ST. MARK’S KEYSTONE FOR FEBRUARY IS
“I am Unique”

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Important School Dates
TERM 1
Friday 26th February – Welcome Picnic for whole school on oval 5.30pm.
Tuesday 1st March – Foundation Information Night at 7pm.
- Parents Association Meeting at 7.30pm
Wednesday 2nd March – District Interschool Swimming Carnival (12 -3pm).
Thursday 3rd March – 3/4 ICT night at 3.45pm or 6pm (parent & child).
Friday 4th March – National Ride2 School Day.
Monday 14th March – Labour Day Holiday.
Thursday 17th March – School leaders attending St Patrick’s Day Mass.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation.
Thursday 24th March – End of Term 1 (School finishes at 2.30pm).
Monday 11th April – TERM 2 BEGINS.

Dear Parents

Tomorrow night is the first Parent’s Association function, the Welcome Back to School Picnic for all families and particularly new families to St Mark’s. It is a fun relaxed night with a jumping castle and activities run by the Year 5/6 students. We look forward to seeing many families.

FOUNDATION (PREP) 2017 ENROLMENT
Current families who have a child eligible to begin school in 2017 are able to collect an enrolment form from the office or download from the website from Monday 22nd February. Applications are to be in by Thursday, 24th March.

FOUNDATION 2017 SCHOOL TOURS (new families only)
Monday 18th April – 9.15am to 10.15am
Friday 22nd April – 9.15am to 10.15am
Wednesday 27th April – 9.15 to 10.15am
Wednesday 11th May -7pm.

Reminder: Foundation parents, could you please return the School Nursing Program, envelope as soon as possible.
CSEF forms, needs to be in by next Monday, 29th February. (Parents: if you are a holder of a health care card/pensioner card, forms at school office)
BUDDY OF THE WEEK

Hey everyone it’s Micheala and Monet again. We just wanted to update you on our new buddies of the week. Congrats to this week’s buddies who are...

Louisa and Daisy! Did you know both Daisy and Louisa love cricket? How crazy is that? Louisa loves that Daisy is nice and Daisy loves that Louisa is kind!


Well, again the time has come to say goodbye. See you next week!
~ Monet and Michaela

RE NEWS

Generational poverty has led to many challenges in Dominic’s community in Papua New Guinea, including gender inequality, alcohol abuse and violence. Since receiving training in the Caritas Australia supported Community Conversations program, Dominic has learnt communication and problem solving skills to lead his community towards a more peaceful, prosperous future.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help empower communities in Papua New Guinea to lead their own development and create more harmonious futures. You can donate through School boxes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

All boxes are due back to the school by Monday 21st March. If you would like to learn more about Caritas and watch some of the inspirational stories please type in the website below. During the term the children will be watching and discussing these videos in class.
http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion/about

Easter Paraliturgy

On Thursday 24th March we will be holding a whole school paraliturgy. The paraliturgy will be going through the Stations of the Cross. It will be starting at 11:40am and the venue will be in the undercover area. All families are welcome to attend.
| **February**  
| **“I am Unique”** |
| **Foundation K** |
| Rashi Chander for joining in with our Cued Articulation and singing alphabet with enthusiasm and matching the letter sounds to their actions with accuracy. Well Done! |
| **Foundation M** |
| Jasmin Porter for eagerly sharing her knowledge and ideas in group discussions. Keep it up Jasmin! |
| **Foundation T** |
| Jackson Bryant for always demonstrating respect and listening to instructions. |
| **1/2B** |
| Jasmine Huynh for always trying her hardest with any task she is given. Well done Jasmine! |
| **1/2D** |
| Lachlan Newham for assisting others by ‘sharing his ideas and knowledge’. Keep it up Lach! |
| **1/2E** |
| William Mahmoud for his amazing brain poster that was informative, creative and very interesting to read. |
| **1/2P** |
| Eli Schellebeck for taking small steps to achieve his learning goals. Well done Eli! |
| **1/2R** |
| Kailyn Ong for using her ‘big voice’ whilst practicing her counting skills. Keep it up! |
| **1/2XR** |
| Jessica Lam for the hardworking ethic that she always brings to school. |
| **3/4C** |
| Mitchell O’Brien for the confidence he demonstrates in all areas of his learning. Keep it up! |
| **3/4F** |
| Annabel Mazzarella for approaching her learning with enthusiasm and persistence. Well done! |
| **3/4KU** |
| Malachy Morgan for cooperating and joining in class activities. |
| **3/4MC** |
| Olivia Crouch for the confidence and wisdom she shows when sharing her ideas with the class! |
| **3/4S** |
| Leah Royal for bringing her own unique learning style into our learning environment! |
| **5/6C** |
| Ruby Cain for tackling all school tasks with confidence and enthusiasm. Thanks Ruby! |
| **5/6D** |
| Sienna Pasitchnyj for her understanding of new topics in writing and displaying her knowledge in her persuasive text piece. |
| **5/6M** |
| Thu Vu for following her passion for sport and acknowledging its role in her learning and friendships. |
| **5/6N** |
| Hunter Hains for his confidence and persistence in completing his piece of writing! Well done Hunter! |
| **5/6P** |
| Tom Bright for displaying excellent sportsmanship and an enthusiasm to help others during sport. |
**TUCKSHOP**

Next Tuesday's special is a piece of fruit and 2 pizzas for $5.00. Many thanks Carm.

