



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

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March 19 2018
Term 1 Week 9

Book Fair Week Monday 19 - Wednesday 20 March

Dear Parents and Carers

Dance Cart Concert: The students are excited to participate in our dance cart concert this Friday night at 6pm in Mercy Hall. All students are required to be at their classroom by 5:30pm. We are looking forward to seeing you there for a great night!

Each year, we issue an annual plan for the school. To the right is the plan for 2018 in the areas of Catholic Identity, Teaching and Learning and Parent Engagement.

Harmony Week: You are invited to assembly this Friday at 9am where we are celebrating Harmony Week at St Mark's – where everyone belongs. Students are encouraged to wear their cultural national dress. Each morning, we have been greeted with 'hello' in different languages by several of our students in the morning messages. Thank you to Mrs. Buwali and Mrs. Winterflood for their excellent co-ordination of this Harmony week.

Thank you for your donations towards our Lenten **Caritas** appeal. All profits from the Easter Raffle will also go towards Caritas.

Term 1 School Fees are now overdue. Thank you to all parents who have attended to payment of their fees.

Enjoy the week ahead

Allison Malouf
Principal

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 23 March: Harmony Day Assembly
Friday 23 March: Dance Cart Concert
Thursday 29 March: Last day of Term 1
Term 2: Parent-Teacher interviews during Weeks 1, 2 & 3



St Mark's Annual Plan 2018



Strong Catholic Identity

Goal 1

By the end of 2018, there will be a Scope and Sequence for the Religious Education Curriculum and the Religious Life of the School so that students achieve a deep level of knowledge, understanding and skills.

Excellent Teaching and Learning

Goal 1

By the end of Term 2, there will be a school Vision for Learning so that the foundation for all school life and teaching is clearly relevant.

Goal 2

By the end of 2018, there will be a school-wide approach in the teaching of reading using effective and expected practices so that all students will progress in their reading achievement.

Goal 3

By the end of 2018, the school will have a well-documented and sourced curriculum plan across and between years and in each subject so that it is clear what teachers will teach and what students will learn.

Building Sustainable Future

Goal 1

By the end of 2018, there will be a comprehensive parent engagement partnership framework so that parents are recognised as an integral part of their child's education.

Activities

- Tiny Tots reading is re-introduced for parents and young children in Term 4.
- Implement of annual family afternoons/ nights in first term.
- Development of school calendar of events which is communicated to parents.
- Development of parent framework for engaging in class with student learning.
- Parent Education workshops twice per term.

Other School Operational Activities in 2018

FIESTA EcoMarines Challenges
Early Years Playground Homework Review
School Rules update...

2018 TERM DATES:

Term 1: 23 Jan - 29 Mar
Term 2: 17 Apr - 29 Jun
Term 3: 16 Jul - 21 Sep
Term 4: 8 Oct - 7 Dec

Student Interschool Sports Report

Netball, Friday 16 March
2018

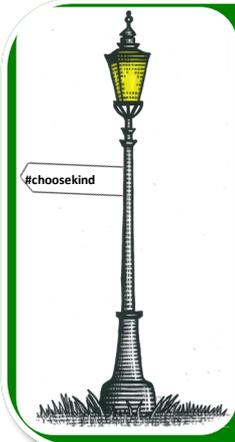
By: Maddie 6G

Last Friday I went to Netball at Inala State School and we played two games, one with Pallara State School and one with AIIC (Australian International Islamic College) We won both games three to zero and the other one, three to two. I had so much fun at Netball and the other teams were very friendly.



Religious Life of the School News

HARMONY DAY



In 2018
#Choose
Adventure
with
Jesus!

Harmony Day is celebrated each year on March 21 and throughout this week the students will be participating in activities highlighting the theme, 'Everyone Belongs.' Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity; a day of cultural respect promoting peace and harmony for everyone who calls Australia home.

Date Claimers

- 6W will lead us in our assembly prayer for Harmony Week this Friday, 23 March, 9am in Mercy Hall.
- Stations of the Cross-classes visiting St Mark's Church throughout Holy Week
- Holy Week Liturgy is Thursday 29 March, 9.30am

Dear God,
You created all people in your image.
We thank you for the variety of races and cultures in Australia and in our community.
Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of friendship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us.
Grant that we may always promote the justice and acceptance that ensures lasting peace and racial harmony.
Grant that we may show equal respect to all persons of different cultures that we may come across.
And help us to remember and appreciate that we are one country, with many stories.
Mary of the Cross, pray for us
Amen.

