



# School Newsletter

Term 4 Issue 9

6th December 2017

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 6th December

Thursday 7th December

Friday 8th December

Wednesday 31st January, 2018

Year 9 Nagle Orientation

Full Dress Rehearsal

End of Year Concert commencing at 7pm

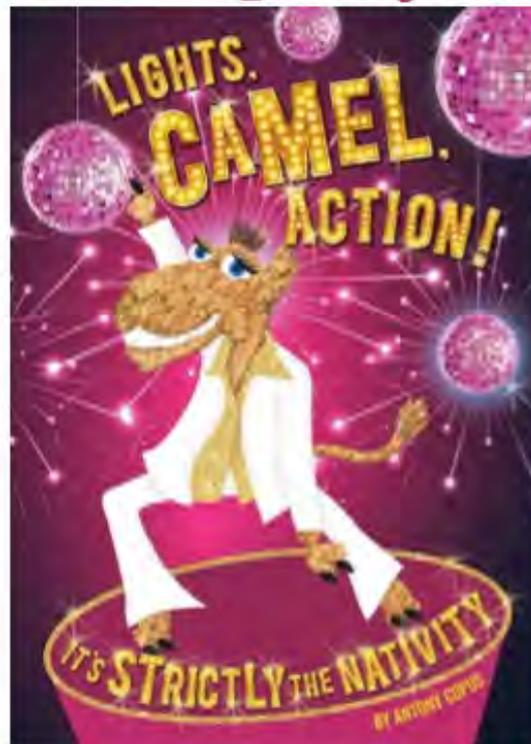
Last day of Term 4

Whole School End of Year Mass—Year 7 to lead—1:30pm  
in the School Hall

First day of Term 1, 2018



Please join us for our  
St Mary Star of the Sea  
Christmas Musical



7pm

Thursday

7th December 2017

Dear Parents, Teachers and Children,

Little by little Christian Celebrations are becoming secularized: "Merry Christmas" has become "Happy Holidays", Nativity plays and Carol singing are banned in some schools and Shopping Centres are refusing to have any displays of the true meaning of Christmas whilst they use that very Celebration for profit gain. Schools have a pivotal role to play in informing parents of the importance of maintaining these Christian Celebrations and to be active in their community to help safeguard their ongoing existence.

Being a Christian is about believing and hoping in God and this firstly requires that we seek Him. Seeking God requires that we don't expect all the answers about God at once; it's a lifetime's quest; being a Christian is about the whole of life. As we experience annual observations such as Christmas, Easter and Advent, we might regard each of them as a door to be opened; as we step through each doorway there is the opportunity for a new sense of direction for our life. We all need periods of waiting in our lives for during such times we mature. We could be likened to grapes that spend time in vats and barrels, just waiting, but eventually maturing to become 'full-bodied and rich with long, silky tannins'. We need times of waiting to savour the joy of fulfilment. Sometimes we wait in darkness, when life is not so good, before we can appreciate the coming of dawn. Expectant mothers wait nine months before they can see the faces of their new children. Seeds are buried in the darkness of the earth before they can emerge into the light of day as new shoots. Ideas need to mature in minds before they can emerge as realities. So, Advent, the Season of waiting in hopeful expectation, fits in very well with our own life's experiences of waiting, hoping and then enjoying the rewards of our hope and trust.

I wish for you all a very safe and holy Christmas break and I look forward to seeing you all again in 2018. The learning journey will continue.

Farewell to those families who will not be returning to St Mary's next year. We wish you all the very best for your future endeavours.

### ***An Irish Blessing***

***May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, and the rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.***

### **FAREWELL**

We farewell a number of staff who are leaving St Mary's for other ventures in 2018.

Mrs Caroline Legg, who has been working as a special needs teaching assistant in our JLC area won't be with us in 2018 as the terms of her contract have changed. I would like to thank Caroline for the commitment she has given to the JLC.

