



ST MARY'S NEWSLETTER

This Week's News!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Student Spotlight – Charlotte D and Willow D

Charlotte did so well at the AASCF Nationals comp on the weekend! Charlotte and Willow won 1st for the youth novice Jazz dance out of 15 teams! Charlotte also placed well in her other 5 dances and Willow placed 1st in her lyrical team. What an awesome effort!

St Mary's Holiday Chicken Carers Needed!

We are looking for a family to care for our **three friendly school chickens** over the Christmas holidays.

Care dates:

 Friday, 5th December – Tuesday, 28th January

All food and basic supplies can be provided.

If your family is able to help, please contact the school office.

NB. Thanks to Indy Rae's family for agreeing to care for our chickens!

Last toddler Storytime for the year Tuesday 2nd Dec at 8.45am.

St Vincent de Paul Giving Tree

Christmas is fast approaching! We invite families to take part in our annual St Vincent de Paul Giving Tree appeal.

Please stop by the school foyer and collect a gift tag from the Christmas tree. If you are able, purchase an extra gift while you are out shopping and place it **unwrapped** under the St Mary's Christmas tree. Your generosity will help bring joy to those in need within our community.

Christmas Carols and Art Show!

Families and extended family members are invited to join us for our annual Christmas Picnic which includes the Art Show and Christmas Carols. The festivities will begin from 3:30 and end approx. 5:30pm. *(Please note this is an alcohol-free event).*

St Mary's Christmas Raffle and Baker's Delight Christmas Tart/Cake Fundraiser are now open. Please purchase your tickets via CDF Pay. Further details to come.

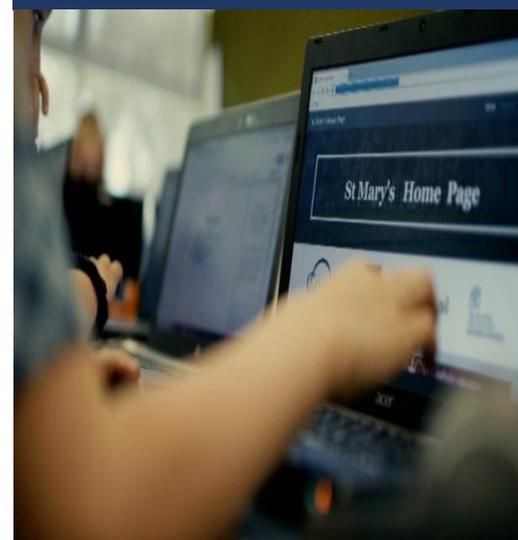
Blessings and best wishes,

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 4

- Whole School Fun Day – Monday 8th December
- Christmas Carols & Art Show Thurs 4th Dec 3.30-5.30pm
- Gumbuya World Grade 6 Fun Day – 10th December
- Grade 6 Graduation Mass Thursday 11th Dec @ 3.30pm
- Whole School Mass Friday 12th Dec @ 11.35am
- Final School Assembly – Friday 12th Dec @ 2.30pm
- Last Day of Term 4 for students Tuesday 16th Dec @ 3.15pm





2025
St Mary's
Christmas Carols
& Art Show

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Thursday 4th December
3.30pm-5.30pm



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK - Term 4 / Week 7

Mon 1 st Dec	School begins @ 8.45am
Tues 2 nd Dec	Toddler Story Time @ 8.45am in the library
Wed 3 rd Dec	
Thurs 4 th Dec	Christmas Carols & Art Show 3.30pm-5.30pm
Fri 5 th Dec	Whole School Assembly @ 2.30pm

WHAT'S ON 2025 - Term 4/ Week 8

Mon 8 th Dec	School begins @ 8.45am Whole School Fun Day
Tue 9 th Dec	MLMC Year 7 Transition Prep – 5 Move Up Day
Wed 10 th Dec	Grade 6 Gumbuya World Excursion
Thu 11 th Dec	Grade 6 Graduations Mass @ 3.30pm
Fri 12 th	Final Whole School Assembly @ 2.30pm

School Procedures for the Bushfire Season

Schools and children's services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.

Please see link for [Fire Danger Warnings](#)

CDF pay App (via Flexischools)

The CDFpay Portal has changed to a new platform using an app - "CDFpay via FLEXISCHOOLS App", available on the Apple App Store and Android Play Store.



To register and/or make a booking for your child in the TheirCare Afterschool Care Programme you will need the following information to complete the process and receive all available benefits.

See website link below.

You can also contact us on

Ph: 0417 100 089

<https://theircare.com.au/schools/>

BAKERS DELIGHT

Christmas tart & cake fundraiser

LEMON TARTS 6 PACK \$13
FRUIT MINCE TARTS 6 PACK \$13
LARGE TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS CAKE \$25
SMALL (cupcake size) CHRISTMAS CAKES \$5.50 each

A portion of each sale comes back to St Mary's Fundraising

Perfect for festive treats or lovely as Christmas gifts.

Order through CDF online.
 Orders close 11am Tuesday 9/12.
 Delivery Friday 12/12.

St Mary's / St Vinnies Christmas Appeal 2025

✦ **Help bring joy to families in need this Christmas!**

This festive season, St Mary's is partnering with the St Vincent de Paul Society (St Vinnies) to collect gifts and donations for families in our community who are doing it tough.

♥ **How You Can Help**

- 1 Take a tag from the St Vinnies Giving Tree (located at the school office).
- 2 Buy a gift that matches the tag (age and gender).
- 3 Place your unwrapped gift under the tree by Wednesday, 10th December.

Together, we can share the true spirit of Christmas — hope, love, and community.

🎁 **Drop-off Location**

- 📍 St Mary's School Office
- 🕒 Open 8:00am – 4:00pm

Thank you for your generosity and for making a difference this Christmas!



Stay Awake! Be Ready!

First Sunday of Advent, Year A

During the season of Advent we prepare for the arrival of Jesus.
What are three things you can do to be ready for Jesus during this first week of Advent?

Gospel
Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.'

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Try to decipher this teaching that Jesus gave to his disciples. Draw yourself listening to Jesus.



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IMPORTANT LINKS

[Student Medical Authority Form](#)

[Fees and Levies](#)

- [Uniforms](#)

[Unexplained Absences](#)

[Child Safety](#)

[Audiri \(previously Skoolbag\)](#)

[Seesaw](#)

[Nforma](#)




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