



# St Margaret Mary's School

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Newsletter No 30

## Update

Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### Diary Dates

#### Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> September

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#### Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September

- Sports Team Theme Mufti Day.
- Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day.
- School closes at 3pm for term 3.

#### Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> October

- School Resumes for Term 4.
- Students return in Full Summer Uniform.
- Whole School Assembly and Prayer.

#### Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> October

- St Pauls Yr 7 2020 Orientation Day.
- St Patricks Dundas Yr 7 2020 Orientation Day.

#### Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October

- St Margaret Mary's Feast Day
- Whole School Mass 9am, parents are welcome to attend.
- Cerdon College Yr 7 2020 Orientation Day.

#### Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October

- School Colour Fun Run.

#### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

- Staff Professional Learning Day  
This is a pupil free day.

### 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 & Girls,

As we farewell Mrs Prendergast we acknowledge her 40 years as a teacher and her time in the role of Religious Education Coordinator. During this lengthy career she has kept contact with many of her colleagues who have become her friends. This friendship is best summed up by the views and comments of her present colleagues here at StMM's; I have taken the liberty to quote them here today:

- *Congratulations on a lengthy career. You have taught a lot of lessons to myself and others along your journey and I am grateful to have shared but a few years with you. Never lose the hope that each day is a new beginning and that you may always reinvent yourself to what ever you would like to be. Much love.*
- *Thank you for your continuous support and friendship. Wishing you and your whole family every happiness.*
- *You made it! I hope you enjoy every moment in the next chapter. You have enriched the lives of the students and staff, continuing to be a model of faith.*
- *Thank you for all your amazing and warm friendship. It was a pleasure to work with you. God bless.*
- *My deepest gratitude for being a good listener, a good supporter and a wonderful grade partner.*
- *Thank you for all your support over the years and the impact you have had on our faith journey at StMM's*

In saying farewell, I offer thanks and speak on behalf of all pasted staff members, students, parents, priests and all those present here today. Being part of StMM's has given you many beautiful memories with the people of our community and as you move into this new phase of your life, may luck and success always be with you, make the best use of the time travelling. We will keep you in our prayers and thoughts.

God Bless

Mr Kevin Mills  
Principal

  
*Farewell*

# Administration

## Staff Professional Learning Day

Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
This is a Pupil Free Day

### Farewell

We farewell Mrs Ashley Ghaby this Friday. We wish her every happiness in the upcoming birth of her baby. We thank her for everything she has done for the students at StMM's.

### Jersey Day Mufti Day

Students, parents and staff may wear their favourite Sports Team Jersey this **Friday**. This is a free Mufti Day. Students are reminded to wear closed shoes for safety reasons.

### Leaving

If you know your child/ren will not be returning to this school in 2020, please let the office know as soon as possible, in writing. As we have a number of families on our waiting list for all grades.

### Term 3 School Fees

Term 3 fees are now overdue, unless you have opted for an arrangement with the school for the year. If you have any queries regarding your statement please contact the school office.

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

### Summer Uniform

All students are to return for term 4 in full summer uniform. All uniforms must be worn neatly and correctly, including the correct **socks**. It is expected that children have suitable hairstyles appropriate for their age and school expectations. Long hair must be tied back. Our Sun Safe program—No Hat No Play requires students to wear our school cap or school hat when outside. These hats and caps are available to purchase at the school office. Sleeper earrings and stud earrings may be worn. Please be aware that these can be dangerous during sports time. Simple signet rings may also be worn. No expensive jewellery is to be worn at school.

### Monday Morning Assembly

On Monday morning, we started the week with our school assembly. This week, the winners of the Maths Competition were Angelina D from 3 Blue, Sarah F from 6 Yellow, Mary from 2 Blue and Jackson from K Red. Also, this is the last week for the Mini Vinnies Canteen and we raised over \$800 this term! This money will be going to the Drought Appeal

to help the farmers in need. Next term, the school canteen will be reopened. Mrs Balogh-Caristo also congratulated the winners of the BookWeek competition from Cumberland Council Libraries. The winners of the BookWeek competition were Cristiano S from 5 Yellow, Megan Y from 5 Yellow and Coby K from 6 Blue. Finally, a big thank you to the P&F who organised the school disco on Friday night! By Talia Moses and Keisha Manalansan Media Team



