

# Merry Christmas



Term 4, Week 9 Friday 15th  
December 2023

## Important Dates

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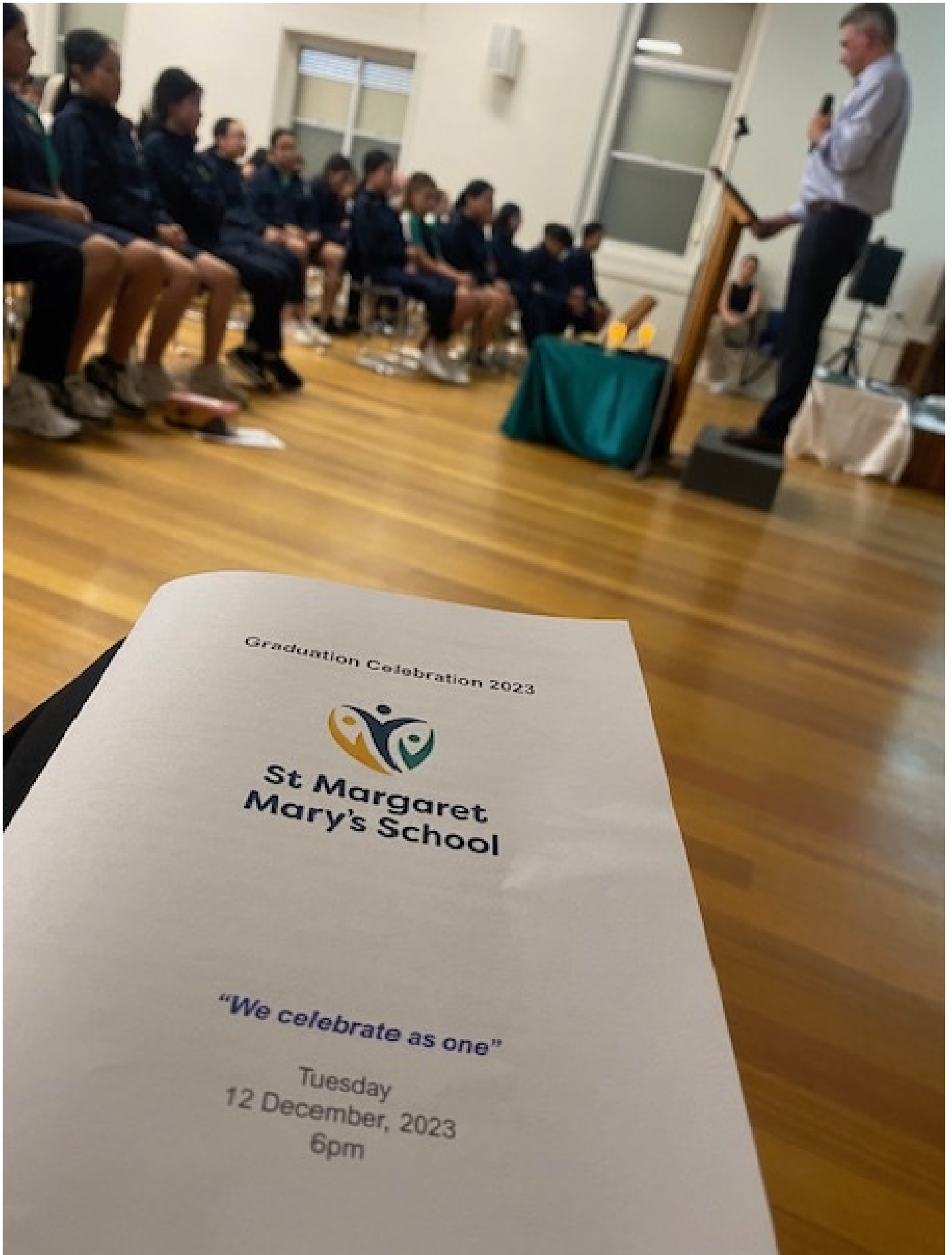
Co-Curricular Fees  
Day 9.30am-  
2.30pm  
Wednesday 24 January  
2024

First Day of School  
2024  
Monday 29 January 2024

Sports Day  
Thursday 4 April 2024

Last day of Term 1  
- 3pm finish  
Friday 12 April 2024

From our Principal



## Year 6 Graduation

This week we farewelled our Year 6 Graduating Class. At our Graduation ceremony on Tuesday evening, we recognised their efforts and contributions to our school community over many years.

