighted with the great stories. This was such an appropriate ending to our Book Week and such a good start to our Fiesta activities. These wonderful celebrations could not happen without the support of all our students, staff, parents and friends.

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

The Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion has now finished for the year. Please bring in all your stickers and sheets (even if incomplete) to school by Friday.
A big thanks to everyone who supported us. We will be able to get lots of new educational equipment for our school.

So far we have collected 25 800 stickers, and still counting!
Thank you St Mark’s community—staff, parish, students and families for an enjoyable & successful 2015 Multicultural Fiesta!

Thank you to our generous Fiesta sponsors.

RAMADA MARCOOLA BEACH

Thank you to Michelle & team from Wyndham Hotel for their valuable support.

Thank you to Annastacia Palaszczuk MP and Cr Milton Dick for their for generous support.

Thank you to Robert and team from Bunnings Oxley.

Thank you to Craig and team from Inala Police Station.

Thank you to Brett from Sylvan

Thank you to Ricky from Village Theatre Sanctuary

Thank you John & team from PCYC INALA!

Thank you to Julie & team from Masters Richlands.

Happy Fiesta Raffle Winners

Congratulations to Cheryl Waite’s brother who won the weekend away at Ramada Marcoola Apartments. Michelle from Wyndham Hotel presented the voucher to Cheryl.

Congratulations to the Timu family on winning the iPad kindly donated by Annastacia Palaszczuk MP.

Did you enjoy the “Decorate your Bunnings Pot Plant” at the Fiesta? Call Bunnings Oxley on 3716 9000 to register for their free fun holiday workshops! Limited places. Call today.

P&F Meeting

this Wednesday night
6pm. Everyone welcome!

World Teachers Day

Friday 30th October
Morning Tea

P&F Christmas Dinner

6pm Friday 6th Nov 2015
Richlands Tavern

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Call Inala PCYC on 3372 2222

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