Dear Parents and Carers,

Amielia Chadburn: Congratulations to Amielia Chadburn on her achievements in Perth at the Touch Championships.

School Fees 2017: School fee prices for 2017 will be the same price as they have been in 2016. A new change for next year is that school fee invoices will be issued four times a year at the beginning of each term in February, April, July and October. This new system is hoped to make it easier for parents to organise their budget and to streamline procedures for the school office. Parents are still able to make weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments via cash, direct debit, BPAY or eftpos and there is a 5% discount for school fees paid in total at the beginning of the year. The school fee amounts for 2017 are included in the attached flyer. At the beginning of each school year, we invite parents needing assistance with school fee payments to have a meeting any questions.

Uniform changes: We are introducing plain green culottes for girls over the next 2-3 years to replace the green checked culottes. The new culottes will be available for purchase later in November. Please note that students who have existing checked culottes do not need to purchase new ones straight away. Uniform shop opening time is Monday 8am – 9am. A list of holiday times will be published in a few weeks.

Holidays away in term time: If you are going on a family holiday in school term time, especially during February/March next year, please call into the school office to complete a form with your dates and signature.

Building update: The staff carpark has been finished so the new building is looking great! Please note that even though the staff carpark looks ready to use, the building and carpark is not officially handed over. The carpark will be for

Upcoming Events

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Enjoy the week ahead.

Mercy Moment

"Where mercy, love and pity dwell, there God is dwelling too." – William Blake
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November is the month when the Catholic Church remembers all those who have died. Today we celebrate All Saints Day—a day that honours all those especially recognised by the Church as amazing People of God. During our liturgy Fr Stephen encouraged us to be happy and holy as we, too, aspire to be saints. Tomorrow we celebrate All Souls Day—a day where we pray for everybody who has died.

As part of our month of Remembrance each child tied a ribbon around a tree branch or plant or fence in our sacred space today. They also took a moment of silence to remember and pray for all those who have died.

Each class is compiling a list of any 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 and photos you would like added to the list—please send them along with your child.

Date Claimers ...

We have a VERY BUSY term ahead:
- Today we gathered as a whole school for an All Saints and All Souls liturgy at 9:30 in the Church.
- This Friday, 6 November, 3G will led us in our assembly prayer.
- Swimming starts on Tuesday 8 November and runs for the next 3 weeks.
- Next Friday we will commemorate Remembrance Day at our 8:40 Assembly.
- **Staff & P&F Dinner** is on Friday 18 November. Please come along and show your support for our wonderful P&F.
- **Our Christmas Concert** will be on THURSDAY 24 November at 6:30 pm.
- **Year 6&7 Graduation** will be at 6:30 pm on Wednesday 30 November.
- **Our End of Year Mass** is at 10:30am on Friday 2 December.
- School Finishes for the year at 12 noon on Friday 1 December.
- PARENTS & FRIENDS YOU ARE MOST WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR ALL THESE EVENTS!!

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STUDENT BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Happy Birthday to the following students!

Franxinn PG
Katlyn 4G
Desley 1G
Alessandra 2B
Katelin 5G

Jamie 1G
Helen 6G
Tram-Thanh 2W
Chris 2B
Tuan 4B

This Saturday and Sunday November 5 & 6, St Mark's is entering a mixed 12 Years team in the All Schools Touch carnival to be held at Cleveland Showgrounds. The team will play 3 games on the Saturday: 9:10am v Dunwich, 10:55am v Wishart & 12:40pm v Pacific Pines.

Depending on results from Saturday the team will play in seeding system on the Sunday.

My thanks to Mr Jason Chadburn and Mr Adam Richter who have been preparing the team on Saturdays for the last 6 weeks and will coach them on the weekend.

We look forward to see how far we can progress in this tournament.

Swimming

Today, the Year 6 classes will commence swimming for the following 4 Tuesdays at Inala SS.

Starting next Tuesday November 8, all classes from Prep through to Year 5 will commence their block of 12 lessons in preparation for the upcoming swim season. Research indicates a block of lessons is more beneficial in developing swim awareness and safety than weekly lessons.

Each class will have 40 minute lessons and will travel to and from Dunlop Park by bus.

Should you have any queries please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Amielia Chadburn

Yes Queensland have done it again. Amielia was a member of the Queensland 12 Years Girls Touch team that competed in the National Championships that were the winners. They won all of their games comprehensively: NT 11-0, SA 20-0, ACT 7-1, NSW 10-2, Victoria 26-0 and they again beat NSW in the final 8-0.

Amielia well done!
CONGRATULATIONS EVERYBODY WE MADE $1480 FROM OUR TRIVIA NIGHT.
The P&F will be donating funds to buy resources to support our students’ literacy program next year.

Next P & F meeting is on next Monday 7th November 5PM

Please join us at St Mark’s P&F Community Xmas Dinner
On Friday 18th @6pm Richlands Tavern
Cost $30 Covers buffet, soft drinks, tea & coffee, MUSIC & lucky door prizes.

Forms sent 2 weeks ago, please complete the details and give the money to Anna Sinitsky.

Christmas Raffle books are being sent out with the Newsletter this week!
FANTASTIC PRIZES FOR $1.00 PER TICKET