This year, we have introduced some additional awards for our Year 6 students in recognition of outstanding achievement and leadership.

Congratulations to the following students:

Leadership in Sport            Gia Fratamico            Henry Nguyen

6JF Academic Excellence    Ky Nguyen

6GG Academic Excellence   Nam Nguyen

6LC Academic Excellence    Yalda Sakihzada

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Award

Celeste Chew                Ky Nguyen

Good luck to all our graduating students, we know you will be amazing in your new phase of education at high school.

## Staffing

Best wishes to William Dacombe-Bird, who has been teaching STEM across the school this year and moves on to a fulltime teaching role at St Joseph's, Norwood in 2024.

We are excited that Ben Smedley will be teaching STEM next year, and team-teaching with Rebecca Braidwood in Year 1.

Ann Lang will also be on leave for Semester 1 and return to teach our Foundation class in Semester 2.

Julie McGrane will be on leave in Term 1 and Julia Vassallo will be teaching 4/5 during this time.

We also warmly welcome Charlotte Harms who will be teaching Year 6 in 2024.

## Thank you

Thank you to everyone for your support throughout the year. We know that children thrive when they are in a supportive environment and when school and families work in partnership. I have always appreciated parents/carers willingness to come in and discuss children's progress, achievements and challenges.

Thank you to all of our wonderful staff – both teaching and support staff. Their efforts in supporting every child's learning and wellbeing are very much appreciated. I feel very privileged to be in our community where the child and family is at the centre of everything we do.

Best wishes of joy and peace to everyone over the Christmas break. I hope you are able to spend some quiet time with your families.

We look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Thank you for your continuing support,

Kelly Campbell



### **End of Year Community Event – Thank You**

The End of Year Community Event was such a fantastic night! We were happy that the weather cooled down just in time for the performances and it was great to see the students enjoying their time on stage. It was fabulous to see so many families join us for the BBQ and performances. Thank you – we hope you enjoyed the evening as much as we did.

Special thanks to Selina Roper for teaching the students the songs and movements and for her organisation of the performances. Many thanks also to the staff for their efforts and support leading up to the event and on the night too, especially Jane Victory. And to Matt Harrison for cooking 250 veggie burgers!

I would also like to thank the parent volunteers who helped us. A huge 'thank you' to Adam and Yared for cooking 800 sausages.....a massive undertaking, of which we are very thankful! Many thanks also to Niki, Grace, Trinh, Truc, Lal, Sandeep and Sharyn for helping with food or drinks. Your help is also much appreciated!

### **Merry Christmas**

Thank you for all of the ways you have welcomed me into the SMMS school community over the past 7 months. I am very much looking forward to seeing what 2024 will bring.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope you get to enjoy some time off in December/January to rest and reset for 2024.

I'll look forward to seeing you on the 29th January when the 2024 school year starts.

Stay safe and enjoy!

Belinda



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our 2023 school year comes to completion in the second week in Advent. This week, we light another purple candle, representing 'Peace,' a peace that the birth of Jesus offers each of us.

### **End of Year Mass**

On Friday 8 December, we celebrated the Immaculate Conception of Mary and our End of Year Mass. In his homily, Fr Charles spoke to the children about being thankful for the many blessings we have received this year. To be grateful for the experiences shared and the people who care for us. It was wonderful to see so many families join us in thanksgiving.

### **Ceremony of Light**

Towards the end of our whole school Mass, we held our annual Ceremony of Light. We acknowledged the many ways our Year 6 leaders, have drawn on the light of Christ through their service. In the Ceremony, this light was symbolically passed on to the Year 5 students, our leaders in 2024.

### **Vinnies Christmas Appeal**

On behalf of Sr Catherine and St Vincent de Paul, I would like to thank everyone for their enormous generosity over the last few weeks. We were blown away by the volume of donations placed under our Vinnies 'Giving Tree.' This week, Vinnies volunteers have been creating baskets to deliver to families across Adelaide in their mission to show that 'a little bit of love can change someone's Christmas.'

