



St Mary's School
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St Mary's Christmas card - artist Bianca (Form I)

From the head's desk

Dear parents

The end of the year is always much anticipated and appreciated after a productive and busy school calendar. This year is no exception. The girls and teachers have enjoyed a good year in the classroom and a rewarding co-curricular programme. They now have a welcome opportunity to enjoy rest, relaxation and social occasions.

We say farewell to a number of staff this year: Marshall Lombard and Paballo Mofokeng have spent the past term with us; Kendra Hendry, Michelle Ridley and Pippa McKechnie are all leaving us to follow new paths and endeavours; Gail Murray is leaving to take up a History post at Sacred Heart College and Gill Lee and Lynn Marais are retiring from St Mary's after significant service. We are also losing two stalwarts from our support staff: Freddy Maluleke and Jack Mahloko are retiring. I thank all of these individuals who have given of themselves to help build and develop our school.

There is much bad news in the world and many warnings of the difficult times that lie ahead. Such times affect schools deeply, especially through our community. We are aware that the school needs to weather these storms and always attempt to be a good and kind place for every member of the St Mary's community. It is for this reason that rest and recuperation over the holiday are important, so that we can return in the new year ready to provide a good education and a safe, happy space for the girls.

Dates to Diarise

Fri 27	11h00	FI to FIV examinations end
	10h00	Final carol service rehearsal
Sat 28	10h00	Music showcases
	10h30	Mothers' and daughters' tea
	10h30	Peer counsellors' training
Sun 29	17h30	Boarders' chapel followed by Christmas party
Mon 30	09h00	Blood drive
	11h00	Final carol service rehearsal
	17h30	Carol service 1
	19h00	Carol service 2
December		
Tues 1	07h30	Middle School Eucharist
	15h00	Play auditions
		Rowers depart for SA Schools' Boat Race
Wed 2	07h30	Senior School Eucharist
	09h15	Final assembly
	11h30	Senior School closes
Thurs 3	10h30	Reports and magazine collection
	11h00	Boarding houses close
Fri 4		School closes for staff
Sat 5		SA Schools' boat race finals
Sun 6		Rowers return from Boat Race
January		
Tues 5		Rowing camp begins
Sun 10		Rowing camp ends
Tues 12	09h00	Water polo
	11h00	Scholarship girls' workshop
	12h30	Boarding houses open for new boarders
	14h00	Boarding houses open
	14h00	FI and new girls' orientation
	14h00	Water polo (all ages)
	18h00	SMOGS bursary function
	18h15	Boarders' welcome dinner
Wed 13	07h30	Term I begins
	07h40	Leaders' induction followed by FV parents' tea
	14h45	Water polo (all ages)
	17h30	FI and new girls' welcome service

Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury writes:

Church schools are as concerned as any other school to equip pupils for lives marked by rapid change, global competition and insecurity. But Church schools know in their viscera that this is not just about acquiring skills and good examination results. It is about forming people who have the moral strength and spiritual depth to hold to

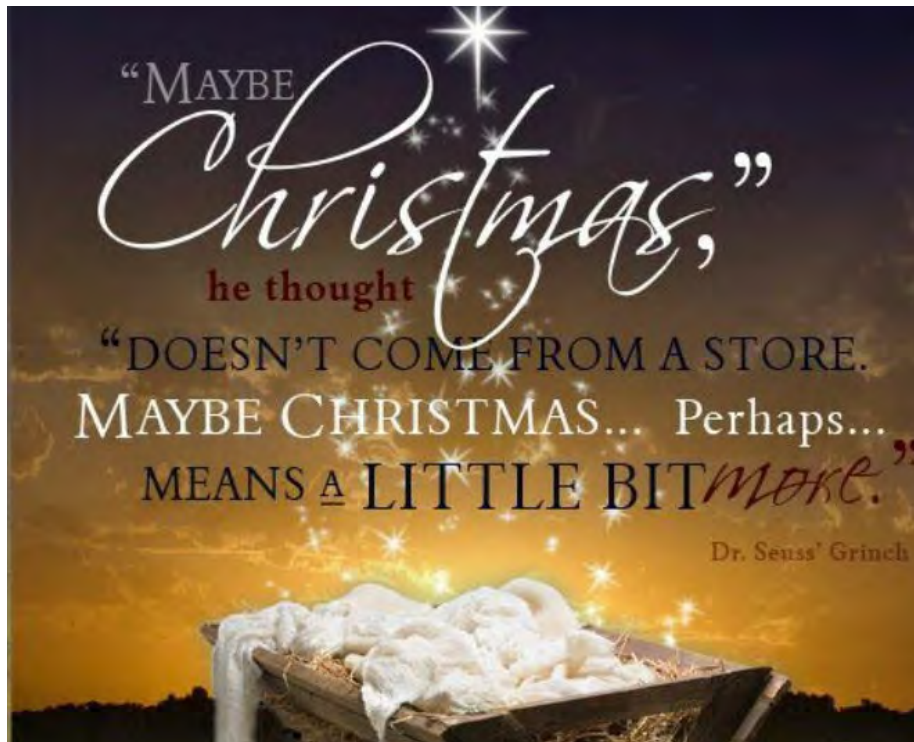
a course and weather ups and downs.

I wish you all a peaceful and blessed Christmas.

Deanne King

Head of school

From the chaplain

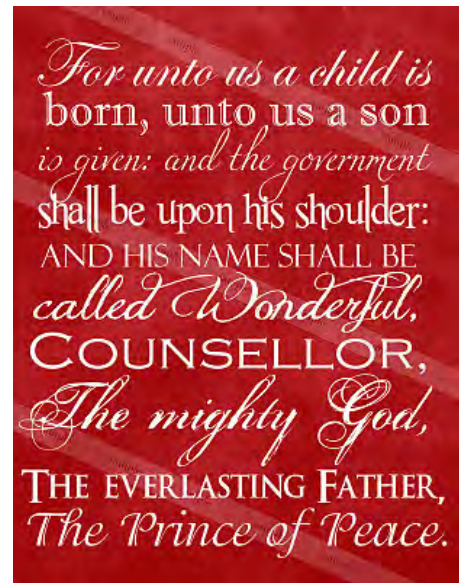


In the final newsletter of last year I used this quotation from Dr Seuss. This is a different picture, one that reminds us that Christmas is all about the baby in the manger.

Have a wonderful holiday with family and friends. Travel safely, and wherever you are as you celebrate, find time to remember the real meaning of Christmas.

Revd Canon Gill Lee

Chaplain





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Gloria in Excelsis Deo



Reserved complimentary tickets
can be collected at the Junior
and Senior School receptions
from Monday 23 November