Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to the fantastic P and F organising committee for the great trivia night last Friday. All had a great time with lots of fierce competition, prizes and food. Mr Montgomery, of course, was on the winning team!

Day for Daniel: On Friday 28th October, we recognise Day for Daniel and the need to ensure the safety of all of our children. In honour of this day, we are requesting that students in Prep, Years 1, 2 and 4 wear a red or colourful shirt on Friday. http://www.dayfordaniel.com.au/

On Friday, Year 3 are going on an exciting excursion to Legoland and Years 5 and 6 will all participate in a fabulous sporting gala day. Due to so many students absent, assembly has been changed this week to Thursday 27th October at 11:30am where Year 4 W will lead us in prayer for World Staff Day (thanks parents and P and F for the generous lunch and morning tea!) Please join the staff if you can for morning tea at 10:50am in Mercy Hall – we would love to see you there.

Lost jumpers: We have about 50 jumpers from winter which are unnamed and looking for their owners. If your child has lost a jumper, please contact the office and we will ensure that a jumper is given to your child.

Swimming: Next week, Year 6 will start their summer swimming block of lessons followed by Prep swimming lessons for fitness and to be ready for summer swimming. If your child is not participating at all in the swimming lessons, the school requires a medical certificate from your doctor.

Enjoy the week ahead.
Allison Malouf
Principal

Mercy Moment
“Where mercy, love and pity dwell, there God is dwelling too.”

Upcoming Events
- World Teachers Day: 28/10
- Day for Daniel: 28/10
- Prep Orientation: 9/11
- Christmas Concert: 24/11
- Yr6 Graduation: 30/11
- Last day of school: 2/12
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Date Claimers ...

- This Thursday, 27th October, 4W will lead us in our assembly prayer at 11.30am in Mercy Hall to celebrate World staff day. PLEASE NOTE the change in time is just for this week. Parents are most welcome to join us.
- Year 5G and 5W mass Thursday, 27th October at 9.30am.
- Friday, 28th October, wear red or other bright colours for Daniel. There is no donation necessary for this day—students are encouraged to participate to raise awareness of the importance of child safety and remember the lessons we have learnt about keeping safe and healthy. PLEASE NOTE year 3’s will be going on excursion, year 5’s and 6’s will be at Gala day. These classes need to wear full school uniform because they will be leaving the school grounds.
- Tuesday, 1st November at 9.30am is our All Saint and All Souls liturgy. Parents are most welcome to join us.

Virtue of the Week: Peacefulness

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STUDENT BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK
Happy Birthday to the following students!

Santiago 2B    Jared 5G
Lily 2G        John 4G
Caricia 4W    Queendy 5G
Vivienne 5W    Vincent 3B
Charles 4G     Amielia 6W

Rugby League Day. We had 1 Senior team and 3 Junior teams and all players competed in 4 games over the course of the day. This was a day designed to allow the girls to experience Rugby League, some for the first time. All girls enjoyed the experience and look forward to future opportunities.

My thanks to Mrs Daley, Ms Anderson, Mrs De Jesus and Agnus Sio (P&F President) who accompanied me on the day and coordinated teams and offered great support for the girls.

Kara Sutherland - Brisbane Heat Cricket

Last Friday, Kara Sutherland came and spoke to the Year 5 & 6 students. Kara works for Qld Cricket and is a member of the Brisbane Heat National cricket team who participate in the country wide competition.

Kara spoke to the students about goal setting, the opportunities and pathways available to students in the future in cricket, working in a team environment, the responsible use of Social Media and steps they need to take to prepare for the future in both the sporting and academic arena. She provided some valuable insights that will be beneficial for our students.

Gala Day

This Friday October 28, all students from Year 5 & 6 will participate in a Gala Day for the Inala District Sports Association. Students have been allocated Kick-It, Water Polo or Tennis. These days allow students to experience the sport in a non-competitive manner. Permission forms were sent home on Friday so please ensure your child returns it this week.

Aluel Awag

Last week, Aluel Awag came 4th in the State Titles for High Jump with a height of 1 metre 35, just missing out on State selection. To reach this level was a wonderful achievement by Aluel.

Amielia Chadburn

As we read this, Amielia will be in Perth representing Queensland in the National Touch carnival. We look forward to hearing about this carnival upon her return.
Thank you to Ena, Matt, Mrs DeJesus & Year 6 Students for setting up. Congratulations to all the teams who participated, especially the “Power Houses” who went home with a basketful of goodies!

Please join us this Thursday 27th October to celebrate our wonderful staff. All Parents & Carers are invited to bring along a dish to share at Morning Tea in Mercy Hall this Thursday 27th October.

**TEACHERS**
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**Fantastic Girls NRL Rugby Gala**

Congratulations to Mr Biddulph & Staff for taking our Girls to the NRL Rugby Gala. Our teams played hard and represented St Marks with pride.