### **Parish News**

Information regarding the 2024 Parish Sacramental Program is now available. Copies of the sacramental program letter and registration form are available electronically or from the front office in 2024. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office on 8346 0944 or email [matthew.harrison@smms.catholic.edu.au](mailto:matthew.harrison@smms.catholic.edu.au)

### **Christmas Eve Vigils**

- English Family Mass: Saturday, 24 December at 6.30pm in St Margaret Mary's Church (Carols from 6.00pm)
- Vietnamese Mass: Saturday, 24 December at 7.00pm in Mater Dei Church (Carols from 6.00pm)
- English Night Mass: Saturday, 24 December at 10.00pm in Mater Dei Church (Carols from 9.30pm)

## Christmas Day Masses

- English Mass: Sunday, December 25th at 8.30am in St Patrick's Church
- Polish Mass: Sunday, December 25th at 8.30am in St Margaret Mary's Church
- English Mass: Sunday, December 25th at 10.30am in St Margaret Mary's Church

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas, time shared with friends and loved ones and a safe and happy start to the new year.

## Angolo Italiano

Celebrating a wonderful year of Italian Language Learning.

Looking forward to 2024!

Buon Natale a tutti.

**Gina Armiento**

Italian Teacher



## 5/6 JF

The year 5/6s throughout the term have been busy planning and preparing for outreach day. Last Friday, after a very busy morning, the students were able to open their stalls and begin to raise money for their chosen foundation Mary Mackillop Today. The students showed their creativity as each individual stall had their own activities or goods to be purchased. It was a day full of high energy and exciting activities which were enjoyed by the whole school community.



## OSHC Holiday Program Schedule

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# MISSION XII PROGRAM



**St Margaret Mary's School**

**Address:** 5 Eldon Street CROYDON PARK SA 5008

**Phone:** 0404 452 628 **Program Times:** 07:00 am - 06:15 pm

<p><b>Mon 18 Dec</b> <b>Mission Takeoff XII: Urban Playground</b></p>	 <p><b>Incursion</b></p>	<p><b>Tue 19 Dec</b> <b>Adventure: Plaster Paint Pros</b></p>	 <p><b>Excursion</b></p>
<p>Let's unleash your creativity with Makedo! Join us in constructing your very own town from collected cardboard pieces. Name your city and use our awesome Makedo tools to create an architectural masterpiece!</p> <p><b>Full Fee \$97.00   After Max. CCS* \$9.70</b></p>	<p>What's something unique, colourful and handmade that you can treasure forever? Your very own hand-painted plaster mould, of course! From quirky characters to 3D shapes and more, let's get creative with some self-made art today!</p> <p><b>Full Fee \$119.00   After Max. CCS* \$11.90</b></p>		
<p><b>Wed 20 Dec</b> <b>Operation: Artists in Action</b></p>	 <p><b>Base Camp Day</b></p>	<p><b>Thu 21 Dec</b> <b>Project: Gift Fiesta!</b></p>	 <p><b>Incursion</b></p>
<p>Let's explore various forms of art from painting and sculpture to music and theatre! It's time to express yourself and unleash your creativity today. Make your move and be inspired to go beyond your imagination and create your very own masterpiece.</p> <p><b>Full Fee \$85.00   After Max. CCS* \$8.50</b></p>	<p>'Tis the season for gift-giving! Let's get busy making multiple handcrafted gifts, including a DIY beeswax candle, a clay pinch pot or bookmark, and many more, as we wrap the day with fun and festivities.</p> <p><b>Full Fee \$104.00   After Max. CCS* \$10.40</b></p>		
<p><b>Fri 22 Dec</b> <b>Experience Takeover: Delicious Science</b></p>	 <p><b>Incursion</b></p>	<p><b>Tue 02 Jan</b> <b>Operation: Worldwide Wonders</b></p>	 <p><b>Base Camp Day</b></p>
<p>Discover how science can be delicious! Through a fun and interactive workshop, you'll learn how to make your own ice cream, and get to eat it too! Let's experiment and get excited about food science while we cool off with this tasty summer treat.</p> <p><b>Full Fee \$110.50   After Max. CCS* \$11.05</b></p>	<p>Calling all junior globetrotters! Grab your 'passport for play' and let's explore the different countries and cultures around the world through cooking, paying games and craft activities. What worldly wonders will you experience today?</p> <p><b>Full Fee \$85.00   After Max. CCS* \$8.50</b></p>		
<p><b>Wed 03 Jan</b> <b>Project: Iconic Trendsetters!</b></p>	 <p><b>Incursion</b></p>	<p><b>Thu 04 Jan</b> <b>Experience Takeover: Squeezy Lemonade Stall</b></p>	 <p><b>Incursion</b></p>
<p>Calling all fashionistas! Create your own tie-dye bucket hat and a leather braided bracelet to finish your look. Then use loose pieces of fabric to knot your own garment and walk the runway to show off your creations!</p> <p><b>Full Fee \$104.90   After Max. CCS* \$10.49</b></p>	<p>Get your fresh lemonade! Create your own market stall in this exciting incursion where you'll make your own lemonade, create your shop logos and flyers, and sip 'n sell through interactive role plays.</p> <p><b>Full Fee \$108.00   After Max. CCS* \$10.80</b></p>		
<p><b>Fri 05 Jan</b> <b>Project: Wild Rangers!</b></p>	 <p><b>Incursion</b></p>	<p><b>Mon 08 Jan</b> <b>Adventure: Tenpin Mania at Zone Bowling</b></p>	 <p><b>Excursion</b></p>
<p>Create your own zoo enclosure using different craft materials collected from your nature walk. Then let's make your own set of binoculars, fit for a ranger, as we use our imagination to explore the wild!</p> <p><b>Full Fee \$104.50   After Max. CCS* \$10.45</b></p>	<p>Roll on in as we head to tenpin bowling. Leave nothing to spare as you aim for 12 strikes! Then, prepare to activate your stealth as we battle it out in the laser tag arena!</p> <p><b>Full Fee \$123.00   After Max. CCS* \$12.30</b></p>		

