Father in heaven,
We pray to You with open hearts and minds.
We ask that You guide us in all we do.
Help us to slow down and step away from the business of our lives.
Help us to remove any distractions that prevent us from experiencing
Your presence during this season of Advent.
Give us patience and peace as we wait for You.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Christmas Mass times:

Christmas Eve—Wednesday 24th December:
St. Mary’s: 6.00pm (carols from 5.30pm)
St. Margaret’s: 8.00pm (carols from 7.30pm)
St. Mary’s: 12.00 (Midnight) (carols from 11.30pm)

Christmas Day—Thursday 25th December:
St. Mary’s: 10.30am

Carols Photos:
Coming to Tiqbiz and our website soon!

St. Vincent de Paul Society
We are still counting our donations to St. Vinnie’s. So far we have raised in excess of
$1,000. There is still time to make a donation to this worthy cause. Please leave any
additional donations at the office by tomorrow morning. It is wonderful to be a part of
such a generous, caring community.

The 2014 School Year will conclude at 2.00pm tomorrow, Wednesday 17th De-
cember 2014. The aftercare program will commence at 2.00pm. If you have an
enquiry, or would like to make a booking please call 0417 247 295.
St. Margaret’s School Calendar:

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As the school year ends it is time for reflection. So much has happened and I would like to mention some of our highlights:

Sacraments: Confirmation, Communion, Reconciliation

Outdoor Movie Night, Cake Stalls, Lymphoma Fund
Family Portraits, Excursions / Incursions, Book Club
Student Banking, New Building erected, Twilight Fete
Parent Information Nights, Years 4,5 and 6 Camp, Fundraising Days—Mini Hope Fete and St Vinnie’s
NAPLAN, Cuppa and Chat, Welcome Thank You Function
Birthdays, Assemblies, Masses—Family and School
School Photos, Sports Day, Athletic Carnivals, Mothers Day and Fathers Day Stalls

And so many more events that have created such a wonderful atmosphere during this school year.

To everyone who is part of the St. Margaret’s Community—students, staff, parents and our friends; a heartfelt thank you for all of the time, effort, goods, funds and support you have given to the school during the year.

May God bless you and may you enjoy a Merry Christmas, surrounded by love, joy and peace. We look forward to welcoming you back safely in 2015.
Important Information for 2015:
You will notice some changes in staffing for 2015:

Mrs Catherine Gibson was to return in 2015. Due to personal reasons she has extended her leave until 2016. We will be interviewing for a new teacher over the coming weeks.

Mr Anthony Oxley was on Friday appointed School Advisor—Maths at the Catholic Education Office, working in the Eastern Region. Anthony has been with us since 2011 and during this time he has been a senior teacher, a part of our Leadership team, Bike Ed instructor, Camp organiser, Master of Ceremonies and much more. We thank Anthony for his dedication to St. Margaret’s, and wish him all the very best with this new adventure—especially with navigating his way through the traffic each morning!

We welcome to our school community Alicia Place who will be teaching in Year 1, and Melinda Giogha who will teach in Year 3 for 3 days a week, sharing with Ms Teresa.

Name our new buildings:
The Senior Building (Years 5 and 6) will be called “Goold”, representing Knowledge. The Prep and Year 4 Building will be called “MacKillop”, representing Faith.

Thank you and congratulations to the Watson children (Tahlia, Dallas and Nicola) for this wonderful idea.

Reports:
Reports were distributed yesterday. A letter to parents with important school information for 2015 was also included. In particular, we draw your attention to:

Thursday 29th January 2015: Year 1 to Year 6 children commence
Monday 2nd February 2015: Prep children commence

St Margaret’s Got Talent 2014
Wednesday 17th December 9.15- completion

All Welcome!

It’s always a lot of fun.
We look forward to great audience and parent participation.
Changes to school times—2015:
Lunch: 11.00am - 12.00pm
School finishes: 3.30pm

School Fees—2015:
In conjunction with the Parish Board we have finalised our School fees for 2015 as follows:

$1,395.00 Family fee
$250.00 Levy per child
$200.00 Capital Building Fee

The Capital Building Fee is not solely related to our new building. It is for the improvement and future direction of the school going forward to meet the demands of 21st Century education. Please note that this is a compulsory charge, not a voluntary contribution.

Out Of School Hours Program:
The program will run from 2.00pm tomorrow, Wednesday 17th December (last day of Term 4). If you have an enquiry, or would like to make a booking for tomorrow, or any of the dates listed below please call 0417 247 295.

School Holiday Program:
The program will run on:
Thursday 18th December
Friday 19th December
Monday 22nd December
Tuesday 23rd December

2015 dates:
Monday 12th January—Friday 16th January
Monday 19th January—Friday 23rd January
Tuesday 27th January—Wednesday 28th January

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