Dear Families

Christmas “Storytime with the Principal”
Thursday December 8th

Our next “Storytime with the Principal” is this Thursday at 8.50am and then again at 3.25pm (as part of Learning Circles). All parents are welcome to attend the morning session with or without toddlers, then after school with your children! This is a special “Christmas Storytime with the Principal” and all adults and children attending will get to take home a beautiful Christmas story book for their family.

School Fees

A final urgent reminder that school fee accounts were sent home on the 24th November. Unless separate arrangements have been made, all parents with outstanding fees should already have made their final payment for 2016. Please contact me immediately if you are having difficulties making your final payment.

2017 Transition, Orientation and 2016 School Reports

Our final 2017 class transitions are occurring next Monday, December 12th, from 9.30am until 11.00am, including the final Prep Parent Information meeting. All children in Years 1 to 5 will also meet their 2017 teacher. All school reports will be sent home on Friday December 9th.

End of Year School Mass

- Next Monday December 12th @ 12 noon at St Mary’s Church.

Christmas Carols Concert - Next Monday December 12th at 6.30pm

Just a reminder that all parents and families are invited to our Christmas Carols Concert to be held in the School Auditorium next Monday night December 12th. The children are asked to dress in Christmas colours or as angels, shepherds, Jesus, Mary, Joseph, Santa etc. All children are expected to be in their Classrooms at 6.30pm and the Christmas Carols Concert will begin at 7.00pm, finishing no later than 8.30pm.

Year 6 Graduation Mass - Wednesday December 14th @ 7pm

We will farewell our Year 6 students with a special Graduation Mass at St Mary’s Church next week on Wednesday December 16th @ 7pm. After Mass, there will be presentations made and refreshments served in the School Auditorium and all are welcome to attend.

Last Day of Term - Students finish at 2.30pm

The last day of Term is Friday December 16th and all children will be dismissed at 2.30pm. All staff will be involved in meeting days on Monday December 19th and Tuesday December 20th.

Have a great week.

Greg White, Principal
Level 3/4 Inquiry
Moving and Grooving

This term we have been learning about the design process. We have learnt about the importance of planning, designing, choosing appropriate materials, constructing and evaluating. Below are some of our creations.
Learning on the Holidays!

Learning continues on the holidays......

Provide opportunities for reading and writing.

Participate in physical activities and play games together.

Use everyday experiences to reinforce maths concepts e.g.: shopping, cooking, etc.

Enjoy interactive activities that promote learning and good health.

Visit the library!

Go to the park!

Prepare meals together.

Talk about school in 2017.
Student Wellbeing News

To all St. Mary's staff, students, parents, carers and family members,

Thank you for working together throughout 2016 to continue to make St Mary's School a welcoming, supportive and safe place for everyone. Throughout the year, we have worked hard to improve Student Behaviour, Student Wellbeing and Student Safety.

A big thank you to our School Wide Positive Behaviour / SEL Team, including Tina Congues our parent representative.

A big thank you to our very enthusiastic 2016 Student Leaders: Cindy, Manchet and Emmanuel. Throughout the year they have lead assemblies, read the KidsMatter News and lead students in whole school events.

I wish them the very best for 2017 as they begin their journey into secondary education.

A big thank you to Frances Thurgood for the continued support she has provided to the students, staff and families in her role as School Counselor and Chaplain.

Thank you to our other School Counselor, Brittany Watkins who ran a successful Positive Skills group throughout Term 3 and 4. Students engaged in 6 sessions focusing on developing trust, tolerance, responses to loss, team work skills and identifying and naming their feelings. This was a great opportunity for students to practice their skills in a small group situation.

I wish all families at St Mary’s a very Safe, Happy and Peaceful time for Christmas and the holiday season ahead.

Kindest regards and Happy Christmas,

Cathie Lynch (Student Wellbeing and Student Services’ Leader)