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Update

2023 Term 2, Week 7

Diary Dates

Thursday, 8th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year Two Discovery Learning Incursion.
Friday, 9th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principal's Morning Tea.
Monday, 12th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kings Birthday Public Holiday. Students Wellbeing Week.
Tuesday, 13th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Photos 2023 Students are to wear FULL School Winter Uniform.
Friday 16th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mufti Day for Students. Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day. Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Principal's Message

Dear Parent, Boys & Girls,

Last Sunday was an important event for me in our church calendar. I was principal of Holy Trinity in Granville before I was appointed to StMM's and in that role attended a session on Why the Holy Trinity was important to the Catholic faith.

Reveals the Nature of God: The Holy Trinity is important to Catholic belief because it reveals the nature of God as a loving communion of three distinct persons. It helps Catholics understand that God is not an isolated entity but a community of persons in perfect unity and love.

Salvation: The Holy Trinity plays a central role in the Catholic understanding of salvation. Catholics believe that God the Father sent His Son, Jesus Christ (the second person of the Trinity), to save humanity from sin and reconcile them with God. The Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, continues to work in the lives of believers, guiding and sanctifying them.

Divine Revelation: The Holy Trinity is crucial to Catholic belief because it is part of God's self-revelation. Through Jesus Christ, Catholics believe that God fully revealed Himself to humanity. The Trinity is a mystery that goes beyond human comprehension, yet it provides insight into the nature of God and His relationship with humanity.

Worship and Liturgy: The Holy Trinity is invoked in Catholic worship, liturgy, and sacraments. The sign of the cross, which represents the Trinity, is made at the beginning and end of prayers and liturgical celebrations. The Holy Trinity is also mentioned in the formulas of baptism, Eucharistic prayers, and blessings, emphasising the presence and action of the Triune God in the life of the Church.

Model of Relationship and Unity: The Holy Trinity serves as a model of relationship and unity for Catholics. Just as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit exist in perfect unity and love, Catholics are called to live in harmonious relationships with one another. The Trinity teaches believers about the importance of community, self-giving love, and cooperation within the Church and the broader society.

God Bless & Take care,

Kevin Mills

Kevin Mills
Principal



Administration

School Photos 2023

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS will be taken on TUESDAY 13th JUNE 2023, Term 2 Week 8.

Don Wood Photography will be taking our photos on the day.

Package details are available to be viewed when ordering online by visiting

www.donwoodphotography.com.au

The preferred method of payment is online, Our School Code is: **751R17**

Students are asked to wear their **full school winter uniform** including the school tie.

Please **do not** send children in their sports uniform.

Please access the links below for Information and Instructions for online ordering.

1. [Ordering Information Flyer](#)
2. [Online ordering Instructions](#)

School Fees

Term two school fees are now overdue, unless you have entered into an arrangement with the school or with CSPD details as per your statement. If you have any questions regarding your 2023 statement or arrangement, please contact Maria at the school office.

Enrolments 2024

We have sent out our 1st round of offers to families wishing to send their children to StMM's in 2024. We have also closed our application process for Kinder 2024. We have very limited vacancies in other grades, if you know of anyone wishing to become part of our community.

Tell Them from Me (TTFM)

The Tell Them From Me survey is now open. This survey provides Parents and Carers an opportunity to give feedback on their experience at our school.

We are asking all in our community to take part in the survey as the online tool is an important part of St Margaret Mary's whole school evaluation and planning process. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at StMM's.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete, closing on Friday 9th June. Please complete the survey using the following link.



Tell Them From Me

Semester One Reports

The teachers are in the final stages of writing report comments for each student based on their learning throughout the first Semester. When writing student reports, our teachers use data from many assessments, daily work samples, participation and student responses during class activities and daily observations, in accordance with the outcomes and standards outlined in the NSW Curriculum.

Each grade introduces different concepts, content units and skills which can increase in difficulty from the year before. It is therefore possible that your child's achievement level in a particular Key Learning Area may change.

