We have had a relatively smooth start to the school year with many students settling in with new classes and teachers. I am very pleased that all staff have reported how calm the playground has been. Hopefully this will continue.

Information regards the keyboard/guitar lessons was sent home last week. We have received ten applications. We need twenty for the program to run. Several students have indicated to us that they might be going to do the lessons.

This is a new company ‘Primary Music Institute’ who we believe will be significantly better than ‘Music Stars’ who let us down time and time again last year.

I need to inform the company conducting the lessons by the end of this week if we have the numbers. Could parents who wish their children to participate in the program complete the registration form notify us by this Friday. Should we get close to twenty, the program may still be able to be conducted with an increase in the price of lessons.

Student/Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd February after school. We hope to catch up with any issues from the December reports as well as discussing student Individual Learning Plans for 2016.

Please contact your child’s teacher to make an appointment. You can make an appointment for another time if you are unavailable on the nominated days.

These are important meetings regarding your child’s progress at school and we expect that all parents will attend.

P - 2 Learning
Joel Van Der Weerden & Michael Polster - Settling into school so easily and quickly.

3 - 4 Responsibility
Keira Watts - For taking responsibility to complete her job every day without being reminded.

5 - 6 Learning
Chloe Bonnici - Her great start to year five.

Please make sure that we have your current telephone numbers on our records including mobiles and work numbers in case we need to contact you.

Given the bushfire season, it is critical that we have correct contact information.

This also applies to other emergency contacts e.g. grand parents and residential address changes.

All current parent details will be sent home with next week’s newsletter to check our records are accurate.

There seems to be some confusion in regards the netbook program. After consultation with our technician Ravi Kannegetti and School Council last night, we are going to make some changes which we believe will make it more attractive to parents of year 3/4 students to join the program.
The first SAKG session begins this Friday 12th February.

Our annual Walk a thon will be held on Thursday 24th March at approximately midday to 1.00 pm.

A sponsorship form will be sent out with the newsletter in the coming weeks.

Happy birthday to Talarah for next Tuesday, we hope you have a great day.

Book Club orders are due by tomorrow.

We are planning our annual family BBQ night on Wednesday 2nd March @ 6.30 pm. We hope that every family can attend.

The school will supply sausages for everyone, you are free to bring your own meat if you choose. We ask that each family bring a salad or desert to share.

An attendance notice will be sent out next week.

Parents of children not attending St. Mary’s School who are wanting to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Grade 3), Eucharist (Grades 4 or 5) or Confirmation (Grade 6) in 2016 are asked to contact the Parish Secretary – Tammie Dalgleish on 5429 2130 or by email at lancefield@cam.org.au as a matter of priority to register your child. Reconciliation registration closes 12th of February.