



# St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

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**February 26 2018**  
**Term 1 Week 6**

## Yr. 5 and Yr. 6 Camp This Week

Dear Parents and Carers

This is the last week for our APRE ( Assistant Principal Religious Education), Nikki Lysaght, as she begins some long service leave followed by working with Real Talk Australia [www.realtalkaustralia.com](http://www.realtalkaustralia.com) for the rest of the year. We thank Nikki enormously for her excellent contributions to the start of the our 2018 year and wish her well for the rest of the year.

I am pleased to announce that Mrs. Maree Wright has been appointed to the position of Acting APRE from March 5 – December 7. We warmly welcome Maree to the St Mark's school community commencing next Monday. Maree is currently on staff at Marymount School Burleigh Waters where she has been in the position of Acting APRE for 2016-2017. Maree spent time with the leadership team last week at our cluster conference.

Our Year 5 and Year 6 students are excited to attend their camps this week from Wednesday to Friday and thankfully the weather is fine! Camp is a great place where students engage with the great outdoors and with each other in a relaxed environment. Our Year 5 students will stay at Tunnel Ridge Ranch – a beautiful ranch style camp. <http://tunnelridge.com.au>

The Year 6 students will stay at Alexandra Park Conference Centre at Alexandra Headlands and enjoy a beach-inspired camp. <https://alexpark.com.au/>

As well as Year 5 and Year 6 class teachers, Mr. Hoe, Mrs. De Jesus, Ms. Waites, Mrs. Lysaght, Mrs. Kuschert, Mrs. Gall and I will also attend the camps.

Thank you for your family's presence at our first 'Family nights' last week! The feedback has been great from parents, students and teachers and we hope to have many more family afternoons and mornings and nights this year where you can become better informed about your child's learning.

Prep 2019: We are now taking enrolment applications for students commencing in Prep in 2019 – please call in to the front office to pick up an enrolment application or you can print an application form from the website.

Enjoy your week ahead.

Allison Malouf  
Principal

### Dates for Your Diary

- Wed 28 – Fri 2 March: Year 5 and Year 6 camps
- Monday 12 March: Parent meetings (P & F) (2pm-3pm or 5pm – 6pm)
- Friday 16 March: National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence
- Friday 23 March: Harmony Day assembly
- Friday 23 March: Dance Cart Concert
- Thursday 29 March: Last day of Term 1



"Ask Jesus what he wants from you and be brave!"  
-Pope Francis



### 2018 TERM DATES:

- Term 1: 23 Jan - 29 Mar
- Term 2: 16 Apr - 29 Jun
- Term 3: 16 Jul - 21 Sep
- Term 4: 8 Oct - 7 Dec

### Community Events and Open Days

St Laurences College Open Day Thursday March 1 2018  
4pm-7pm

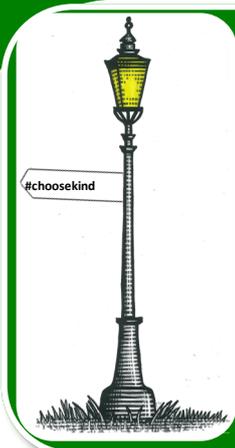
Our Lady's College Morning Tours Friday March 2 2018  
8am

Clairvaux MacKillop College Tour Friday March 2  
9am

Brigidine College Tours Monday March 5 and Tuesday March 6 9.30am

St Thomas More College Visitor Day Tuesday March 6 9.15am and 4.15pm

# Religious Life of the School News



In 2018  
#Choose  
Adventure  
with

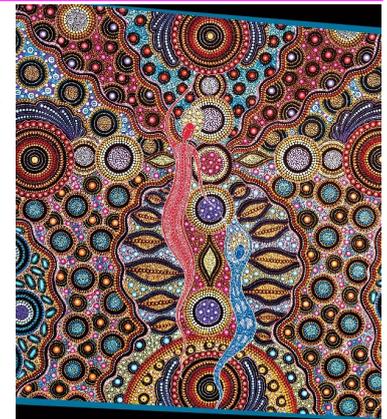
Over the past couple of weeks I've had lots of our beautiful students ask me why I'm leaving St Mark's. My answer is simple, yet challenging **and** emotional ... This year at St Mark's we are choosing to adventure with Jesus—and I, too, am also choosing to go on an exciting adventure with Jesus!! I am packing all the things I've learnt from being part of this beautiful community, the amazing memories and all the incredible smiles and hugs!! And whilst I will miss you all desperately while I am gone I feel very peaceful that I am, indeed, following the signposts that God has placed before me. Please know that I will continue to pray for you!! I ask that you may also say a prayer for me too as I talk to many young people around Australia telling them about God's plan for love and sexuality. I look forward to popping back in throughout the year and seeing you all! God Bless!



