



Term 4 Week 8

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DIARY DATES

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**Friday
1st Dec** **Year 6 Assembly 2:30pm in
the Hall**

**Tuesday
5th Dec** **Andrew Chinn Christmas
Concert—6:00pm**

**Friday
8th Dec** **Year 6 Graduation Disco**

**Monday
11th Dec** **End of Year Award
Ceremony 9:00am**

**Monday
11th Dec** **Year 6 Graduation Mass
6:30pm**

**Tuesday
12th Dec** **Year 6 Reward Day**

**Tuesday
12th Dec** **Reports to Parents**

**Wednesday
13th Dec** **Swimming Carnival**

**Thursday
14th Dec** **New Children 2018 (Yr 1-6)
Orientation Day 2:00pm**

**Friday
15th Dec** **End of Year Mass 9:00am**

**Friday
15th Dec** **School Concludes for
Students**

**Monday
18th Dec** **STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY**

**Tuesday
19th Dec** **STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY**

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

With holidays just around the corner I am sure that your planning is well underway. Here are some suggestions for helping with Mathematics over the Summer Break...

- ◆ Highlight the math's in everyday activities. When shopping, help children calculate change or discounts. When watching a sports game, talk about what players' statistics mean. When cooking, try halving or doubling a recipe, and assist children in figuring out the new proportions.
- ◆ Read short math's stories together. Reading math's-focused stories to children can help boost math's success at school.
- ◆ Play math's games. Games like Yahtzee and Monopoly rely on skills necessary for math's, such as counting, categorising and building.
- ◆ Playing with blocks and assembling jigsaw puzzles can help children learn spatial skills and recognise patterns.

Find small ways to practise maths at home. Small amounts of practice with basic formulas can help. Problem-of-the-day maths calendars are a great way to practise basic maths problems on a small scale. Acknowledgement: Noah Heller, Harvard Teacher (watch out for some Reading ideas in the next Newsletter!)

Don't forget our Christmas Concert, with special guest Andrew Chinn, next Tuesday 5th December. Please be here at 5:30pm for a 6:00pm start. It's going to be a great night!

Peace and best wishes,

Richard Blissenden
PRINCIPAL



SWIMMING CARNIVAL

We have a number of children in Yrs 2-6 who still haven't returned their permission note for the Swimming Carnival. If you know your child hasn't returned their note as yet please do so at your earliest possible convenience. They will not be allowed to attend if we don't have a permission note.

MOVING SCHOOLS OR LEAVING ST MARY'S AT THE END OF 2017?

It is a legal requirement that you inform us of the school your child will be attending in 2018. If you are moving house or changing schools please advise the school office in writing of your new contact details and the name of the school your child will be attending. We have a number of families on our waiting list now (people are hearing good things about our school and want to come here) and we would like to offer them places where we can. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in this matter.

BABY CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mrs Pauline Davison and her husband Josh on the recent safe arrival of their daughter – Julia – a sister for Patryk.

**CHANGE OF HOME OR EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS**

If you have any changes to your home or emergency contact numbers, please contact the school office as soon as possible. In cases of sickness or emergency, it is important that we have the correct contact details for your child(ren). You can also update your details via the school's skoolbag app under the Parent eForms tab.

NAPLAN 2017

Families recently received individual results for their child/ren who sat the NAPLAN tests. The whole of school data indicated some very good results in a number of areas. In Years 3 and 5 we had 100% of students at or above the national minimum standards in literacy and numeracy. Some impressive results in Year 3 included 87% of students in the top 3 bands for Reading and 90% for Writing. In Year 5 90% of students were in the top 3 bands for Reading. The data indicates that as a school we should continue to focus our efforts on numeracy and writing. Congratulations to the students for their excellent efforts and results.

**CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PLAY**

Calling all children who wish to take part in the children's nativity play, Readers, angels, and all the nativity parts.

Please come for selecting of parts on Sunday 3rd December after 9:30am mass in the church.

Also we need parents to help and to please bring any costumes you have. Any questions please call.

Thank you
Maria
0415821880
Or
Anne Marie
0410299681

FETE NEWS & RESULTS...

THANK YOU

On the list of 'thank yous' for the Fete we left off a thank you to Anna Pan for the road closure work that took months of careful planning and follow up – apologies Anna and thank you!

THE RESULTS ARE IN...

A HUGE thank you to all who worked so hard leading up to and on the day of our Parish & School fete. It was lovely to see our Parish & School community come together in the sunshine. Your support has been greatly rewarded with both the School and Parish receiving a cheque for \$19,000 each!! Please see figures raised from each stall on the day:

Aussie BBQ - \$672
 Books - \$1,121
 Café - \$791
 Cakes/Lollies - \$2,152
 Choc a bloc - \$429
 Chocolate Wheel - \$3,448
 Craft - \$1,959
 Face Painting - \$209
 Fairy Floss - \$99
 Filipino Food - \$2,298
 Fox Sports Footy Throw - \$232
 Gelato - \$408
 Haunted House - \$1,421
 Hot Chips - \$1,268
 Indian Food - \$595
 Lebanese Food - \$2,050
 Photo Booth/Calendars - \$532
 Plants - \$1,108
 Rides - \$2,216
 Snow Cones - \$562
 Tombola - \$285
 White Elephant - \$2,679
 Raffles - \$3,993
 Fund Raiser Events - \$2,446
 Sponsorship - \$10,300
 General Exp. & Float - (\$5,320)
GRAND TOTAL - \$37,953



KEYBOARD LESSONS...

Do you want your child to learn the KEYBOARD in 2018? Teaching Services Australia runs group keyboard classes at the school on Wednesdays. Classes are grouped according to age and ability. Keyboard is a wonderful start to the world of music and students in any year can participate. For more information, contact Teaching Services on 9651 7333 or email info@teachingservices.com.au.

STOCK UP ON BOOKS THIS HOLIDAY...



DON'T FORGET OUR LIBRARY OPEN DAY...

As the library will close early this year, please come to our **Library Open Day** where you will be able to borrow as many books as you need for the rest of the holidays. Make your very own bookmarks and take part in our Lucky Door Prizes.

Look forward to seeing you at the Open Day!

Happy Reading!
Mrs Radocchia

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



November 29 Larissa Laguzza
Luca McGilly
Torie Shi

December 1 Katelyn Johnson
Olivia Asfour

December 3 Lorelai Tomasoni

December 5 Jaime Camacho

December 6 Patrick Bayeh

December 7 Noah Zaouk

December 8 Sienna Trovato

December 9 Therese Davidson

December 10 Jireh Samuel

December 11 Isla Moyes

December 12 Aimon Liu

We would like to wish all of these children a very happy birthday!!

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