



St Margaret Mary's School

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Update

Wednesday, 13th February, 2019

Diary Dates

Thursday, 14th February

Friday, 15th February

- Opening School Mass and Commissioning of the 2019 School Leaders 9:00am in the Parish Church. Parents are welcome to join us in this Celebration.
- Year 3 Incursion after the Mass.

Monday, 18th February

- Whole School Assembly and Prayer.
- St Pauls Greystanes Visiting Yr 6 boys.
- Selected Yrs 4, 5 & 6 students participating in the AFL Clinic.

Tuesday, 19th February

- Selected Yrs 4, 5 & 6 students participating in the AFL Clinic

Wednesday, 20th February

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

Car Pick Up

It is important that all parents involved in this service are attentive to the rules of the road. They are to only join the car pick up line from Henson street via Mason street. Parents are NOT to join the line from Davies Street. **U-turns in a school zone are illegal** and cause traffic congestion.

Morning Drop Off

Morning drop off is for dropping off ONLY. Parents/Guardians/Carers are not to get out of their cars in the drop off Zone. All students should be able to get out of the car by themselves. Students should exit the car sensibly and as quickly as possible from the kerbside, to avoid traffic building up and for drop off to run smoothly. It is advised to say your goodbyes before you leave home, or just saying good bye and have a good day as the student is getting out of the car.

School Fees

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta will be generating all Invoice/Statements for the 2019 year. Statements should be received by all families by the end of February. Please contact the School Office should you not receive a statement.

Any queries with regards to your 2019 Statement or arrangements, please contact Maria Pagano in the office.

Thank You.

Maria Pagano

Student Medical Information

If your child/ren suffer from asthma or have a medical condition and you have not informed the school office, could you please do so as soon as possible.

For example, if your child suffers for asthma, please supply an updated Asthma Action Plan from your child's doctor.

All medication must be brought to the school office by a parent and a medication form needs to be completed by the parent.

Photo Permission

From time to time photos and / or video footage of your child will be taken at school and school events. These photos and video footage may be used in the school newsletter, diocesan newsletter, in newspapers, brochures, advertising, websites or in publications.

If you do not wish for photos or videos of your child to be published or shown on the website please notify the school office in writing by Friday, 15th February, 2019.



Allergies

As you may or may not be aware there are a number of children attending our school who have severe allergies to many different foods. This means that if these children come in contact with any food products they will have a severe allergic reaction.

We also ask that you remind your child/ren not share their lunch or any other food with another child.

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 bell it 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.

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.

Faith Community

Opening School Mass and Commissioning of 2019 School Leaders.

Parents, Grandparents, and Friends of St Margaret Mary's are invited to join us at our Opening School Mass and Commissioning of our 2019 Student Leaders, on Friday, 15th February, at 9:00am in the Church.

Partnership

Parents Meet and Greet



On Friday, the 8th February, our amazing P&F hosted a parents Meet and Greet morning tea in the LARC. All parents were welcomed to the morning tea and Mr Mills welcomed the new Kindy parents to our school. All parents mingled around and some made new friends. Everyone enjoyed the morning and had a good time!



Term 1 P&F Meeting

The next P&F Meeting date will be published in next weeks newsletter and will be held later in the term.



Personal Growth

Monday Morning Assembly

On Monday, 11th February, Ms Veness welcomed us to our 3rd week of Term 1. Mr Mills and Mrs Yenke were walking around the school grounds and the classrooms to check the damage caused by last weekend's storm. The Kindy students will join us next Monday for our first whole school assembly for 2019. Years 4 & 6 were so excited because soccer starts today, the other grades will have turns throughout the week. On Tuesday, Mrs Foley will be taking some of our primary students who qualified to the Zone Swimming Carnival.

Finally, the Opening School Mass for 2019 will be held on Friday, 15th February, at 9am in the Parish Church. We hope to see lots of parents there!

By Media Team

Media Team 2019

Congratulations to the Year 5 students who have been chosen to be part of the Media Team in 2019. Look out for them at different school events throughout the year, they may want to take your photo!

Isabella Blandon Cano
Keisha Manalang
Yasmin Abraham
Talia Moses
Joseph Doueihy
David Layous
Rhos Shi Wang



Let's celebrate Strength in Disability

Calling all artists and writers in Years 5 and 6



In 2018, several students from Year 5 entered the 'Strength in Disability' writing competition. Summer Shrestha was announced as a finalist after being placed in the top 25 students from all around New South Wales for her short story. She was awarded a \$50 iTunes voucher for her entry. Shakira Georges was placed in the top 500 for her art work, awarding her a drink bottle. Congratulations girls on these achievements!

This is a part of Summer's story.



Katie is a young, passionate 12 year old who sits in a wheelchair all day, everyday. She was someone who felt neglected, not wanted and especially alone. When Katie was 9 her parents suffered a terrible illness, which changed their lives forever. Now because of her parents tragic sickness, Katie lives with her grandmother. She walks, well rides on her wheelchair to school everyday with hope the next will be better. As a 12 year old, no one should experience the losses that Katie has suffered in her life. At school nothing improves and she never gets included in anything, even her teachers don't want her in their classes. She always knew she would never fit in, she didn't belong.

"Why, just why does it have to be me? There are 7 billion people in the world, even more and just it had to be me." She would question her self all the time, uncontrollably. Where would the helpless 12 year old find inspiration? Where would she be influenced by other people to be the beautiful person she really is? Where would she learn to express her feelings without getting them hurt? As the days dim and the nights darken, Katie sits in her wheelchair questioning herself, once more.

"What use do I have to this world? Will anyone ever miss me? Because of Katie's hope she continued to be the person she was. Soon her grandmother became conscious of Katie, her grades were dropping and her dejection grew. She asked Katie that day after school about her day, and asked how things at school had been.

"It's all good she replied. "I like school" she said in a non meaningful voice. "I am completely fine"

But in her heart she thought something different. It was a normal school day at the cafeteria when a girl with blonde hair walked up to Katie, she was ready for the harmful comments she was about to embrace.

"Hi, my name is Laura, I am new to this school and I was wondering if we could be friends?"

"Why would you want to be friends with me, you wouldn't be seen with me" "I don't care, I know you are an amazing person." Katie was about to cry with happiness, she hugged Laura like it was the last time.

Then Katie's world was about to start. She always had a smile on her face. And the adventures they had, Katie was in a whole new beautiful light. Laura was the perfect person for her for they had the same interests, hobbies, food, clothes and passion. Then Katie looked into Laura's eyes.

"Laura why do you like me why are you doing all this when you could hang out with other friends and do more interesting activities like hiking, sports and shopping? You could have a better life and here I am limiting you from half the fun things." Then with a big voice Laura said

"I do this because I am hopeful and I am hopeful for today and you are determined to be cheerful and happy in whatever situation you have learned from experience. The greater part of happiness or misery depends on our dispositions and not upon our circumstances."

Shakira's Art Work

