



# St Margaret Mary's School

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Newsletter No 19

## Bulletin

Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2020

### Diary Date

**Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> August**

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**Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> August**

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**Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> August**

- Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

**Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> August**

- 8:40am Whole School Assembly and Prayer Service. (Students Only)

**Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> August**

**Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> August**

- Year 4 Incurion Virtual Living Museum - Convict Work.

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

**This morning, NSW Health confirmed that there is a positive case of COVID-19 at St Margaret Mary's Primary Merrylands.**

Of course, supervision will be available for all students for the remainder of the day. The school will be closed for deep cleaning. We will keep you updated about when the school will reopen.

As soon as we were contacted by NSW Health, we began working closely together to identify students or staff who have had 'close contact' with the person who has COVID-19. NSW Health will conduct 'contact tracing' and will notify close contacts and advise them about what they need to do next. **Students and staff must self-isolate until receiving further advice from NSW Health or a communication from the school.**

**If you need help with translation and interpreting from English, you can find help [here](#). The 24-hour phone number for immediate interpreting help is 131 450.**

Please check regularly for symptoms of COVID-19. These symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat or shortness of breath. If your child/children develop these symptoms, please see a doctor (call ahead to alert your doctor about the possibility of COVID-19 before visiting and take this letter with you) or go to a COVID-19 testing clinic. We understand NSW Health is setting up a new pop-up clinic in Merrylands. We will keep you updated about where that will be located. You can find a full list of the clinics [here](#).

If your child/children have a health condition or complex health needs, please discuss this with your medical specialist.

Further information about COVID-19 and updates are available from NSW Health at

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we work together to put the health and safety of our school community first. Further information and updates are available [here](#). If you have any further questions that aren't addressed in the NSW Health resources please contact 1300 338 679.

Yours sincerely

**Kevin Mills**

**Principal**

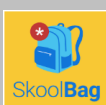
### Drink Bottles

We have made adjustments to our bubblers, so children are able to refill their bottles when needed. It is wonderful to see so many children using their new drink bottles with their names clearly marked.

### Lunch Orders & Canteen

The school canteen is open to students during the day. All lunch orders MUST be ordered through the Flexischools online ordering and must be ordered by 9am.

### Skoolbag App



Our School Name for Skoolbag App is **SMMPM**.

The Skoolbag App is our main source of communication to our families. If you do not have this App on your phone you are missing out on a lot of information.

# Administration

## Parking Around the School

Parents are reminded not to park across driveways, and we ask that you DO NOT park in the unit complexes across the road as this is classed as trespassing, and you can be fined.

## School Photos

School Photos have been **postponed** until Term 4. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. The new date for our school photos is Thursday 12th November, pending COVID-19.

## Water Bottles

If you require a replacement Drink Bottle, they can be purchased from the school office for \$5.00ea. We only have a limited number.

All students must have a drink bottle at school.

## Hats and Caps

We have received our order of caps and they can be purchased from the school office for \$15.00ea. The round hats will now be \$10.00 until all sold. When the new stock is ordered and ready for sale they will go back to \$15.00.

## Enrolments

We have had more than enough students applying for places in Kindergarten 2021. We only have a limited number of places in other grades. If you know of any one interested in a place for these grades, please have them contact the school office as soon as possible.

## High School Enrolments

All year 6 students should have now enrolled in a high school for 2021. Parents of year 5 students are advised to start researching high schools for their child to enrol for 2022. Parents, please do not let the cost of high school be a deterrent for enrolling your child into a catholic high school.

## Work Health and Safety

In Term 4, St Margaret Mary's School be having our Annual External Safety Audit. At St Margaret Mary's we take great pride in ensuring our students and staff learn and work in a staff environment.

## Winter Uniform

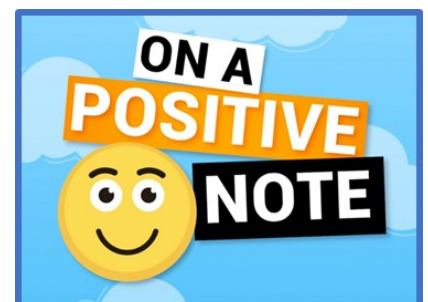
All uniforms must be worn neatly and correctly **including neck ties** for boys and girls.

All hairstyles should be appropriate to the students age and the schools expectations. Long hair must be tied back. Our Sun Safe program requires students to wear our school cap or hat when outside: **No Hat No Play**. These hats and caps are available at the school office. Sleeper earrings and stud earrings may be worn. Simple signet rings may also be worn. No expensive jewellery is to be worn at school.

This week I was in the Year 5 Learning Space and joined a discussion on 'What is Human Dignity?' The teacher and students identified that the evening news really only shared sad or bad events happening in the world. At this point the RE Unit in Yr5 **"Through the love of God and acts of kindness we respect the human dignity of all people"** gives great direction. We challenged the students to complete a GDoc listing the good things they do. It did not take long for the following list to appear in my inbox. It is wonderful to see our children making a positive difference in the lives of others during this time of COVID.

