From the Deputy Principal’s Desk:

St Mary’s Community
As the year draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank the teachers, students and parents for all the dedicated work at St Mary’s. It has been a highlight to have so many talented and enthusiastic people connected with this community.

The Staff of St Mary’s
I would especially like to thank all the teachers for the enormous amount of work that they have completed this year. It is great to work with such a dedicated team at St Mary's and the amount of extra time that they have contributed to this school this semester is immense. Writing reports, preparing portfolios, cleaning classrooms, attending school functions are just some of the many things that the staff has been involved in to complement the curriculum that is implemented in each of the classrooms.

Today we say goodbye to Claire O'Dowd, Matt Callery, Laura Leung and Ruth Crispin (for 12 months) who are all leaving St Mary's. They have all contributed enormously to the community of St Mary’s and have had the interests of the children at the forefront of their work. We wish them all the very best and hope their new positions are exciting and enjoyable.

Year 6 Teacher’s for 2015
I have delight in announcing that Paula Incretolli (4 days) and Daniela Borgese (1 day) will be the new teachers for Year 6 next year.
Year 6 Graduation
Congratulations to the following Year 6 students who graduate from St Mary’s today:
Fiona Akhounova, Anastasia Barba, Dhruv Bhatnagar, Charlie Brown, Josh Cavallin, Grace Clune, Bianca
Crisostomos, Solomon Deng, Isabella Desiderio, Xavier Field, Emily Gordon, Eva Hamilton, Ella Haywood, Carla
Ianchello, Kevin Kim, Gigi Maccagnini, Athan Mallios, Jaime Minogue, Callista Nguyen, Macy O’Sullivan, Lauren
Oyston, Mercedes Purcell, Steven Regalo, Noah Rotstein, Gregory Stoupis, Louis Timlock, Jeremy Truong,
Elizabeth Tran, Chloe Williams, Max Willoughby-Gough, Themi Xydias, James Xydias, Eleni Zapantis, Ziyang
Zheng.
We thank each of the children for their contribution to St Mary’s and wish them the very best for their
Secondary Schooling.

St Vincent De Paul Hampers
Thank you to all families who contributed to the St Vincent De Paul hampers. At Monday’s assembly we made a
donation of fifty hampers to Mr Les Mamo President of St Mary’s St Vincent De Paul. He was over whelmed with
the generosity of our school community in the donation of so many hampers. Our generosity will certainly make
a lot of families enjoy a better Christmas.

Parents and Friends (P & F) Association
Thank you to the Year 2 Parents who organised the music for the disco last Thursday night. The children
certainly enjoyed dancing to the music that was provided. Thank you to the members of the Parents & Friends
Association who have worked tirelessly in providing many social functions this year. Ably led by Bernie Curtis
and George Dallas and all the Class Representatives the Parents and Friends have contributed $15,000 this year
to the school to help pay for some held hand devices and upgrading the Wifi facilities. The St Mary’s Parish
School Community look forward to the future support of this group in 2015.

Christmas Eve Mass
This year we have continued to create a stronger link between our school and the St Mary’s Parish. One of the
ways we have been striving to achieve our goal is by involving students in the weekend vigil Mass. On Christmas
Eve, all students are invited to attend this Mass. This is a vigil Mass at 7pm.
We are encouraging any children who are attending to dress as shepherds or angels. They will also be involved
in the Gospel reading, taking part by reading some lines of the shepherds and angels within the Christmas
Gospel story.
We extend a large welcome to all our families here at St Mary’s to join us. It would be wonderful if you were able
to gather with us in celebration of the Birth of Jesus. We look forward to seeing you all there on the most
important day of our Church’s liturgical year.

Before and After Hours Care
Thankyou to Sharn Miller who has led the Before and After Hours Care so well this year. We wish her all the very
best for the future.

In Conclusion
Some of the highlights this year have been: Father’s Day Breakfast, Mother’s Day Stall, Footy Day, Inter School
Sport, Walk and Ride to School Days, Class Performances at Assemblies, Swimming, School Camps, St Mary’s
Twilight Sports Athletic Carnival, Book Fairs and Book Swap, School Masses and Paraliturgies, Tom and his
Community Band, the Christmas Carols and Disco, Year 6 Graduation and the School Concert.
Thank you to Fr Barry Moran and all students, teachers and parents/carers for their work and support this year.
Whilst it has been a very busy one there have been many highlights that we have shared.

I wish you all a very safe and Holy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.
Gerard Lewis
Principal