



St Margaret Mary's School

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Bulletin

Wednesday, 31st March, 2021

Diary Dates

Thursday, 1st April

Holy Thursday

- 11.30am Holy Thursday Prayer Service. Parents welcome to attend. Students must wear full-school uniform.
- School Closes at 3pm for Term 1

Friday, 2nd April

Good Friday

Sunday, 4th April

Easter Sunday

Monday, 19th April

- School Resumes for Term 2
- Students return in full winter uniform

Tuesday, 20th April

Wednesday, 21st April

- Kindergarten 2022 Interviews Commence



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.

Leaving

If you know your child/ren will not be returning to this school in 2021, please let the office know as soon as possible, in writing. It is a CEDP Policy that 10 school weeks notice is given to the principal before the removal of your child from the school, otherwise a full term fees will be required to be paid.

Skoolbag App

All parents are encouraged to have the Skoolbag App, as this is the main preference for communication to all parents. Our School Name for Skoolbag App is SMMPM.



Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Boys and Girls,

The following passages are taken from Sr Leone's reflections on Holy Week as we move to our Easter celebrations. I have amended the words of wisdom for our bulletin but am happy to share her full articles on request.

The Gospel for Holy Thursday is taken from the Gospel of the Beloved Disciple, John, and is a good example of something that John is sharing with us so that our joy may be complete. It was the Beloved Disciple who stood with Mary at the foot of the Cross (John 19:26-27). He was also sitting beside Jesus at the Last Supper, so close that he could lean back against Jesus and converse with him (John 13:23-26).



On Thursday night we are drawn by grace to be present with him and the other disciples at Jesus' last supper. Rather, we are invited by Jesus to be the Beloved Disciple, for in Jesus' eyes that is what we are. We do this every time we come to Mass, but all other Masses simply make present at the beginning of every new week what is happening on Thursday night.

So let us accept his invitation, be the Beloved Disciple, and take our place next to Jesus to celebrate with him this Passover meal. This was to be Jesus' final meal with his closest friends.

On Good Friday hundreds of millions of people remember the death of Jesus of Nazareth. As a politically motivated murder of an innocent and loving man, it runs to a pattern with which our world is, unfortunately, all too familiar. Yet there is something about the crucifixion of Jesus that continues to haunt our minds and hearts.



Why? It witnesses to the folly of people attempting to define the divine, the folly of an established group thinking that they alone possess the truth and have a mission to impose it on others. Those responsible for the death of Jesus were convinced that they knew God, but they failed to recognise God at the heart of the love of this Galilean carpenter.

If our hearts are moved by what Jesus offers us on Good Friday, let us commit ourselves to carry on his mission of love, and that we might be able to do this, let us re-commit ourselves to the community of faith that comes together to hear his word and to receive him in communion.

The staff at St.M.M's wish everyone in our community a happy and holy Easter, with family and friends.

God Bless

Mr Kevin Mills
Principal



Administration

Enrolments

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2022 are now taking place. If your child was born between 1st August, 2016 and 31st July, 2017, please collect an enrolment form from the school office. Interviews will commence at the end of April.

Monitoring Attendance

We monitor students attendance and lateness on a regular basis, throughout the year. School attendance plays a very important role in your child's learning, this includes being late on a regular basis.

School Hours

Parents are reminded that school commences at 8:40am and finishes at 3:00pm. It is important that students are here by **8:30am** to begin classes at **8:40am**.

Winter Uniform

Students are required to be dressed in winter uniform for Term 2. There will be a 4 week grace period for students. All students must be in full school winter uniform by Monday, 17th May.

Lowes is the only supplier of StMM's school uniforms. Uniforms brought from any other supplier is in breach of contract and may not be correct.

Medical Information

Parents are reminded of the importance of ensuring all medical information regarding their child is up to date at all times. This includes updating asthma plans, anaphylaxis plans and any medication that your child requires during school time. This updated information allows the school to best treat your child should an emergency arise.

Head Lice

A reminder that during the holidays it is a good time to treat your child/rens hair and wash bed linen & school hats. Head lice is an ongoing problem within schools which can only be resolved with parents support.

Stranger Danger

As the school holidays commence next week, parents are reminded to talk with their children about the importance of Stranger Danger and how it can affect them and people around them.



StMM's School Website

Please visit our StMM's School Website:

<https://www.stmmerrylands.catholic.edu.au>

You will find all the events celebrated at StMM's in Term 1 2021, under the 'Community' heading and in the 'Gallery' section. We hope you enjoy them.

Important Dates for Term 2

Monday, 19 th April	School Resumes for Term 2 Students return in Winter uniform
Tuesday, 20 th April	Kindergarten 2022 Interviews commence
Wednesday, 21 st April	Kindergarten 2022 Interviews
Sunday, 25 th April	ANZAC Day
Monday, 26 th April	ANZAC Day Assembly
Tuesday, 27 th April	School Photos Full school winter uniform
Wednesday, 28 th April	Kindergarten 2022 Interviews
Thursday, 29 th April	Athletics Carnival for Yrs 3-6
Friday, 30 th April	Kindergarten 2022 Interviews
Monday, 3 rd May	Yr 4 Excursion to Old Government House and Elizabeth Farm Kindergarten 2022 Interviews
Tuesday, 4 th May	Diocesan Cross Country Kindergarten 2022 Interviews
Wednesday, 5 th May	Kindergarten 2022 Interviews
Friday, 7 th May	Mother's Day Breakfast
Sunday, 9 th May	Mother's Day
Tuesday, 11 th May	NAPLAN for Yrs 3 & 5 Students
Wednesday, 12 th May	NAPLAN for Yrs 3 & 5 Students
Thursday, 13 th May	NAPLAN for Yrs 3 & 5 Students
Friday, 14 th May	NAPLAN for Yrs 3 & 5 Students
Sunday, 23 rd May	Pentecost Sunday
Monday, 24 th May	Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians
Wednesday, 26 th May	Yr 6 Canberra Excursion
Thursday, 27 th May	Yr 6 Canberra Excursion
Friday, 28 th May	Yr 6 Canberra Excursion
Friday, 11 th June	Feast of the Sacred Heart
Monday, 14 th June	Public Holiday
Friday, 25 th June	School Closes for Term 2
Monday, 12 th July	School Resumes for Term 3



Faith Community

Holy Thursday Prayer Service

To celebrate the beginning of the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday), a prayer service will be held on Thursday 1st April at 11.30am. This will be held outside, on the grass covered area.