Semester One Reports will be sent home digitally to parents on **Friday Week 8 via Compass**. A hard copy of your child's Semester One Report will be sent home on Tuesday Week 9.

Student Reports

Parent, Student and Teacher Conferences

During Week 9 and 10 parents, students and teachers will be able to meet and connect regarding your child's strengths and on-going learning goals.



We would like to remind all parents to ensure their child accompanies them to this meeting. True partnership between school and home means that common goals can be established and developed more effectively and efficiently. Working together assists the children's development and learning in so many ways.

Parents will need to log on to the Compass Parent Portal App to book an individual 10 minute time slot to meet their child's teacher. Bookings will open next week. Further details and information will be sent to all parents early next week.

Additional Staff Professional Learning Days

As per the letter sent home in last weeks newsletter from the CSPD regarding extra Staff Professional Learning days.

These dates are as follows:

Monday 17th July (Day 1 Term 3)

Monday 9th October (Day 1 Term 4)

Tuesday 10th October (Day 2 Term 4)

Teaching & Learning

Jarara Cultural Centre Yarn

On Thursday, 1st June 2023 Ted Langford from Jarara Cultural Centre came for a visit to our school and had a yarn with us. He explained to us about the clapping sticks, boomerang, didgeridoo, and emu caller and how they are played and used for different reasons. We also heard the story of Emu in the Sky and how we should only take what we need from the environment.

By Aria R and Stevan H



Personnel Growth

Principal's Morning Tea

The principal's morning tea with Mr Mills will be held on Friday 9th June. Students who have received a Pillar Award in each of the following: Faith Community, Teaching & Learning, Personal Growth & Partnership, will receive a Principal's Award and attend the morning tea with Mr Mills.

Mr Mills is looking forward to the celebration with the students.

Morning Assembly

This Monday 5th June assembly was led by Mrs Borg as Mr Mills journeyed to Canberra with Year Six on Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs Borg congratulated the Stage 3 girls who attended the soccer gala day on Friday 2nd June at Jamison Park, Penrith, representing St Margaret Mary's against other schools in the Parramatta Diocese.



Mrs Borg introduced the Pre-Service Teachers from the Australian Catholic University (ACU) that will be with us for a few weeks learning about the vocation

of teaching.

Zara from Year Five said the school prayer in front of the school on the account of the Year Six students travelling to Canberra.

By: Matthew B & Marcus P



Personnel Growth

Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day

On Friday 2nd June selected girls from Year Five and Year Six participated in the Girls Soccer Gala Day in Jamison Park, Penrith. The teachers and coaches that came with us on the bus to Penrith were Mr Maunick and Mr Tenido. We were split into two teams, Sky and Navy, and the two teams played 7 games each. The Sky team had 2 wins, 2 ties and 3 losses. The Navy Team had 1 win, 4 ties and 2 losses. Each game went for 10 minutes with no half time and after each game we would get a 10 or 15 minute break. We had a great time at the Soccer Gala Day.

Thank you to the staff who prepared us for this amazing event.

By Ella K



Selection to Represent StMM's

Following our guideline of **ARM** is a key to be selected to represent StMM's at an event outside the school. We have in the past declined students the privilege of representing StMM's due to their inability to live out these guidelines.

Attitude: you must choose and bring a positive attitude to the event.

Respect: you must show respect to all individuals: staff referees, competitors, teammates.

Manners: you must use your manners at all times: at school, travelling, during the competition.



WEEK 8 WELLBEING WEEK



As we approach the end of Term 2, in Week 8, StMM will be hosting Wellbeing Week.

Students will engage in different activities throughout the week.

There will be no homework during Wellbeing Week. It will be a week where your child can have a break from their usual homework routine and spend quality time with parents and friends.

Please take note of the uniform changes for next week:

Monday: King's Birthday Public Holiday (no school)

Tuesday: Full Winter uniform for School Photos

Wednesday: FREE CHOICE uniform

Thursday: FREE CHOICE uniform

Friday: MUFTI DAY to celebrate Wellbeing Week and as a reward for good behaviour from StMM students!