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**STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM.**

We would **LOVE** any volunteers to help us in either our garden classes on a TUESDAY from 10.00am-11.00am or our kitchen class from 11.40-1.30pm. Feel free to then stay and join us in our shared lunch eating what we have cooked.

**Look what our garden has been producing lately:** eggplants, beans, tomatoes and spring onions.

If you would like to help out in our garden or kitchen classes **AT ANY STAGE** please contact Mrs D on the school phone number – 9551 1150 or the following email address: kdermietzel@smdingley.catholic.edu.au

Recipes this week are eggplant dip, green bean and tomato salad, spinach & ricotta filo pies and moist apple cake for recipes please contact the office.
ICT PARENT/STUDENT INFORMATION NIGHTS

ICT information evening last night will take place in the school Library and are compulsory for all students and at least one parent to attend. Important information regarding the school's 1:1 Laptop program will be discussed. For year 3/4 students only Week 6 - Thursday 3rd March, Session C 3:45pm - Session D 6:00pm

SCHOOL FEES
School fees Compulsory tuition is due 1st March. Accounts can be paid by cash, cheque or internet banking into the school bank account (BSB 083 347, A/c 46545 3309 – please remember to include your name and account number).

MATHS RESOURCES - Helpers Wanted
Thank you for the parents who have contacted me, but I still need more willing helpers to cut and/or laminate maths resources to be used across the school. If you have a laminator at home, I will supply the laminating pouches. Please email me: jselby@smdingley.catholic.edu.au with your name and your child’s name and class. Let me know if you can cut, laminate or both. (I usually require the resources the following week from when you receive them so they don’t need to be returned the next day) Thanks Joanne Selby

LIBRARY NEWS - IMPORTANT REMINDER.
Watch out for information about the 2016 Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge which will begin soon.
Margaret Collins
Teacher Librarian

CARE MONKEY is still being used by the school to provide valuable information especially for excursions. For those new to the school, could you please provide emergency details on Care Monkey. By using Care Monkey the school is able to have medical information about your child during excursions. Excursion notices will also be sent by Care Monkey requiring your permission for the teachers to access this information. If you have not replied to the notice sent home or have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the office. We are now able to SMS through this service, should important information need to be sent home immediately eg. Change of times or venues for school activities. Please ensure your mobile telephone number is correct on Care Monkey at all times.

VERIFICATION FORMS
Student Verification Forms have been sent home today. This form is kept in the office and used by staff when they need to contact families. It is important that these forms are returned by Friday, 11th March 2016. Please return forms signed, even if there is know changes, thank you.
P.E. Important Sport Dates:

**Term 1:**
2\(^{nd}\) March- District Swimming- 12-3pm, Noble Park Aquatic Centre.
16\(^{th}\) March- Division Swimming- 9-12pm, Carnegie Pool,

**Term 2:**
15\(^{th}\) April- House Cross Country- F-6, 9-11am in school grounds.
April 18-29\(^{th}\) Kingston Division, Team Vic Selection Trials- Various in week 2 & 3 of term
2\(^{nd}\) May- District Cross Country- Selected year 3-6, 10am-1pm at Heatherton Park.
1\(^{st}\) June- Kingston Division Cross Country- Cornish College.

**National Ride2School Day**

4 March 2016

Ride2School is a program by Bicycle Network and is designed to support schools in encouraging more students to become physically active by riding, walking, skating or scooting to school.

"Schools that participate in the Ride2School program report more than double the national average of students riding or walking to school. It is also known that active children arrive at school more energised and alert."

Thank you Vin Snell.
PE Teacher.

**GLEE CLUB**

Walk for Monash Children's Hospital, Sunday March 6, 2016.
The Glee club have been selected to sing with Dingley and Kingswood Primary School Choirs please see the link [http://mchwalk.com.au/](http://mchwalk.com.au/) I will be walking the 5 km s if any one wishes to join me please register and let me know. The Glee club will be singing at around 10.40 if you would like to support, our school Glee Club.
Susie Podesta
Performing Arts

**PARENTS ASSOCIATION AGM**

Hopefully all parents received our St Mark’s PA Key Dates for 2016, with your child this week. Please note dates are subject to change. If you would like to learn more about the events or help on the day/night contact the PA Committee via [stmarksdingleypa@gmail.com](mailto:stmarksdingleypa@gmail.com) The committee meets on the 1\(^{st}\) Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm.