## What is the Year of Youth?

The Australian Bishops have identified the liturgical year of 2018, beginning on the first Sunday of Advent (3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017), as a national Year of Youth. The Year of Youth invites the church into dialogue about the importance and life-giving presence of young people in the Church and society. It calls for dialogue and active engagement focused on the reconnection and renewal of a new generation of young people in the life of the Church. The Year of Youth aims:

- prayerfully discern the Australian Bishops vision for ministry with young people, Anointed and Sent;
- authentic and personal engagement by Church leaders in the challenges and success in young people's lives;
- acknowledging the Holy Spirit at work in the lives of young people, and young people acting upon the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church; and
- upholding the dignity of young people, ensuring a safe environment from physical, emotional and spiritual harm.



year of youth

OPEN NEW HORIZONS FOR SPREADING JOY

## Prayer Assemblies

Each Friday at 8:40am in Mercy Hall

2 March: 4G — (Clean up School Day)  
9 March: 5G 16 March: 5W  
23 March: 6W

## Buddy Class Masses

Thursdays at 9:30am in the Church

8 March 5B & 3G  
15 March 6G & 1B  
22 March Yr. 4 Reconciliation



## PROJECT COMPASSION 2018

Rattanak is a skilled young barber, living an independent life in rural Cambodia. But it wasn't always that way. As a child he contracted polio and also became deaf. Like many people who are deaf or hard of hearing, Rattanak faced isolation, with a lack of opportunity to escape poverty. After joining the Deaf Development Program run by Caritas Australia's partner, Maryknoll Cambodia, his life was transformed and he is now supporting himself, his wife and baby. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help deaf youth in Cambodia to build a just future, and live in communities that uphold everyone's dignity.**



## Virtue of the Week: Joyfulness

### What is Joyfulness?

Joyfulness is being filled with happiness, peace, love and a sense of well-being. Joy is inside us all. It comes from a sense of being loved. It comes from an appreciation for the gift of life. It comes when we are doing what we know is right. Joy is related to fun but is not exactly the same thing. Fun comes from what is happening outside – having a good time. Joy comes from what is happening inside.

### You are practising joyfulness when you ...

- Look for your inner happiness.
- Believe that God created you and loves you always.
- Allow sadness to come and then remember to let it go.
- Learn something from the hard times in your life.

Mrs Nikki Lysaght: Assistant Principal Religious Education

# Sports News



## COACH'S CORNER

### Interschool Sport

Trials continue this week for the selection of the rugby league, netball and soccer teams to compete in the up and coming season. Information will be sent out next week, along with the permission slips in regards to dates, times and venues. My thanks to the teachers who have volunteered to coach these teams and the teacher who are staying back to supervise the students who will not participate.

### AFL

In coming weeks, I will be selecting our boys and girls Year 6 team, to compete in the Metropolitan Knock Out Competition which will be held at Woodcrest College on Wednesday 14 March.



## DISTRICTS BASKETBALL REPRESENTATIVES

### Congratulations to our District Representatives

Congratulations to Jacob Richter, Bassim Tawor, Brendan Connolly and Yvonne Connolly who were all selected in the Southern Scorpions District Boys and Girls Basketball Teams respectively. We wish them well in their participation in the up and coming Met West Regional carnival. These four students are the first of the current St Mark's students to be honoured on the Anthony Milford Sports Board. Well Done!

*Mr. Biddulph Sports Coordinator*



## School News

### Homework Club

Dear Parents/Caregivers,  
Homework Club is up and running again this year. It runs from 8.00am - 8.35am on Tuesdays and Thursdays every term, from the second week of each term (Week 2) to the second last week of each term in the Learning Support room behind the tuck shop.

Mrs. Buwali and I can support your child with their homework in various ways: from listening to reading, to writing paragraphs, to helping with Maths or spelling.

Kind regards,  
Renee Buwali and Tina Winterflood  
(EAL/D teachers)



### Uniform Opening Times

*The uniform shop will be open every Monday from 8-9am.*

*You can also request uniform price lists at the school office.*



### *St Mark's Sacramental Program 2018 -*

### Confirmation and First Holy Communion for children in Year 3 and Above.

Enrolment form with payment of \$50 per child or \$75 per family and a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate must be lodged by:

- ◆ **Friday 6 April** at the parish office.

Enrolment forms can be collected from...

- ◆ *The table at the church entrance*
- ◆ *The school office*
- ◆ *The parish office (office hours are Mon-Fri, 9am to 3pm)*

**Or by..**

*Contacting Joy, the Parish Secretary:  
Email: [stmarks@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stmarks@bne.catholic.net.au)  
Phone: 3372 5658*



**Parents must attend a Parents Information Session on:  
Wednesday 18 April at 7pm in the church.**

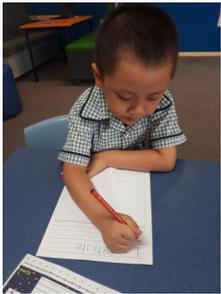
**For the children, the teaching program commences on:  
Saturday 21 April in Mercy Hall.**

# St Mark's Class News



In Year 1, we have been learning about God. Who is God and where can we see him? God is our Lord and he is our creator.

Year 1 went outside to see if we could see God around us. We found God everywhere! We could see God in the leaves, the bushes, the grass, the birds, the sky and the clouds.



**Everywhere!  
God  
We Found**



## PROJECT COMPASSION FOR A JUST FUTURE



**Noodles**  
\$3.00 per serve



**Hot Chips**  
\$2.00 per serve



**Fried Chicken**  
\$1.00 ea.



**Fried Rice**  
\$3.00 per serve



**Spring Rolls**  
\$1.00 ea.



**Jelly**  
2 for 50c

## VIETNAMESE TUCKSHOP

**TUESDAY**

**MARCH 6TH 13TH 20TH**

Next Tuesdays March 6 (and the following two Tuesdays) the Vietnamese community will be cooking their delicious food to raise money for our Project Compassion appeal. This is always a very popular day at the tuck shop! Ordering can be done at the tuck shop in the morning.

Menus can be seen around the school grounds.