Mrs Suzie O'Loughlin has been with us this year and has brought a smile to many here at St Mary's, especially in our JLC area. Suzie is an enthusiastic and energetic person who we will miss next year. All the best in Perth, Suzie.

Miss Tash Ubriehn has accepted a teaching position at Carnarvon Community College for next year. Tash really stepped in at the deep end when we were looking for a Maths teacher and did an admirable job in coming up to speed with middle school maths and supporting the students in this specialized area. Her strength was really in Art and we saw the students shine through her teaching and inspiration this second semester. We hope to see you around next year, Tash.

Miss Lucy Towers is leaving at the end of this year to continue travelling around Australia. She began with us at the start of Semester 2 last year and had to organize interhouse and interschool carnivals. I knew at the end of that semester our PE was in very good hands this year. Lucy has been an excellent PE teacher and the results the students have displayed in all competitions that she has trained them for a testimony to her skill as a teacher. We wish her much happiness as she continues her life journey.

Mr Andrew Gammon, our Head of Primary, is leaving us next year to assume the Short Term Principalship at St Patrick's, Katanning. Andrew has done much in his two years at St Mary's and his commitment and hard work that he applies to his role has been much appreciated by all at St Mary's. I'm certain Andrew will be successful in his new role.

## **PRESENTATION NIGHT ATTENDANCE**

Tomorrow evening's Presentation Night is a compulsory event. It is an expectation that all students attend unless there are extenuating circumstances. If this is the case, the nature of the absence needs to be in writing to the students' home room or class teacher.

## **FIRST DAY 2018**

The first day for students in 2018 will be Wednesday, January 31st. Please note that next year the Easter break is during the school term, not during the Term 1 holidays. The Easter break will be inclusive of Good Friday March 30 to Tuesday April 3. The students are expected back at school on Wednesday, 4th April.

## **Staff for 2018—Primary School**

Head Of Primary Year 3 - 6 TBA

Early Years Coordinator Ali O'Halloran

Kindy Teacher  
Miss Billie Symonds,

Teacher Assistants  
Miss Samantha Williams and Miss Jemma Gilbert

Preprimary Teacher  
Miss Karla Lissiman,

Teacher Assistant  
Mrs Melissa Worthington

Year 1 Teacher  
Mrs Ali O'Halloran

Teacher Assistant  
Mrs Helena Bassett

Year 2 Teacher  
Miss Liz Ferla

Teacher Assistant  
Mrs Jacquie Black,

Year 3 Teacher  
Mrs Alison Durmanich

Year 4 Teacher  
Miss Emily Roche

Year 5 Teacher  
Mrs Carey Hodgson

Year 6 Teacher  
Mrs Patricia Van Dongen

Aboriginal Teacher Aid  
Mrs Sue-lyn Munro

PS Science  
Mrs Megan Babun

PS HASS  
Mrs Trudy Cox



## Staff for 2018—Middle School

Head of Middle School  
Mrs Sammantha Da Luz

Religious Education  
Mr Adrian Good

English  
Miss Melissa Slattery

Science  
Miss Katelyn Hegarty

Health and Physical Education  
Miss Tiahn Barrett

Aboriginal Teacher Aid  
Mr Anthony Narrier

Mathematics  
Mr Tim Manser

Art  
Mrs Narelle Holtham

Music and Drama  
Miss Katrina Ward

Food Technology  
Miss Melissa Slattery

HASS  
Mr Daryl Weatherdon and Mrs  
Narelle Holtham

Media  
Mr Daryl Weatherdon

ICT  
Mr Daryl Weatherdon and  
Mr Tim Manser

God Bless



Steve O'Halloran  
Principal



## From the REC

### Mass Times

Saturday night - 7pm

Sunday morning - 9am

### End of Term School Mass

This Friday 8th of December in the school hall at 1:30 pm, our school community will celebrate Mass on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. The year 7's will be helping with the readings and preparation for the Mass. As always parents and guardians are warmly invited to attend.

