



**ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

20 - 24 NEW STREET, DANDENONG, 3175

*"Educating for Life Since 1912"*



Dear Families,

And like that, the end of the school year is upon us!!! What a year it has been, we've had some new staff come on board, we've had our four yearly School Review, we've had some really amazing results across all year levels, and we've celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Priesthood and farewelled Fr Brendan (although he is still around)! As happens every year, there have been ups and downs, but we have reached the end together, and we now head into the holidays at the end of this week ready for a rest and, hopefully, some family time as we celebrate the birth of Christ. On behalf of the staff, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas. May it be holy and may you celebrate the life of Christ, the true gift of Christmas. We look forward to seeing you all next year.

Year 6 reports go home on Wednesday with Graduation on Wednesday evening and their Fun Day on Thursday, their last day of school! All other reports (Prep to 5) go home on Thursday, with school finishing at 1:30pm on Friday. We have a whole school Mass on Friday morning at 9:15am if you would like to come and celebrate with us and Fr Sebastian.

### End of an Era!!!

This year sees us farewell the Babiak family who we believe has the longest continuous streak at St Marys of... **19 YEARS!!!** John and Kathy enrolled Matthew first, who was followed by Lisa. Both Erik and Lachlan were at the school when I first arrived in 2012 and young Ethan used to run around with his mum as she volunteered as part of the Parents & Friends Association. Well...

Ethan finishes grade 6 this year, which means we farewell the Babiak family from the school. 19 years is an incredible run of consecutive years and we will miss seeing the Babiak family at school. We wish you all the best for your future!

### Carols Night - What a success!!!

This year, we held the Carols on The Haven and it was lovely! It was wonderful to see the sea of Red and Green as we all gathered to sing carols together. Thanks to all of the families who joined in, the teachers who organised and practised, and of course the children who sang so beautifully!!! We hope it was a good night for you too...keep an eye out on Dojo for a 3 minute survey to give us some feedback.

### December

Wed 13th @6.00pm

**Y6 Graduation Mass**

Thurs 14th

**Y6 Fun Day and their last day of school**

Fri 15th @9.15am

**End of year mass**

Fri 15th @1.30pm

**Students finish**

### 2024 January

Mon 29th @8.15 - 9.30am

**Uniform Shop open**

Tues 30th @8.40am

**Term 1 begins!!!**





Have a wonderful holiday break and a happy, Holy Christmas.  
Terry

### Mr Gardiner's Rib Ticklers...

Mr Gardiner: Mrs Claus, do you know why Santa is good at karate?

*Mrs Claus: Ummmmm...No, I have no idea why Santa is good at karate?*

Mr Gardiner: Well, it is because he has a black belt...get it? He has a BLACK BELT, like in karate?

*Mrs Claus: Thank goodness this year is over!!! No mor terrible jokes from Mr Gardiner*

Mr Gardiner: Ba ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha!!! Have a great holiday everyone...





**ST MARY'S PARISH, DANDENONG**  
**CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE 2023/24**



**SIMBANG GABI (Night Mass) Filipino Tradition**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

16<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> December at 7:30pm

22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> December at 5:00am



**RECONCILIATION – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023**

6:00pm-8:00pm - Reconciliation(2<sup>ND</sup> RITE) service with individual confession

**CONFESSION**

Individual confession will be available after mass each weekday and before Saturday evening mass

**CHRISTMAS EVE - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

5:00 am (Simbang Gabi – Dawn Mass)

8:30am & 10:30am (Parish Sunday Masses)

5:00pm (Christmas Carols)

5:30pm (Family Mass-Celebrant Bishop Tony Ireland)

8:00pm (Chaldean Mass)

11:30pm (Christmas Carols)

Midnight Mass



**CHRISTMAS DAY - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

8:30am & 10:30am (Mass)

12.30 pm (Chaldean Mass)

No 5.30pm Evening Mass (Today)



**26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

9:15am (Weekday Mass)

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

9:15am & 5:30pm (Mass)

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

8:30am, 10:30am & 5:30pm (Mass)

12:30pm (Chaldean Mass)

**FEAST OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD**

(Vigil) Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 – 9:00pm Adoration followed by Mass at 9:30pm

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 – 9:15am (Mass)

12:30pm (Chaldean Mass)



**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

9:15am (Mass)



# Farewell Year 6 Students

A special note from your Year 5 friends



## Shamira

♥ Personality Traits - Kind, thoughtful, inspiring others to draw ♥

My favourite memory of you is when you were doing a kpop dance battle with Daniella and you did not realise that some 5/6 SD students were watching you until I told you.

