I Am Thankful For

The child who is not doing dishes, but is watching TV, because he is at home and not on the streets.
For the taxes that I pay, because it means that I am employed.
For the mess to clean after a party, because it means that I have been surrounded by friends.
For the clothes that fit a little too snug, because it means that I have enough to eat.
For my shadow that watches me at work, because it means that I am out in the sunshine.
For a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning and gutters that need fixing, because it means I have a home.
For all the complaining I hear about the government, because it means that we have freedom of speech.
For the parking lot I find at the far end of the parking lot because it means that I am capable of walking and that I have been blessed with transportation.
For my huge heating bill, because it means I am warm.
For the lady behind me in church that sings off key, because it means that I can hear.
For the pile of laundry and ironing, because it means I have clothes to wear.
For the weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day because it means I have been capable of working hard.
For the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours, because it means that I am alive.

Principal’s Message

......and I am thankful for being a part of the great community of St Mary's School Yoogali. Thank you everyone for your warm welcome.

Swimming carnivals are always a great carnival for our students and today’s was no exception. Everyone joined in the spirit of the day and participated to the best of their ability. An updated report will be given in our next newsletter.

Many thanks to Prue Brown for her excellent organisation of the swimming carnival and to all the parents and helpers who volunteered their time.

A reminder to all parents that teacher supervision of students begins at 8:30am. The early arrivals that come by bus and arrive before 8:30 must sit on the benches outside the classrooms until 8:30am.
If there is a problem and your child needs to be at school before 8:30am please contact your child’s teacher.

Our first school council meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th February at 7pm. The AGM of the school council will be on Tuesday 21st February.
A reminder that school council nominations close on Friday 10th February.

A special mass was celebrated by Fr Peter on Friday 3rd February. Students were presented with their SRC badges.

Many thanks to Lisa Forwood (Religious Education Co-ordinator) for organising this mass.

Miss Christine Calabria Principal

SMY Calendar

Week 3

Week 4

13th Feb Monday Kinder Information Session
15th Feb Wednesday Pupil Free Day
8th Feb Wednesday Kinder Rest Day
Faith

Children’s Liturgy Roster
To continue with Children’s Liturgy at the 9.30 Mass at Yoogali we need your help. If you are able to help please call St Mary’s School on 6962 2224 or Franca Serafin on 6964 3541.

Prayers Please
We keep in our prayers those who are sick or have lost loved ones.

Parish Mass Times

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Sunday
Yoogali
15min before Mass

Church Roster

Sunday 12th February

Commentator: S Vardanega
Reader: C Keenan
Offertory: Andreazza Family
Lay Minister: C Keenan

VOX POP @ SMY  What are you loving about big school?

Dean Salvestrin
Drawing

Lily Brown
Doing homework.

Joel Farnell
Getting homework on Mondays.

Ava Guglielmino
Reading and playing.
School Council Meeting

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Information Evening

An information session will be held in the Kinder classroom on Monday 13th February at 3:45pm. All are welcome to come and learn about Kinder routines and have a taste of some of the fun things we do in the classroom.

Jane Docherty

Congratulations

To the new additions of the St Mary's family.
Charles Lenny Atkins - son of Courtney and Peter, brother of Matilda Year 2 and Harry
Hamish Salvestro - son of Eryn and Ryan Salvestro, brother of Isabella and Blake.

Seven Steps Writing Project

An information As St Mary’s School Yoogali’s ongoing commitment to writing - the staff have been given an amazing opportunity to work with Alison Burcham on Wednesday 15th March. This day will therefore be a Pupil Free Day for all students.

Caring for Our Students

Working together to prevent illness

At St Mary’s we have a student who is on a long term immunosuppressant medication to treat a chronic illness. This medication lowers the student’s immune system, which in turn increases the chance of the child getting very sick.

Because of this, we remind parents to please keep your child home when they are unwell. This will help to prevent the spread of infection to all students, staff and families. In particular, if your child is diagnosed with an infectious disease eg Chicken Pox, Measles or Whooping Cough etc, ensure that you please contact the school office immediately. In the case of vomiting/diarrhoea ideally your child should stay home for 48 hours from the onset.

The school has installed hand sanitisers in each classroom to minimise risk. We appreciate your support in caring for all of our students.
Each year our students elect one of their peers to represent them on the Student Representative Council. The council gathers together during the year to discuss possible ways to improve our school. They are able to take ideas from other students and share them during the meetings. The council is responsible for things like raising funds for our sponsor child Abadi, organising fun school days like crazy hat days and mission day. We congratulate each of the members on the SRC. They were inducted during our Opening School Mass on Friday and will be lead and supported by our SRC President Amelie Borella. I am very much looking forward to working with the SRC team during the year.

Annette Reginato
### St Mary’s School AWARDS

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<td>For being a fabulous helper in Kindergarten.</td>
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<td>For having beautiful manners.</td>
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<td>Conner Hutchins</td>
<td>For great sharing if ideas during class discussions.</td>
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<td>Anna Catanzariti</td>
<td>For an excellent positive start to the new school year.</td>
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<td>For being focused and listening well.</td>
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<td>Daniella Sergi</td>
<td>for her patience and amazing listening skills.</td>
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<td>Kobe Ellis</td>
<td>For a fantastic piece of writing and working hard every day.</td>
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<td>For a great start to Year 3 and applying himself well.</td>
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<td>Mila Giannini</td>
<td>For great contributions to classroom discussions.</td>
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<td>For the way he looks after and looks out for others.</td>
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<td>Cameron Burns</td>
<td>For his focused efforts during all lessons.</td>
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<td>For his outstanding goal setting artwork.</td>
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<td>Liza Twaddell</td>
<td>For his cooperative and awesome teamwork with his desk buddy.</td>
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<td>Matthew Pastro</td>
<td>For creating a lovely moving prayer and respectful listening.</td>
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<td>Grace Keenan</td>
<td>For starting the year in such a bubbly, enthusiastic manner.</td>
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**St Mary’s Office Hours**

8.30am to 4.00pm Monday - Friday

**Sport Uniform Days**

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Targeting Mathematics Initiative  Diocese of Wagga Wagga

The Targeted Mathematics Teacher is an initiative by the Diocese of Wagga Wagga. It provides an additional experienced teacher to lead Mathematics learning in each Primary School in the Diocese. The goal of this project is to promote growth in the numeracy standards of ALL students, with a particular focus in Early Stage One and Stage One.

My role as a Targeted Maths Teacher is to support classroom teachers in utilizing and developing sustainable effective teaching strategies in order to promote each and every students performance and success in Mathematics.

It will involve me spending time in K-2 Math’s Classes, meeting and working with teachers outside of class time, and being involved in ongoing regular professional learning.

I look forward to working with staff, students and parents on this Initiative over the next 3 years.

Marie Salvestro

Targeting Maths Teacher