

Dear Parents/Caregivers

4th Week of Ordinary time: We welcome everyone back from their holidays and we look forward to seeing parents at our class Masses, which start on Tuesday 14th February with Rms 1 and 9. Also our opening School Mass at 10am Wednesday 8th February. Our first coming together with the Parish is on Sunday 18th March at 9.30am.

Principals Piece: Welcome back to school and I hope everyone had a restful break with their families. A very special welcome to those families who are new to our school. There is a buzz of excitement, nerves and anticipation for the start of a wonderful year of learning. All children will need their school hat to be outside. **No Hat No Play.** Children are asked to keep sunscreen in their bag and apply it when necessary during the day. We ask for your help and support with these requests.

Our School Values and Vision are: **Reconciliation, Faith, Respect, and Service.**

Our school vision is: **St Mary's Catholic School teaches and practices Gospel values where learners seek opportunities to realise their potential.**

We are very proud of these and we hope these Values and Vision are going to be living and breathing in our everyday school life.

School will close at 12.05pm on Wednesday 8th February from 1.00pm - 7.45pm. This is so the Teacher/Parent/Child can sit down together and set some learning and personal goals. This is a very important step in the learning process and we want everyone working together. There will also be an opportunity on Thursday 9th February from 3pm-6pm. Each session will be 15 minutes. Please fill out the form below and we will endeavour to give you a time as close to your requested one, please return the form to the office by this Thursday. We will send the times home on Tuesday 7th February so please check that your child gives it to you.

We are very aware for the need for our children to be safe afterschool. We have a number of children who wait for buses which come late or wait for siblings, and we ask that if at all possible those children be clear of school by 3pm. Teachers need this time to plan, prepare and attend professional development meetings. We have a very effective after school programme which runs at school with many wonderful activities; please make very good use of this community activity.

Please make sure your child has all of their stationery requirements as soon as possible so that their learning can start immediately.

God Bless

James Murray
Principal

Thought of the week: "This is what Yaweh asks of you: only this, to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God". (Micah 6:8)

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Childs Name: _____ Room _____

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Preferred time, each session is for 15 minutes:

Wednesday 1.00pm - 7.45pm _____

Thursday 3.00pm - 6.00pm _____