

# Our News...

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## TO THE COMMUNITY OF ST MARY'S... GOD IS GLORIFIED IN ALL THINGS



*He was in the world; but the world – though it owed its being to him – did not recognise him, he came to his own, and his own people would not receive him. But to those who did receive him, he gave the right to become children of God, not through human desire, but through God alone. (John 1:11)*

As we approach the second Sunday of Advent let us continue to nurture the true meaning of Christmas and think of others. This Sunday is St Mary's Parish and school, farewell mass (10:30am) and BBQ for Father Jun Jun. In the true spirit of Christmas Father has asked that we bring along someone in our community who might just need to be among others at this time of year. Advent is an opportunistic time to live and act with real social justice.

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 11th - 15th Dec: Swimming Program continues
- 12th Dec - Step up Day
- 12th Dec - End of Year Whole School Singing with Mrs Keely- 2:30pm, all welcome
- 15th Dec: End of year Mass & BBQ - 6:00pm
- 18th Dec: School Closure Day - No Learners to school
- 19th Dec -
- 20th Dec: Year 6 Graduation Dinner @ Tavern 6:30pm
- 22nd Dec: End of Term 4 - 12:10 Dismissal

2018

- Term 1 Begins: 29th January (Staff only)
- Learners begin Term 1 - 30th January 2018

The Community Carols was a huge success with approximately 45 representatives from St Mary's there. Mrs Keely is an amazing asset in our school to nurture and grow those who love to perform and sing. We thank her for her efforts and preparations. Thank you to all of the Mum's and Dad's that took their children along, a merry way to start the Christmas season!

Our Swimming Program was off to a chilly start however is well under way now. Miss Spence has commented on the growth that some have made in a year. There are many Learners taking more risks and listening to our instructors. We are truly thankful to Geoff Dale and Bek Dobbie who are helping facilitate our lessons. Thank you to our parent walkers that helped out also!

Some of our Year 6's who will attend St Joseph's Echuca had their Orientation Day for 2018 on Tuesday. These days make the milestone of secondary school a reality and we know there is great excitement as well as some apprehension around moving on. Everyone had a great day. We look forward to hearing from those who will head off to Cohuna Secondary College next week.

As a lead into secondary school, our Year 5's also had a visit to St Joseph's Echuca. The grounds, facilities and staff made for an incredible day. Whether your child will head off to St Joseph's or not, they all had a ball with sport, science and the arts to name a few.

Festival of the Sacred took place on Wednesday and again our wonderful Mrs Keely lead and supported our Learners to greatness. We even had one person who bravely committed and executed beautifully a solo! Well done Lachlan Farrell, an amazing effort. This event is a wonderful celebration of Catholic education in Sandhurst. Everyone put in 100% effort!

Following Step Up Day on Tuesday, all families will receive information regarding 2018. Please look out for this envelope in your child's bag. Some exciting times ahead!

Roar and Snore Camp was a huge success with a visit to the Bendigo Cathedral and an amazing time at the Zoo. From feeding and cleaning in the elephant enclosure to seeing an array of amazing animals...all have had a sensational time. Many tired heads tonight!

As you can see, not long to go and life at St Mary's is still busy and full steam ahead! Our amazing Learners are becoming weary however are still committing enthusiastically to life at school. I know the holidays will be welcomed. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

*God Bless - Jasmine Ryan (Principal)*



Noah Whelan - 13th



**Please note:** Our last day of Term 4 now finishes at 12:10pm. We must align with community buses and this was only brought to our attention today!



**OUR ROAR & SNORE CAMP**



*Out in the Community*



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**To Respect Others - To think kindly of & for others during Advent.**

**NEXT WEEK @**

From 9:30 - 10:30...come and join in the journey of Christmas! Another festive activity where we will decorate a Christmas pine cone to hang on your Christmas tree! Our last playgroup of the year!

Date: 15th December

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**