



# St Margaret Mary's School

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Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September **Bulletin** 2023 Term 3 Week 10

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and children,

With the announcement of my news last week, I have been overwhelmed by our community's many kind words and best wishes. It is very important for all in our school that my resignation as principal at StMM's was a very difficult one, as I have thoroughly enjoyed my ten years and am extremely happy as part of this community. I will be here for all of Term 4 and will take the appropriate time later in the year to share some thoughts about my wonderful time at StMM's.



God Bless & Take Care,

*Kevin Mills*  
Kevin Mills

### **The Importance of Forgiveness**

Father Richard Rohr reminds us of the power of forgiveness:

When all is said and done, the gospel comes down to forgiveness. I'd say it's the whole gospel. It's the beginning, the middle, and the end. People who know how to forgive have known how good it feels to be forgiven, not when they deserved it, but precisely when they didn't deserve it.

If we're Christian, we've probably said the "Our Father" ten thousand times. The words just slip off our tongues: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." By saying this prayer, we've asked and prayed for forgiveness. Notice the full correlation between how we give and how we receive: "Forgive us as we forgive." They're the same movement. We need to know that we need mercy, we need understanding, and then we also need to know how to give it. Each flows with the energy of the other.

If we're honest, none of us have lived the gospel. None of us have loved as we could love, or as we have been loved by God. I talk about it from the pulpit much better than I live it. And yet that very recognition - that I have not yet lived love—allows me to stand under the waterfall of infinite mercy. It's only then that I know how to let mercy flow through me freely. That I receive it undeservedly allows me to give it undeservedly.

*If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.*  
Matthew 6:14-15

*Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me?*  
*Seven times? No, not seven times, Jesus says, "but seventy times seven!"*  
Matthew 18:21-22

*Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing.*  
Luke 23:34

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## Teaching & Learning

### Year 4 Ranger Jamie Science Incursion - Forces

On Thursday 12th October, Year 4 will be participating in a Ranger Jamie Science Incursion.



During this action-packed incursion, students will engage with the power of forces as they participate in a series of scientific experiments and investigations. They'll be challenged to describe and interact with different contact and non-contact forces, including push and pull forces.

### Year 3 Dance Incursion - "Zingactiv"

During Term 4, Year 3 students will be participating in dance lessons run by "Zingactiv". These fun lessons will take place each Wednesday in the hall. We ask that all Year 3 students wear their sports uniform on Wednesdays, as well as Thursdays and Fridays in Term 4. This exciting program will explore music, movement, the 'elements of dance', physical coordination, creativity, and social interaction for our Year 3 students.

## Literacy Competition Winners



## Personal Growth

### Monday Morning Assembly

On the 18th September we had a morning assembly. First, Mr Mills told us that it was going to be above 30 degrees today and that we had to drink lots of water and maybe



stay inside for recess and lunch because if we are allowed outside we must only walk and talk under the shade. He also told us a fact that if you pour water on yourself because it is hot you will get hotter. After that, we had our school prayer.

Mr Mills called out seven year 6 students and two year 4 students and said that the year 4 students were fighting. He told us that Jesus said "Forgive not 7 times but 77 times" and then got the rest of the 77 year six students to come up. After that, Mr Mills told us to think of someone at home that you need to forgive and not forgive them 7 times but 77 times. Then at the end we sang the national anthem and went back up to class.

*Rebecca S & Louna M*





## Faith & Community

### House of Welcome

On Thursday 14th September, two students from Year 6 and two students from Year 5 were selected to go to the House Of Welcome with Mrs Kubti and Mr Mills. At the House Of Welcome we dropped off food donations we collected throughout the Term 3 Winter Appeal. Once we arrived, they were so pleased to have all of the delicious snacks because they would normally get the essentials like bread, water and meats. This shows how lucky we are to have these snacks nearly every day at recess. I learned to be grateful for what I have. They

were very happy, and it felt so good to help others.

*Levi S*



### Wellbeing Week

To celebrate wellbeing week, we chose any type of uniform (sport or regular) to wear for the whole week. The students attempted to guess the code for a safe that was presented by Mr Mills, as many different students try to predict



what could possibly be inside of the safe. We did many different activities on wellbeing week, one of which being a fundraising event. On Thursday, we got to wear all yellow. It was **R U OK DAY**. We celebrated this by showing our care to the people through their hard times overcoming obstacles in life.

On Friday, there was a handball competition, with a prize of a free handball given to people who showed sportsmanship and good skill. Thanks to the hard work of staff members of STMM, we had a fun Wellbeing Week.

