



St Margaret Mary's School

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Newsletter No 2

Update

Wednesday, 9th February, 2022

Diary Dates

Thursday, 10th February

Friday, 11th February

Monday, 14th February

Tuesday, 15th February

Wednesday, 16th February

Canteen

Parents are reminded to ensure that they have updated their child's class for 2022 in the FLEXI schools canteen ordering system.

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**.



School Website

The school website is www.stmmerrylands.catholic.edu.au

Administration

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This app also allows parents to notify the school if your child is sick by completing the online Eform Absentee.

COVID UPDATE

New guidelines from the NSW Government direct school communities to remain open as much as possible and children are expected at school everyday unless unwell during Term 1.

Changes in the manner to which positive cases at school will be handled. Please note the following:

1. Parents / Carers must notify StMM's of a positive case in their family and follow all NSW Health Directives.
2. StMM's will inform the School Community and share the particular Year Group / Cohort concerned.
3. For safety, we strongly recommend that Year Group / Cohort and other members of their household take a PCR test or Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) as a precaution.
4. The affected areas at the school will also be thoroughly cleaned.
5. **Students who receive a negative result may return to school the following day.**

RAT Kits

This Friday your child will bring home 4 RAT Kits for the next 2 weeks.

It is recommended that tests should be completed at home in the morning on Mondays and Wednesdays before attending school that week. Instructions are included in the kits detailing how to use the tests, check the results and dispose of the tests safely. If your child receives a positive RAT test, you need to:

- record the positive RAT result through the [Service NSW website](#) or [Service NSW app](#)
- Notify the school of the positive RAT (or a PCR test) result via school email ASAP
- follow [NSW Health advice](#) to isolate for 7 days.

Negative results **do not** need to be reported to Service NSW or to the school. **Please also note that StMM's school staff will not be administering RATs to students.**

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, 11th February, 2022.



Sports Days

Children are required to wear their sports uniform on their allocated days. Correct sports uniform must be worn along with appropriate shoes. Hats must be worn at all times when outside.

Kinder	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 1	Tuesday and Friday
Year 2	Wednesday and Friday
Year 3	Tuesday and Friday
Year 4	Wednesday and Friday
Year 5	Tuesday and Friday
Year 6	Monday and Friday

Teaching & Learning

Reading Diary

Every student at StMM's is expected to read each night and record their efforts in the Reading Diary. Setting aside a time to read each night at home is an excellent routine to establish before students enter high school. If parents feel their child is responsible (Yrs 5 & 6) the student may do the recording and sign off.

Faith Community

Opening and Commissioning Mass for Y6 Student Leaders

A Commissioning Mass will be held on Friday, 18th February to celebrate the induction of the Y6 student leaders and the presentation of their badges.

Due to the current COVID-19 guidelines, we are restricted to the number of people that can be accommodated in the church. In light of this, Fr Janouz has kindly offered to host a private mass with only Year 5 and Year 6 students and staff in attendance.

Each student leader is able to have two (2) adult guests to witness and celebrate this momentous occasion with them in the church.

Invitations to families of the Y6 student leaders with details of the event will be sent home shortly. In light of the changing nature of COVID-19 restrictions, we will keep you updated if any changes are announced that impact this special event.

Personal Growth

Student Leaders for 2022

Congratulations to the following students on achieving their new positions as House Colour Leaders in 2022.

Tosi (Yellow)	Christopher Ndaira Xavier Tautu
Maur (Green)	Elissa Maghazli Paea Mataele
Kosta (Red)	Marcel Baini Laura Fakhr
McGovern (Blue)	Mikayla Maree Georges Dia Maria Layous

Sports News

Zone Swimming Carnival.

Any student in Yrs 3-6, who want to express interest in competing at the Zone Swimming, please submit your time/s to Mrs Foley by Monday. A note has been sent home with your child today, please read all the information.

Good Luck

Good luck to Leeroy and Xavier Tautu from Yr 6 who will be competing at the Diocesan Tennis trials on Friday. We wish you well.

Partnership

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM CONFIRMATION 2022

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held twice in 2022. The program in Term 1 is intended for those that missed out in 2021 because the program was cancelled due to the Lockdowns.

Sacrament of Confirmation Enrolments commence from Tuesday, 25 January 2022 until Friday, 11 February 2022. (Enrolment Fee \$50 per child)

Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website or are available at our Parish Office during working hours.

Parents Night : Monday: 07 February at 6:00pm
Wednesday: 09 February at 6:00pm
Venue: Inside the Church

Sacrament of Confirmation program is divided into two groups taught by Fr. Joseph Maria Buckley & assisted by Monique Kairouz.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM:

All preparation sessions held on MONDAYS or WEDNESDAYS at 6:00pm.

Session 1: 14 FEBRUARY or 16 FEBRUARY 2022

Session 2: 21 FEBRUARY or 23 FEBRUARY 2022

Session 3: 28 FEBRUARY or 02 MARCH 2022

Session 4: 07 MARCH or 09 MARCH 2022

Rehearsal: 14 MARCH or 16 MARCH 2022

Venue: Inside the Church.

Saturday, 19 March 2022 at 6:00pm celebrated by Very Rev Peter G. Williams VG EV