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<p><b>Tue 09 Jan</b></p>	<p><b>Operation: Bring Your Joy</b></p>	 <p><b>Base Camp Day</b></p>	<p><b>Wed 10 Jan</b></p>	<p><b>Experience Takeover: Hip-Hop Jam Fest</b></p>	 <p><b>Incursion</b></p>
<p><b>Thu 11 Jan</b></p>	<p><b>Project: Bubble Tea Cafe</b></p>	 <p><b>Incursion</b></p>	<p><b>Fri 12 Jan</b></p>	<p><b>Operation: Enchanted Realms</b></p>	 <p><b>Base Camp Day</b></p>
<p><b>Mon 15 Jan</b></p>	<p><b>Film Fest: LEGO Create Day</b></p>	 <p><b>Incursion</b></p>	<p><b>Tue 16 Jan</b></p>	<p><b>Film Fest: LEGO Film Day</b></p>	 <p><b>Incursion</b></p>
<p><b>Wed 17 Jan</b></p>	<p><b>Adventure: Gallery Exploration at the South Australian Museum</b></p>	 <p><b>Excursion</b></p>	<p><b>Thu 18 Jan</b></p>	<p><b>Operation: Community Heroes</b></p>	 <p><b>Base Camp Day</b></p>
<p><b>Fri 19 Jan</b></p>	<p><b>Adventure: Vitamin Sea at Marine Discovery Centre</b></p>	 <p><b>Excursion</b></p>	<p><b>Mon 22 Jan</b></p>	<p><b>Operation: Splash Mania</b></p>	 <p><b>Base Camp Day</b></p>

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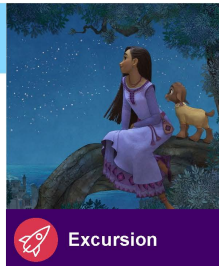
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**Tue 23 Jan**    **Adventure: Wish at Hoyts Cinema**

Wish is set in the magical kingdom where the people of Rosas are granted their wish by the King. When Asha's wish brings a cosmic energy named Star, they unite to battle foes to save her community, proving the magic of human-star connection.

Full Fee \$123.00 | After Max. CCS\* \$12.30



Excursion

**Wed 24 Jan**    **Project: Back to School Bash!**

It's almost back-to-school time! Create your own To-Do planner with fun felt stick-on items. You'll get a mini pencil case you can use for school, which will also hold your felt pieces. What's in your schedule for school?

Full Fee \$103.90 | After Max. CCS\* \$10.39



Incursion

**Thu 25 Jan**    **Operation: Base Camp Beach Day**

We're bringing the beach to Base Camp! Get ready to make some sand art, salt dough creations, play cricket and enjoy more beach-themed activities with friends.