*Roy K & Prince B*



### StMM Parish International Food Festival

#### INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL

**Saturday, 21 October at 7pm in the Parish Hall**

**TICKETS GO ON SALE THIS WEEKEND**

**Adults \$20\* Children 3-12 years \$10\***

**Infants (under 3 years) Free**

*\*includes one bottled water*

Tickets will be available from the Piety Shop after all weekend Masses and selected weekday Masses, and from the Parish Office during working hours. There's always a last-minute rush, so buy yours early!

**FOOD PROVIDERS** - Please note that the information session will be held in the Pastoral Centre on **Saturday, 23 September at 9:15am (after the 8:30am Mass)**. It is essential for food providers either to attend this meeting, or if unable to attend to contact **Belinda Tlopetta** beforehand (0401 587 677).

**CULTURAL PERFORMANCES** - Any performer representatives who haven't contacted **Peter Carroll** (0414 070 082) should do so ASAP, as the program will be finalised soon.

**PRIZE DONATIONS** - Although the initial response for prize donations for the raffle, door prize, coin tosses, etc. has been short of expectations, there's still time to bring new items (e.g. homewares, electronics, toys, sporting equipment, business vouchers/gift cards) to the Piety Shop or Parish Office. Enquiries please contact **Mike Jacobson** (0438 590 136).



## Important Dates for Term 4

<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Opens for Term 4</li> <li>Staff Professional Learning Day</li> <li><b>This is a student Free Day</b></li> </ul>		<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr 3 Kaleidoscope Science Incursion</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff Professional Learning Day</li> <li><b>This is a student Free Day</b></li> </ul>		<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr 5 Motiv8sports Incursion</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TERM 4 - Students return in Full Summer Uniform</li> <li>Yr 3 Zingactiv Dance Classes</li> </ul>		<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feast of Christ the King</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr 4 Ranger Jamie Science Incursion</li> </ul>		<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>P&amp;F Secondhand Uniform Sale 9am – 9.30am</li> </ul>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feast of St Margaret Mary's</li> <li>P&amp;F Secondhand Uniform Sale 9am – 9.30am</li> <li>11.30am Liturgy</li> </ul>		<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr 7 2024 Delany College Orientation Day</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open Classrooms 2pm – 3pm</li> <li>Back to StMM's (<i>Ex Students</i>) 2.45pm -3.15pm</li> </ul>		<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr 5 Kaleidoscope Science Incursion</li> <li>Yr 3 Zingactiv Dance classes</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr 3 Zingactiv Dance classes</li> </ul>		<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr 3 Motiv8sports Incursion</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>StMM's Feast Day 'Fun Day'</li> </ul>		<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr 1 Ranger Jamie Incursion</li> </ul>		<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gilroy Nursing Home Visit</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr 3 Zingactiv Dance classes</li> <li>Kindy 2024 Parent Information Evening 6.00pm – 7.00pm</li> </ul>		<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr 7 2024 Patrician Brothers Fairfield Orientation Day</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kindy Motiv8sport Incursion</li> </ul>		<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr 6 Graduation Mass 6pm</li> </ul>
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kindy Binwise Incursion</li> </ul>		<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr 6 Graduation Dinner 6pm – 9.30pm</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Saints Day</li> <li>Kindy 2024 9am – 10:30am</li> <li>Student Orientation Morning 1</li> <li>Parent Information Session 1</li> <li>Yr 3 Zingactiv Dance classes</li> </ul>		<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Souls Day</li> </ul>		<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr 6 Fun Day</li> </ul>
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>P&amp;F Secondhand Uniform Sale 9am – 9.30am</li> <li>Yr 7 2024 Cerdon College Orientation Day</li> </ul>		<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thanksgiving Christmas Liturgy</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kindy 2024 9am – 10:30am</li> <li>Student Orientation Morning 2</li> <li>Parent Information Session 2</li> <li>Yr 3 Zingactiv Dance classes</li> </ul>		<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last Day of School for Students</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr 7 2024 Parramatta Marist Orientation Day</li> <li>Invitational Swimming Trials Yr 2 – Yr 5 Students 9am – 11am</li> </ul>		<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr 7 2024 Catherine McAuley Orientation Day</li> </ul>		<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff Professional Learning Day</li> <li><b>This is a student Free Day</b></li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stage 3 Basketball Gala Day</li> </ul>		<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff Professional Learning Day</li> <li><b>This is a student Free Day</b></li> <li>School Closes for 2023</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kindy 2024 9am – 10.30am</li> <li>Student Orientation Morning 3</li> <li>Parent Information Session 3</li> <li>Yr 5 Leadership Excursion Teen Ranch</li> <li>Yr 3 Zingactiv Dance classes</li> <li>Yr 7 2024 St Pauls Orientation Day</li> </ul>			
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>P&amp;F Disco</li> </ul>			
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr 3 Zingactiv Dance classes</li> </ul>			



## Coding with Cubetto

Explore the world of coding with Cubetto the Coding Robot! Join us and meet Cubetto, a playful wooden robot that will open the world of programming through adventure and hands on play!

