



St Margaret Mary's School

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Update

Wednesday, 30th October 2019

Diary Dates

Thursday, 31st October

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Friday, 1st November

All Saints Day

- Whole School Mass 9am.
Parents are invited to attend.

Saturday, 2nd November

All Souls Day

Monday, 4th November

- Whole School Assembly and Prayer.
- P&F Second hand uniform Shop open 9am - 9:30am.
- Yr 6 Basketball Gala Day for selected Students.

Tuesday, 5th November

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Wednesday, 6th November

- Kinder 2020 Orientation Morning 9:00 - 10:40am.
- Kinder 2020 Parent Information Session - Literacy 9:00 - 10:40am.
- Cerdon and St Pauls MAI Testing Yr 6 for Yr 7 2020.

Kindergarten 2020

Kindergarten 2020 parent information evening will be held tonight at 6pm in the Hall.

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**.



Administration

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. We have a number of families on our waiting list for all grades.

School Hats

As the warmer weather is upon us, it is important that all students have a school hat. **No Hat No Play**. School hats are a compulsory part of our school uniform. Hats need to be worn during sport and playtime. School hats can be purchased at the school office for \$12.00ea

Absences

Our school attendance is currently at 84%, and we would like this to be at 91%. Year 3 are the best followed by Year 5. Attendance plays a very important part in your child's learning. This includes students being late on a regular basis.

Kindergarten 2020 Orientation Morning

Our Kindergarten 2020 orientation morning will begin on Wednesday, 6th November at 9am until 10:40am, and will continue for the following two Wednesdays, 13th and 20th of November. Children attending orientation are required to bring a snack and water labelled with the child's name.

There will also be parent information sessions on each of the orientation mornings. The P&F will be opening the second hand uniform shop on Wednesday 6th November for Kinder 2020 parents. They will also be selling hats & caps on Wednesdays 13th & 20th cash only.

School Canteen

Important information about our school canteen for parents and students.

- All online orders must be placed before 9am.
- All over the counter orders to be placed by 8:40am at the canteen.
No late orders will be taken.
- The canteen will close 5 minutes before the end of recess and lunch to allow students to finish eating or drinking before line up time.

Students and parents are reminded to use their manners at all times when at the canteen.

Summer Uniform

All students are expected to be 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. 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.

School Hours

Parents are reminded that lessons begin at 8:40am and finish at 3:00pm. Children should be at school by 8:30am.

There is no supervision in the mornings before the 8:15am bell. From 8:15am until 8:30am is a walk and talk time only. Students are reminded that there is to be NO running or ball games in the playground in the mornings. If you are dropping your child/ren off or picking them up from the Parish car park please remind your child/ren about the safety around cars and the dangers of running in this area.

Parents are also reminded that they need to collect their child/ren from school at 3:00pm. If you are running late please contact the school office. The school office is open from 8:15am to 3:15pm every day.

Teaching and Learning

Year 6 Visit to Cumberland Council

On Tuesday, 23rd October, Year 6 were invited by Cumberland Council to participate in a Sustainability Expo at Central Gardens. We learnt lots of useful information that we & our families could use including tips & hints to save water. We can all help by remembering to;

- Take 3 minute showers
- Use the half flush button on the toilet when necessary
- Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth



We also explored Aboriginal culture through dance. We performed the kangaroo, goanna, emu and snake dance. It was interesting and insightful to learn about Aboriginal traditions. Lastly, we learnt about the importance of the 3R's and how it is one way to save our planet.

"Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!"

By Noah Elias, Matthew Fakhr & edited by Tamara Elias

Personal Growth

Invitational Swimming Carnival

On the 29th October, St Margaret Mary's held their Invitational Swimming Carnival at Merrylands Pool. All the swimmers put in a great effort to swim their fastest. The Year 5 students were spectators that cheered and encouraged all the swimmers to keep swimming to the end of the pool. We had a lot of strong swimmers competing to get the fastest time. Thank you to all the parents that attended the carnival. It was really great to see you there to cheer on all the students!

By: David Layous & Joseph Doueihi Media Team



Partnership

Dance Fever

Students are to wear their sports uniform on the following day for Dance Fever.

KBlue	Wednesday	KYellow	Thursday
KRed	Wednesday	2Blue	Thursday
1Blue	Wednesday	2Yellow	Thursday
1Red	Wednesday	3Blue	Thursday
1Yellow	Wednesday	3Red	Thursday
2Red	Wednesday	3Yellow	Thursday
4Blue	Wednesday	6Blue	Thursday
4Red	Wednesday	6Red	Thursday
4Yellow	Wednesday	6Yellow	Thursday
5Blue	Wednesday		
5Red	Wednesday		
5Yellow	Wednesday		

2020 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials are OPEN

ALL 2020 Team Sport Trials are OPEN, however, the Summer Sports of BASKETBALL & TENNIS registrations close for these sports only on Monday 11th November as these trials will be held in November 2019.

All other sports trials will be held in Term One & Two in 2020.

Any Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2020 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials.

It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above-average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in Years 5 & 6 in 2020 be invited to attend.

Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports: AFL, Basketball, Cricket, Hockey, Football, Hockey, Netball, Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union, Softball, Tennis & Touch football. The sports of Diving & Golf will be held at the MacKillop level.

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed below.

This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2020 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. Parents may complete this form to attend a selection trial. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria, therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST** be approved by the child's school. In order for the child to attend the nominated trial or event, this may come down to the discretion of the school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports, only 2 students per school can be nominated. All fields and especially "Representative Experience" **MUST** be completed. Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.