



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

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Term 2 Week 5

All Late Students Must Be Signed in By a Parent at the Office

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope all Mums and Grandma's had a great Mothers' Day last Sunday. Thank you parents who came to St Mark's day! We loved seeing you for morning tea and all of the fun activities. Thanks to our teachers and school officers who did an amazing job providing a fun-filled day to celebrate our school.

Cross Country training for any interested students commenced last week with a great number of students. It continues on the following dates on the Friday 18 and Tuesday 22 May. All parents are invited to our cross country next Friday 25 May on Gilly Lyons oval commencing at 9am. We would love to see you there! We anticipate that the morning will go from 9am – 10.45am. Students will compete in year levels (separate races for boys and girls) and earn points for their sporting house (Mc Auley, Mackillop and Mercy) in a bid to win the Councillor Charles Strunk Cross-Country trophy.

Parent workshop: On Wednesday 30 May, we are holding a parent workshop (either 2pm-3pm or 5pm-6pm) on the **Zones of Regulation** (please see attached flyer). We are hoping that many parents will attend this workshop which is going to be run by our Guidance Counsellor, Kimberley Cunial.

Prep interviews: I am currently having a great time meeting children and their families for Prep 2019. It is important that all siblings are enrolled by formal application form. Please call in and see Shona to make a time to meet with me.

Lollies: Please note that lollies or lollypops are not allowed at school. We are requesting that you don't pack them in the lunchbox as they are only for eating at home due to the high sugar content.

Online communication: We are in the process of moving some of our communication to an on-line platform. Initially, we need to check that the email address you have supplied to the school is current. We will use one email address per family. Please fill in the form attached and return to the school office. Alternatively, please email Shona on pinala@bne.catholic.edu.au to register your current email address.

Uniform: Students in Years 1-5 are required to wear the sports uniform two days per week and the checked uniform on the other three days as per the list below. Please see me if your child needs a checked uniform. Year 6 students may wear their leadership shirt every day.

Enjoy the week ahead.

Allison Malouf
Principal

Every truth has four corners: as a teacher I give you one corner, and it is for you to find the other three.
Confucius

Arriving late to school in the morning

Please note that from Wednesday 16 May, all students who arrive after the bell (8.40 am) need to be signed in to the front office by a parent or carer. This is a safety process which needs to be adhered to.

Late pick up in the afternoon

All students who are not picked up by 3.30pm need their parent or carer to come into the front office to collect them.

Dates for Your Diary

Important dates in the next few weeks for this term:

Wednesday 16 -Thursday 17 May: NAPLAN for Year 3 and Year 5 students
Friday 25 May: St Mark's Inaugural Cross Country (all students Prep-Year 6)
Wednesday 30 May: Parent workshop (Zones of Emotional Regulation 2pm; repeated at 5pm)
Friday 8 June: School Disco

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

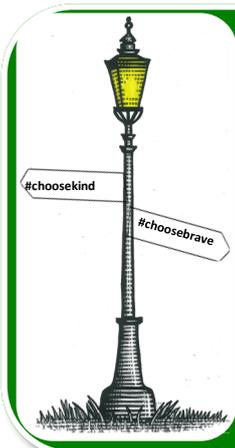
Prep 2019 Enrolments

Interviews for Prep 2019 will begin in the next few weeks. Please contact the office to arrange an appointment if you do not have an appointment.

Please note all siblings of current students must complete an enrolment application.



Religious Life of the School News



In 2018
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Jesus!

St Mark's Day

What a wonderful celebration last Friday as we celebrated St Mark's Day. The day began with Mass led by Fr Bang. We also welcomed Year 5 students and teachers from Ambrose Treacy College who joined us for the celebrations. With over 500 students, staff and guests in St Mark's Church, it was a wonderful celebration to honour the place of St Mark in our lives and school community.

A special thank you to Roby Curtis and Andre from Emmanuel Worship for leading the school with such vibrant music. Thank you too to the Year 6 students who prepared the liturgical dance and to the students who altar served, read and brought forward symbols.

After the mass, the students continued to celebrate St Mark's Day with



two hours of fun activities. Thank you to all our great teachers and school officers for providing a fun-filled St Mark's Day, to Mr. Biddulph and Mosa for cooking the BBQ and to LEC staff for organising the Mother's Day morning tea. There were many excited faces as the children moved between activities.

Finally, thank you all our mothers who were able to join us for the mass, morning tea and activities with their child/ren. All mothers received a special blessing during mass and I hope all our mothers had a wonderful day last Sunday for Mother's Day.



Guess the Lollies Competition

Congratulations to Mbilli Buwali who won Mr. Ebzery's 'Guess the Lollies' competition on St Mark's Day. There were 397 lollies in the jar and Mbilli won with a guess of 396. Well done!



Winner! Winner!

Date Claimers

- NAPLAN 15– 17 May
- St Mark's Cross Country- Friday 25 May 9:00am- 10:30am
- St Mark's Athletics Carnival- Friday 22 June.
- School Disco—Friday June 8



Virtue of the Week: Determination

Determination is focusing your energy and efforts on a particular task and then sticking with what you are doing until the task is done. Determination is using your will power to do something even when it is really hard. You try, you work, until you get it done.

You are practising determination when you.....

- Believe what you are doing is important
- Resist being distracted.
- Keep going even if it gets difficult.
- Ask for help when you need it.
- Finish what you start

Mrs. Maree Wright: Acting Assistant Principal Religious Education



COACH'S CORNER

District Touch Football Representatives

Congratulations to Marley Ngatai, Jacob Richter, Kealan Chadburn and Rico Ngatai who were last week selected in the Southern Scorpions touch team to compete in the Met West Carnival to be held in Ipswich on Monday June 4. We wish them well as they seek selection in the Met West team.

