Dear Families

Thank you to all the families who met with their child’s teacher over the past few weeks as teachers gained valuable insight from a family’s perspective and this will form the basis of communication throughout the year. If you would like to follow up further over the year please make an appointment with the teacher so that sufficient time can be allocated. Teachers have professional learning and meetings on Tuesday and Wednesdays after school so please avoid these afternoons unless it is an urgent matter.

This afternoon there is a choice of two ICT parent child sessions for Years 3/4 and we hope to see many families. These sessions are not just about information regarding how your child is using their digital device but an opportunity for families to have focussed time learning together and promoting home school partnerships to enhance the learning of your child. As your child is also involved in articulating how they use the portal it will provide opportunities throughout the year for parents to talk further with your child on their learning and view examples of their work.

**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.

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**ST. MARK’S KEYSTONE FOR MARCH IS**
“Growing Together”

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**ST. MARK’S**
RE NEWS

St Mark’s Church – Easter Masses

- Holy Thursday (24th March) – Mass of the Lord’s Supper: 7pm.
- Good Friday (25th March) – Stations of the Cross at 11am, Soup lunch at St Mark’s Church, Passion of the Lord & Veneration of the Cross: 3pm.
- Holy Saturday (March 26th) – Confessions at 9:30am – 10:30am, Easter Vigil Mass at 7pm.
- Easter Sunday (March 27th) – Mass at 9:30am.

First Australian Evangeline lives in a remote community that faces many ongoing challenges. She had a limited vision for her future until three years ago, when she started working at the Djilpin Arts Ghunmarn Culture Centre, a community-owned venture supported by Caritas Australia. Today Evangeline is flourishing, with new skills and a passion for the preservation and promotion of her Aboriginal culture.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help First Australians in remote communities of Australia gain new skills and renewed passion to preserve and celebrate traditional culture.

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

All boxes are due back to the school by Monday 21st March.
Thank you to the families who have returned their boxes.

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.

Harmony Day
Harmony Day (Monday 21 March) celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. The message of Harmony Day is everyone belongs. It’s a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. On Monday 21st March our school is going to celebrate Harmony Day by the children dressing up in either traditional cultural dress or by wearing the casual clothes in the colours of their ancestor’s country. The children will also be asked to bring along some cultural traditional food they can share with a friend at lunch time. This is not compulsory. From 2:20pm onwards the children will be participating in a variety of activities to celebrate Harmony Day. Parents are invited into the classrooms to watch the children participate in a variety of Harmony Day activities. More information will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Chess and Rubiks Cube Club news.
It has been wonderful to see the children enjoying, being a part of the Chess or Rubiks Cube club. All children have been doing really well in Rubiks Cube & Chess clubs.
The Winner of The "Rubiks Cube" Club from the last week Is: James Sims from 3/4F and the winner of the "Chess" Club for the Last Week is Andy Bui From 3/4 C.
Big thank you goes to Mirek Sevcik from 5/6 C for his announcement on the whole school assembly.
Well done to everyone. Anna Janai (Chess and Rubiks Cube club teacher)
GLEE CLUB

DON'T FORGET.......................  
Walk for Monash Children's Hospital, Sunday March 6, 2016.  
The Glee club have been selected to sing with Kingswood Primary School Choir please see the link  
http://mchwalk.com.au/I will be walking the 5 kms 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. Please meet at the Start/Finish area on the map below.  

Susie Podesta  
Performing Arts

TUCKSHOP - REMINDER............

Next Tuesday’s special is “sushi”. Please remember to order your sushi by tomorrow, Friday the 4th March.  
Many thanks Carm.

BUDDY OF THE WEEK

Hey guys, it’s Michaela and Monet here. Just wanted to update you on this week’s buddy of the week! Congrats to the following buddies!  
**Jakob and Madison**! Jakob loves the way Madison laughs! Now cute? Madison loves that Jakob is always happy and smiling! Jakob loves eating pasta and Madison loves eating nuggets and chips. Jakob’s favourite colour is purple and Madison's favourite colour is pink!  

**Nicole M., Indiana and Rolena**! Did you know that all three love the colour blue? How awesome is that? Indiana loves that her buddies are both awesome drawers and Rolena loves that Indiana is active. Nicole loves that Indiana is creative.  

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

**“Growing together”**

### Foundation K

Sofia Williams for growing in confidence within our learning area by working with different partners and using her big voice when responding to questions and her ideas.

### Foundation M

Thomas Robins for the commitment and positive attitude he displays towards his learning.

Good job Thomas!

Milena Sevcikova for building her confidence in our learning area and asking questions.

### Foundation T

1/2B

Deanna Maglaras for the initiative she showed when making a detailed plan in order to become a ‘Tech-wizard’ when she gets to year 5/6. Thanks for sharing your long term goals Deanna!

1/2D

Cristopher Vieira for Keeping his Lenten promise by committing to Project Compassion.

Good job Cristopher!

1/2E

Priscilla Rengucci for always offering to help her classmates and include them in her games.

1/2P

Christian Triantafililopoulos for making sure the ‘Chromebooks’ are always neatly and carefully put away.

1/2R

Anakin Lee for making the effort to consider how his choices and actions affect those around him.

### 1/2 XR

Chloe Neofit for willingly contributing her ideas during whole group discussions. Well Done!

