



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

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November 20 2017
Term 4 Week 9

2018 Booklists Orders Due Back This Friday!

Dear Parents and Carers

We look forward to seeing you at the **Christmas Concert** – it starts at 6:30 pm this Friday night! **All students are required to be in their classroom at 6 pm on the night to meet their teacher.** Thanks to all staff and Mr. Hoe for their excellent efforts in preparing the children to entertain you on the night.



At assembly this week, we will award "Spirit of St Mark's Awards" to one student per year level. We will officially farewell our Year 6 students as they begin to say goodbye to St Mark's. We will also farewell and thank the following staff at the end of this year: **Melinda Schaefer, Lauren Barker, Jessica Oliveri, Stacey Gorman and Leesa Keaton.** We thank them whole-heartedly for their excellent work with our students over many years and wish them well for the future. We say a temporary farewell to Natalia Hilliard (Prep school officer) as she takes 12 months maternity leave and wish her family all the best for her new arrival. Next Tuesday, all students will 'move up' to their next year level for a half-hour orientation with their new teacher. They will also take home their 2018 class list and teacher name next Thursday with the end-of-semester report.

Staffing for 2018:

Principal: Allison Malouf

Assistant Principal (AP): Clare Kuschert

Assistant Principal Religious Education (APRE): Nikki Lysaght

Primary Learning Leader (PLL): Cheryl Waites

Year 6: Matthew Ebzery; Fiona Camilleri, Simon Everett + Adrian Biddulph (Job share)

Year 5: Kym Daley; Nicole Quinn + Jessica Neilson-Scott (Job share); Peter Fergusson

Year 4: Mark Morris; Emma Thorne; Brianna Fiorin

Year 3: Alina Wikarjusz + Natasha Morrison (Job share); Mandy Chapman; Joanne Curry

Year 2: Tanya Brehmner; Annie Fitzgerald; Ally Cummins + Samantha Eddy

Year 1: Brooke Bartlett; Ann Prestidge; Karen Oudyn

Prep: Alicia Briody; Chantale Wilson; Teresa Cheyne
Support Teacher Inclusive Education: Trish Williams

EAL/D (English Language support): Tina Winterflood; Renee Bulawi

Teacher/Librarian: Therese Badke

Guidance Counsellor: Kimberley Cunial

Music: Ricky Hoe

Phys Ed: Erin Gall

Spanish: Elizabeth Rossotti

Art: Lina Tigani

School Secretary: Shona Baldwin

Finance Secretary: Narelle Barry

Administration Secretary: Nadia Woodbridge

Prep School Officers: Jackie Rogers; Necole Atkinson; Susana Mollica

Library School Officers: Pilar Itoy-Pile; Paola Rangel

School Officers: Nhung Vu; Jenny McMahon; Michelle Stuart; Linda Schaaf; Angie Morrow; Lucha De Jesus; Sailau

Tauasosi; Tom Delaney.

Vietnamese Cultural Liaison School Officer: Hue Le Huy

Uniform and Tuck-shop convener: Anna Sinitsky

Groundsman: Mosa Rajab

Assistant Groundsman: Toso Menefata

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 22 November: Year 6 excursion to Strike bowling

Friday 24 November 6:30 pm: Christmas Concert (be at school at 6pm)

Tuesday 28 November: Orientation session for P-5 students

Wednesday 29 November: Year 6 Graduation

Friday 1 December: End of school mass at 11 am: School finishes at 12 pm.

First day of school: Tuesday 23 January 2018

Prep students: Tuesday 23 January 8:40am –12pm

Friday 9 February 2018: Welcome back BBQ

Enjoy the week ahead

Allison Malouf

Principal

We travel in need, dependent on our God for strength, for assurance, dependent on each other, we choose to journey in faith

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 22 November: Yr. 6 Excursion to Strike Bowling

Friday 24 November: Book Orders Due

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

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Tuesday 23 January: 2018 School Year Starts

Friday 9 February: Welcome Back BBQ

Religious Life of the School News

Is it THAT time already?



A walk around the shopping centres is enough to realise that already Christmas time is quickly approaching! Any time now Ms Barry, Mrs Baldwin and Mrs Woodbridge will pull out the Christmas decorations to try and start making our own St Mark's Office a little more festive!!!! It's hard to believe that soon school will be finished for another year and we will start preparing for the birth of Jesus.

This time of preparation is called Advent. It is such a beautiful season. It is a time for renewal; it is especially a time for forgiveness because God brings forgiveness to us in the shape of his Son. Over the next few weeks we will once again travel the road that leads to Bethlehem. We will follow the cautious young couple along their arduous journey and remember their disappointment over being kept out of the inn. We will once more enter the stable, smell the odours and watch the manger being prepared. And along with the people of the village, the shepherds of the field, the angels, and the magi, we will focus our eyes of adoration upon the child in the crib and the star in the sky.

Advent is also a countdown. We see shopping centres, television advertisements and supermarkets reminding us how many shopping days until Christmas. Children count down until the great day of 'presents' dawns. We, as Christians, prepare for Christmas by counting down the weeks until we celebrate the birth of Christ with advent candles.



