



NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal.... Happy Holidays!!!

I truly cannot believe that I am writing my final edition for our Newsletter for the school year. It feels like only yesterday that I excitedly walked through the front gates of St Mary's, about to embark on the journey to lead this wonderful school.

We have so much to celebrate at St Mary's Catholic School. Over the course of the year, we have had a strong focus on many key areas including; curriculum development, parental engagement, increasing our relationship with the Parish and promoting "thumbs up" behaviours at our school.

Our P&F Association and School Board have been integral in supporting the school to achieve great things this year. We have worked closely together to share the same vision and know that from little things, big things grow! The P&F have moved their focus from fundraising to be more focused on Parental Engagement. As we know, parents are the first teachers of their children and we celebrate and applaud this fact at St Mary's School. Our P&F meetings are always extremely well attended and we always have a good laugh. I would like to thank my amazing P&F Executive for their continued and ongoing support this year.

We continue to grow in spirit and in number, with our projected enrolments for 2019 being at 90 students. Our school is moving from a multi-age setting to a full stream school and we should all be very proud of our school's very positive profile within our local community. At St Mary's Catholic School, we are fortunate to have a team of highly skilled, experienced and passionate teachers who go above and beyond their roles each and every school day. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my AMAZING staff for making this year such a dream. What a team!!!

I have been blessed to have the pleasure of leading St Mary's Catholic School in 2018 and cannot wait to see what 2019 will bring. Each day I enjoy seeing the smiling faces of all of my students and to see them grow and flourish academically, spiritually, physically and emotionally. Congratulations to all of my students for their many successes this year.

Christmas can be a season of great joy. It is a time of God showing His great love for us. It can be a time of healing and renewed strength. God sent Jesus into the world to be born. His birth brought great joy to the world.

***May the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us,
Warming our hearts and brightening our way.
May Christ our Saviour bring life into the darkness of this world,
And to us, as we wait for his coming.***

All staff at St Mary's Catholic School would like to wish you all a very safe and happy Christmas. We look forward to seeing you all when school resumes on Tuesday 29th January, 2019.

Colette Williams

Principal





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Awards and Christmas Concert

