



St Margaret Mary's School

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Update

Wednesday, 21st October, 2020

Diary Date

Thursday, 22nd October

Friday, 23rd October

- Wear a "Creepy, Curious Creature Cap"

Monday, 26th October

Tuesday, 27th October

Wednesday, 28th October

Drink Bottles

Students are reminded they must have a drink bottle at school everyday.

Replacement drink bottles are available from the school office for \$5.00. This is a cash sale only. No EFT can be used for this purchase. A limited colour selection is available.

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.

Faith Community

STMM's Feast Day

St Margaret Mary was a nun who was born on 22 July 1647 and died in October 1690. She is an important saint to our school as our school is named after her and in our church you may also have noticed the huge mosaic behind the altar where Jesus is showing St Margaret Mary his Sacred Heart. On the 16th October it was St Margaret Mary's Feast Day and every grade participated in a range of activities



including sports, prayer, stations of St Margaret Mary's life, arts and crafts and even Kahoot questions about St Margaret Mary. We thank Mr Yearsley and Mrs Kubti for their organisation, because of them the whole school learnt new things about our Patron Saint and had an amazing day!

Media Team

You will be able to view more photos and videos of the day on our school website

stmmerrylands.catholic.edu.au, from tomorrow Thursday, 22 October.



Teaching and Learning

Book Week 2020 (17th Oct - 23rd Oct.)

To celebrate Book Week this year, students are invited to create and wear a "Creepy, Curious Creature Cap" on Friday, 23rd October with their normal school uniform. (For example, you could make a picture of a beetle or a spider, which is pinned to a cap.)



During this week students have had the opportunity to read and experience some of the Children's Book Council of Australia Shortlisted Book Week books with their class and view pre recorded performances by the Cumberland City Council Children's Librarians, as well as view ClickView videos based on the theme: Curious Creatures, Wild Minds. The

ClickView videos are rated G and PG. If you have any concerns about your child viewing these videos please contact your child's/children's class teacher.



Students will also have the opportunity to design and make their own curious creature, related to the Book Week theme, during recess and lunch times throughout the week. We are also encouraging you all to spend time reading, with your child during Book Week.



Year 5 Space Planetarium

Year 5 have been learning about Space for 5 weeks and on the 12th September, Year 5 were able to experience a virtual trip to space with a planetarium in the hall! Year 5 had the opportunity to see the Milky way and all the stars surrounding our Earth. It was a very educational



experience as we learnt about how a solar eclipse can start and about how moons ended up around the planets. We all laid down and observed the constellations which are the stars creating a shape up in the sky. The most interesting shape of all was the 'Aboriginal dreamtime' constellation and the 'The Three Brothers in a Canoe'. The three teachers and the instructor

were very impressed with the students on how they behaved and their knowledge of space!

By Aluel Hawach and Benedict Blas Media Team



Administration

External Work Health and Safety Audit

Today at StMM's we had visitors from Minerva and CEPD conducting an external audit on the safety of our school. This Audit is completed every five years with internal audits completed every year.

Enrolments 2021

There are a few vacancies for 2021. If you know of any family wishing to enrol at St Margaret Mary's please contact the office for an enrolment form.

K2021

Information regarding Parent information and Orientation for students attending StMM's in K2021 will be sent out in the coming weeks via Skoolbag App and email.

Student Data Validation

Student Data Validation forms will be sent to primary household contacts via email or SMS next week by CEDP. Given the current challenges with COVID-19, we encourage parents/carers to complete these forms to ensure StMM's has accurate and reliable information.

School Fee Credits - Term 4 Statements

Dear Parents,

As a result of 2020 Covid 19 restrictions and due to the NSW Health Guidelines, the following charges have been reversed for 2020 and will appear on Term 4 statements sent out by CEDP this week.

- Cancelled overnight Excursions for Year 5 and Year 6.
- Cancelled events that have been charged as part of the Annual \$60 Activity Fee for all grades.

A charge may appear for any incursions or activities that may have occurred or will be occurring in Term 4. (Only certain grades)

Any remaining credit balances on the school fee statements at the end of the year, will carry forward into 2021.

If you have any further enquiries, please contact Maria Pagan in our school office on 8633 8400.

Thank you for your continuing support.

School Uniforms

All uniforms must be worn neatly and correctly, including the correct **socks**. 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.

Jersey Day

On Friday, 30th October Year 6 will be holding a Jersey Day where students and staff can wear their favourite jersey to school. During the day there will be some fun activities; a soccer game (staff vs

students), an oz tag match and a drawing contest where one person from each grade will be nominated as the winner of a fantastic prize!

This will be **no gold coin** donation event.



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