



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

92 Lilac Street, Inala Qld 4077
Phone: (07) 3372 3408 Fax: (07) 3372 4219
Email: pinala@bne.catholic.edu.au

**November 13 2017
Term 4 Week 8**

2018 Booklists Orders are Now Due Back

Dear Parents and Carers

This week, you should receive a note from your child's class teacher about the costumes for the Christmas Concert next Friday night 24 November at 6:30 pm. Please note that children are required to be at their classroom by 6 pm. We look forward to seeing you there on the night!



In the last week of school, students from Prep-Year 5 will spend a half-hour session with their new class and teacher. Class lists will be sent home with reports on Thursday 30 November. If your child is not returning to St Mark's next year, please contact the office.

Tomorrow is our last session for this year of Tiny Tots reading in Mercy Hall from 8:45 am – 9:30 am. These weekly reading sessions have been great fun and very beneficial for our youngest readers. Thanks to Ms. Waites, Mrs. Kuschert and several teachers who have run the sessions.

Next week at assembly (Friday 24 November), we will award one student from each year level with the Spirit of St Mark's Award for a student who has lived out the St Mark's virtues this semester. We are also farewellling some staff and the Year 6 students at the assembly. You are most welcome to join us.

I am most impressed with the great enthusiasm and efforts by all students during our Term 4 swimming lessons. These lessons are great skill builders and vital in the lead up to summer holidays and our carnival early next year.

Dates for your diary

Uniform shop opening times in January:
Wednesday 17 January: 8 am – 10:30 am
Thursday 18 January: 8 am-10:30 am
Tuesday 23 January: 8 am – 10:30 am

Enjoy the week ahead.

Allison Malouf
Principal

2017 TERM DATES:

Term 1: 24 Jan - 31Mar
Term 2: 18 Apr - 23 Jun
Term 3: 10 Jul - 15Sep
Term 4: 3 Oct - 1 Dec

Upcoming Events



Wednesday 15—Friday 17
November: Swimming P-Yr.5

Wednesday 15 November: Tiny
Tots Reading 8.45am

Friday 17 November: Yr.4
Excursion

Friday 24 November: Christmas
Concert

Wednesday 29 November: Yr.
5 Ten Pin Bowling

Wednesday 29 November: Yr.
6 Graduation 6.30pm

Friday 1 December: End of Year
Mass

Friday 1 December: LAST DAY
OF SCHOOL 12 NOON FINISH

Tuesday 23 January: 2018
School Year Starts



302 Schools
147,000 students
19,000 staff

Catholic Schools

Partners in Queensland's Future



Catholic schools work in
partnership with the Queensland
Government.
Ask your local candidates how
they plan to continue to support
Catholic schools.

Authorised by L. Perry, 143 Edward Street, Brisbane



Quality, affordable
choice in education

Your local Catholic School

www.stmarksinala.qld.edu.au

Religious Life of the School News

We Remember

Last Friday, 10 November, 6G led us in an incredibly moving, reverent memorial for Remembrance Day. Thanks to Piper Joe who played his bagpipes!



An Advent Reflection:

Imagine how young Mary—probably no more than 15 or 16 years old—must have felt upon receiving the news that the impossible was about to take place within her, that she would give birth to the Saviour. How could she tell her betrothed, Joseph? What would her family think? Who would believe her? “Do not be afraid, Mary,” the angel says to her. “Nothing will be impossible with God” (Luke 1:30, 37). We know the rest of the story. The impossible was indeed made possible, not only at the birth of Jesus, but in the many miracles he performed, and most of all at his Resurrection. If God could accomplish all this, imagine what God can do in your own life. Advent is the season for imagining what is possible, for dreaming new dreams, for hoping beyond hope.



But it is also the season when hope can be hardest to find, dreams hardest to believe. Expenses may loom at a time when resources are scarce. Separation, grief, loneliness, and depression are no strangers to the season. Hope may be in short supply during this time. We need Mary’s inspiring example of courage and trust in the face of uncertainty more than ever. Mary can’t guarantee us a smooth ride, however. Look at her own difficult journey: first, she had to travel to Bethlehem late in her pregnancy (Luke 2:1–6). Have you ever tried riding a donkey? Now imagine doing so nine month’s pregnant! Later, she had to flee to Egypt with Joseph and the baby when their lives were in danger (Matthew 2:13–23).

What Mary can offer us is a remarkable and inspiring example of courage in the face of adversity, patience in the face of uncertainty, and hope beyond hope that the impossible is indeed possible. Mary stood with her son as he was crucified (John 19:25–27); she stood with his fearful followers who huddled after his death (Acts 1:13–14). She knew that the story wasn’t over yet. And she was right. Our story isn’t finished, either, no matter what challenges or wounds burden us this season. All things remain possible with God. This is the miracle of Advent. We can once again dream the impossible dream—and reach the unreachable star.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/advent/inspiration/mary-and-the-impossible-dream>

Prayer Assemblies

Each Friday at 8:40am in Mercy Hall

17 November 6W

24 November Preps Farewell Yr6 & teachers
Spirit of St Mark’s

Important Dates:

Monday 20 November	St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal
Friday 24 November	Christmas Concert
Wed 29 November	Yr. 6 Graduation
Friday 1 December	End of Year Thanksgiving Mass
Friday 1 December	12noon: School Holidays start!!

