



DATES:

Friday December 13th –
Reports & Learning
Journals go home

Monday December 16th –
End of School Mass and
Nativity Play at 6.40pm.
ALL WELCOME

Tuesday December 17th –
Whole School Excursion to
Halls Gap

Wednesday December 18th – Fun swimming
afternoon

Wednesday December 18th – LAST DAY for
Students. School finishes
at 3.25pm.

**Thursday January 30th,
2020 –** First day of Term 1
for students

Vision Statement:

*St. Mary's community,
with Jesus as our
inspiration, aims to
educate and nurture the
development of the
whole child.*

Mission Statement:

Community Engagement

Work in close
partnership with
families, parish and the
Donald community to
enhance faith, student
learning and well-being.

END OF YEAR MASS:

On **Monday evening, December 16th, at 6.40pm** in the Church, the end of year mass will be celebrated. This mass will celebrate and give thanks for the year. All families and students are invited and encouraged to attend. The Grade six students will be acknowledged and students and families leaving thanked for their role at St. Mary's.



Before mass, at 6.40pm, all students in Grades F-3 will perform a Nativity play.



Costumes will be provided for students in the play.

A cup of tea will follow

Any student not able to attend Mass on this day is asked to contact the office to advise of their inability to attend

P & F HARVEST BREAKFAST THANK YOU:

Congratulations to the P & F and helpers on such a wonderful breakfast last Sunday. The Multi-Purpose Room looked very festive and the smell coming from the room was amazing.

It was great to see parishioners, staff, parents and members of the Donald community enjoying a hearty breakfast together and celebrate this year's harvest.

Thank You

SCHOOL REPORTS:

School Reports, Learning Journals and a letter for parents will be sent home tomorrow, **Friday December 13th.**

Anyone wishing to speak to staff regarding these reports is asked to contact the office on 54971116 on Monday December 16th to arrange a meeting. Meetings will be available on Monday 16th or Wednesday 18th.

RECONCILIATION:



Today, the Grade Five and Six students participated in the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance with Fr. Eugene. This reflective liturgy provides an opportunity to reflect on ways to care and act respectfully towards ourselves and others. This is a special way to prepare for Christmas.

GOODWIN VILLAGE & RIVERVIEW LODGE VISIT:



Tomorrow, **Friday December 13th**, students will walk to the Goodwin Village & Riverview Lodge Nursing Home to perform Christmas songs for the residents. Along with their singing, students will distribute cards & small gift boxes to each resident.

Students are able to wear Christmas themed clothes on this day.



HALLS GAP EXCURSION:

The whole school Halls Gap Excursion scheduled for next Tuesday, December 17th, has been cancelled due to the weather forecast for the day.

Please find below the alternative arrangements made for this day.



We apologise for the late change.

UPDATED WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION:

Next **Tuesday, December 17th**, the whole school will be heading to Horsham, including Horsham Center Cinema, Horsham Lanes & Games and Horsham Aquatic Centre, for our whole school excursion.

Students will leave school at 9.00am and return approximately 5.00pm. Updates on the return time will be posted on the School App.

Students need to bring the following:

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| *Morning tea | *Bathers | *Towel |
| *Full drinker | *Protective Shirt | |
| *Hat (of your choice) | *Thongsp | |

Students are to wear their Sports uniform on the day.

Lunch will be provided from McDonalds. If you do not wish your child to have McDonalds, please make sure they have lunch with them.

A permission form is available on the App. It would be appreciated if you could fill it in via the App. due to the short notice.

ATTENDANCE RECOGNITION:

This morning, ten students, Franciz, Cameron, Ben, Charlie, Nate, Geordie, Kailie, Libby, Marnie & Evie, were recognised for their outstanding attendance throughout the year. Ten students achieved attendance above 95%, with five of these students, Cameron, Ben, Charlie, Nate & Kailie, attending for 99% of days. Well done to these students and their parents.



Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day. Attending and participating in school will help your child develop:

- *important skills and knowledge to help them learn*
- *social and emotional skills such as good communication, resilience and team work.*

Children who attend school every day and complete year 12 have:

- *better health*
- *better job opportunities*
- *higher income across their lives.*

There is no safe number of days for missing school. Each day a student misses puts them behind.
(excerpt from the Dept. of Education & Training Victoria)

SWIMMING DAY:

Next **Wednesday, December 18th**, we will be having a fun swimming afternoon at the pool.

Students will require the following on the day:



- Bathers
- Swim Top
- Towel
- Thongs/Sandals

(to walk to & from the pool,
if available)

Sunscreen will be provided by the school, but if you have a preferred brand, you may send this with your child/ren.

MERIT AWARDS:

Congratulations Patience, who was acknowledged at assembly Monday morning.



READERS & LIBRARY BOOKS:

Readers and library borrowing has finished for the year. Could all students please make sure they return any readers or library books they might have at home or at school before Monday December 16th. If you are unsure if you have any outstanding library books, there will be a list in the office of books still on loan. The office number is: 54971116.



LAST DAY OF TERM 4:

Wednesday December 18th is the last day of term 4 for students. School finishes at 3.25pm on this day.

The school office will be open until 1pm on Friday December 20th.

Term 4 Dates:

Friday December 13th – Goodwin Village & Riverview Lodge visit.

Friday December 13th – Grade 6 2020 shirt/jumper order form due.

Friday December 13th – Reports go home.

Monday December 16th – Last day to return library books & readers.

Sunday December 15th – Carols by Candlelight, 8pm at Uniting Church.

Monday December 16th – End of School Mass at 7.00pm, followed by Nativity Play at 7.45pm. Cup of tea to follow.

Tuesday December 17th – Whole School Excursion to Halls Gap

Wednesday December 18th – Swimming afternoon.

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FIRST DAY FOR 2020:

Thursday January 30th will be the first day for students in 2020