



St Margaret Mary's School

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Bulletin

Wednesday, 26th June 2019

Diary Dates

Thursday, 27th June

- Year 2 Art Gallery Excursion.

Friday, 28th June

Feast of the Sacred Heart

- Whole School Mass for the Feast of the Sacred Heart 9am in the Church.
- Principal's Morning Tea

Monday, 1st July

- Whole School Assembly and Prayer

Tuesday, 2nd July

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Wednesday, 3rd July

- Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day at Jamison Park South Penrith

Friday, 5th July

- School Closes at 3pm for Term 2

Monday 22nd July

- School Resumes for Term 3.
- Whole School Assembly and Prayer.

Change of Details

If you have moved house or changed your contact details, please notify the school office as soon as possible to update your details in case of an emergency.

Skoolbag App

All parents are encouraged to have the Skoolbag App, as this will be the main preference for communication to all parents. Our **School Name** for Skoolbag App is **SMMPM**.



Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Boys and Girls,

Ms Veness selected this reflection for our staff weekly sheet and I thought it would be good to share some parts with our wider school community. It is co-written by a legend of Catholic Education, Br Aengus Kavanagh who is very much responsible for the early establishment of Catholic education in Western Sydney.

Teaching as Vocation and Ministry

Parents and teachers engage in profound work. Parents gift the community with the next generation, and in partnership with teachers nurture them to become people of wisdom and integrity. No work is more profound than that.

For teachers in Catholic schools the gospel is the ground of our being. Through pondering the life and teaching of Jesus we gain insight into what the promise of the gospel – fullness of life – looks like, and how to invite each other to journey into that fullness. Jesus was a lay person. He had no position of power or responsibility in the Jewish faith or the Roman ruling class. Yet two thousand years later his wisdom and his spirit continue to shape the lives of so many. He liked to be called 'teacher'. And he truly was that.

What did he teach? The essence of his teaching was love: love one another as I have loved you, and love your neighbour as yourself. His life and teaching are all about love; showing us what it looks like; pointing out where it was missing.

How did he teach? He told stories that connected people with some of the daily routines and trades of his day. The sower – people were food producers; they made containers out of animal skins: don't put new wine in old skins; The good Samaritan: an 'outsider' was more compassionate than the priest and the Levite – the holy ones.

Where did he teach? He taught everywhere. His life was a lesson. The way he encountered people; being a companion on a journey; engaging in conversation at table; in the public gathering places; in the temple courtyard.....

Another question to ask: Where did Jesus learn? No doubt his first teachers were his parents. With them he learnt to walk, to speak, to pray, to play, to relate, maybe even a trade. But where did the deep wisdom come from? Throughout the gospels we are often told that long before dawn Jesus went to a lonely place to pray; to be in communion with his God. So throughout his public life we see this rhythm of solitude and engagement. During those times of solitude was he bringing the experiences of his daily encounters into dialogue with God; endeavouring to discern those elements of the culture which were not life giving for the people?

God Bless

Mr Kevin Mills
Principal



Administration

Enrolment

All sibling families should have received their child's letter of offer for a place in our Kindergarten 2020. Acceptances are due to the school office by Monday, 1st July. We have a number of families on a waiting list to enrol at St Margaret Mary's.

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2020 are now taking place. If your child was born between 1st August, 2014 and 31st July, 2015, please collect an enrolment form from the school office.

Term Two School Fees

Term 2 fees are now OVERDUE unless you have opted for an arrangement with the school for the year. Families who have not yet received their statements please contact the school office as soon as possible.

If you have any queries regarding your statements please contact the office.

Please note, one terms notice (10 school weeks) in writing, must be given to the principal/school before the removal of a student or a full terms fee will be payable.

School Office

No money will be taken at the school office on **Thursday 4th July and Friday 5th July. All Term 2 school fees must be finalised by Wednesday, 3rd July unless arrangements have been made.**

There will also be **NO SALES** of Hats, Caps or Library Bags **on these days.**

Attendance

Whole School 86% (Diocesan Average: 82%)

We are still above the CEDP average for attendance but down from 89% in Term 1.

We understand the need to keep sick or ill children at home but wish to reinforce the importance of ensuring your child's attendance is at an acceptable rate.

Kinder – 88%

Year 1 – 77%

Year 2 – 85%

Year 3 – 95%

Year 4 – 86%

Year 5 – 87%

Year 6 – 78%

Car Pick up

Please be aware, the Car-pick up is a service for our community and thank you to all the parents and students who are following the guidelines. It is expected all students read a book while they are sitting with their family waiting for their number to be called. Students who are unable to do this will not be able to participate in the Carpick service.

Some points to remember:

- Space your arrival after 3pm
- All students must have a book to read
- Students are to sit with their brothers & sisters
- Be patient, attentive and obey all road rules
- Police will book parents

StMM's Canteen

Our online canteen service will continue into Term 3. The space will be refurbished during the holidays and the CEDP will begin the tender process once the work is completed. It is important to note the tender process is being handled by head office and all communication will be via the CEDP. We are looking forward to having the work completed and getting everything back to normal.