### Spiritual Reflection

Mary, teacher of prayer. See how she asks her Son at Cana. And how she insists, confidently, persevering.....And how she succeeds. Learn.

Mr Adrian Good  
Religious Education Coordinator



Year 6  
Rite of Passage

## Head of Primary School

### Awards Presentation

On Monday we held our Primary Awards Ceremony which acknowledged those in each class who have shown outstanding academic achievement, outstanding progress and who have been recognised to be outstanding citizens in their class. There were also individual awards including two science awards, Nano Nagle Christian Living, Inspiring Indigenous Student, Gascoyne Spirit and the Principals award. We have had a number of parents questioning why their child didn't receive an award, and I would just like to share my message that was given to all students at the awards ceremony.

Today we are presenting 29 awards, this is only a small portion of 207 students currently enrolled at St Mary's between Kindy – Year 6. Whilst these 29 award winners are extremely worthy recipients of their respective awards, there are also many others who apply themselves in all learning areas, who consistently challenge themselves to improve, who takes risks and aren't afraid to make mistakes because they know this will help them progress. Anyone who adopts this attitude towards their learning can also call themselves a winner, and today let me acknowledge the efforts and progress you have all made this year.

Parents, I am extremely proud of the efforts of all our students this year. If your child didn't receive an award, it doesn't mean there is something wrong, it doesn't mean they haven't progressed and it doesn't mean that they are not considered to be positive role models in their class. It is a tough decision for teachers to acknowledge one student over another, and the decisions made are not made lightly. If your child didn't receive an award, please congratulate them on the fine effort and progress they have made this year, because they all have.

### JLC Advent Liturgies

The Junior Learning Team led by Mrs O'Halloran coordinated this year's Advent Liturgies. It is a special time of year as we wait for the coming of Jesus and our Kindy, Pre-Primary and Year One students helped us to remember this. Thank you to our JLC staff and students, and to all our parents who came and joined us.

### Keeping Safe Child Protection 2018

As of next year, the Australian government have mandated that all schools will teach the Keeping Safe Child Protection Program. The program delivers an age appropriate developmental sequence of skills that teaches students' strategies to keep them safe at all times. The program is broken up into four main focus areas including:

- The right to be safe
- Relationships
- Recognising and reporting abuse
- Protective strategies

More information will be sent home to parents regarding this program later this year. Please be advised that this is not the "Safe Schools" program that has seen much controversy, nor is it in any way aligned with it.

Final Newsletter

This newsletter marks my final newsletter at St Mary's until, at least, 2019. I have enjoyed the opportunity to share my thoughts with families and hope that in some way I have been able to have a positive influence. Whilst I am excited about starting the next chapter in my life, I leave Carnarvon this year with many fond memories. Thank you for the support you have given me, and I wish you all the best in 2018.

Kind regards

*Mr Andrew Gammon*

Head of Primary School



# Award Winners 2018

## Year Seven

Religious Education	Abby Punch
English	Abby Punch
Humanities and Social Science	Abby Punch
Mathematics	Robert Luis
Science	Niamh Alston
Health	Abby Punch
ICT	Abby Punch
Physical Education	Mathew Gilbert
Drama	Robert Luis
Music	Angela Lyall
Visual Art	Jack Atherton
Food Technology	Emily Bumbak
Physical Art	Bridget Anderson
Media	Chloe Durmanich

## Year Eight Awards

Religious Education	James Holtham
Science	Daniel Cosh
Mathematics	Daniel Cosh
Humanities and Social Science	Daniel Cosh
English	Daniel Cosh
ICT	Daniel Cosh
Visual Art	Yasmin Gane
Physical Art	Dylan Bassett
Drama	James Holtham
Health	James Holtham
Physical Education	Jared March
Food Technology	Riley Schmidt
Music	Mackensie Chapman
Media	Helen Tipton

