



Wednesday 4 December 2024

Dear parents and caregivers

As I write this final newsletter for 2024, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you all. This, my second year as your Principal, has been an extraordinary journey, made possible by the remarkable warmth and generosity you've shown me from day one. Each interaction, each shared moment, has reinforced what a profound privilege it is to serve this community.

What stands out most is not just your unwavering support of me as Principal, but your deep commitment to our school's mission. Together, we've transformed challenges into opportunities and turned everyday moments into meaningful milestones. Your dedication to excellence has made this year not just successful, but truly transformative.

As we approach the holiday season, I find myself already excited about what 2025 will bring. The strong foundation we've built this year fills me with optimism for all that lies ahead. The spirit of collaboration and care that defines our community makes me confident that our best years are still to come.

Thursday Pizza Day Lunch and Year Six 'Fun Day' at Murray Aquatic and Leisure Centre (MALC)

As a final 'sendoff' to our Year Six students, Thursday 5 December sees them enjoying a well-deserved 'fun day' at the MALC. Students will need to bring their own recess on the day and the school will provide a free subway lunch for them to enjoy. Students are asked to wear their bathers underneath their school sport uniform (faction polo), bring thongs, a towel, sunscreen, school hat and water bottle please.

A reminder that our Pre-Kindergarten, Pre-primary and Years One to Five students have been rewarded for a productive year with a pizza lunch tomorrow. Kindergarten students received their pizzas today. We hope our students enjoy their delicious treat!

2024 Thanksgiving Mass

Please join us Friday, 6 December at 9:30am in the Church for our final Mass of the 2024 academic year-the Thanksgiving Mass. This special occasion serves as a time to reflect, give thanks and express our gratitude for the blessings we have experienced throughout the year. Let us come together in reflection, celebration and thanksgiving as we farewell 2024 and look forward to the adventures that await us in the future.

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**Canteen**

Please note, the canteen will be operating Friday 6 December for your convenience **AND** Wednesday 5 February 2025 (first day back for students next year).

Student Reports

Student academic reports (Pre-primary to Year Six) will be available via SEQTA Engage, Friday 6 December, barring any technical issues. Any change to this timeline will be communicated to you via an SMS message.

St Augustine's Parish Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve: Carols at 6:30pm and Mass at 7:00pm. Students are invited to come along dressed as angels, shepherds, Mary, Joseph, etc.

Christmas Day: Mass at 10:00am.

Final Day for students

Kindergarten-Wednesday 4 December

Pre-Kindergarten-Thursday 5 December

Pre-primary to Year 6-Friday 6 December 2024

Pupil Free Days (PFDs) for 2025

Please note the PFDs for 2025.

Students return to school **WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2025**.

Term	Start date for students	Finish date for students
One	Wednesday 5 February	Thursday 10 April
Two	Tuesday 29 April	Friday 4 July
Three	Tuesday 22 July	Friday 26 September
Four	Monday 13 October	Friday 12 December

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Pupil Free Days 2025

Term 1

Monday 3 February

Tuesday 4 February

Friday 11 April (Whole school parent interviews)

Term 2

Monday 28 April

Tuesday 3 June

Term 3

Monday 21 July

Thursday 28 August

Friday 29 August

As I reflect on my second year as Principal, I am filled with gratitude for each member of our remarkable school community. To our dedicated staff-your passion and tireless commitment have transformed our school into a vibrant place of learning. You don't just teach; you inspire, nurture, and shape the future through your work with our students every day. To our wonderful students - your curiosity, creativity, and kindness continue to remind us why education is such a precious calling. Your eager minds and compassionate hearts make our school come alive with possibility. To our parents and caregivers - thank you for entrusting your children to our care and for your invaluable partnership. Your support and engagement have been instrumental in creating an environment where both students and staff can truly flourish.

As we look toward 2025, I am excited about the journey ahead. Together, we will continue to build a community that champions academic excellence, nurtures spiritual growth, and strengthens the bonds that make our school special. As written in Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." This reminder of faith and perseverance will guide us as we embrace the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

May the peace and joy of Christmas bless you and your families during this special season.

God Bless

Ms Vanessa Gangell, Principal

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