

Our News...

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



As the formalities of the year come to an end I will make this my final newsletter! On reflection the year has passed in the blink of an eye and what a wonderful year it has been. I have been welcomed to St Mary's by all in the community and now that my first year of getting to know the community has passed, I look forward to the great times that lie ahead. Thank you to everyone who has supported me, my incredible staff who work tirelessly for the benefit of the kids, the school board and P&F who offer all that is possible to do what is best for the school. To Father Jun Jun who has offered endless support to myself and all at St Mary's, always encouraging us to be our best possible selves for those we teach. And my final thank you goes to the most important people in our school, the kids! Everyday it is a joy to be among them, they are warm, loving incredible people who I am happy to work for. I am proud to be the Principal of this school and thank them for making each day worthwhile!

This week all Learners took part in Step Up Day! For anyone who is either coming or going...moving up or moving on! It was a great day of excitement, engagement and new beginnings! I have had much positive feedback and am thrilled that their were many happy faces.

As you are all aware now we have some new staff to welcome to the St Mary's team. Mr Jerrod Davison, aka Mr D, joins us from the Prep - 12 state school in Kyabram. Mr D has been teaching for over eight years and looks forward to being a part of the Catholic schooling system. Miss Sarah Toll, is a Graduate teacher who comes with impressive referees and connections to St Mary's Echuca and we look forward to supporting her as she begins her career in education. Mrs Katrina Toma will lead PE next year. Katrina is a local and comes with huge excitement at teaching PE at St Mary's. Miss Maarjte Jansen has moved to Australia from the Netherlands where she was a qualified teacher. As the qualifications vary among countries, Maarjte will work as a LSO in the Collaborative Classroom.

As some begin their journey, sadly some others will come to an end. Mrs Kyra Laughlin is retiring from teaching this year and we wish her and her husband Paul every happiness. From all at St Mary's Kyra, we thank you for everything you have given the school and all whom you have taught. Your seven years of service has been greatly appreciated and we hope to see you on the odd day here and there in the future! Travel safe and enjoy your many planned adventures!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 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 - The Year 6 Waterfight! 12:10 Dismissal

2018

- Term 1 Begins: 29th January (Staff only)
- Learners begin Term 1 - 30th January 2018
- 1st Feb: Preps begin
- 5th Feb: School Board meeting @ 7pm
- 7th Feb: Preps rest day
- 8th Feb: St Mary's swimming sports
- 9th Feb: Beginning of Year Mass

Meredith Jones also leaves us this year. Meredith has done a fantastic job in providing engaging and energetic PE sessions for all at St Mary's. We know Mrs Jones will be in and out to help us in our classrooms over the next year! Thank you Meredith for all that you have contributed to our school.

Father Jun Jun Amaya is also moving on from St Mary's. Father Jun Jun will lead the Catholic community of Wodonga and we send him with our prayers. Father has been an incredible leader of St Mary's, nurturing the children's faith journeys, supportive of all staff and a very active leader of the Parish. He will be missed and know that Wodonga are blessed to have him.

To our amazing Year 6 Graduates who are 'so' ready to move on and experiencing new things! You should all go with your heads held high and take all that you have learned from St Mary's with you. You are all wonderful people who deserve the best that the world has to offer. I wish you greatness in all that you do!

Today we concluded our Swimming program for the year! The program went really well a part from our unpredictable weather. Thank you to all of the teachers for supporting this program and especially Miss Spence who assessed and planned the curriculum for our swimmers. We hope everyone keeps up their newly learned skills over the summer. Our last session was awesome!! Slide, slide, slide!

Please remember that over the break you can order uniform on CDF pay, collection day will be the 29th January. The school calendar will be updated in late January for dates that we are aware of 2018. The school office will be closed from the 22nd December until 29th January 2018.

This final newsletter, brings us nearly to the end of the year so with that I thank you all again for a fabulous year! I hope each and everyone of you has a happy, safe and family filled with love and laughter! Please rest, refresh and most importantly stay well until we see you all in the new year!

God Bless - Jasmine Ryan (Principal)



- Seth Miller - 16th
- Izzy Wittebrood - 18th
- Angela Warren - 19th
- Lachlan Farrell - 20th
- Holly Hawken - 20th
- Abigail Gray - 21st
- Maddy Link - 27th
- Thomas Hawken - 28th



COMMUNITY NOTICES



ANNUAL GRADUATES WATER FIGHT

Thursday 21st December

Please Remember:

Our last day of Term 4 now finishes at 12:10pm due to the alignment of community school buses!