To comply with our COVID safe plan, the following safety measures have been put in place for the event:

- A **maximum of 2 adults per family** are able to attend
- In the event of wet weather (rain), the event will become a **student only event** as we cannot accommodate social distancing and the number of people in an indoor space

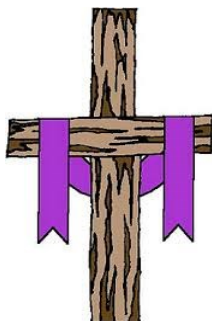
If there are any changes about this event (including wet weather cancellation) it will be communicated through StMM's SkoolBag app. Students are to wear their full school uniform. We look forward to coming together in community to celebrate this Holy Day.



Monday Morning Assembly

On Monday 29th March, the whole school gathered for our morning assembly. It was Kindy's first time having a Monday morning school assembly with our wonderful parents! Together we said the school prayer and we were able to sing the national anthem. Mrs Foley handed out awards to the students who competed in the Zone Swimming Carnival. To end our assembly, Mr Mills asked all the parents to come up on the stairs in front of the students, as we held out our right hand and gave a special blessing to the parents.

By: Mikayla Maree Georges, Eva Shrestha & John Media team



Teaching & Learning

Literacy Competition

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who entered our Literacy competition. Congratulations to all our winners. Our winners had a choice to choose from a packet of pencils, crayons, markers or books. People who hadn't won but entered the competition had a choice to choose from a pen or a bookmark. We had 66 entries in this competition. The task was for students to draw or print out a picture of a character from a book, of their choice and write a description.

The winners were:

Jessica Leke	Tia Khouri
Bella Yim	Stephanie Hewitt
Priscilla Gergies	Oliver Khederlarian
Ysobelle Jara	Bruno Martin
Ella Khairallah	Lucinda Tran
Benhui Chen	Kayla Mifsud
Karam Azar	

We will have more competitions very soon for students to enter. We also placed jokes around the school and the answers can be found on the literacy website.

The website is: <https://sites.google.com/parra.catholic.edu.au/stmargaretmarysliteracywebsite/st-margaret-marys-homepage>

We can't wait for you to enter our next competition.

Year 3 Incursion

Peter the SONAR Engineer.

On 29th March a very important visitor came to Year 3. Peter Bach is part of the 'STEM Professionals in Schools' program run by the CSIRO. Peter talked to

us and told us he is a SONAR engineer. SONAR stands for sound and navigation ranging. Peter talked to us about submarines. Australian submarines use hybrid technology like Tesla cars. They use diesel fuel and battery power. Submarines are about 75 metres in length.

After Peter finished talking, year 3 shared what we have been learning about this term in Science. We showed

him our Blue-bots and the tracks we have designed. We explained about the codes we have created for the Blue-bots to travel.



Personal Growth

Wellbeing Week

In Week 9 StMM's held Wellbeing Week and it was so much fun! During the special week, St Margaret Mary's students were able to wear uniforms of their choice and there was no homework! Our theme for this term was 'Connection' and teachers gave their students a yellow puzzle piece to take home with activities to enjoy. Everyone will get a new piece of the puzzle each term! During the week we participated in nature activities, handball competitions and the teachers set up a prayer space in the LARC for us. We also had a mufti and movie afternoon on Friday which was great. We hope everyone has enjoyed Wellbeing Week and we can't wait to see what we will be doing for Wellbeing Week in Term 2.

By Elena Lin and Paea Mataele Media team

Congratulations

Congratulations to Joab Hada who took part in Age State Swimming Championships 2021, held on the 27th & 28th March. Joab competed in the Medley Relay and Freestyle Relay and swam a personal best time of 33.60 seconds. Congratulation Joab.



St Margaret Mary's Parish Holy Week Mass Times



Thursday of Holy Week (01 April) - No Morning Mass
Thursday of the LORD'S SUPPER - 7:00pm

Friday of the PASSION of the LORD – Good Friday (02 April)
Stations of the Cross - 10:00am
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord - 3:00pm

Holy Saturday (03 April) - No Morning Mass
The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (03 April) 7:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION of the LORD
(04 April) - 7:30am, 9:00am, 10.30am & 6:00pm Masses

Partnership

P&F Easter Egg Raffle

On Friday of Week 9, St Margaret Mary's were able to wear mufti clothes and bring in a chocolate egg for the Easter Egg Raffle. Our wonderful P&F parents helped pack the big easter eggs for the raffle, they created over 100 prizes for students to win! Before



we did the big raffle outside, the P&F drew some names out of the barrel for the little prizes and sent the prizes to each class. That afternoon, all the students gathered on the playground for the big prizes to be drawn. It was so much fun cheering and clapping for the winners! Congratulations to all those who won a prize!

By Mikayla Maree Georges Media Team

Thank you to our StMM's P&F and families for your help with the raffle, food and drinks supplied and easter egg donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

