Ride Wristbands

Wristbands for the rides at Christmas Expo are available for purchase at the school office, now!

A wristband entitles you to unlimited rides for the day. Please note that the price of wristbands on the day is $15.00 each and single ride tickets are $3.00 each.

Wristband prices:
- 1 child $15.00
- 2 children $25.00
- 3+ children $40.00
(Max. 4 children – must be from the same family)

GIFT BASKETS

Please return your family’s Gift Basket/Box to school. Thank you to those families and friends who have already returned their Gift Basket/Box. They have been arriving at school steadily over the last few weeks transforming our meeting room. The variety is eye-boggling!

Karen Ewing & Tamara Milne.

Raffle

Please return your raffle book(s), all books sold or unsold, to school as soon as possible.

Kellie White

Wristbands are only available from our School Office until Thursday 1st December

Christmas Expo Parade

We’re excited!
All our classes are eagerly preparing for our Christmas Expo Parade.

Students should arrive and assemble outside Gray Street Primary School (in Gray Street) between 10.00 – 10.15a.m.
Their teachers will be there to meet them.

Please make sure that students come dressed in their costumes ready to parade, as per the information provided by their teachers.

Following the Parade, students will remain with their teachers opposite the P.A.C. until they are collected by their parent(s)/Guardian.

Please make sure that you collect your child promptly and notify their teacher that you have collected them before you leave the area.

If you are rostered on to help at our Christmas Expo, before or during the Parade, Miss Bond will meet your children at the front of the P.A.C. just before 10.00a.m. and will walk them down to meet their class at the Parade start point.

“I have always thought of Christmas as a good time; a kind, forgiving, generous, pleasant time; and so I say, God bless Christmas!”

– Charles Dickens

Volunteer Roster

Can you find your name?

Thank you to all families who returned their volunteer forms and indicated how they can assist our school on the day of this year’s Christmas Expo.

Attached to this newsletter you will find the Christmas Expo Volunteer Roster compiled from your returned Family Volunteer Forms. We have tried our very best to give you all your first or second preference where possible.
If, for some reason, your circumstances have changed and you cannot commit to your rostered shift, please advise the Area’s Team Leader. (Their names appear at the top of the Volunteer Roster).

You will notice that there are still gaps on the Volunteer Roster.

If you feel you can commit to offering your support or can help out with a second shift to fill any of these spots please contact Jo-Anne at school, or fill in the roster on the board outside school office, or e-mail expo@smhamilton.catholic.edu.au as soon as possible to offer your assistance.
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- To engage parents in promoting and supporting their school in a positive manner
- To provide an event for the local community that reflects the values of St Mary’s
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Join the Friday Fun and help out with setting a stunning scene for our Christmas Expol.

If you can spare some time on Friday 2nd December we would love to work with you!

Erika Murphy

**Gourmet gifts**

Any donations of slices, shortbread/ginger people, cakes or biscuits prior to the Expo day would be terrific; we just need the ingredients listed:

- Portarlington Beach Motel – three nights
- Painting by Rebecca Hill
- Wooden Christmas trees – decorated
- To name just a few!

A full list of items for auction will be sent home next week.

Rhys Colliton

**Santaland!**

Some exciting activities are planned for children to participate in when they visit Santaland this year!

- Come along and have some fun.
- Take a Santa Selfie!
- Purchase a Showbag!
- Hope to see you there!

Rachel Rowe

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Also if you have made any chutney, pickles, homemade sauce, lemon butter etc, we would love to sell them on the Gourmet Gifts stall.

Please feel free to drop your goods into the school office.

Lia Mailes

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**GOING, GOING, GONE!**

**Our Christmas Expo. Auction**

St Mary’s is very grateful to the many businesses who have supported our Christmas Expo. In the way of sponsorship and donations, the following items are an example of what’s on offer at the Auction!

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**The Auction will start at 12.00pm at the front of the PAC.**

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**Market Stalls**

We have a fantastic range of traders attending our Christmas Expo this year.

With traders selling items including:

- Homewares
- Candles
- Produce
- Jewellery
- Clothing
- Gourmet
- Chocolates
- Wine
- Skincare
- Bags and accessories

There is a face painter which is guaranteed to be a huge hit!

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**Thanks!**

A big thank you to all who are making an amazing contribution to our Christmas Expo. The gains for our school community, as a result of this event, are immeasurable and we greatly appreciate your support.

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**Selling**

Selling 5HA/MixxFM will be broadcasting live on Friday, 2nd December, 2016, on site at St. Mary’s School. Make sure you tune in!!

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**Secondhand Book Stall**

Drop into our Christmas Expo and visit our Secondhand Book Stall to purchase all your Summer reading at bargain prices.

We look forward to helping you with your selection.

Naomi Turner

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**The St Mary’s Café!**

Our Café will have plenty of yummy treats and delicious healthy options for sale again this year.