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Lord, help us to get ready, to prepare ourselves to welcome You into our hearts and to live as Your people always,
Amen.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

St. Mary's is a dynamic Catholic community of empowered learners engaging justly in the world.



Dear Families,

Farewell Year Sixes

As another year ends for St Mary's Parish School we are grateful to have had an opportunity to stop, reflect and express gratitude for the many achievements of our school community in 2022. Thank you to Michelle Polifiore, Fiona MacIsaac, Nicole Campbell, Rachel Perissinotto and Aaron Harris and all staff for their support and care of the Year Six children throughout the year. Indeed, we have much to be thankful for and proud of this year.

For the Year Six students, and staff, we look forward to a wonderful celebration of St Mary's on the Piazza with our graduation class of 2022. Thank you to Mel Mayne and the Parents Association for supporting the event.

In Appreciation

This time of the year for us is an ending and a beginning. The school year ends, the holidays commence and for some students, parents and staff the new year will bring a new beginning at a different setting. We feel some sadness as we say goodbye to students, parents and staff who have been a part of our school community, a part of the St Mary's story. We thank them for their generous spirit and what they have contributed to our school and wish them all the best for the next stage of their lives:

2023 Leaving Parents

Rita Lako, Anna Campo-Angelini, Remo Angelini, Belinda Arena, Trisha Bennett, Andrew Bennett, Orla Byrne, Simon Braid, Maree Cappola, David Cappola, Yolanda Cauchi, Darren Cauchi, Vicki Coppolino, Antony Coppolino, Laura Daniele, John Crapis, Marcello D'Amico, Pauline D'Amico, Daniela Darling, Shane Darling, Carleigh Egan, Luke Egan, Rosemary Falcone, Matthew Falcone,

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Denise Chang-Faux, Matthew Faux, Janelle George, Marcus George, Suzanne Antonello, Sebastian Hecker, Bethany Henry, Robert Henry, Sunu Chacko, Jomon Mathew, Amanda Hyde, Natalie Khan, Issac Khan, Teresa Kubicki, Maciej Kubicki, Despina Launikonis, Troy Launikonis, Sarah Lorkin, Matthew Lorkin, Nicola Dunne, Christopher Ludlow, Julie MacDonald, Matthew MacDonald, Jodie McClintock, Billy McClintock, Mary Mikac, John Mikac, Elissar Allatti, Chadi Nadour, Rebecca Napoli, Fulvio Napoli, Lauren Nathan, Steven Nathan, Danika Dillon, Michael O'Neill, Simone Ortiz, Sid Ortiz, Andrew Oscari, Narissa Parke, Adrian Parke, Sandra Perrone, Robert Perrone, Frances Petelin, Diana Pickett, Adam Pickett, Marie Pokun, Christopher Pokun, Jamie Pollards, Clint Edwards, Sara Seif, Rafik Shenouda, Peita Smith, Shaun Pratt, Rachana Hindocha, Silvarius Rajanayagam, Melinda Read, Mark Read, Tracey Rooney, Daniel Rooney, Jacqueline Saliba, David Saliba, Anna Schembri, Jason Schembri, Lili Ma, Ching Sum Siu, Hollie Spirovski, Dennis Spirovski, Elizabeth Todorovski, Billy Todorovski, Angela Winduss and David Winduss

Students

Gloria A, Lucas A, Ruby A, Emerson B, Eoin B, Sebastian C, Arlo C, Isabel C, Alana C, Leo C, William D, Ethan D, Jack E, Lucy F, Parker F, Alannah F, Erin G, Mia H, Will H, Ruth J, Annabelle J, Ezra K, Xavier K, Krystjan K, Daniel L, Abbey L, Lily L, Ana-Lucia M, Willow M, Scarlett M, Anita N, Sienna N, Scarlett N, Darcy N, Charlie O, Kalia O, Luke O, Aston P, Archer P, Tilly P, Lydia P, Marcus P, Lucas P, Julia P, Sophia P, Elijah P, Ruby P, Nithyan R, Nivithan R, Milla R, Liam R, Alex S, Thomas S, Mary S, Elena S, Gilbert S, Maya S, Mason T, Benjamin W

Congratulations to all of our students on the achievements of 2022.