The first time I Michael Jordaned you was a big mistake because every time you Michael Jordan me is a new memory.

In the future, you are likely to be an artist because every time you make an art piece that is beautiful I feel like taking it, but I don't. You are an art leader for a reason.

♥We will miss you Shamira, aka the anime/k-pop lover♥

FROM SHAKTHITHAA



## Shana

**Personality Traits:** Admirable, Loyal, Patient, Peaceful and selfless.

**Your favourite memory of them:** Camp and being in the same cabin with you, it was so nice to experience that together.

**In the future, they are likely to:** Become a beautician or end up with a high end job and make lots of money, because she is so smart and intelligent.

We will miss you Hope you do great in high school, and remember to be yourself. **Quote** - "Sunsets are proof that endings can be beautiful."

From *Estherena*.



Hope You  
enjoy High  
School

## Shanae

**Personality Traits:** When we first met you were really shy, but when I got to know you more you were the most gentlest, kindest and funniest person I've ever met.

**Your favourite memory of them:** My favourite memory of you was when we laughed at really random sound effects, like the water droplets that sounded like 'bloop!' We just burst into laughter.

**In the future, they are likely to:** You are most likely to be a compassionate lawyer or cafe owner.

We will miss you Shanae and always remember that you are a star.

From *Pavneet Kaur Hayer*





## Fufu



**Personality Traits:** Humorous, Outgoing, Ambitions and Patient. Also very Open

**Your favourite memory of them:** VolleyBall Gala Day and other Gala days

**In the future, they are likely to:** Become a well known celebrity for singing or other things.

We will miss you so much, hope your highschool life is what you wanted or expected. **Quote** - "I'm not telling you it's going to be easy — I'm telling you it's going to be worth it."

From *Estherena*.

## Joseph



**Personality Traits:**

1. Funny
2. Strong
3. Kind
4. Athletic
5. Smart



**Your favourite memory of them:** When we were playing basketball Joseph was always trying not to win and just letting me win.

**In the future, you are likely to:** become a professional basketball player . (NBA)

We will miss you: Good luck!!!!!! ( from Eldin)

## Josh P



**Personality Traits:** helpful ,kind,nice & friendly.

**Your favourite memory of them:** playing basketball with you at recess and lunch times.

**In the future, they are likely to:** I think a big time basketball player or a big boss of a business.

**We will miss you:** and I wish you the best of luck in your future and I hope you enjoyed your time at St Mary's

From Drake Nguyen.

## Kimaya



**Personality Traits:** She is very Funny, smart, Kind & Loves reading.

**Your favourite memory of them:** My favourite memory with her is when we were doing our science project together and we got to see what would happen to the rocks.

**In the future, they are likely to:** Become a famous author and publish some amazing books.

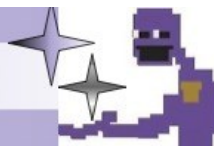
WE WILL MISS YOU KIMAYA

FROM REET



Have the  
best time  
in year 7  
-Hayden

## Lydon



**Personality Traits:** Your Funny, Nice , Confident ,  
Hard working , Responsible, Loyal, Intelligent  
towards Digital things ,Very Smart & A great leader

**My favourite memory of you:** Is seeing you go  
swimming in the deep end in the best group.

-I thought I was good at swimming :)

**In the future, you are likely to:** Be a fantastic gamer

We will miss you!

From Hayden M.L

See you In two years!



## Novell



**Personality Traits:** You are kind ,caring, brave .You lead  
others to good choices. The younger students look up to  
you so much that they want to become just like you .

**Your favourite memory of them:** My favorite memory is  
when you came to me and comforted me from a stage  
where I thought I was worth nothing to where I felt like I  
was.