FORGIVENESS:



FORGIVENESS IS A VIRTUE OF THE BRAVE

Virtue of the Week:

What is Forgiveness?

Everyone makes mistakes. Being forgiving is overlooking the mistakes others make and loving them just as much as before. Forgiving does not mean that all of a sudden you do not feel hurt or that the wrong choice someone made was right. It means that you find it in your heart to give the person another chance.

You are practising Forgiveness when you ...

- Remember that everyone sometimes makes bad choices.
- Honour your feelings without taking revenge.
- Decide to correct your mistakes instead of punishing yourself.
- Learn from your mistakes.

Mrs Nikki Lysaght: Assistant Principal Religious Education

St Mark's 2018 Senior Shirts



Senior shirt order forms went home with Year 5 Students last week. All order forms are required to be completed, paid and submitted to the school office by Friday 24 November. If you have any concerns regarding the shirts please speak to Mrs. Malouf or Mrs. Sinitsky. If you require another order form please contact the school office.

Uniform Opening Times

The uniform shop will be open on the following dates prior to the commence of the 2018 school year.

Wednesday 17 January: 8 am – 10:30 am
 Thursday 18 January: 8 am-10:30 am
 Tuesday 23 January: 8 am – 10:30 am



2018 BOOKLISTS

It is time to place your order for your child's book pack for Back to School 2018, we recommend you do so before the ordering deadline **November 24.**



To order please go to www.campion.com.au, click on Order Now and follow the prompts, you will need the four-digit code as shown on the front of your booklist. If the ordering deadline for your school has already passed and parents want to avoid the late delivery fee, or for parents who don't have access to the Internet or who prefer to pay cash, the Campion Education Retail Store is open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm and will also be open on Saturday 13, 20 and 27 January from 9am to 1pm.

The Campion Education Retail Store is situated at 5/121 Evans Rd, Salisbury 4107, there is plenty of customer car parking in front of the Store and around the back of the building, just look for the spaces marked 'Campion'.

Please note that the Store gets very busy in January so the best strategy is to go in before Christmas to purchase your child's requirements.

If you have any queries please call the Campion Education parent's Help Line on 07 3146 3999.

Tuck Shop Limited Menu



Please note that from next week Wednesday 22 November the Tuck Shop will be running on a limited menu as we step closer to the end of year. Hot food will still be available however fresh items such as salads will not. The Tuck Shop will **not be open on the last day of school** Friday 1 December.

Library News

Please note **all library books are due back immediately.** If you cannot locate your books we invite you to visit the library where you will be able to pay for any lost books. **Please note Mrs. Badke will reward the first class to have all books returned with a class prize!**



Music!

This term both the Choir and music lessons have been focused on breathing, posture and the mechanics of 'how to sing' leading up to our Christmas concert in week 8. All classes have been singing beautifully so please come along and share the Christmas spirit that is building up exponentially at St. Marks! The Choir performed a couple of songs beautifully on Monday 13 November, at the Creative Kids instrumental Concert in Mercy Hall. – Mr. Hoe



Spanish News!



This Term we received students in Years 9 and 10 from St Mary College Ipswich. They are learning Spanish and they wanted to share time with our Preps.



They read stories in Spanish, colouring, played and had lunch with them! Great and fun time! Gracias girls!!!

Focus on Reading and Writing

The Prep's Write about Swimming

ETHAN LE 13-11-17




Went to swim
I lrd to kic my
legs and flt.

when
learned
kick

AT SWIMMING WE
LISEN to the
teacher
we WALK SAFELY
on the concrete
and we play
SAFE in the swimming pool.

Prep Swimming 😊

My favourite part of swimming is... when we do the water slide. 😊



at swimming we
To The Swimming
TidscA To do swimming
LASN do so we can
PAYS swimming.
on swimming
we are grat.

LISTEN Listen
teacher
lesson
practice
great

dis swimming

Prep & Swimming

My favourite part of swimming is... swimming in the water with Madison



MONITA 13-11-17 PW




SWIMMING
Swimming

I lrd to kic
and BLOW BUBS.

learned
kick
blow
bubbles

Jafeth:

At the writer's camp, I learnt how to make my stories more interesting by adding problems for the characters.

Jayda:

The most import thing that I learnt at the camp was to write with passion. This is to create a feeling of what the author intended.

Tan:

At the writer's camp, I learnt the best ways to start a story. I know this will help me start my stories in the future.

Meanjin Writer's Camp

Thursday, 19 October, Ms Camilleri and five Year 6 students attended the 39 Meanjin Writer's Camp hosted by the University of Southern Queensland.

The students attended keynote addresses and workshops held by published authors; Morris Gleitzman, Karen Tyrrell, Gregg Dreise and Kris Sheather. The children participated in hands on workshops about the process of writing and what makes a good writer.



Jayda, Jafeth, Tan, Queendy

and Kim with published Indigenous Author Gregg Dreise.

Kim:

At Writer's Camp, I learnt how to overcome getting "stuck" when you are not sure what to write next. Karen [Tyrrell] gave me some handy hints of how to continue my story.

Queendy:

Gregg [Dreise] taught us that to write a good narrative needs to contain passion.