Farewell

We would like to say farewell to Mr Emmanuel Eid who has been looking after our grounds and maintenance for the last 12 months. We wish him well on his new adventure.

Semester 1 Reports

Semester 1 reports will be sent home with your Child on Friday 28th June. This learning report is designed to provide accurate information about your child's learning. This report evaluates your child's progress as an individual, who is developing spiritually, intellectually, physically and socially. It is very important to recognise your child's success and progress in all areas of development. We congratulate students on their hard work and to all parents on the support of their child, as individuals.

Parent Teacher Interviews/ Student-Led Conferences

Dear Parents

Next week we will be holding interviews for you and your child.

A letter will go home today to explain the process for students in Years Four, Five and Six, where they will participate in a student-led interview with you.

A separate letter will be going home today for Kindergarten, Year One, Year Two and Year Three students with an on-line code on it for you to book in with your child's class teacher for an individual ten-minute interview.

Please note: Mr Tenido's 3Blue interviews will occur the first week back of Term Three. A different code will be sent home next week for this class only.

Jennifer Veness
Assistant Principal

Important Dates for Term 3

Monday, 22 nd July	School Resumes for Term 3
Friday, 26 th July	Year 3 Excursion to Featherdale Wildlife
Tuesday, 30 th July	Rescheduled Stage 2 Boys & Girls Soccer Gala Day
Wednesday, 31 st July	P&F Meeting 6:30pm in the Staffroom
Friday, 2 nd August	Mini Vinnies Winter Sleepout
Tuesday, 6 th August	Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival
Thursday, 8 th August	Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop
Friday, 9 th August	Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day)
Tuesday, 13 th August	Kindy Excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm
Friday, 15 th August	Feast of the Assumption
Friday, 23 rd August	Diocesan Athletics Carnival
Wednesday, 28 th August	Stage 3 Netball Gala Day
Friday, 30 th August	Father's Day Liturgy
Sunday, 1 st September	Father's Day
Tuesday, 3 rd September	Year 5 Planetarium Incursion
Thursday, 5 th September	Infants Athletics Carnival 12:30pm –3:00pm
Sunday, 8 th September	Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday, 12 th September	Year 5 Overnight Excursion to Vision Valley
Friday, 13 th September	Year 5 return from Vision Valley
Friday, 27 th September	Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day
	School Closes at 3:00pm for Term 3
Monday, 14 th October	School Resumes for Term 4
	Students return in Full Summer Uniform

Teaching & Learning

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Theatre Review for 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'

The shiny purple lights, the shouts of amazement and the fantastic stage! On the 19th June we went to the Capitol Theatre in the city to watch 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'! When we were in the theatre it was beautiful! The theatre looked old but it was still amazing! The purple roof was cool and the statues were different to what I expected. The director was Jack O'Brien and I thought he did a really good job! On the stage you could see an image of Mr Wonka looking at the blue sky and purple curtains next to Wonka!



Charlie was poor and lived with his family. He always wished to go into the fabulous Chocolate Factory! Until one day, the newspaper had a message from Mr Willy Wonka and he said he was going to let five lucky children into his wonderful factory. However, they must find the five golden tickets that are hidden around the world! The first Golden ticket was found by Augustus Gloop (Jake Fehily) then, Veruca Salt (Karina Russell). Later, Violet Beauregarde (Jaymee-Lee Hanekom) found the 3rd and Mike Teavee (Harrison Riley) found the 4th. The lucky last was found by Charlie Bucket! When they arrived at the factory Augustus Gloop didn't listen so he went up the pipe.

Later on, Violet was turned into a big blueberry! Next, Veruca Salt was attacked by squirrels and fell into a hole! Mike Teavee was sucked into the TV screen and became tiny! As Charlie Bucket was the last one standing, Mr Willy Wonka (Paul Slade Smith) let Charlie keep the entire factory!

The acting was really great! I loved how they didn't just make Violet Beauregarde a gum-chewer, they made her the Queen of pop! It wasn't part of the movie and the book but I still enjoyed it. That also happened to Veruca Salt, she was spoilt but, she was also a ballerina! Again, that wasn't part of the movie but I liked it because they changed it up! When they open up to the Imagination World, I thought I would see more wow things, more creativity but I didn't get what I expected. I also think they should've included more children as the actors. Charlie was the only child in the play, however, in the movie all the ticket finders were children not adults!



The sounds were cool! There was a moment during the performance when it was a stormy night and they did a lightning sound and flash that came out of nowhere which made most of us scared! The bed for the grandparents was a prop I really liked! What I liked the most was the machine that teleported Mike Teavee to a TV screen and made him small! It was really funny because he was small and when he talked it sounded like a chipmunk! The lights were amazing, they would change colours a lot and would flash sometimes!!

There is nothing else to say without ruining the magic of the performance! I would recommend this for children ages 8 and older! Also, I would rate this 4 ½ out of 5 because as I said, they could've added some extra things but this was still a magnificent play!