**In the future, they are likely to:** You will Likely become a  
director .

We will miss you Novell

From Devindi



## Nyayeah



**Personality Traits:** Caring, Funny,  
Friendly, Kind, Loyal, True to her word

**Your favourite memory of them:** My  
favourite memory of her is when we all  
sat together all the time.

**In the future, they are likely to:** You are  
most likely to be a fashion designer and  
become the next Gucci or a music artist

We will miss Nyayeah

From Daniell



## Sineth



**Personality Traits:** supportive, nice ,funny and smart

**Your favourite memory of them:** My favourite  
memory is helping you get special things in blox  
fruits.

**In the future, they are likely to:** be a professional  
basketball player who plays in the NBA or a novelist.

We will miss you Sineth

From Anthony



Amylee



**Personality Traits:** creative, selfless, dramatic, supportive, trustworthy, humors, loyal and amiable

**Your favourite memory of them:** When I first met you in year 3 I knew you were going to be a very talented girl from looking at the smile on your face and I was right. We laughed every day until I thought it came to an end but still in 2023 we are still friends helping each other with work and other things.

**In the future, they are likely to:** In the future I know you will become the most magnificent art teacher in the whole in world inspiring others to do the same just how you inspired me.

**Quote:** Every person is an artist, The problem is how to remain an artist, it's once we grow up remember Every art piece is worth a million words.

**We will miss you** Amylee  
From Victoria



Jada



**Personality Traits:** Funny, nice and helpful.

**Your favourite memory of them:** my favourite memory with you is when we always dance in visual arts.

**In the future, they are likely to:** Become a famous soccer or basketball player.

**We will miss you:** I wish you all the best next year

**From:** Lydia

Ajamour



**Personality Traits:** very funny, goofy, nice, open minded and chilled.

**Your favourite memory of them:** My favourite memory was when we went to the movies and did really weird stuff.

**In the future, they are likely to:** In the future you would likely be a good goalkeeper.

**We will miss you** Ajamour 💀💀

From Angelo 🧐

Akwet



**Personality Traits:** crafty, creative, funny, and kind

**Your favourite memory of them:** on camp we were in the same group and we both fell in the mud run and started splashing each other with mud.

**In the future, you could be:** a business owner because you're smart and responsible.

**We will miss you**

**From** Afiel



## Aliyana



*Personality Traits: Kind, Creative, Confident, Patient.*

*Your favourite memory of them: was when you laugh at things that were funny in the classroom.*

*In the future, they are likely to: be a Comedian. (because you make your friends or families laugh.)*

*We will miss you SO MUCH ALIYANA!!!*

*From Hanzylor*

## Angel



*Your Funny, Smart and most of all... Kind!*

*My favourite memory of you was when it was your birthday!*

*In the future, you are most likely to be a Surgeon*

*We'll miss you Angel!!! Have a GREAT time in highschool and make good friends! <3*

*- Clo Clo :3*



## Angelo



**Personality Traits:** You are funny, caring, smart and sporty.

**Your favourite memory of them:** My favorite memory is when we were in Japanese and we were laughing because Josh kept on putting funny pictures of himself on the slides.

**In the future, they are likely to:** I hope you achieve your dream of becoming a basketball player. Keep working hard.

**We will miss you**

**From:** Noyan



## Celecita



**Personality Traits:** Sassy, dramatic, funny, kind, crazy, loyal, generous, she is extremely empathetic to others and she is also very energetic and a happy person.

**Your favourite memory of them:** My favorite memory of you is when it was Gloria's birthday and I was going to dance (the song best friends from production with Gloria) and you took my place as Marty and started dancing as hard and happily as you could.

**In the future, they are likely to:** Be a business woman because you know what you want and need and have a really good sense of yourself and others. I think you could also be a model (cause you're really pretty).

**We will miss you**

**From** Sifwan Yousef Mohamed

**(PS enjoy highschool and remember**

**WE WILL MISS YOU)**





## Enrique



**Personality Traits:** Good basketball skills, great acting, good sense of humour and great confidence.

**Your favourite memory of them:** My favourite memory is when you were coaching me at basketball

**In the future, they are likely to:** I believe you will be an actor or an artist or a basketball player. If you don't get one of them, I hope you get other.

We will miss you, don't forget me Enrique!

From Jamal



## Ethan



**Personality Traits:** Funny, chill, nice and a good student

**Your favourite memory of them:** playing basketball together at recess and lunch. Also playing four square together some time

**they are likely to:** be a famous gamer.

We will miss you Ethan! I wish you all the best

From Sultan

## Gloria



HER PERSONALITY TRAIT : FUNNY, SUPPORTIVE, INSPIRATIONAL AND EXPLAINING THE THING YOU LOVE IN LIFE.