End of Year Assembly

Next Monday 12th, the St Mary's staff, students and parents will come together to celebrate and give thanks for all that has been achieved in 2022. We are truly grateful to God and we wanted to give thanks for St Mary's Parish School and everyone involved. Thank you to our families who have supported us throughout this year.

Final Orientation Day

The students will have their final orientation day on December 12th. It was wonderful to see the students happy and settled in their classes with their new peers and teachers on Tuesday. We look forward to supporting the students to flourish in 2022.

St Mary's Feast Day

The St Mary's Feast Day was a huge success as the students had fun working with Kaboom Sports. Thank you to Fergal O'Reilly for organising the event. Congratulations also to the staff for supporting the students. A huge thank you to Ana Amorim for organising the beautiful Mass and subsequent activities.

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Congratulations to Student Leaders

Throughout the last few weeks students from Years 4 to 6 have been listening to the speeches of our students who have applied for a position on the Community Action Teams for 2022. I wish to applaud all students who applied and congratulate every child for their maturity in success and disappointment.

The PBL and Wellbeing CAT members are: Sienna W, Scarlett S, Harminder C, Alexia D, Peyton D.

Digital CAT: Austin P, Imelda B, Leo D, Flynn A, Emily H.

Sustainability CAT: Zoe D, Junah D, Scarlett, H, Charlotte M, Eden D.

Languages CAT: Oliver G, Sofia N, Teresa L, Olivia P, Sebastian K.

Liturgical & Social Justice CAT: Stephanie S, Myah S, Clara S, Reuben M, Christian E.

Arts CAT: Lucas R, Jordan L, Penelope W, Jasmine C, Victoria P.

House Captains: Bosco-Charlie W, Sophie B. Loyola- Tyson Q, Violet H. McCauley-Archer L, Calista D. Mercy- Luke S, Teagan T.

I explained to all Year 6 2022 students, you do not need a badge to be a leader. All leaders will sign a contract agreeing to a standard of behaviour and the expectations of St Mary's Catholic School.

School Leaders

Last week Laurina Van der EL and I interviewed students for the positions of School Leader and Deputy School Leader. These students will be announced at the Whole school Assembly on Monday the 12th December. Good luck to all applicants.

Flagpole Fundraiser

Thank you to all students who participated in the flagpole fundraiser. Together we raised \$606 to go towards our third flagpole. The new flagpole has been ordered and will be installed at the beginning of 2023.

Thank You

I wish to take this opportunity to thank Fr Steve, staff, students and parents for your support. I have thoroughly enjoyed 2022 even through the post pandemic difficulties of staffing and mental illness that so many people are experiencing. It has been a year we will never forget and I am deeply appreciative that I was present in this welcoming supportive community through such times. I commend all of our community leaders and members i.e. the SAC, Parents Association, PPC, Finance Committee, Faith Development Team and any other committees or groups that enhance our Parish and School.

I am deeply grateful to Laurina and my Leadership team for their vision and hard work. I wish everyone a safe, holy and peaceful Christmas and a wondrous New Year.

