



SAINT NORBERT'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

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Mission Statement: To live, love and learn in the footprints of Jesus.

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Dear Families,

As we approach the end of this term and prepare for the school holiday, I am writing to you with what will be our final letter before Christmas. This is always a special moment in the life of our school – time to pause, reflect and give thanks for the many ways in which our community has worked together.

As a Catholic school, we remember the birth of Jesus, born humbly in Bethlehem, bringing with him God's promise of peace and new beginnings for the world. In our school, this message has been explored through prayer, worship, learning, performances and acts of kindness, reminding us that *even* the smallest gestures of love and kindness can make a lasting difference.

We are, of course, very mindful that Christmas does not look the same for everyone. For some families, this season is filled with joy, celebration and togetherness. For others, it may be a quieter time, marked by loss, worry or change. At Saint Norbert's, we remember *all* of our families in our prayers, asking that God's comfort and peace be close to those who may be finding this time challenging. The Christmas story itself speaks of this reality, reminding us that light shines most brightly in times of darkness.

I would like to thank you once again – on behalf of all my staff – for the very kind cards and gifts you have shared, which mean so much. I must reiterate, however, that working with your children is the best gift of all for us. Your continued support, kindness and partnership with our school play a vital role in helping us to nurture not only the academic growth of our children, but also their spiritual and personal development.

On behalf of all the staff and governors, I wish you and your families a peaceful Christmas. I also pray that the New Year brings health, strength and renewed hope for us all.

With every blessing,

A Dawson