MY FAVOURITE MEMORY OF YOU : WAS WHEN WE WERE SWIMMING AND YOU CAME OUT OF NOWHERE AND STARTED JOINING IN WITH ME.

IN THE FUTURE YOU ARE MOST LIKELY TO BE A LAWYER OR A STAY HOME RICH MUM WITH YOUR BANK GREEN

WE WILL MISS YOU GLORIA



FROM MERLIAH



## Jhanvi



**Personality Traits:** Honest, self aware, carefree and very talkative. You are also a good friend to the Grade one and two students.

**My favourite memory of her:** I liked talking to her at swimming when we could not swim

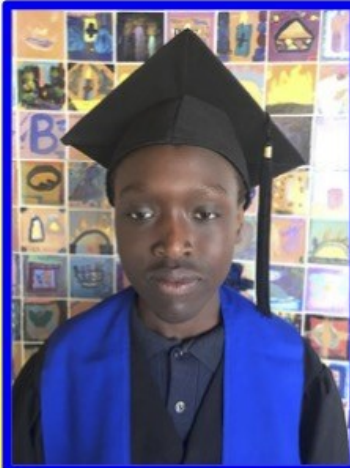
**In the future, she is likely to:** become a babysitter because she plays with the grade one and two's at snack time - who are obviously much younger than her

We will miss you Jhanvi

From Angel S



## Josh L



**Personality Traits:** kind, supportive, funny and experienced pokemon addict.

**Your favourite memory of them:** My two favourite memories are when we went to camp and we were in the same cabin. We played games when we were supposed to be asleep. Another time was when we went to my birthday and ate all you can eat Japanese food. Then we went to Lemans go kart racing, which was fun

**In the future, they are likely to:** Be a professional basketball player.

We will miss you Josh

From Aiden



## Kon



**Personality Traits:**

Kon is a good listener and he is also kind and caring to everyone. Kon is also known for being athletic and having a extroverted personality.

**Your favourite memory of them:**

Playing basketball with him at recess and also playing together at lunch. I also liked playing roblox with him.

**In the future, they are likely to:**

Become a professional basketball player for the Charlotte Hornets or another team (NBA).

We will miss you,

From

Alfred Simon

## Kuol



**Personality Traits:** Calm, focused and reliable

**Your favourite memory of them:** when I was partnered up with him. We really worked well together and always listened to each other's ideas.

**In the future, they are likely to:** be some sort of leader after his successful leadership role this year.

We will miss your calm presence Kuol, good luck next year.

From Braden

## Lavenia



**Personality Traits:** your Funny,smart,caring,silly,wisec,helpful,mature, capable,friendly,hardworking,loyal,fair and forgiving.

**Your favourite memory of them:** My good memory with Lavenia (tablebuddy) is when she helps me with stuff I struggle with . I am really happy I have you as my tablebuddy Lavenia!!!

**In the future, they are likely to:** You are likely to be a successful person in whatever you choose in life.!!

We will miss you Lavenia !!!!!!!

From Srivaishnavi.K (tablebuddy)





## Manteshwar



**Personality Traits:** You are very kind, you easily make new friends and you are helpful to others.

**Your favourite memory of them:** My favorite memory is when we play football and we always get to be in a team together and we most of the times dominate but we kept getting fouled.

**In the future, they are likely to:** In the future I hope that you become the next Ronaldo and make your family proud I hope that one day we face each other off in a Football match.

**We will miss you**

**From:** Noyan



## Mara



**Personality Traits:** Caring, flexible, authentic, capable, confident, faithful, forgiving, working hard and organised

**Your favourite memory of them:** My good memory with Mara is when we help each other in math to understand and learn together.

**In the future, they are likely to:** You are likely to be a doctor in the future and be successful in life.

**We will miss you** Maraaa!!!!

**From** Shania (^ u ^)



## Martiria



(๖๖๖) ♡ **Personality Traits:** Funny, sassy, confident, drama queen lol and true to your word.

**Your favourite memory of them:** My Favourite memory with you was at camp when we were in the middle of our cabin singing and dancing.

