Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We began our learning on Advent on Monday and it’s a lovely way to lead into Christmas. The themes of anticipating something wonderful like the birth of Jesus allows us to discuss also how special our own births were.

It also ties in with the commitment of a mother to her child and the whole Christmas experience leads toward and celebrates the joy and splendour of new life.

We are looking forward to our carol evening in the Parish church next Wednesday evening from 6pm followed by our annual prize giving.

So many of our school parents help us in a wide variety of ways and we are hoping as many of you as possible can come along for some nibbles at morning tea time this Thursday as a small thank you of our appreciation for your support in different ways throughout the year.

До скорой встречи.
(see you later in Russian)

Richard Duffy

We aspire to become confident, creative, life long learners who follow Christ
Dates for your Diaries

- Thank you morning tea: Thursday 4 December
- Mary Day: Friday 5 December
- BOT Meeting: Monday 8 December
- Carols by Candlelight/Prizegiving: Wednesday 10 December
- Assembly: Friday 12 December
- Graduation Mass: Saturday 13 December
- Last day of Term 4: Monday 15 December

Altar Servers
- 6 December: Jean-Luc and Aignélique Peyroux
- 13 December: School Graduation Mass
- 20 December: Soni and Semisi Taungapeau
- 25 December: David and Atu Makasini

Sports News ...

St Mary’s T Ball Tigers
Well done to our wonderful team who were all voted player of the day on Saturday for their amazing team work! Awesome effort Thanks to our support crew and cheerleaders. Oh by the way - we won.

Coach Painz.

Draw: St Mary’s Tigers vs Wakari Blue on Diamond 6 at 10 am.

St Mary’s Touch
Draw: St Mary’s Naroom vs St Peter Chanel on Field 9 at 4:15 pm.

Progress reports.
Senior students will receive their end of year progress reports this Friday. If you wish to discuss the progress of your child or like anything clarified from this report please contact Kelly or Richard for an interview over the week of December 8 - 12.

Term Dates for 2015
- Term 1: Thursday January 29 – Thursday April 2
- Term 2: Monday April 20 – Friday July 3
- Term 3: Monday July 20 – Friday September 25
- Term 4: Monday October 12 – Monday December 14

Sports uniforms and Hi Viz Vest
Please return these by Friday this week.
TBall team you have 2 games left so hold onto your uniform, until next Saturday.

Help please
Does anyone know how to tune Ukulele’s?
We need them tuned before our next big performance, if you can help please contact the school office, or Richard.
Thanks!
This weekend is the second week of Advent. A time when we are waiting and preparing for the birth of Jesus.

Congratulations to Aayliyah, Janivah, Chloe, April, Dakoda, Xavier and Victoria on receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist last weekend.

Thank you to our school and parish families who came along to support these children on their special night.

We loved how Father Cipriano explained that these children are getting a new friend in Jesus, and that they can call on him at any time!

**Our School Feast Day - The Immaculate Conception**

We will be celebrating Mary this Friday 5th December.

Please come dressed in blue!

9.30am - Mass
11-12.30pm - Rotation of Mary activities
12.30-1.30pm - Lunch - Bring your own lunch or buy a sausage sizzle
1.30-2.45pm - Sport Afternoon vs Parents

We welcome you to join us for the whole or part of the day!
Especially the sport afternoon!!

**Carol singing at Leslie Groves & Little Sisters**

We are visiting Leslie Groves and Little Sisters on next week to spread Christmas cheer by singing Christmas carols for them. This is part of our service to others.

We will walk to Leslie Groves on Monday 8th December at 10 am.

We will need transport to Little Sisters on ........ so if you can help, please let Jacque know. Times, approx 10am-12pm.

**Graduation Mass**

Saturday 13 December at 6pm.

This is our Family Mass for Term 4 and we expect all families to be there.

This is our opportunity to celebrate and farewell our Year 6 students and reflect on our school year.
What’s happening in Room 2?

7 children from Little Wonders joined us for Discovery Time last Friday. We celebrated the beginning of Advent by making Advent Wreath headbands and a Santa Advent Calendar.

*Please note...the next 2 weeks Discovery Time will be on Thursday from 11-12.30pm.*

We will be doing lots of Christmas crafts and welcome parent helpers!

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Room 3’s News Desk

Reporter - Guin Wilson

On Monday we played the Survival Game which is a thinking and running game where you belong to different animal groups and try to win the game by doing different things.

We have been reading different types of poetry in class and some people have been writing poetry also. We have one group practising a play to show in our final assembly.

Last week our class band played three songs at the Kaikorai Kindy and now we are practising to perform a song at our Carols by Candlelight and Prize giving next Wednesday.

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Sausage sizzle/Ice Blocks Order Form - Friday Lunchtimes

Name _____________________________

Number of Sausage/s $1.50 each _______________ Ice blocks $1.00 ___________