



## DATES:

**Monday November 25<sup>th</sup> –  
Friday December 13<sup>th</sup> –**  
Swimming Program

**Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> –**  
P & F Harvest Breakfast,  
9.00am – 12.00pm in MPR

**Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup> -**  
Grade 6 Orientation Day at  
Donald High School

**Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup>**  
– Sacrament of  
Reconciliation for Grade 5  
& 6 at 9.30am, followed by  
Mass

**Friday December 13<sup>th</sup> –**  
Reports go home

**Monday December 16<sup>th</sup> –**  
End of School Mass at  
7.00pm. ALL WELCOME

**Tuesday December 17<sup>th</sup> –**  
Whole School Excursion to  
Halls Gap

## SWIMMING PROGRAM:

Next week is our last week of swimming lessons this year.

Students will require the following for swimming each 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.*

*Please note that if your child is not swimming on any particular day throughout the swimming program you must send a note or contact the school to advise of such.*

*Also note that the pool is heated so even on cooler days, it is still very comfortable in the water.*

### Vision Statement:

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

### Mission Statement:

#### **Catholic Culture**

As part of St. Mary's Parish, and inspired by our Catholic faith, we care for all people and creation.

## P & F HARVEST BREAKFAST:

This Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, the P & F are holding a Harvest Breakfast Fundraiser at the school. This will be a relaxing family event for all to enjoy.

Breakfast will be available from 9am – 12pm on the day.

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a hearty breakfast, or if you can't make it, they will be taking orders and you can have it delivered!

Attached to the newsletter is the menu and price list.

*Bridgett Harberger will be in attendance with the 'Vibrant Van' to provide her amazing coffee & hot chocolate.*

## **GRADE SIX HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION:**

Next **Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**, the Grade Six students will attend Donald High School for an Orientation Day. Students will spend the whole day at the High School. Students are to go directly to the High School and are dismissed from there.

## **END OF YEAR MASS:**

On **Monday evening, December 16<sup>th</sup>**, at 7.00pm 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.



Following mass, at approximately 7.45pm, 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.



**RECONCILIATION:** On **Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup>**, the Grade Five and Six students will participate 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 & RIVERSIDE LODGE VISIT:**

On **Friday December 13<sup>th</sup>**, students will walk to the Goodwin Village & Riverside 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.

## **SCHOOL REPORTS:**

School reports will be sent home on **Friday December 13<sup>th</sup>**.

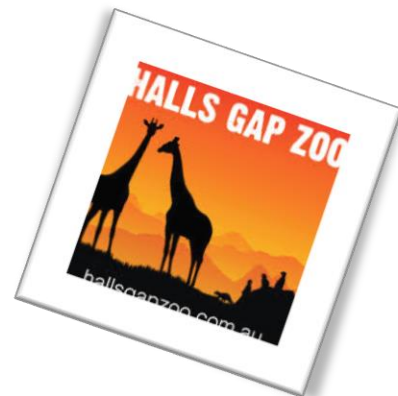
Anyone wishing to speak to staff regarding these reports is asked to contact the office on 54971116 on Monday December 16<sup>th</sup> to arrange a meeting. Meetings will be available on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION:**

On Tuesday December 17<sup>th</sup>, the whole school will be heading to Halls Gap, including the Halls Gap Zoo, for our whole school excursion.

*A permission form was sent home to families this week, if you did not receive your form please contact the office or complete via the App.*

If you would like any help accessing the App, please contact Maree in the office, who will guide you through downloading and using the facility.



## **PICKING UP & DROPPING OFF STUDENTS:**

Please make sure when dropping off and picking up students that you park in the correct areas.

Picking up and dropping off of students is NOT permitted in the bus zone in Byrne St. during the hours stated on the sign.

U-turns are NOT permitted over the solid white lines at the school crossing at any time of the day.

The Donald Police have advised that they will be monitoring the drop off and pick up areas in the next 2 weeks to ensure correct usage. Please make sure you adhere to the road rules as they are in place for everybody's safety.

# ROAD RULES

## **MERIT AWARDS:**

Congratulations Elijah, John & Nullah, who were all acknowledged at assembly Monday morning.