**In the future I think you are likely to:** be a veterinarian because you love pet and animals

**We will miss you** Martiria!!

**From** the most amazing Kelly

**Enjoy high school**





# ST MARY'S OSHC: PRE-CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DECEMBER 2023



## BASE DAILY FEES

PERMANENT: \$65 CASUAL: \$72.50 (any bookings made during the Vacation Care Period)  
AFTER MAX CCS : \$4.89 per day  
\*Incursions & Excursions will incur an additional fee.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION	MONDAY 18 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER	TUESDAY 19 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER
<p><u>PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR CHILD WITH:</u></p> <p><u>A Hat &amp; a Healthy Packed Lunch, including Snacks for Morning &amp; Afternoon Tea &amp; a refillable water bottle.</u></p> <p><u>VENUE : ST MARY'S TENNIS CLUB (NEW ST DANDENONG)</u></p> <p><u>OPENING HOURS: 7am - 6pm</u></p> <p><u>FOR BOOKINGS</u> <u>PH: 0422 803 717</u></p>	<p><u>FUN TIMES ARE HERE!</u></p> <p><u>Have a go on the Nintendo Wi &amp; 'JUST DANCE'</u></p> <p><u>Make:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Beaded Candy Canes</li> <li>* Loom Band Designs</li> </ul> <p><u>Play Ground &amp; Oval Games</u></p> <p><u>&gt;&gt; Play your Favourites !</u></p>	<p><u>CHRISTMAS IS IN THE AIR</u></p> <p><u>Crafts Include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Christmas Elves</li> <li>* Room Decorations</li> <li>- Paper Chains</li> <li>- Stain Glass Art</li> <li>* Musical Stars &amp; Statues</li> </ul> <p><u>Movie: Home Alone</u></p> <p><u>Christmas Posters</u></p>
WEDNESDAY 20 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER	THURSDAY 21 <sup>st</sup> DECEMBER	FRIDAY 22 <sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER
<p><u>CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS</u></p> <p><u>Crafts Include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Reindeer Hats</li> <li>* Snowman Art</li> </ul> <p><u>Enjoy Making Edible Christmas Balls</u></p> <p><u>Balloon Fun &amp; Games!</u></p> <p><u>Movie: The Grinch</u></p>	<p><u>Let's get together for some Christmas Cheer !!</u></p> <p><u>Christmas Party</u></p> <p>There will be lots of Party Games, Musical Fun &amp; of Course <b>PARTY FOOD!!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Party Crowns</li> <li>* Hama Beads</li> </ul> <p><u>Sing Some Carols</u></p> <p><u>We wish you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR !!</u></p>	<p><u>GOODBYE 2023 !!</u></p> <p><u>Participate in these Cool Activities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Snowball Challenge</li> <li>* Ball Games</li> <li>* Decorate Canvas Bags</li> </ul> <p><u>Get Wet with WATER BALLOONS</u></p> <p><u>Remember to bring your thongs, towel, Super Soakers &amp; change of Clothes!</u></p>

Our 'SUMMER PROGRAM' will Start on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## January

### December

13th Lavenia	1st Jhanvi
13th Harjasreet	1st Akshayan
13th Lucas	3rd Aaron
15th Sara	7th Majok
16th Tina	8th Lateisha
18th Reyan	9th Japneet
18th Abby	10th Nyayeah
19th Praneeth	10th Rakshan
20th Aarav	13th Kiden
31st Akwak	13th Oneli
	15th Ayan
	20th Ella-May
	26th Vasilisa
	26th Novell
	28th Nyamuch



## Fees

Please finalise all accounts as soon as possible.  
If you are having difficulties please come in and see us.

## Enrolments 2024

If you have a child turning 5 by 30th April 2024, they may be eligible to enroll at St Mary's school for Prep next year. Please come to the office for an enrolment form.

## School Contacts

Principal: **Mr Terry Gardiner**  
Deputy Principal: **Mr Bryan Handasyde**  
Family Engagement Leader: **Mrs Yvette Silva**  
School Secretaries: **Ms Michelle Grenfell, Ms Jane Merchant**

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Email: **principal@smdandenong.catholic.edu.au**  
Website: **www.smdandenong.catholic.edu.au**

## Parish Contacts

Parish Priest: **Fr Parish Office: 9791 4611**