This Christmas try something different—shop with your heart! Instead of buying material presents, draw up a shopping list of "Christmas gifts from the heart". A gift of listening to a parent. A gift of time playing with your child. A gift of romance with your spouse. A gift of praise for your teenager. Choose a unique gift for the person you love, write it down on a card or scroll and tie it on the Christmas tree.

Once again I'm calling on you to dig deep and give to those in need. Our **Christmas Appeal** began yesterday and will run until the end of our school year. We are looking for non-perishable items that could be packaged into Christmas hampers that will be delivered to local families in need. Please bring in any

items to classroom teachers. These items will be collected by St Vincent De Paul's during the Thanksgiving Mass on the last day of school. Our SVDP GREATLY appreciate our help each year! Thanks for your generosity!!



Prayer Assemblies

Each Friday at 8:40am in Mercy Hall

24 November Preps Farewell Yr.6 & 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!!



Virtue of the Week: Forgiveness

What is Cleanliness?

Cleanliness means washing often, keeping your body clean and wearing clean clothes. Cleanliness means keeping the areas around you (school and home) neat, tidy and clean. Cleanliness can be in your mind as well as your body. A clean mind means that you keep your thoughts on things which are good for you.

You are practising Cleanliness when you ...

- Keep your body fresh and clean.
- Tidy the environments around you: classroom, school yard, room, home.
- Use clean language.
- Ask God to help you clean up your act when you need to.

Mrs Nikki Lysaght: Assistant Principal Religious Education



COACH'S CORNER

Swimming

This week, swimming for Prep - Year 5 is on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Parents please ensure your child comes prepared with swimmers, towel and a storage plastic bag for wet gear. This morning in the office, we have had several students in the office having to ring home for swimming gear and this is not fair on the Office staff who are busy with other duties. Thank you for your cooperation in this area.

2018 Southern Scorpion District

Next year, we will see a significant difference in our sporting district representation program. Currently we come under the Inala District Sports association with a total of 21 schools. Next year Inala District Sports will merge with Greenbank District Sports to become

the Southern Scorpions District team. This will mean the new district will comprise of 37 schools. So from 2018 onwards, when I send students to district trials they will be trialing for Southern Scorpions to compete at the Met West Regional, not the Inala District team.

2018 Southern Scorpion District Swimming Trials

If your child is turning 10, 11 or 12 (boys and girls) in 2018 and wish to trial for the Southern Scorpion district swim team in any of the four strokes please note it will be on Wednesday February 14, 2018. Should your child be interested in trialing please see me for qualifying times and they can prepare over the holidays.

Mr. Biddulph Sports Coordinator

School News

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 Champion 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 Champion 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 'Champion'.

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 Champion Education parent's Help Line on 07 3146 3999.

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!**



Homework Club

Dear Parents,
Homework Club will not be on during the last 2 weeks of school - Weeks 8 and 9. It will resume early in Term 1 of 2018.

Kind regards,
All in Learning Support.



Season's Greetings INALA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROL 2017

You are cordially invited to attend the Inala Community Christmas Carol 2017 on Malo lelei, oku mau fakaafei atu kemou mea mai ki heemau Christmas Carol 2017
诚挚的邀请您参加2017年 Inala 小区圣诞颂歌之夜
Thân mời quý vị đồng hương đến dự chương trình Inala Christmas Carol 2017 tại



ST MARK'S MERCY HALL
92 LILAC STREET, INALA, QLD 4077
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
SUNDAY, 3RD OF DECEMBER 2017

Everyone's Welcome



Focus on Reading and Writing

The Legend of Barry the Brave

Retold by: Tayzha Timu Sw



A dog can be a hero in lots of ways. One dog found 40 ways to be a dog hero. His name is Barry. He lived 200 years ago. He lives with the holy monks in the high, freezing mountain called the Alp.

They train dogs to help people through the snowy mountain. Now we have special cars to drive up the mountains. People back then either walk or they rode horses.

These dogs can smell people that are buried in the snow. The monks had lots of dogs, but Barry was the bravest out of all of them. One day Barry went for a walk in the snow, Barry could smell something but he couldn't see anything then Barry walked around the snow and saw legs and quickly dug around the snow and carefully took the girl out. But she was too cold she couldn't even move. Barry cuddled the girl to warm her up. After he put the girl on his back they went to the monks. The monks made the girl feel better.

Barry saved 40 peoples' lives. When Barry finds people he barks, the monks know that Barry had found someone. They can tell by Barry's bark and how he acts, then they follow his sound.

One night Barry was trying to help a man but the man thought he was a wolf so he grabbed his knife and stabbed Barry. He died in 1814. Stories about Barry were told all over the world. Barry became a hero then a legend.

YEAR 5 SCIENCE

5W Ronni: Gas takes up space because when you blow the balloons space expands and the balloon expands.

5W Jayden: Gas takes up space because it has weight and volume and it is matter. 5B

5B Charles: Because gas is air.

5B Vi: Yes, because gas is air and it has weight.

Yr 5 Science
Does Gas take up Space?

Wendy: Gas does take up space because like air and oxygen we can't see or feel it but you can see a plastic bag filled with air if you drag it through the air.

5A Jayden: The molecules in a gas have mass, this takes up space, so you can't see it because it is taking up space.

5B and: Gases take up so much space because of the high pressure.



St Mark's 2018 Senior Shirts Due

This Friday

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