Kind Regards,
Marisa Matthys
Principal





*Last Day of School and
Early Release*

14 December: Students finish at 1:45pm

Student of the Week

Prep S	Annabelle W For demonstrating the term value of strength by always trying new things and having a go. Fantastico Annabelle.	Alessandro C For demonstrating our term value of strength by showing resilience to keep going when things get difficult. Bravo Alessandro
Prep F	All of PREP F For an INCREDIBLE year of learning. You have thrived in all areas of school. Thank you for all your hard work and enthusiasm throughout your first year of school. I am so proud of all of you. Well done, Prep F!	
Prep K	Badih A For your enthusiasm when practising for our Christmas carols. Your enjoyment of sharing your singing with the class brings joy and positivity to the class.	Harry F For always displaying behaviour to show you are ready to learn when sitting on the mat. Well done Harry on persevering with your writing tasks this term. Super effort!
1MZ	All of 1MZ For a FANTASTIC year of learning. You have all been such hard working and enthusiastic students throughout the year. You are all special and amazingly talented individuals. Be proud of all that you have achieved this year!	
1B	All of 1B For a BRILLIANT year of learning. You have been such great role models for each other and thank you for always being so hard working. You are all unique and special in your own way and thank you for creating a wonderful class family. I am so proud of all of you!! Keep up the outstanding work!!	
1V	All of 1V For a WONDERFUL year of learning. Thank you for your hard work and enthusiasm throughout the year. You are all superstars! Bravo!!	
2G	All of 2G For a fantastic year of growth and the wonderful effort and teamwork you all show on a daily basis.	
2HB	Isabelle S For demonstrating kindness and compassion to your classmates.	Ashleigh M For the resilience and confidence you have shown in taking on opportunities to try new things. Keep it up!
2M	All of 2M For a fantastic year full of hard work in everything that you do. Thank you for all of your amazing effort and all our wonderful memories from this year.	
3S	All of 3S For an amazing year of hard work, persistence and enthusiasm throughout the year. You have all grown in so many areas and should be proud of all your talents. Have a fantastic summer!	
3G	Julia P For all that you have brought to 3G and the St Mary's community during your time at our school. We will miss you next year, and we wish you all the very best in your learning!	Gilbert S For bringing your kindness and creativity to our 3G and St Mary's community during your time at our school. We will miss you next year. Good luck for your adventure in Canberra!
3L	All of 3L For the wonderful year we have had and the resilience you have shown. Seeing you grow and learn together has been such a privilege. I look forward to seeing you continue in 2023.	
4B	All of 4B For the resilience you have demonstrated throughout the incredible learning journey you have been on this year. You should all be so proud of yourselves. Well done!	
4L	All of 4L For the fantastic year we have had together. Well done for the amazing learning and work you have all achieved this year. Thank you for the fun and smiles everyday!	

Student of the Week

4S

All of 4S

For the wonderful year and all the amazing learning you have achieved. You have all been outstanding! Well done!

5B

All of 5B

For all of your fantastic work throughout the year. Well done on a successful year of learning, laughter and fun. Good luck for 2023!

5W

All of 5W

For all of your efforts and fun throughout the year. Well done on a super year of learning, laughter and good times. Bring it in. Good luck for 2023!

5V

All of 5V

For the wonderful year we've had together! Thank you for all your hard work, smiles and laughter and for helping to create so many happy memories. Good luck for 2023 :-)

6C

Milla, Kalia, Lily, Abbey, Emmerson, Eva and Tayla

For the incredible stall you organised independently and held at Carols. Congratulations on raising so much! Everyone loved your stall. Well done girls! Keep showing the world what you are all capable of!

6H

Emerson B

For your positive outlook on all aspects of school life. You always bring a sense of joy, laughter and enthusiasm to our classroom.

Erin G

For the compassion, care and respect you show your classmates. You take the time to notice those around you who need it most.

6PM

All of 6PM

For developing their leadership skills throughout the year. Well done and Good Luck for 2023!

Performing Arts

To all students at St Mary's

For your sense of commitment to justice and reconciliation for First Australians which you showed through The Dreaming Emu

Maximus D, 2HB

For a small but significant act of kindness

Health & Physical Education

All St. Mary's Students

The team work, encouragement and joy that was witnessed this year, was wonderful for all to see.

Italian

Charlotte T

Always trying so hard in Italian and for outstanding manners.

Neive V

For excellence in Italian

Science & Digi Tech

To all students at St Mary's

For a marvelous year of Science and Digital technology learning. Each and every one of you has achieved great success through the observations, investigations and discoveries that you have carried out this year. I hope that I have ignited a passion for Science and Digital technology and that you'll continue this amazing work in 2023. Thank you for the wonderful memories!

