Dear Parents and Friends,

As we come to the end of our school year we give thanks for the many blessings of our time of learning together.

This week is a special time, Lord, as we finish our school year together, help us to do what we should do always and give you thanks and praise!

We offer you thanks for all the people we so often take for granted: those who serve us in a hundred, quiet ways each day; those who work with us, around us and near us; those who so often make our life easier and our work lighter; those whose work so often makes our work fruitful...

We thank you for those who stand ready to protect us
We thank you for those who keep us safe and those who safeguard friendship and work ...

We thank you for those whose work brings delight from poetry, love in songs, joy in the arts; news from the world, truth from study and knowledge from a million different sources...

We thank you for all the people who fill my mornings and days and evenings with their smiles, their friendship, their company and conversation...

We thank you for our faith, our trust, our hope in you;
We thank you for our ministry and the people we serve;
We thank you for the message of the gospel we preach and live and the history of salvation we inherit...

We thank you for the beauty of worship, the depths of your Word, the lyrics of the psalms, the grace of the sacraments and the life that is ours through faith in you...

Make us truly and more deeply grateful, Lord, for all you have given us and for gifts we have yet to find, open and discover...

We thank you, Lord, for all things bright and beautiful and for all things bruised and broken: let us find in everything and in everyone around us a trace of your presence, the fingerprint of your grace, the signature of your artistry...

Indeed, Lord, help us always and everywhere to praise and thank you for every good gift that comes from your hand...

Amen.

(adapted from the ‘prayer of thanksgiving concordpastor.com)

Peace and best wishes for a safe and happy holiday period,

Claire Kelly
This week, our Positive Behaviour Blitz is **Cooperation.**

Cooperation is the act of working together or jointly; of being united in producing an effect. By developing cooperation skills, students build relationships as they complete tasks, utilizing their own skills and those of others to their best advantage. Cooperating encourages students to compromise and negotiate and creates opportunities for unity and harmony to occur.

In Week 8 our Social Skills Blitz was around tolerance. The following students were nominated by their peers as displaying positive behaviour last week:

Chloe Hildebrand, Mia Chisholm, Sophie Creer-Pope, Charlie Dietrich, Joshua Woods & Stevie Colman

**Congratulations everyone**

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**SOCER CLINIC:**

Soccer Clinic to be held on Monday, 15 December 2015 on St Mary of the Angel’s oval between 11.30 a.m. and 1.15 p.m. for all our students. We are very lucky to have coaches of such high calibre coming to our school and we are sure that all of our students will enjoy participating in such a fun event. There is a $3.00 fee for each child which can be paid at school front office.

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**SCHOOL UNIFORM:**

Just a reminder to parents that if you are purchasing new school shoes for your children, black or white sneakers are the correct school uniform so we ask that you do not purchase coloured sneakers for your child to wear to school. We thank you for your cooperation.

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**DIRECT DEBIT FEE PAYMENTS:**

For those families availing themselves of our direct debit facilities, we wish to advise that payments will continue over the holiday period unless advised otherwise. Should you wish to alter or cease payments during this time, please call the office on 5866 2271.
STUDENT KRIS KRIGLE PRESENTS:
Students have all received notes advising whom they are to buy a present for. Students will exchange presents on Tuesday, 16 December 2014.

SWIMMING PROGRAM:
Students will need to bring a long sleeve top and long pants (or alternatively flannelette pyjama’s) to swimming on this Friday, 12 December 2014.

CLASS TRANSITION:
Our class lists and teaching staff for 2015 are enclosed in this newsletter. Our students thoroughly enjoyed their time in their new classes today.

THANK YOU:
We say a big thank you to TJ’s IGA for the cheque we received as part of their Community Rewards Program.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT THIS FRIDAY 6 PM ST MARY’S OF THE ANGELS OVAL

END OF YEAR /GRADUATION MASS

We had our end of year/Grade 6 Graduation Mass last night. It was lovely to see so many of our families attending. We are proud to announce that the recipients of the FMDM award are Ben Nave and Ella Johns. Both students were at Mass and were presented with the award at the end of Mass. We have three families departing our school this year, the Fitzgerald, the Brooks and the Hibberson families were all farewelled and presented with flowers. We also farewelled David Newman and Claire Kelly, both of whom were presented with gifts in appreciation of their service to our wonderful school.

Finally, we celebrated the graduation of our fantastic Grade 6 girls – we are very proud of each and every one of them and wish them every success as they take the next big step in their lives.
COMMUNITY NEWS

2015 Enrollments now being taken!!

- Vocal
- Guitar (acoustic, electric)
- Drums
- Bass
- Piano/Keyboard
- Theory
- Glee (singing & movement)
- Pre-school Music (4-5 yr olds)
- Tots n Tunes (2-3 yr olds)
- Dance (ages 5-18 yr old)

PIANO LESSONS 2015
Andrea Baker is again offering piano lessons at St Francis Primary School in 2015. Contact Andrea on 5862 2017 or 0447 110906.

MOAMA ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL AND ST JOSEPH’S COLLEGE PROUDLY PRESENT

An Adolescent Health and Wellbeing Seminar:
Parenting Skills and Managing Adolescent Behavioural Issues

Presented by Dr Michael Carr-Gregg
Australia’s leading adolescent psychologist

Thursday 29 January 2015
7pm at the Moama Bowling Club

Limited places available
Moama Anglican Grammar School parents/guardians:
Call 5480 9900 or email reception@moamagrammar.warrego.vic.edu.au
St Joseph’s College parents/guardians:
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Our school community acknowledges that we are built in the country of the Yorta Yorta people. We pay respect to the tribal elders, and celebrate the continuing indigenous culture in and around the Nathalia area.