

St Mary's Primary School, Donald



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Dear Parents,

Trust the holidays have been an enjoyable family time and the last week with school preparation runs smoothly.

I have had a very special time with a new granddaughter, Willow Claire, being born on the last day of Term Four.

I am looking forward to welcoming the students, families and staff back next week. I hope we will have another successful year.

The 2018 school year begins at 9:00am on **Wednesday, 31st January**, for all students, including our five Foundation students commencing school for the first time. There will be a morning tea on this day at 9:00am in the Multi- Purpose Room for all parents of the school.

Foundation students will **not** attend school on **Friday, February 2nd** and **Wednesdays February 7th ,14th , 15th, 21st, 28th and March 7th**. At the start of **Week 8, Tuesday, March 13th Foundation students will attend school for the full week**. Note Monday, March 12th is the Labour Day Public holiday.

Class Groupings

Class	Teacher
Foundation, Grade One and Grade Two	Andrea Molloy Drum Grade Two – Language and Mathematics – Anne Anderson
Grade Three and Four	Carling McEvoy
Grade Five and Grade Six	Mary Hogan
Science, The Arts and Library – Whole School Grade Five and Grade Six - Humanities	Cathryn Harrington Cumming Annette Gilmour

Classroom and student Support: Maree Hughes and Bernadette Clark.

With the Week One Newsletter a copy of the Parent Handbook will be sent home with each family. This handbook will include details regarding Sport's uniform days.

As we near the beginning of the school term, I ask that parents start to prepare their child for school by considering the following:

- **School Uniform: Students are to wear their summer uniform each day during Week One.** A reminder that students need to wear the school hat during recess and outdoor activities during Term One.
- All information regarding uniform requirements can be obtained from the front office or found on the school website.
The 'Clothes Bin' and 'Mensland' both stock the school uniform.
- **Pencils:** Students are asked to provide their own colour pencils and/ or textas and a pencil case. A box of tissues would also be appreciated.

The school office will be open from Thursday, 25th January each morning. Please phone or visit the office if you have any questions or concerns regarding the start of the school year.
Telephone: 54971116 (School Office) or Mobile 0428814884

The Office may be contacted from 8.30am – 4.15pm. During 2018 the Office will be staffed daily from 9.00am – 1.00pm. Before and after these times the phone will be diverted so the school can be contacted.

Note Mrs Bernadette Prestwood will be in the Office **all day on Friday.**

I will be in the Office from 12.30pm and am available before school from **8.00am**, after school **until 4.00pm** or **by appointment.**

All families are encouraged to contact the school if they wish to make an appointment to meet with a class teacher or have queries or concerns regarding their child.

The Newsletter will be printed on **Thursday** and a copy will be placed on the App and Web page. In the coming weeks a note will be included on the Newsletter to ask families if they would prefer to receive their newsletter via email.

A reminder that the school has a phone App, which is used to send out information to parents. I would ask that all parents install the St Mary's School App on their phones. The App can be installed from the following:

- **iPhone Users:** search for '**St Mary's School Donald**' in the App store. Once downloaded, ensure you select "OK" to allow push notifications.
- **Android Users:** search for '**St Mary's School Donald**' in the Google Play store. Once installed, click on 'more' then 'setup' and select which categories you would like to receive push notifications for.

The School Calendar is on the School App and School Website.

Your child's weekly timetable will be sent out with the Parent Handbook. These will also be placed on the App and Web page.

Regards

Anne Anderson
Principal