## Year Nine

Religious Education	Adam Clark
English	Kai O'Loughlin
Humanities and Social Science	Kai O'Loughlin
Mathematics	Kai O'Loughlin
Science	Kai O'Loughlin
Drama	Kai O'Loughlin
Health	Kai O'Loughlin
Physical Education	Will Durmanich
Food Technology	Mikhayla Capewell
Music	Djilka Oxenham
Art 9/10	Djilka Oxenham
Physical Art	Michael Pham
Media	Teagan Gale
ICT 9/10	Adam Clark

## Year Ten

Religious Education  
Mathematics  
Science  
English  
Humanities and Social Science  
Science  
Health  
Band 9/10  
Physical Education

Grace Punch  
Matilda Anderson  
Matilda Anderson  
Dylan Gane  
Dylan Gane  
Matilda Anderson  
Grace Punch  
Jessica Fernihough  
Bree Hudson

**Certificate 1 in Business**

**Jessica Fernihough**

**Certificate 1 in Hospitality**

**Grace Punch**

**Indigenous Encouragement Award**

**Taj Whitby**

**Australian Defence Force Long Tan Leadership & Team Work Award**

**Jessica Fernihough**

**Caltex All Rounder Award**

**Jessica Fernihough**

**Citizenship Award**

**Joseph Garcia**

**Academic Excellence**

**Kai O'Loughlin**

**Middle School Award Winners**



### **Year 6 class awards.**

Citizenship Award  
Progress Award  
Academic Award

Tara O'Loughlin  
Antony Ly  
Jenny Tran

### **Year 5 class awards.**

Citizenship Award  
Progress Award  
Academic Award

Bailey Kearney  
Isabella Andrews  
Luke Jordan

### **Year 4 class awards**

Citizenship Award  
Progress Award  
Academic Award

Sophie Punch  
Olivia Wallace  
Ashlee Mai

**Year 3 class awards**

Citizenship Award  
Progress Award  
Academic Award

Sunny Wyeth  
Taylor Foster  
Matthew Jordan

**Year 2 class awards**

Citizenship Award  
Progress Award  
Academic Award

Indiana White  
Angela Trieu  
Dan Nguyen

**Year 1 class awards**

Citizenship Award  
Progress Award  
Academic Award

Jessica Durmanich  
Tyler van Dongen  
Caitlyn Ho

**Pre-Primary class awards.**

Citizenship Award  
Progress Award  
Academic Award

Lavanya Choudhary  
Heidi Land  
Glenn Jordan

**Kindy class awards**

Citizenship Award  
Progress Award  
The Kindy Star Award

Peyton Kerr  
Manit Saini  
Aaron Durmanich

We would like to thank the following donors for our 2017 Book Award's

Hon Vince Catania MLA  
Shire of Carnarvon  
Gascoyne Development Commission  
Rio Tinto  
Lions Club  
Hon Ken Baston MLC  
Soroptimists International  
Order of OB's  
Sweeter Banana  
P&F  
FOCUS  
Isolated Children's Parents Assn.

*Thank You*

**Woodside and Scitech Awards Taylor McDonald and Ethan Rankin**

**Nano Nagle Christian Living Award**

**Pauline Braza**

**Inspiring Indigenous Student award**

**Keion Mongoo**

**ICPA Gascoyne Sprit Award**

**Kirsten Mann**

**Principal's Award**

**Angela Trieu**



Primary Class Awards

## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS REGARDING 2018 SCHOOL FEES

**BPAY** - As from 2nd January the school's BPAY Biller code will change to **280305**. Existing family Reference numbers will remain the same. If you have pre-set BPAY payments for your fees you will need to change the Biller Code from 2nd January (not before).

### SCHOOL FEE SETTING & COLLECTION POLICY

Our policy is on the School website. Please take the time to read our policy so that you are fully aware of changes and expectations in regards to payment of fees.

