



**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.

**DATES:**

Monday January 27<sup>th</sup> –  
Australia Day Public  
Holiday

Tuesday January 28<sup>th</sup> –  
Staff return to school – NO  
STUDENTS

Wednesday January 29<sup>th</sup> –  
Staff PD Day – NO  
STUDENTS

**Thursday January 30<sup>th</sup>,  
2020** – First day of Term 1  
for students

## **CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS:**

On behalf of the students and staff I wish each family a very happy and enjoyable Christmas. May the holidays be full of fun and special family times.

Many thanks and congratulations to each student on your work and progress throughout the year.

The staff greatly appreciate the support given to them from families.

I wish to acknowledge the dedication and work of each staff person and thank them for their efforts to assist each student's learning.

Thank you to our families that are finishing at St.

Mary's; Andrew & Nadine and Jason & Pam for their support and work. We will miss having Lachie, Charlotte, Charlie, Charli, Ben, Toby, Geordie and Zac at St. Mary's and know they will be great members of their new schools.

I would also like to

acknowledge Bernadette and Alexandra, who are also leaving our school this year. Good luck to Bernadette as she spends more time with her grandchildren and in her garden and to Alexandra as she continues with her studies.

My sincere thanks to each student, family and staff person for their ongoing support to me. I greatly appreciate and value it. Anne



## **END OF YEAR MASS:**

Last night we celebrated our End of Year Mass where we gave thanks for the year and farewelled our current Grade 6 students Charlie, Charli, Zac, Ben, Charlotte, Toby, Georgie and Charlotte. We also said goodbye to the Frank & Mellings families, who are leaving St. Mary's this year as all their children complete their primary education. The evening concluded in the Multi-Purpose Room with refreshments and a celebratory cake for our Grade 6 students. Congratulations also to – Toby Smith, this year's recipient of the George Stebbins MLA Academic Award, Georgie Smith, the recipient of the Pat Lambert Academic Award and Lachlan Belleville, the recipient of this year's Sports Award.



**THANK YOU MRS. WALL FOR YOUR  
DEDICATION TO HEARING STUDENTS  
READ EACH WEEK.**



## **GOODWIN VILLAGE & RIVERVIEW LODGE VISIT:**

Last Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, students walked to the Goodwin Village & Riverview Lodge Nursing Home to perform Christmas songs for the residents. Along with their singing, students distributed cards & small gift boxes to each resident.

All residents thoroughly enjoyed having the students visit to sing and hand out gifts. The joy that such visits give to both residents, staff and students is visible on their faces. The rooms were filled with smiles and laughter and lots of chatter.



## **THANK YOU FROM BACOLOD:**

Sister Anne from the Good Samaritan Sisters in Bacolod, Philippines, has asked Mrs. Gilmour to pass on her thanks to our wonderful school for the recent delivery they have received.





## **THANK YOU:**

As we celebrate the season of Christmas, we reflect back on the year and find that we have many things to be thankful for and celebrate this year. At St. Mary's we would like to thank the following people and groups for their donations and continued support of our school throughout 2019:

- ✦ St. Mary's Parents & Friend
- ✦ Nadine Frank & the Donald Races canteen crew
  - ✦ Donald & District Community Bank Branch
    - ✦ Donald Bridge Club
    - ✦ Donald Croquet Club
- ✦ Donald Nightingales Branch of the CWA
  - ✦ Donald Friends & Neighbours
    - ✦ St. Vincent de Paul
    - ✦ Donald Bakery
- ✦ The McConville Family

To EVERYONE who has helped out at St. Mary's during the year, we would like to say a huge....

**THANK  
YOU**

## **WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION:**

To finish what has been a very busy year, students were treated to a whole school excursion to Horsham. With a very busy schedule set for the day, a bus load of very excited students and staff



left the school at 9am. First stop was the Horsham Cinema, where they watched Frozen II, followed by a short bus trip to McDonald's for lunch, then on to Horsham Lanes & Games for a game of Ten Pin Bowls, with the day culminating in a relaxing swim at the Horsham Aquatic

Centre. Students had a great day in a fun and relaxing environment to finish the year. Thank you to the staff that attended, who I am sure enjoyed their day too. I think there was a teacher excited to watch Frozen II also – Mrs. Hogan!



### **ELF ON THE SHELF:**

With the assistance of Mrs. Hogan, students have been helping to bring an extra bit of Christmas to the residents of the Johnson Goodwin Homes with the 'Elf on a Shelf'. Mrs. Hogan and students think up new ideas for their elf to get up to. Staff and residents are enjoying this mischievous little fellow's antics and are often amused by what he gets up to.



### **CROSSING MESSAGE:**

Andrea, the crossing supervisor, would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.



### **CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:**

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE:**

Fr. Denis Ryan	6.00pm Boort 8.00pm Wycheproof
Fr Peter Jose	6.00pm Charlton 8.00pm St Arnaud
Fr Eugene McKinnon	5.00pm Nullawil 7.00pm Birchip 9.00pm Donald

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY:**

Fr Peter Jose	9.30am Banyena
Fr Eugene McKinnon	9.30am Minyip



### **FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS FOR 2020:**

**Thursday January 30<sup>th</sup> will be the first day for students in 2020**

### **TERM 1 DATES, 2020**

Monday January 27<sup>th</sup> – Australia Day Public Holiday

Tuesday January 28<sup>th</sup> – Staff Planning/PD Day

Wednesday January 29<sup>th</sup> – Staff Planning/PD Day

***Thursday January 30<sup>th</sup> – School commences for students.***





# CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH



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CANDY CANE  
CARDS  
CELEBRATE  
CHIMNEY  
CHRISTMAS

RUDOLPH  
SANTA  
SEASON  
SLEIGH  
STOCKING  
TREE  
WREATH

ELVES  
FROSTY  
GIFT  
GIVING  
GREETINGS  
HOLIDAY  
JOLLY

JOY  
MERRY  
MISTLETOE  
NOEL  
NORTH POLE  
REINDEER