### 3/4 C

Kaitlyn Nguyen for showing a growth mindset towards her learning and encouraging others to do the same.

### 3/4 F

Ryan Haskins for respectfully assisting new year 3 classmates settle into the 3/4 learning area.

### 3/4 KU

Georgie O’Brien for showing compassion and understanding towards her classmates.

### 3/4 MC

Kevin Bhasin for the enthusiastic manner he has approached being on the Maths Olympiad Team.

Well Done Kevin!

### 3/4 S

Armen Gilhooly for always respectfully sharing his knowledge or interesting thoughts with the class.

### 5/6 C

Amber Bui for always showing respect and focusing on your work.

### 5/6 D

Nathan McCormack for his co-operation with others and including others to be active members of a team. Keep it up Nathan!

### 5/6 M

Micah Quenette for demonstrating the power and importance of flexible thinking to the whole class.

Thank you!

### 5/6 N

Annie Davies for her commitment during her maths lessons and her co-operation in always assisting others in the group! Congratulations Annie!

### 5/6 P

Elise Farrington for confidently sharing her ideas and asking questions during class discussion.
Our Japanese teacher, Susan Taylor has chosen to help the Leukaemia foundation by shaving her head on March 12th. You can sponsor her on this link: http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/susantaylor1

Today, 34 Australians will be given the devastating news that they have blood cancer, and they'll turn to the Leukaemia Foundation for help.

Please sponsor me and help support families and continue the urgent search for cures.

Getting sponsored to shave your hair is an extraordinary way to help people with leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma, but I can't do it alone. Help me make the most of my hairy sacrifice. Sponsor me at least $28 today which can provide a cancer information pack to help a family prepare for the challenges ahead.

Kind regards
Susan Taylor

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 Basic Bread, Tzatzki Dip, Coleslaw, Kale, Sweet Potato and Fetta Frittata(yummy) for recipes please contact the office.

SCHOOL FEES

School fees statements were sent home recently. A reminder that the tuition fee should have been paid by 1st March 2016. 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
**VERIFICATION FORMS**
Student Verification Forms have been sent last week. This form is kept in the office and used by staff when they need to contact families. Thank you to those families that have returned these form, please ensure to return your form by Friday, 11th March 2016. Please return forms signed, even if there are no changes, thank you.

**TRAFFIC CONDITIONS IN DIMAR COURT.**
Parents!!! Please be advised that some cars are doing u-turns in Dimar Court. By driving into a private driveway and reversing back, this is likely to cause an accident. Many children are also walking along the footpath this also can be very dangerous to their safety. In future could cars go to the very end of the court to circle around and drive back out of the court.

**P.E. Important Sport Dates:**

**Term 1:**
16th March - Division Swimming- 9-12pm, Carnegie Pool,

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

**National Ride2School Day**
4 March 2016
Don’t forget tomorrow........

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.
PARENTS ASSOCIATION AGM

Parents have received our St Mark’s PA Key Dates for 2016, with your child last 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. The committee meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm.

Below is a flyer for Hot Cross Buns which has been sent home this week.

**Hot Cross Buns**

Traditional Fruitless Chocolate & Gingerbread Bunnies available!

*Please ask all family and friends to order and support this fundraiser.*

*Return form and money must be handed into the office by Friday 18th March.*

*Distribution Date is Thursday 24th March*

*Delivery will be given to eldest student, so please supply name and class on form.*

*Any queries please contact Maree 0418 306 190 maree.mag3@hotmail.com*

*Thank you for supporting St Marks Fundraising event!*
Second Hand Uniform Sale

Dates: Wednesday 16th March 2pm till 3pm
Thursday 17th March 9am till 10 am
All donated items will be selling for $5.00
Cash only if purchasing items!

*Please ensure all clothes are in good condition and washed.
Items must be handed into the office by Friday 11th March.
Money from items sold & items not sold must be collected from office
Between 20 – 24 March.
If not collected by the end of term 1, money and items will be donated to parents association.
Any queries contact Maree 0418 306 190
maree.mag3@hotmail.com

Please complete and attach form to each item and place each item in a separate bag.

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☐ Donating
☐ Selling

Price wanted $ .............

Item Description ............................................................................................................

Size..........................  ☐ Boy  /  ☐ Girl

Contact Name ............................................................................................................

Ph No ...............................................................
Please find attached the flyer for the Wastesaver company. The P&F have been able to raise funds for St Mark’s by collecting recycled (700kg) clothing and have raised over $330 for the school. Please remember that the bins are located in the parents room near the library.

“Bag it and Bring it!”
Fundraising and Recycling.

By placing outgrown and good quality unwanted clothing in bags in and bringing to the school, you will be raising money for our school!
Bags can be placed in the Australia's Wastesavers "Bag it and Bring it!” collection bins.
(Bins are located in the parents room.)

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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.

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 your best when no one is looking. If you do that, then you can be successful in anything that you put your mind to.

Regards

Debbie Darvell
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

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

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

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

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: 9am Monday 29 Feb
- Enrolments close: 5pm Friday 18 March
- Mill St Aspendale enrolments close 5pm Friday 11 March

more information
- kingston.vic.gov.au/schoolholidayprogram
- 9581 4846 or 9581 4875
- schoolholidayprogram@kingston.vic.gov.au
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