Prayer for Harmony

PROJECT COMPASSION 2018



There is only one week remaining in this Lenten season to raise money for Project Compassion. Congratulations to 5G who raised \$43.50 last week. Let's dig deep in this final week to donate to Caritas Australia's annual appeal to help end poverty.

We can all take action to impact change!

Thanks to the Vietnamese community for their weekly tuck-shop!

National Day Against Bullying & Violence

Last Friday, students and staff stood united with all Australian schools saying, 'Bullying. No Way!' The feature wall was a sea of colour as St Mark's embraced the slogan, 'Let's Take a Stand Together.'



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

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.



Virtue of the Week: 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 person 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. Maree Wright: Acting Assistant Principal Religious Education



COACH'S CORNER

School Cross Country

This year, St Mark's will run a whole school cross country event to be held at the school on Friday May 25 from 9-10:40am. It will be run the same way as the 800m and 200m events for school athletics and students will run for points for their house team with a trophy being awarded to the winning team. The district cross country this year will be held in the Logan area on Friday May 4 and training will commence for any student turning 10,11 or 12 this year boys and girls, this Tuesday, March 20 at 10:40 am on the Gilly Lyon Oval. It was pleasing to see how many students turned up for today's training session.

Interschool Sport

Last Friday saw the first day of interschool sport in netball, rugby league and soccer. Thank you to the teachers and students for their organisation prior to playing on Friday. This Friday will be the second round of the season.

AFL Carnival

Last Wednesday, St Mark's entered a boys and girls team into the AFLQ knock out competition at Woodcrest College. We had some pleasing results with the boys winning 3 out of their 4 games and the narrowly losing the fourth game 24-22. Overall they finished third out of twelve teams. Coach's player for the day was Marley for his continual running, energy and enthusiasm.

The Girls team competed hard all day winning 2 out of their 6 games, with significant improvements as the day progressed. Coach's award for the day was Lorraine.

My thanks to Mrs. Tierney for coordinating the girls team on the day and Mrs. Richter for her continuous support of the both teams on the day.

Last Sunday's Parramatta game never happened it was a figment of your imagination.

Mr. Biddulph Sports Coordinator



School News

Library News

There's a hive of activity in the library this week with our annual Book Fair.

The children have begun to make wish lists hoping at least one wish may come true. Parents you are invited to join in the fun before and after school this week. See our timetable. Books make great presents. Much of the commission we receive goes into building our library stock.



Eftpos machine available.

Thank you for your support.

Therese Badke (Teacher-librarian)



Harmony Day Assembly March 23, 2018

Celebrate Cultural Diversity!

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Week 9 is **Harmony Week** and during this week we shall be having greetings and prayers every morning in various languages which are part of our school community.

We invite students to dress in **orange** or in cultural dress for Friday's Harmony Day Assembly if they would like to do so. **(Children are able to change back into their uniform after the assembly.)**

6W will present a Harmony Week assembly item for us and George Buwali, a parent at our school, will lead us in a special Harmony Day song he has written.

Please feel free to join us at Assembly to celebrate living in harmony.

The EAL/D Team

For information on how you can celebrate Harmony Day with your family, friends or community groups visit www.harmony.gov.au

HARMONY DAY

School Photos Wednesday 9 May - Online Pre Ordering

School photography day is coming up very soon. Group and portrait photographs can be purchased by following the link www.advancedlife.com.au

Important Information:

- School photos purchased online DO NOT require envelopes returned to school*
- Don't forget to order your sibling photos now
- Late fees/additional charges will be applied for purchases after photo day
- Photos will be returned to your school for distribution

approximately six weeks after photos are taken

- *Sibling photographs must be ordered either online or by order envelope prior to the day of photography. A photograph will not be taken without an order. Sibling photographs only apply to children enrolled at the school.

If you have any questions, comments or feedback relating to your advancedlife experience please contact us at enquiries@advancedlife.com.au



St Mark's Class News



Fun in Prep

We have been learning all about the wonder of God's creation and marvelling at the amazing world around us. Our beautiful natural environments have inspired us to learn our numbers and letters.



'The world is not left to us by our parents, it is lent to us by our children'
African Proverb