### SCHOOL FEE SCHEDULE 2018

The School fee schedule is also on the website. The schedule is set out in accordance with the Catholic Education Office

Instructions. The fees shown are for one child. Sibling discounts apply on Tuition Fees from K-10.

Sibling discounts do not apply to 3 YO Pre-Kindy.

### HEALTH CARE CARD FEE CONCESSIONS (HCC)

Discounts have now been extended to include Amenities fees, Building Levy and some other charges. However, there are some charges which parents are required to pay in full. Holders of means-tested cards must bring their cards to the office to be copied and paperwork completed. Please bring your cards to the School Bursar in the first two weeks of school. HCC discounts apply to students from Kindy to Year 10.

### SCHOOL FEES PAYMENT PLAN

ALL families are expected to complete a School Fees Payment Plan for 2018. Forms will be sent out with your first account. In 2018 it is expected that all fees will be paid in full by the 31st October. If you are not able to meet this deadline than you must make an appointment either with the Principal or School Bursar to arrange an extension.



#### Term Dates for 2017

First Day of Term 4 - Tuesday 10th October  
Last Day of Term 4 - Friday 8th December

#### Term Dates for 2018

First Day of Term 1 - Wednesday  
31st January  
Last Day of Term 1 - Friday 13th April

#### Are you returning next year?

To help us with our planning for 2018, please inform the front office if your child/children **will not** be returning to St Marys next year.



## ***St Mary's Parish—Christmas Timetable***

**Tuesday 12th December—10am—Healing Mass**

Everyone is welcome.

**Saturday 16th December—8am—Busy Bee for the church interior and church grounds in preparation for Christmas. Please come and bring garden tools, etc. Many hands make light work.**

**Friday 22nd December—7pm —Carols in the Church**

**Come and join us for an evening of Christmas Carols followed by refreshments. This is a lovely joyous occasion and it would be lovely to see you all. Everyone is welcome.**

