**Diary Dates**

**Thursday, 9th June**
- Stage 3 Boys Gala Day at Penrith. **Postponed**

**Friday, 10th June**
- Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival at Gipps Road Athletics Tracks, Gipps Road Greystanes. 9am—2:30pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

**Monday, 13th June**
- Public Holiday.

**Tuesday, 14th June**
- Staff Professional Learning Day. **This is a Student Free Day**

**Wednesday, 15th June**
- Student Prayer 8:15am in the LARC. Students, Parents and Teachers are welcome to attend.

**Thursday 16th June**
- This is the Backup Date for the Athletics Carnival for Students in Years 3-6.

**Update**

**Administration**

**Staff Professional Learning Day**

**TUESDAY, 14th June**

This is a Pupil Free Day.

Students do not attend school on this day.

**Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day**

Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day for Thursday 9th June as been **POSTPONED** until Thursday 21st July 2016.

**Partnership**

**Semester One Reports**

All Semester One Reports will be sent home with your child/ren on Friday, 24th June.

**Semester One Interviews**

Our interviews will take place at the end of this semester. Year Three interviews will occur in Week 9 (Monday, 20th June, Tuesday, 21st June, and Wednesday, 22nd June). All other grades will be in Week 10. The bookings will open on Tuesday, 14th June, at 8:00am. Year Six will be conducting interviews differently this semester and a separate letter will go home explaining the process before the long weekend.

Please bring your child along to the interview in all grades, as well as bringing your child’s report – reports will be going home on Friday, 24th June. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Ms Veness.

**Term Two School Fees**

Term Two fees are now **OVERDUE** unless arrangements have been made. If you have queries regarding school fees please contact Maria Pagano on 9637 4600.

**2017 Enrolment**

We have commenced our interview process for our prospective 2017 Kindergarten students and their parents. If you have not yet returned your enrolment form please do so as soon as possible, as we had to turn away 20 children last year.

If you have any queries please contact Kerrie Booth at the school office.

**Leaving**

If you know your child/ren will not be returning to this school in 2016/17, please let the office know as soon as possible.
Teaching and Learning

NAO Robot

Over the past few weeks, some of the Year Five and Year Six students and teachers at St Margaret Mary’s had been part of a study conducted by PhD student Muneeb Ahmad from Western Sydney University. This study involved observing the interaction between students and the NAO robot to encourage learning. The NAO robot responded to the student’s actions and comments, and their reactions to the NAO robot were recorded for analysis.

As part of the study students completed a questionnaire after each session, and to finalise this part of the research were interviewed in groups to provide feedback on the use of the NAO robot to encourage language learning.

“It was really good because when I won Snakes and Ladders it bowed to me! It talked to me and when I told the robot how my day was, it listened!” Akol Manyang

“I’ve never seen a robot that big in real life! It can move without anyone touching it and it talks!” Megan Nader

“I love that robot! I’ve never seen a robot with so much emotion before! It was like a real person talking to me!” John Flanagan

“I think the robot is incredible and intelligent!” Grace Neculman

“It’s really cool! I’ve never used anything like it!” Miles Mataitini

“I like the robot! It could tell when I was smiling and when I wasn’t! I would like the robot to come again.” Delisha Amankwatia

Faith Community

Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

On Friday, 3rd June, our school celebrated Mass for the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with parents and the StMM Community. We sang songs in the name of Jesus and prayed. Father talked about how we should love each other as we would love Jesus.

By George Kapetangiannis

Year Three Liturgy

On the 2nd of June, Year Three prepared a Liturgy about the Sacraments of Initiation. During the Liturgy, some students spoke about their Baptism and what the symbols used in Baptism mean. Year Three sang songs and presented a video of Jesus being Baptised by John the Baptist (Jesus’ cousin). Mrs Prendergast spoke about the true meaning of being a Catholic. The Liturgy taught us about the Sacraments of Initiation.

By Grazia Carrano and Angelina Georges (Media Team)

Personal Growth

Monday Morning Assembly

On Monday, 6th of June, the school gathered together to pray our School Prayer and sing the National Anthem. Mrs Kubti spoke to us about Healthy Harold, which is a part of our PDHPE curriculum. Mrs Kubti informed us about how the infant’s students will participate in Healthy Harold this week.

Mr Maunick congratulated all the students who participated in the Stage 3 Girl’s Soccer Gala Day and gave out certificates of participation to the girls who played.

We are proud of all students who are representing our school and participating in different activities lately.

By Grazia Carrano and Angelina Georges (Media Team)

Year Six

Year Six had fun learning how to make stencils. We painted leaves to make our stencil then pressed it down on paper.

Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day

Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day Trials are underway. We are excited to see an overwhelming number of students wanting to participate in this event. We ask for your co-operation through this process. On Tuesday students were observed for their dribbling ability, and were observed for their passing and shooting abilities today. The selected group of students will be informed next week.

Athletics Carnival

Just a reminder about the Primary Sports Carnival to be held on Friday, 10th June, at Gipps Road Athletics Oval, Greystanes. Students may wear a T-shirt of the house colour they are in for sport. E.g. If your child is in Tosi they may wear a yellow t-shirt. If they do not have a t-shirt to match their house colour, they must wear their school sports shirt. Student must also wear school sports short/pants, school HAT and bring sunscreen.

Please remember to LABEL ALL BELONGINGS.

Students are advised to bring something to sit on as the grounds are often wet (e.g. blanket or towel).

THERE WILL BE NO CANTEEN AVAILABLE.

Students will need to bring their morning tea and lunch with them on the day. Students will travel to and from the carnival by bus. Most activities will be held close to the outer fence to allow better viewing by parents. Only the parents with an official badge will be allowed on the field during the running of the carnival.

No student is allowed to leave the carnival with another parent unless a note has been received by the child’s class teacher.