

COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

December 2015

Dates to Remember

9 th December	St Marys Christmas Concert 5.30pm
21 st December	Community of Learners Closed
4 th January 2016	Community of Learners Reopens
28 th January 2016	School commences for students

Prayer

1, 2, 3 we sit quite still and softly say,
Thank you for our meal today.
God bless our cook, our teachers, our mums and
dads and all of us.
In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy
Spirit.
Amen



Board ..

- Please make sure all accounts are up to date.
- **Kangaroo and Joey** library sessions are on **Tuesdays**. Please bring a library bag so your child/children can borrow library books, throughout the school terms.
- **Wednesday mornings 9:30-10 am** Kangaroos and Joeyes have their Music lesson in the music room throughout the school terms.
- If you have old clothing sized between 3-5 that is no longer needed, please bring it in as we are always in need of spare clothing.
- Children must wear **shoes** with secure backs so they are less likely to fall or injure themselves. Shoes are also needed when playing in the school playground.
- We are a Sun Smart Centre! Hats are a must for outside play. Please remind your child to bring a hat daily. Children without hats will have to stay undercover.

Dear families,



As this year draws to a close, I would like to remind families that St Mary's Community of Learners will be closed for two weeks over the Christmas period. The Centre will be closed on Monday 21st December, reopening on Monday 4th January 2016. No fees are charged during this time.

Planning for the end of year school holiday break 2015/2016 has commenced. If your family is going on holidays or ending care during December or January, please email Tracy (CoL Book Keeper) ensuring that you provide the required two weeks' notice tracy.ambrose-pearce@nt.catholic.edu.au. If you are requiring care right up until Transition (school) starts on Thursday 28th January for the current Kangaroos, children they will need to be enrolled at St Mary's OSHC and Vacation care from Monday 25th January and will commence the first day of school for Transition on Thursday 28th January. If you are requiring before and after school care once they have commenced school, please see Julie at the front office for an enrolment form for OSHC.

As Christmas is approaching we are getting ready for our Christmas Concert on Wednesday 9th December 2015. We ask for all parents/guardians who will be attending the Christmas concert if you could please dress your child up in a Christmas T-shirt (colour choice). Thank you very much ☺
Miss Kendy ☺

Joeyes:

I would like to welcome to all our new families and children to our lovely Joey's group this last term of 2015

What a year of learning we've had!! Joeyes group have been an amazingly great bunch to work with and I am so blessed to have such a wonderful group of children to teach, play with, talk to and most of all care for...

I thank all the lovely parents and guardians for allowing me to mentor your child throughout the year. It really is a rewarding job!

Throughout the year all Joeyes have been working hard on their name recognition, birthdays, seasons of the year, number sequences, shapes and colours, body parts, days of the week, months of the year, farm animals and so much more.

These activities have been reviewed throughout the year in order for the children to remember what they have learned throughout the year. We have also focused on recognizing and recalling sounds.

The children learn from what they hear and see with minimal written work. In the dry season we enjoyed lots of physical activities outside in the fairy garden. These outdoor activities have enhanced the children's fine and gross motor skills and eye-hand coordination.

I will miss a few Joeyes who will attend pre-school next year but I will still see them at Col every day. As Christmas is approaching I ask for all parents/guardians who will be attending the Christmas concert if you could please dress your child up in a Christmas T-shirt (colour choice) for our Christmas concert on the 9th December.

I also like to wish you all a very **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year**. I hope you all have safe and peaceful holidays.
Miss Terrah ☺

Kangaroos:

The last Kangaroos newsletter for this year. Where has the year gone? We have had such a great time this year and learnt so much. I am thoroughly enjoying looking back on your children's learning from the beginning of the year to now and reflecting on the long way they have come. I will be sending the children's portfolios home along with their scrapbooks and storybooks at the end of next week for you all to keep.

Transition visits on a Thursday morning with Miss McMillan have been a great success and I think all the children have enjoyed visiting 'big school' as well. They have been doing some fun activities and getting to know their new teacher so ultimately the change period of starting transition next year will be both easier on them and you. Thank you to the parents who have been bringing their child in for the visits even though they don't normally attend Kangaroos on a Thursday.

We have finished our "letter of the week" program now and we are continuing on with revision of all the letters. We have also begun our Christmas crafts which each child. There will be no more borrowing of books from the library this year. Please return all St Mary's School library books that you may still have at home.

It is with great regret that my last day at St Mary's Community of Learners and in Darwin will be December 4th. Due to my partner's work, we will be relocating to Sydney after a break at home in New Zealand with family. There will still be one week of Kangaroos once I leave (December 7th-11th) with Miss Kendy. I wish to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support during not only this year but the two years I have been Kangaroo teacher at St Mary's. I have met great people and these people have made my life away from home a lot more enjoyable. I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a safe break and I wish you all the best in the future.
Miss Vanessa ☺

From all of us at St Mary's Community of Learners have a wonderful Christmas and New Year, Stay safe, See you next year! ☺



Learning at COL in the month of December . . .



Library Visit!



Group Time



Learning Time



Interacting with the children



Team work Story Telling



Christmas Decorations!



Bubbles!



Outdoor time!



Kangaroo's Assembly



Kangaroo's Transition Orientation with Miss McMillan

