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Happy Christmas Everyone!

May your Christmas and New Year be blessed with peace, good health and safety!

Enjoy your family time together!

We thank you for your trust, your presence with us, and all of the kind words of accolade many of you give our team!

We thank you for adding to our wonderful community of St Anne's this year and we look forward to continuing our relationship with many of you and your young children in 2018.

Dear Families,

What an absolutely delightful evening on Monday last week for our St Anne's 'end-of-year Family Christmas Celebration'! It is with thanks to ALL of you who attended, thanks to the Xavier Catholic College Band, to the East Ballina Lions Club BBQ team, to Emma our Face Painter, to ALL the wonderful children and their performances and to the St Anne's Staff team, for making the evening such a success! Simple....but simply terrific!!

As this year comes to a close and many of our Seabirds Preschool children and their families leave St Anne's not to return as they head off to school, a moment of sadness pervades. It is however only a moment. The transition to school and the leaving St Anne's with such developed competence and abilities is to be *celebrated!* We wish you a very positive start to school as you take with you all that you have learned and developed within your families and with us, over your last five years. Thirteen of our families have been with us with older siblings so their departure ends a rather long-term relationship with us. We will continue our relationship with others, however, who still have younger siblings attending St Anne's.

(I would like to make a special mention of the 'Ingram Family' - Hazel, the youngest Ingram, has been with us since May 2012. Her siblings, Eve, Hamish and Max also attended St Anne's! Last Wednesday was the end of a very long warm relationship. All the very best Melinda and Gus!!)

I also wish all the younger children continuing their attendance at St Anne's a smooth positive transition into their next room, or if not moving on, a positive return to their new class in 2018.

To those families who are leaving us for various personal reasons we wish you and your children the very best as they continue to grow, learn and develop. Thankyou to you all for being part of St Anne's! On behalf of all of the St Anne's Staff team and St Francis Xavier Management,
 My sincere best wishes to you all!

As we all come together this Christmas to give thanks for the birth of Jesus Christ, let peace, comfort and joy surround us all.

Narelle Dewhurst. CENTRE DIRECTOR.

FAREWELL TO KAREN MORIARTY

Karen Moriarty has been an Educator with the Pebbles Team since her start with us at St Anne's in March 2011. Whilst Karen may continue some casual work with us next year she will not be continuing her Wednesday to Friday position.

Please join us in wishing Karen all the very best as she follows a different work interest albeit still focusing on care, nurturing and support.

Many thanks Karen for your years of commitment to St Anne's!



**St Anne's will CLOSE on
 Friday 22 December 6pm and will REOPEN on
 Wednesday 3 January 2018 at 7.30am
 (Tuesday 2 Jan will be a Staff only day.)**



TRANSITION TO NEW ROOMS

If your child is moving into a new "classroom" for next year, just a reminder that the change will take place from the week commencing Monday 15 January 2018.

All children will return after the New Year to their current room until Friday 12 January.



*You'd better watch
out
You'd better not cry
You'd better not pout
I'm telling you why
Santa Claus is
coming to town.*



*Happy
Christmas
to all of our
St Anne's families.
Until we meet again...
Our kind regard,
From all of us here at
St Anne's!*