School Cross Country

The cross country track has been set up and the students will now have the opportunity to train on it before the carnival on Friday May 25 from 9-0.30a,. There are 3 courses: Prep- Year 2, Year 3 - 4 and Year 5 - 6.

Mr. Biddulph Sports Coordinator



School News

Sports Uniform Days

Please ensure students wear the sports uniform as detailed below.

Year 1B: Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 1G and 1W: Wednesday and Friday
Year 2: Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 3: Tuesday and Friday
Year 4: Wednesday and Friday
Year 5: Tuesday and Friday
Year 6G and 6W: Tuesday and Friday
Year 6B: Wednesday and Friday

Just a reminder...



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.



Congratulations Kaidyn Vuong

Kaidyn Vuong 3B competed in the 8-9 years old kata at the Shito-ryu Shukokai Championships 2018 karate tournament. We are delighted to share he took home a gold medal.



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)



Hearing and Vision Screening

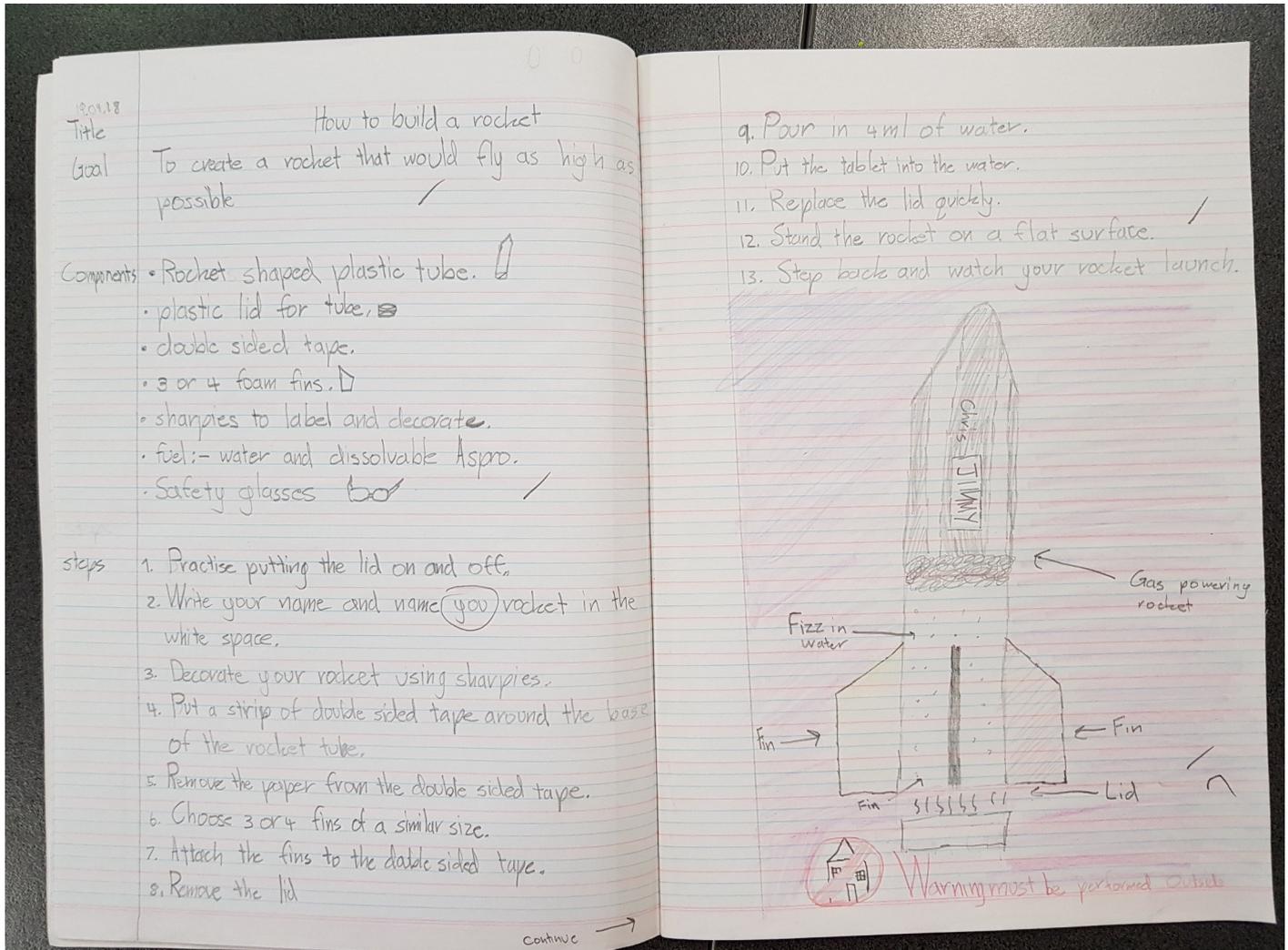
Dear Parents/Guardians

There will be hearing and vision screening conducted at St Mark's during June and July. If you want your child to attend these screenings, please ensure you complete a consent form. There will be teachers available every Tuesday outside the Prep area before and after school with the forms for you to complete.

Year 4

Late last term we had incursion with Street Science.

The next day the students had to write a Procedural Text on how they made a rocket to share with their buddies.



By: Chris Mugisha 4G

St Mark's Parent and Guardian Email Address Survey - IMPORTANT PLEASE COMPLETE AND SEND BACK TO YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Child's name _____

Class _____

Your email address _____

Do you have internet access either on your phone or a computer? YES / NO

If YES, please indicate which (circle) Smart Phone / Computer