**Back to School BBQ tomorrow night, Friday 5.30pm....**

Please find ‘Back to School BBQ’, attached below. Please complete the reply slip and return to the school office asap.
Many thanks,
We look forward to seeing you all there.
Back to School BBQ
Friday 26th February
5.30pm

Bring your own picnic or purchase a burger or sausage at our BBQ. Mingle with old friends, new friends and St Mark’s staff. A great way to get to know one another.

Giant Bouncy Castle

Activities for all children run by Grade 5/6 students

RSVP: Friday 19th February
BYO: Drinks, picnic rug, chairs etc.

Back to School BBQ Reply Slip
(please return to office by Friday 19th February)

Family Name: ____________________________

We will / will not be attending the Back to School BBQ.
We will require ______ Hamburger/s on the evening ($3 pay on the night)
We will require ______ Sausage/s on the evening ($1 pay on the night)
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
PLEASE NOTE - UNIFORM SHOP is open Wednesday mornings 9 – 9.30 am. Order forms are available from the school office and website. Orders can be left at the office to be completed on Wednesdays after 9.30 am.

LOST PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN THE PARENTS/UNIFORM SHOP ROOM.

CHILD CARE
Do you have appointments to attend?
Need to do some shopping or study?
Or just need a quiet break?
We offer short term child care, Monday – Friday, between the hours of 9.15am – 3.30pm.
For more information or to make a booking, please phone MORDIALLOC NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE: 9587 4534.

CATHOLIC SECONDARY COLLEGES
Enrolment for Year 7 2017 close 26th February 2016.
If you are considering St Bede’s, St James, Salesians, Kilbreda, Killester or a Catholic Secondary College for your child in Year 7 2017 please look on these school’s websites for information about open days and tours.

OHSC
Now is the time to start thinking about Camp Australia Holiday Club. Log onto the Camp Australia website to find your nearest location. Thanks Clint.

Thought for the week:
*Do right. Do your best. Treat others as you want to be treated.*

Regards

Debbie Darvell
CLOSING DATE for Enrolments Year 7 in 2017

To All Year 6 - Boys

Please note that the closing date for St Bede’s College to receive Enrolment Applications for Year 7 in 2017 is:

Friday 26 February 2016

To obtain a Year 7 Enrolment Application Form you can download and print the form from our website www.stbedes.catholic.edu.au
SALESIAN COLLEGE - Year 7 2017

APPLICATIONS
NOW OPEN
Closing date Friday 26 Feb.
Guided by our welcoming and informative Registrar, Mary Menz and friendly Tour Guides, come along on a group tour of Salesian College Chadstone to see the school in action.
An instrumental music program for Primary Schools
Cath Dowling 0402 466870 E: admin@kidsonkey.com.au

TERM 1 ENROLMENTS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN FOR INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS IN 2016

Instruments on offer are:
Gr 1-6: Recorder, ukulele & guitar (3/4 size for younger students)
**New in 2016:**
Gr 3-6: All of the above plus flute, trumpet, clarinet
Gr 5-6: All of the above plus saxophone

MUSIC MELODIES runs a keyboard program at St Marks for students in years 2-6. If you are interested in enrolling please to 0438 901146.
Email lili@musicmelodies.com.au phone: 9582 5999 Fax: 9582 5757

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Walk for Monash Children's Hospital, Sunday March 6, 2016

The Walk for Monash Children's Hospital is held in the beautiful Jells Park. Registration will open from 8.00am.

For fundraisers who raise over $35 you can collect your free t-shirt from the Monash Health Foundation office, Level 2, Monash Medical Centre Clayton, 246 Clayton Rd, Clayton up until Friday March 4 (office hours are from 8.30am-5pm) or on the day of the event. Race bib collection will be available on the day of the event at the time of registration.

Limited parking is available (there will be a shuttle bus on the day to and from one of the car parks to the event but there might be a delay). Please view the map provided for parking options. It is recommended where possible that you car pool.

There will be lots of **activities** for all ages on the day with an animal farm, Kid Zone, Henna artists and **FREE** massages as well as food stalls and entertainment.
Holiday Program
29 March - 8 April 2016

Aspendale
Bonbeach
Dingley
Moorabbin

program fees
- In-house $59.00
- Workshop and Excursion fees are dependent on the particular activity. CCB/CCR applicable

locations
- Mill St Aspendale Yarrabah School
- Bonbeach Primary School
- Dingley Primary School
- Moorabbin Primary School

key dates
- Enrolments open: Monday 29 Feb
- Enrolments close: 5pm Friday 11 March

Join the epic fun these school holidays!
~ everyone is welcome ~

- Full days from just $59.00
- CCB / CCR applicable
- Bonbeach, Dingley, Moorabbin 7am to 6pm
- Mill St 7.30am to 6pm
- Great for working parents
- All over Kingston

How to book
1. Read through this brochure
2. Pick the sessions for your child
3. Fill out Application for enrolment
   (if you did not enrol in the March/April program in 2015)
4. Fill out Excursion Permission
5. Fill out Booking + Payment

more information
- tel: 9581 4846 or 9581 4875
- email: schoolholidayprogram@kingston.vic.gov.au

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