### **CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES**

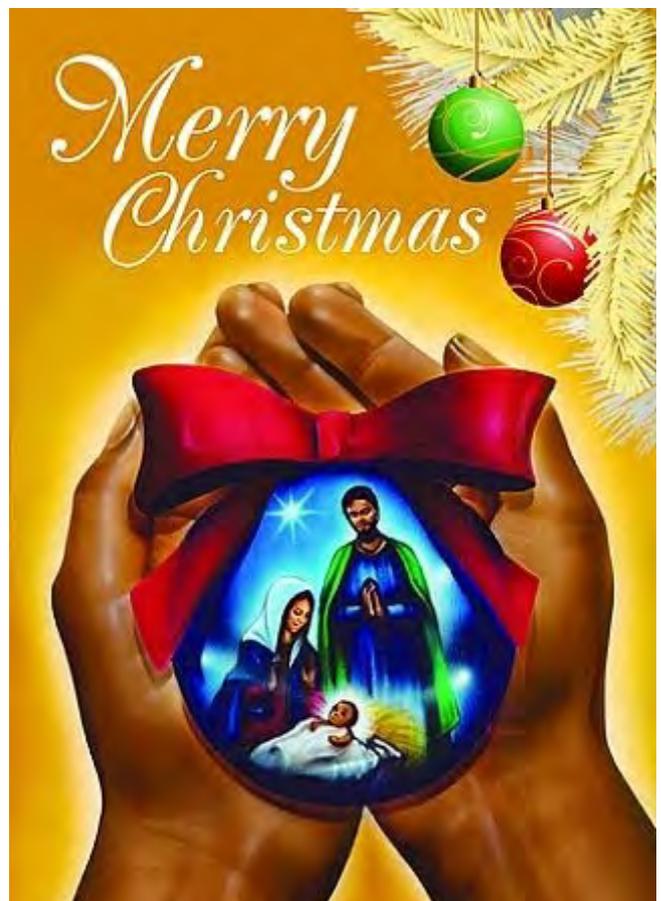
**24th December—6pm Vigil**

**Family Mass**

**We would love to see children dressed as shepherds or angels for this mass.**

**24th December—11:30pm  
carols followed by Midnight  
Mass.**

**Christmas Day            9am**



## iPad Plan for 2018

As mentioned in previous newsletters, in 2018 all students from Years 3 – 5 will be expected to have an iPad for use at school. Students from Year 6 to 10 are still able to use their previously purchased laptops. Over the coming years, iPads will become the preferred device for the school. Our requirements and recommendations for iPads are listed below:

- No iPad minis. They are too small for our educational purposes and place too much strain on students' eyes.
- Must have a lightning adapter (smaller charging cable).
- Must handle latest operating system iOS 11 (Microsoft Teams is only compatible with recent operating systems).
- Must have at least 64GB of memory.
- The iPad air is recommended by the school.
- Latest model is recommended as it will handle the latest operating system and be more compatible with future operating systems; therefore, it will last longer.
- A lifeproof or solid protective case is recommended for Year 3 and 4 students.
- Year 5 upwards will be expected to have an attached keyboard. These can either be an Apple product or an aftermarket version.
- Students will also need a set of ear phones.



## UNIFORM AND CANTEEN NEWS

### UNIFORM NEWS

Looks like BACK TO SCHOOL Uniform day is Monday 29th January from 10am to 2pm and Tuesday 30th January from 2pm to 4pm. Now is the time to start looking at what you will need for the new school year. We have school bags in all sizes. The uniform shop is open Tuesday and Thursdays 2.15-3.15pm every week of the term.

Thank you  
Charmaine

## 2018 KINDY AND PRE-KINDERGARTEN 3 YEAR OLD ENROLMENTS

Enrolments for children to begin the Kindy and 3 Year Old Pre-Kindergarten Programme are currently being taken.

All parents that have children turning 3 years of age between 1st July 2017 and 30th July 2018 are welcome to contact the school office on 99411 328 for further information.





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Keep it secure

Enable fingerprint locking to ensure that only you can access the app.

Other functionality

The SEQTA apps build on the existing capabilities of SEQTA Learn and SEQTA Engage, so you'll be able to:

- View upcoming assessments and submit work
- View marked assessments and teacher feedback
- View and search your courses and lessons
- Take notes and make task lists
- View pastoral care information
- Track upcoming homework
- View unresolved absences
- Send and receive direct messages
- Interact with students, teachers, and parents in forums
- View relevant school notices
- Access academic reports
- View and colour your timetable

...and much more!

If you have any questions, please contact...

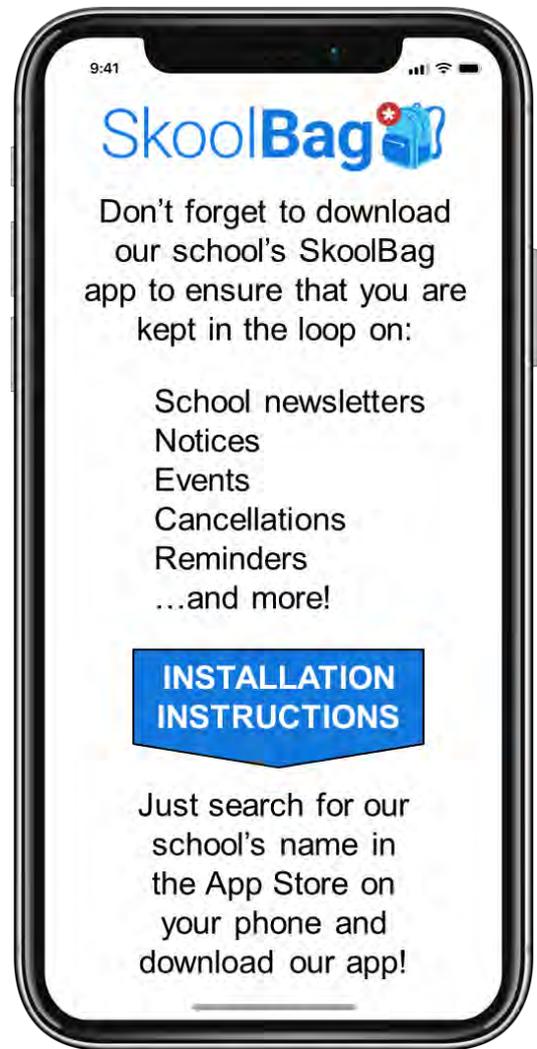
The school administration office on 99411328