By Angellica Langi 5Y



Faith Community

Holy Trinity - Prayer Service

On Sunday, 16th June, the church celebrated Trinity Sunday. Last Friday, as a community, the children in Primary celebrated a prayer service with parents about The Holy Trinity. The Trinity is God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit all coming together to form one God. Children read in the liturgy, we saw liturgical movements and some children reflected on what The Holy Trinity means in their life. Thank you to all the parents who could attend this prayer service.



Media Team Joseph Doueihi and Rhos Shi Wang

Mini Vinnies Tuckshop

Thank you to everyone who has supported Mini Vinnies and the StMM Tuckshop. A big thank you to the parents who donated lollies and jelly for our Pentecost Party and the teachers who have given up their lunch to help. So far we have raised over \$800 which we have decided to donate to the Starlight Foundation. They give joy to sick children through the Starlight Room at the Children's Hospital and grant wishes for children who are terminally ill.



Mrs Francine Attard

Personal Growth

Delaney College Art Competition

A few students attended the Delaney College Art Exhibition. The night was fantastic. We had 3 Highly Recommended artworks. The students were Matthew Jones from Year 5, Jolene Vien and Atong Deng from Year 6. Johnny Romeo attended and judged the artworks. Thank you to Mr Mills and the teachers who attended to support our work.

By Rhos Shi Wang and Matthew Jones Year 5



Stranger Danger

Parents are reminded to talk with their children about the importance of Stranger Danger and how it can affect them and people around them. There have been reported cases of Stranger Danger in the area.



BE SMART

'Well as loud as you can, "HELP! HELP! This stranger is trying to harm me." Run towards a lighted place where there are people. Never run into a dark or deserted area.

Personal Growth

Stage 3 Eels Cup Gala Day

"Breet, Breet!" we hear as the whistle goes off for the St Margaret Mary's TRY! On Thursday, 13th June, students were selected to represent St Margaret Mary's at the Stage 3 Eels Cup Gala Day at Cabramatta Sports Stadium. There were new players on the team and they shocked us with their amazing performance together with the boys and girls that had previous NRL experience. When we arrived the excitement level was high and we were ready to play. We changed into our gear and started to run through the drills for our first game. We won the first game against a good team, Merrylands Primary, 16-4. Next up were the defending champions of the Gala Day, OLQP Greystanes. We tried our best and gave it our all but, we came up short and lost 6-16. Going into the next game we knew we had to win our last couple of games to have a chance at qualifying for the final. We came really close after beating Smithfield Primary, 22-6 but lost the next game against Cabramatta Primary 16-10 and unfortunately we did not make it to the finals. We enjoyed the free day off school and the hot chips! We stayed for the finals and watched OLQP have a great game against Sherwood Grange in a tough match, QLQP won 22-0. We would like to thank our coaches Eddie Epenian and Joe Fakhr for training and motivating us. Also thank you to all the parents that came out and cheered us on at the Gala Day.



Written by Fred Tannous & Matthew Fakhr. Edited by Billy Russell & Jack Bedrossian.

Partnership

Earn and Learn

Thank you to our StMM school community for your continued support of the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program. The final day to collect stickers was 25th June.

Please send all outstanding stickers to the school office by Friday 28th June, for the P&F to collect and count.



R. Rubbish



I. In



B. Bin



R. Right



P. Place



R. Right



T. Time

BIRTHDAYS



Anthony Aboosleiman	Joey Leibrandt	Michel Alkassam	Gabriella Dutrey
Lexavier Amankwatia	Jacob El Rassi	Lucas Bounassif	Bol Deng
Serena Georges	Jessica Halteh	Fiona Joseph	Nicola Georges
Joseph Georges	Mikayla Mekdessi	Leah McLeod	Grace Fakhr
Jesse Pickering	Connie Chan	Lea Mahmoud	Alyssa Khamis
I'sha Kamara	Alat Juk	Alexander Lin	Joyce Williams
Elizabeth Mekass	Adriana Gerges	Natalie Cinello	Christina Saba
Lydia Neculman	John Georges	Magdalene Sullay	Marissa Rahme
Aleksandar Waesch	Charles Genares	Michelle Wang	Alexander Azar
Chom Juk	Rose Tahan	Gisele Mandavy	Benedict Blas
David Layous	Lilly Faqirzada	Jessica Perello	William Scaltrito
Suzan Mantoufeh	Joanna Chen	Dominic Chahoud	Jacob Hada
Sarah Daoud	Jacinta Makdessi	Laura Fakhr	Piol Aleu
Louie Abraham	Liam Sarkis	Anthony Fsadni	Elias Khamis
Aleer Maduk	Lucas Chang	Chris Rizk	Angelina Putrus
Tahlia Youssef	Sherine Pusapati	Paul Baini	Shakira Georges
Sebastian Bedrossian	Mawien Deng	Andrew Boustani	Issac Elmargi
Gabriella Mifsud	Ayen Teeng		

Congratulations to all those children who celebrated their birthday around this time and during the holidays.

H. Hats



O. On

H. Hands



O. Off

B. Be



F. Friendly &

G. Gentle

