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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 2019

We wish all of the Seabirds children transitioning to school a wonderful school experience.

Our kind regards.....St Anne's Staff Team

Dear Families,

What a wonderful year! Full of children's growth and development, learning and inquiring, delights and new experiences, facing challenges and probably some disappointments that all add to the learning!

A year also brings with it for families many moments of absolute happiness, as well as moments of despair, sadness and heartache. That is the reality of life—experiences of all kinds, emotions of all kinds. To all of you, no matter what kind of year you have had, we have all made it to the end of another year living in an amazing country with a lifestyle that allows us to feel safe and free to make choices. We are very fortunate.

As Christmas approaches and no matter how you celebrate Christmas, no matter the traditions you have created within your own families, please take care, have fun, delight in your children's delight, and greet the New Year with gratefulness for what we have, where we live, and the peace that we are afforded.

*Glory to God in the Highest,
And on Earth*

Peace to men on whom his favour rests.

Luke 2:1

My kind regards...Narelle Dewhurst. CENTRE DIRECTOR

THANKYOUS

Our sincere thanks to all who contributed to the success of our Christmas Family Evening: to all family members who joined in (albeit in close proximity with each other!..but what a coming together of a community!), to the Xavier Catholic College Band and teachers (Leanne Broadley, Clare Axman, Georgia Quinn), to Emma the Face Painter; to Janine and her Kerbside Coffee, and to the East Ballina Lions Club BBQ team...a huge thankyou!

I also thank my St Anne's Staff team: to the Educators for their support and consistent dedicated work with the children they care for and educate; to Sharni who greets and helps out all so warmly and works giving attention to detail to keep us buzzing along; to Mark who works like a machine in the kitchen making sure 76 children a day are fed well; and to all others who contribute to the functioning on a daily basis including our terrific Cleaner, our Gardener and all of the tradespeople who come when I need them.

I thank the St Francis Xavier Parish Administration team and Father Michael for their continued support in so many different ways.

"Christmas gift suggestions: to your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect."



**St Anne's will CLOSE on
Friday 21 December 6pm and will REOPEN on
Thursday 3 January 2019 at 7.30am
(Wednesday 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 14 January 2019.

All children will return after the New Year to their current room until Friday 11 January.

A message from Sharni:

By now most of you have seen the new tablets for 'Electronic Sign In'.

The reason behind the change is that regulations will require us to provide 'exact' attendance times on Parent Statements from January 2019.

The process is pretty straightforward....

- Type in your mobile phone number
- Type in a 4-digit PIN (The first time you log in you'll create the PIN yourself)
- Select 'Sign In' or 'Sign Out' - it will turn green
- Press 'SAVE' at the bottom of the screen

It's working for most families however we are currently having trouble with those authorised to collect other than mum or dad – Grandparents, Aunties, Uncles etc. There are also a few mobile numbers it's not recognising for some reason.

I still have the paper Sign In/Out sheets on my desk so if it doesn't work for you please just sign in this way for now. Let me know it's not working and I'll try to work out why!

The 'Fact Sheet' on how to reset your PIN has been attached if you receive this Newsletter by email if you forget it. OR..ask me for a printed copy of that Fact Sheet. You will need to log in to the Hubworks portal (hubhello.com) and follow the steps. Please contact me for your username & password to access the site...*Thanks Everyone!*



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!