## Important Dates for Term 4

Monday, 14 <sup>th</sup> October	School Resumes for Term 4
	Students Return in Full Summer Uniform
Tuesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> October	St Pauls Year 7 2020 Orientation Day St Patricks Dundas Year 7 2020 Orientation Day
Wednesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> October	St Margaret Mary's Feast Day Whole School Mass at 9am
	Cerdon College Year 7 2020 Orientation Day
Thursday, 17 <sup>th</sup> October	School Fundraiser Colour Fun Run
<b>Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Staff Professional Learning Day This is a pupil free day</b>
Tuesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Whole School Photo Day
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Year 6 Sustainability Day at Central Gardens
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Yrs 2–5 Invitational Swimming Carnival 8am—12noon
Wednesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Kinder 2020 Parent Information Evening 6pm–8pm
Friday, 1 <sup>st</sup> November	All Saints Day
Saturday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	All Souls Day
Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Basketball Gala Day
Wednesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Kinder 2020 Orientation Morning 9am—10:40am
Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Science Incursion 9am
Monday, 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day
Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Kinder 2020 Orientation Morning 9am—10:40am
Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Marist Year 7 2020 Orientation Day
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Catherine McAuley Year 7 2020 Orientation Day
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Kinder 2020 Orientation Morning 9am—10:40am
Sunday, 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Feast of Christ the King
Monday, 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 Excursion to Bicentennial Park
Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup> November	OLMC Parramatta Year 7 2020 Orientation Day
Sunday, 1 <sup>st</sup> December	1st Sunday of Advent
Tuesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Patrician Bros Fairfield Yr 7 2020 Orientation Morning
Sunday, 8 <sup>th</sup> December	2nd Sunday of Advent
Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Graduation Mass
Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Graduation Dinner
Sunday, 15 <sup>th</sup> December	3rd Sunday of Advent
Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr 6 Fun day at Sydney Aquatic Centre
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	School Closes for 2019 at 3pm
Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Staff Professional Learning Day
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Staff Professional Learning Day
Tuesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff Return for 2020
Wednesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Students MAI Testing
Thursday, 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Students return for Term 1 2020
Friday, 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Kindergarten 2020 Commence



## Faith Community

### Mini Vinnies Tuckshop

A big thank you to all the teachers and students who have helped sell iceblocks and chips at lunch time. This term we have raised over \$800. We will be donating the money to the drought appeal to help the farmers who are still struggling.

### Mrs Prendergast's Farewell Liturgy

On Monday afternoon, we had a liturgy for Mrs Prendergast because she is retiring from teaching. Her daughter and husband attended the liturgy along with all the staff, students and many parents.



We sang the blessing song, showed lots of videos and pictures of people she has worked with and taught over the years and we all gave her a special goodbye from the school. Mrs Prendergast has been at our school for 13 years, and over that time she has taught hundreds of students! Everyone at St Margaret Mary's will miss her.



We appreciate everything she has done to guide us on our faith journey including preparing Liturgies and Masses for us to enjoy and preparing students for Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. Our memories of her will stay with us for life, we wish



her all the best on her new journey in life and hope she enjoys travelling. Thank you for everything Mrs Prendergast!

By Helen Michael and Megan Yalda



### Band Showcase

On Tuesday night at 5:00pm, students from the school band, performed for their families and friends. Some students performed individually and some performed as a small group. Everyone worked very hard at practicing their pieces for the concert and everyone did an amazing job at playing their piece in front of an audience! After the individual and small group performances, the



Junior Band played two songs that Mrs Ciccarelli had helped them practice. Then, Senior Band played two songs which were Power Rock and Stadium Rock. The band got a big applause from the audience and Mrs Ciccarelli received flowers as a thank you from the school. Well done to all the performers!

By Manu Higgins and Yak Majock



## Personal Growth

### Delany Cup Debating Grand Final

On the 18<sup>th</sup> September, the debaters went to a debate they wouldn't forget and that was the grand final of the Delany Debating Cup.



Before the grand final, we had to compete against 5 other schools, St Patrick's Guilford, Holy Trinity, Holy Family, Our Lady Queen of Peace and St Oliver's. We won 4 out of the 5 rounds and the only school we lost against was St Patrick's. Since both St Patrick's and Holy Family won 3 rounds they had to debate against each other to see which school would compete against us



in the grand final. In the end, St Patrick's won. Then, came the debating grand final against St Patrick's, it was a very intriguing debate about whether team sports should be compulsory in all Primary schools. Both sides had amazing facts and arguments. Unfortunately, St Margaret Mary's didn't win the Delany Debating Cup but, it was still a great day for all. In the end, the debaters and the opposing team congratulated each other for doing a great job. We would like to thank Mrs Antonucci for her work in preparing the debaters over the past 6



weeks!

By Isabella Blandon Cano, Leonardo Beos, Rhos Shi Wang, Keisha Manalansan and Angelina Putrus

## Partnership

### School Photos

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON:  
**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.**

Photo envelopes will be sent home with students in the first week of term 4. Parents will be able to order online once they have received there package.

### Lowes Uniform Shop

Just a quick note to let you know that our Lowes store in Merrylands is moving to a larger store. We will still be located in Stockland's on the ground floor.

Please see new address below:  
Stockland Merrylands Shop 1075 McFarlane Street Merrylands NSW 2160

You can now order our school uniforms from Lowes online:

<https://www.lowes.com.au/schools-online/st-margaret-mary-s-primary-school-merrylands>



## NEXT LEVEL SPORTS SPRING CLINIC DATES:

WEEK 1 Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October.

WEEK 2 Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

LOCATION: St Patrick's PS, Parramatta

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