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Base Camp Day

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## School Times & Term Dates

**Front Office:** 8.30am - 3.45pm

**Student Supervision:** 8.30am - 3.20pm

**Classes:** 8.45am - 3.00pm

**Term 1:** Monday 29 January to Friday 12 April;

**Term 2:** Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July;

**Term 3:** Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September;

**Term 4:** Monday 14 October to Wed 11 December

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## Preschool Times



**Group 1:** Monday & Tuesday 8.45am - 2.45pm;

Wednesday (odd weeks starting 31st January) 8.45am - 2.45pm

*Occasional Care: Wednesday 8.45-11.45am (bookings required)*

**Group 2:** Wednesday (even weeks starting 7th February) 8.45am - 2.45pm;

Thursday & Friday 8.45am - 2.45pm

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## Uniform Shop Times



**Tuesday:** 2.30pm - 3.30pm;

**Friday:** 8.30am - 10.00am

## OSHC Hours



**Morning:** 6.30am - 8.30am;

**Afternoon:** 3.00pm - 6.15pm

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## OSHC Newsletter

Guiding children's growth

# Merry Newseletter Christmas

Date St Margaret Mary's 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023



## Hi Everyone

**BOOK YOUR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS NOW!**

Rocketeers are Building your ultimate summer holiday adventures. Rocketeers Holiday Club is available starting from December 14th, offering exciting activities and joyful experiences for kids during the holiday season."

Christmas is just around the corner and the children have been busy making Christmas crafts and exploring different Christmas cultures. The children have been making decorations to put on our OSHC Christmas Tree, everyone is welcome to come and see how amazing it looks.

Before 2023 ends, we want to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU for letting us become part of the fun and memorable moments with your family. Our success is based on the positive relationships we build with your family and the school community – that is why we would not be able to celebrate an amazing year without you.

### Wishing you all a Safe and Happy Holidays

TERM 1 WEEK 1 2024	Holiday Finger Painting, Creating Holiday Headbands
Monday	Holiday Finger Painting, Creating Holiday Headbands
Tuesday	Sandcastle Competition, Delicious Banana Smoothies
Wednesday	Badminton Game, OSHC Yearly Banner
Thursday	Continus OSHC Yearly Banner, Making our Own Beach
Friday	Science Experiment – Fizzy Stocking, Cooking Coconut Jam Slice

Please phone Camp Australia 1300-105-343 for bookings, rebates will apply.

To find out more about the program, view fees and to register, [visit](http://www.campastralia.com.au)

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 🎅 Louise, Jenny & Emily



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ROCKETEERS

# Merry Christmas Newsletter



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***We wish the following students who celebrate  
a birthday in December a very happy and blessed birthday:***

Kingston	2KB
Kaylie	PRE1
Pearl	1VC
Habity	3/4KR
Hannah	3/4JM
Ivy	1OV
Johnathan	RML
Patrick	2KB
Hannah	5/6LO
Finley	RRB
Samarveer	PRE2
Tiffany	PRE2
Andrew	2NW
Tu	3/4JM
Emma	1VC
Zian	3/4JM
Dakota	5/6GG
Zoe	5/6LO
Winnie	5/6LC
Helena	PRE1
Tyler	3/4JM
Sifat	5/6GG
Jayden	3/4MC
Ayet	1VC
Elena	5/6LO
Lily	3/4KR
Sovanthavy	3/4MC
Ryan	3/4MC



## Student Absences/ Late Arrivals

When a student is absent or going to be late, parents should notify the school by 9am on that day by texting the Absentee Line on 0407 682 137, emailing [absent@smms.catholic.edu.au](mailto:absent@smms.catholic.edu.au) or phoning (08) 8245 5855.

You will need to state the following:

**Name of Child;**

**Year Level;**

**Reason for Absence** (if late, approximately what time your child will arrive)

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Croydon Park Catholic Parish

**Parish Priest:** Fr Charles Lukati

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# HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

## GRANGE CRICKET CLUB

January 9th & 10th

9:30am - 12:00pm

(Military Rd & Fort St.)



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# AFRICAN DRUMMING SUMMER JAM SESSIONS

**3pm-3.45pm**



## **Saturday 16 December**

Osborne Foreshore Playground  
(adjacent to Moldavia Walk)  
BBQ & seating near playground

## **Saturday 23 December**

North Haven Beach - Australia Two Ave,  
North Haven

## **Saturday 30 December**

Largs Foreshore  
Grassed area - South of jetty



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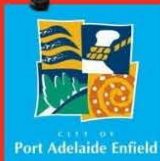
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