## SENIOR CLASS VISIT:

This week the Senior class had two very interesting visitors in their classroom. Elliot from Iowa, USA and Becca from Panama. Elliot is working for the Mellings family and Becca is in Australia visiting. Students learnt where they both come from, and how they ended up in Australia. They both spoke on what their respective countries were like and the difficulties in understanding the Australian accent?? And our slang!!



Students were also treated to some amazing photos of both countries, with the most beautiful scenery, and the clearest water. Panama is certainly on my wish list now.

We would like to thank Elliot & Becca for visiting our school and certainly welcome them back if they are ever here again.

## READERS & LIBRARY BOOKS:

Tomorrow, **Friday December 6<sup>th</sup>**, is the last day for readers and library books for 2019. Could all students please make sure they return any readers or library books they might have at home or at school by **Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup>**. 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.



## PHILIPPINES DELIVERY

Mrs. Gilmour is in the process of putting together a package to send to Bacolod, in the Philippines. If anyone has any baby clothing in good condition that they no longer require, they would be greatly appreciated by the families in Bacolod. Donations can be left at the office and will be passed on to Mrs. Gilmour.

## **GWM WATER POSTERS**

Congratulations to all those that received certificates this morning from the GWM Water Poster Competition. Students awarded certificates were: Piper, Shaine, Daniel, Marty, Parker, Kailie, John, Franciz, Ben, Lachie, Charlie, Charli, Ethan, Geordie, Toby, Cam, Delilah and Charlotte. Well Done!



### **LAST DAY OF TERM 4:**

**Wednesday December 18<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Term 4 Dates:**

**Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> – Harvest Breakfast in MPR from 9am – 12pm. (see flyer)**

**Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup> – Grade 6 Orientation Day at Donald High School**

**Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup> – Last day to return library books & readers.**

**Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup> – Sacrament of Reconciliation.**

**Friday December 13<sup>th</sup> – Goodwin Village & Riverview Lodge visit.**

**Friday December 13<sup>th</sup> – Grade 6 2020 shirt/jumper order form due.**

**Friday December 13<sup>th</sup> – Reports go home.**

**Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup> – Carols by Candlelight, 8pm at Uniting Church.**

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

**Tuesday December 17<sup>th</sup> – Whole School Excursion to Halls Gap**

**Wednesday December 18<sup>th</sup> – Swimming afternoon.**

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

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

## **GRADE 6 CLASS 2020:**

It's that time of year again!!!  
The Grade 5s have been looking at designs  
for their T-shirts and jumpers for next year.  
Jumper and T-shirt sizes are very similar to  
their current uniform.



If you are unsure, please arrange to try on  
one of the current Grade 6 tops to confirm.

The rugby jumpers are supplied and T-shirts are around \$45  
depending on design.

Please return the form below no later than **FRIDAY 13th  
December, 2019.**

Contact me at school if you have any queries.

Thank you  
Mary Hogan

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### Grade 6 T-shirts & Jumpers 2020.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Rugby Jumper Size: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



# St Mary's Harvest Breakfast Feast

*Join Us and enjoy breakfast in a relaxed family environment*

Sunday 8th December

From 9am — 12pm

St Marys School, Donald

## MENU

### HARVESTMAN'S MEAL \$15

Bacon, Egg (scrambled or poached), Baked beans, Mushrooms,  
Grilled Tomato, Hash brown, 2 slices buttered toast.

### HEALTHY HARVESTER \$15

Muesli, Greek yoghurt, Fresh fruit, Drizzle of Maple Syrup

### SWEET HARVESTER \$10

3 Large Pancakes, served with choice of  
strawberry and cream, or Cream and Maple syrup

Orange Juice \$3

Bottle Water \$2

## Pre orders for Delivery Available

Orders must be

Placed & Paid by

Friday 6th December

ETA for delivery orders

Between 8:30am – 9 am

Order forms available at

St Marys School or via

Tennille Clapham, Katie Bicket

& Jessica Krause

The Vibrant Van will be on site to sell Coffee & Hot Chocolate.

*Keeping Christ in Christmas*

# Carols by Candlelight

**SUNDAY**

**15th DECEMBER 2019**

**8:00 pm**



**UNITING CHURCH  
COURTYARD LAWN**

***Byo Chairs  
Candles Provided***



*Sponsored by Donald Uniting Church, Granite Baptist Church & Look First Op Shop*

*Brought to you by Donald Ladies Bible Study Group*