1. Being with my family
2. Helping my mum who is pregnant with twin boys
3. Helping with the Kindy's at school especially when they want their mum
4. Helping my mother to cook to be a good role model for my brother
5. My family were struggling to clean the windows so I helped them
6. My sister's water bottle broke at school so I bought her a new one
7. Spending time with my dad
8. Memories of family events that show my faith
9. Dad and I helped a lady who dropped her groceries at the supermarket
10. My sister was feeling scared of the dark so I hugged her & told her a story
11. Helped my mum make dinner because she was in a rush
12. Letting a classmate sit with us as she had no one to sit with
13. Making my mum happy by cleaning my room
14. Putting money into the Project Compassion box
15. Throwing a surprise party for my grandparent's 50th anniversary
16. Giving money to the poor
17. Baked cupcakes for my family so they could relax
18. When I helped make poly carts at lunch time
19. Helped my mum when we had visitors
20. My dad had work to do, so I helped him cook dinner
21. Dancing at a studio is an exciting part of my life
22. Helping my brother make his bed as he had to get ready for school
23. My sister always helps me
24. Always helping my mum at home
25. Offering to help around the house
26. Playing with my brother
27. Wanting to help my brother with his homework
28. Sharing my things with my cousins
29. Helping my dad
30. Visiting cousins overseas and praying for the day we can see each other again

Great work Yr 5 and it is great to see that you are living out the mission of Jesus in 2020



# Teaching & Learning

## Kindergarten Farm Incursion

Oink, Oink! All the Kindergartens were amazed when they saw all the animals sitting under the COLA! On Monday the 3rd of August, Kindergarten had an incursion when farmers came to our school and brought animals



with them as part of their unit about 'Living Things'. They had an amazing time and the best part was when they got a turn to pat and hold them. The children were so gentle when they got to hold the animals and they heard the baby chicks chirp-

ing like they were saying hello! They also saw ducks, pigs, sheep, goats, rabbits. The Kindergarten students got to dress up like farmers and participated in farm games throughout the day. They learnt a lot of new



things and so did the teachers!  
*By: Media Team*



On Monday the farm visited kindergarten Blue. I got to hold a chick and I got to hold a bunny. My favourite part of the farm was feeding

the animals. The cow licked my hand. I got to be a farmer and I brought a toy goat. It was the best day ever. *By Olivia Haddad KB*



I came to school dressed normal first u sat on the mat. Next I did farm activities. Then I did the first activity. The first activity was to colour the farm on the paper. After that I pat the farm animals. I had a fun day. *By Isaac Yim KY*



On Monday we saw a duck and Guinea Pig. Next we got to hold a rabbit. It was warm. Then we fed the

animals. Then I held the baby chicks, it was a good day! *By Susanna Pickering KR*



## 2020 Kindergarten Journey

I would like to public acknowledge the amazing efforts of our Kinder Team and all their hard work and thinking. I have been very impressed with the past week of activities (100 Days of Kinder & Kinder Farm) that have been planned to ensure the children have had a great start to the year despite the COVID-19 situation. Great photos, taken by Mrs Albertin, will be shared for all our community to see.

## Kindergarten 100 Days of Learning

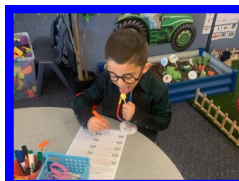
On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July Kindergarten celebrated 100 days of Learning. The Kindergarten team planned a day full



of fun activities for all students to enjoy their first year of school. The students were so excited and had an amazing day. The Kindergarten team would like to thank all families for your efforts in turning your children from 5 and 6 years old to 100 years old. Their outfits were outstanding!! Many Thanks, Kindergarten Team



On Thursday, Kindy dressed up as 100years old. We licked lollipops 100 times and we made a 100 days crown. It was a fund day. *By Oliver Khedelarian KB*



We were dressing up like old Grandma's and Grandpa's. First we made necklaces. Then we had lollipop licking challenge. After that we made

colourful crowns. It was a very fun day! *By Joy-Maria Haydamous KR*

I came to school dressed like a grandpa. First I took a photo with a large rainbow balloon. Next I made a necklace, then we licked lollipops 100 times. After that we



made 100 day hats. I had a fun day. *By Madden James KY*



## Partnership

### Community Engagement

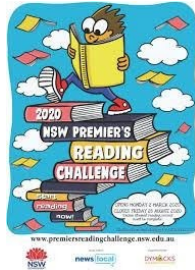
In the coming weeks we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite you to complete the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Margaret Mary's Mer-rylands.

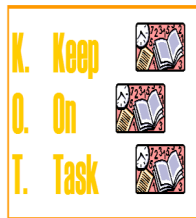
The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You will be able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device and the link will be shared in next week's bulletin.

### Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC)

There is still time to complete the PRC. Books read on SORA can be included in the PRC, as a Free Choice book (limit of 5), a Bonus Choice 2020 book (limit of 5), or if they are on the approved PRC Book-list. **PRC Closes: Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> August.**



### Four Pillars of Learning



### Four Pillars of Playground



## Lowes Sale

Lowes will be increasing their price, effective from the 1st October 2020. This is a great time to purchase uniforms for your children.

### EXTENDED TRADING HOURS FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE!

**LOWES**

2 DAYS ONLY - 6TH - 7TH AUGUST  
**ZERO & REWARDS CARD HOLDERS**

**20% OFF**  
**SCHOOLWEAR**  
**& EVERYTHING ELSE!**



### SHOP IN-STORE & ONLINE

On the day of the event, Lowes will have measures in place to restrict customer numbers and movement throughout the store. Thank you for your support. Lowes will be enforcing social distancing, Marshalls wearing hi-vis vests will be on site. We ask for your support in limiting the number of people you take with you into the store.

**DON'T HAVE A CARD? APPLY IN-STORE OR ONLINE & START ENJOYING THE BENEFITS.**

\*Offer ends midnight (AEST) 7/8/2020. Must use Zero or Rewards card to receive discount. Excludes gift cards, all suit packages & Schoolwear laybys. Cannot be combined with any other offer or discount. Floor stock only. Styles and colours may vary from store to store. No rain checks. Please choose carefully, exchanges and refunds only with docket. Includes existing 5% discount. Savings off original prices.