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- School newsletters
- Notices
- Events
- Cancellations
- Reminders
- ...and more!

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Just search for our school's name in the App Store on your phone and download our app!

Expressions of interest now open! Please contact Fr Mariusz or Melissa Slattery.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY PANAMA**

**22-27 JAN 2019**

**WORLD YOUTH DAY**

"I AM THE SERVANT OF THE LORD. MAY IT BE DONE TO ME ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD" (Lk 1:38)

**#PANAMA2019**

**ABORIGINAL FAMILIES AS FIRST EDUCATORS**

The playgroup Facilitator and Family Liaison Officer will work alongside parents and carers as first educators to prepare their children with strong foundations to, BE, BELONG and BECOME independent, spirited individuals with a bright and prosperous future.

WHO	WHERE	WHEN
For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families with children 0-4 years of age	30 Egan Street	Monday and Wednesday Mornings 9am-12pm

**YOU & ME LEARNING TOGETHER**

**WHAT'S ON AT PLAYGROUP?**

**FRUIT TIME** LEARNING GAMES  
 CONVERSATIONAL READING INDOOR ACTIVITIES  
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**Mega Dance**

**CHRISTMAS Edition**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**  
**6:00PM - 9:00PM**

**FREE ENTRY!**

Under 10 Y/O must be accompanied by a parent/ caregiver

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Happy and Holy Christmas  
and we look forward to seeing you in 2018!*



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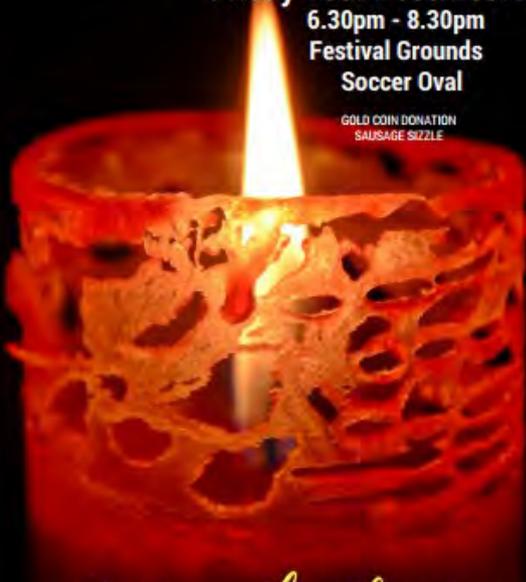
Friday 15th December 2017

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Festival Grounds

Soccer Oval

GOLD COIN DONATION  
SAUSAGE SIZZLE



*Come and Enjoy the Abundance of  
the Christmas Spirit*



## Christmas Markets

Coffee Stall  
Food stalls  
Jewellery  
Local preserves  
Local Arts & Craft  
Beauty Supplies  
Candles, Bags, etc.



**WHEN:** Saturday 9th December & Saturday 16th December

**WHERE:** Civic Centre Courtyard

**TIME:** 8am - 12pm

Take advantage of the last minute shopping at the annual Christmas Market:  
this coming December. Come down and enjoy a coffee or pancake breakfast,  
pick up some gifts and sing a jingle or two!