**Suitable for ages 6 to 10**

**Bookings are required and will open one week prior at 9am. Sessions are identical, please only book one.**

### Guildford Library

Tuesday 26 September

Session 1: 2:15pm to 3:15pm

Session 2: 3:30pm to 4:30pm

### Regents Park Library

Thursday 5 October

Session 1: 2:15pm to 3:15pm

Session 2: 3:30pm to 4:30pm

### Wentworthville Library

Friday 29 September

Session 1: 2:15pm to 3:15pm

Session 2: 3:30pm to 4:30pm

**Parents must remain on the premises while the session is in progress.**

## Drama Workshop

Do you have a burning desire to perform, be the centre of attention and, learn the skills to give an academy award winning performance? Join us for this exciting Drama Workshop that will be hosted by professional acting teachers who will give you the confidence and skills to shine!

**Suitable for ages 12 to 17**

**Session run from 10am to 12pm**

**Bookings are required and will open one week prior at 9am.**

### Regents Park Library

Wednesday 27 September



# School Holiday Activities

## Term 4

FREE!



To make a booking or for more information, please scan the QR code or visit [www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/library-holidays](http://www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/library-holidays)

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## Storytime at the Library

We have a number of exciting Storytimes at our Libraries these School Holidays!

**Suitable for ages 5 to 11**  
**All sessions start at 11am**  
**No bookings are required.**

### **Around the universe with Australian Author Julia Parkes**

Join us for a trip around the universe with Australian author Julia Parkes who will take you on an exciting adventure in her new book "Why Can't We Go to Mars for a Holiday?"

#### **Merrylands Library**

Monday 25 September

#### **Wentworthville Library**

Wednesday 4 October

### **Moon Festival Bilingual Storytime**

Join us at this special Bilingual Storytime to celebrate the Moon Festival, a traditional festival celebrated in many cultures! The session will be held in both Mandarin and English.

#### **Auburn Library**

Thursday 28 September

### **Storytime with Award Winning Australian Author Mariam Latifi**

Award winning author Mariam Latifi will be joining us for a Special Storytime to share her book "A to Z of Mini Muslims"

#### **Granville Library**

Thursday 5 October

All children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Please aim to arrive 10 minutes beforehand so that the sessions can begin on time.

## Mike's Nutrition Mission Show

Mike, Bobby Broccoli and Candice the Caterpillar will be joining us to teach kids how to look after themselves and make healthy choices! This fun and interactive show has songs and awesome characters that will delight both children and adults.

**Suitable for ages 5 to 11**  
**All sessions run from 1:30pm to 2:30pm**  
**Bookings are required and will open one week prior at 9am.**

#### **Auburn Library**

Monday 25 September

#### **Merrylands Library**

Tuesday 26 September

All children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Please aim to arrive 10 minutes beforehand so that the sessions can begin on time.

## Escape Room

Due to popular demand, Detective Casey Closed is back! Detective Casey Closed has left you a strange message and now she has gone missing. Help us follow the clues to find her and solve the case!

**Suitable for ages 13 to 16**  
**Bookings are required and will open one week prior at 9am. Sessions are identical, please only book one.**

#### **Merrylands Library**

Friday 6 October

Session 1: 2pm to 3pm

Session 2: 3:30pm to 4:30pm

## Sydney Thunder Cricket Literacy Program

Join the team from Sydney Thunder for a fun session of cricket skills followed by a story at Granville Library. These sessions are for primary school children.

**Suitable for ages 6 to 12**  
**Session run from 2:30pm to 3:30pm**  
**Bookings are required and will open one week prior at 9am. Sessions are identical, please only book one.**

#### **Granville Library**

Wednesday 27 September

Wednesday 4 October

Parents must remain on the premises while the session is in progress.

## Lego Games

Explore designing and making by constructing your own miniature versions of classic games!

**Suitable for ages 5 to 12**  
**All sessions run from 10am to 12pm**  
**Bookings are required and will open one week prior at 9am.**

#### **Greystanes Library**

Wednesday 4 October

#### **Lidcombe Library**

Friday 29 September

#### **Regents Park Library**

Friday 6 October

#### **Wentworthville Library**

Tuesday 26 September

Parents must remain on the premises while the session is in progress.

## Family Movie

Lights! Camera! Action! Join us to watch two beloved brothers from a famous console game!

**Suitable for ages 5+**

**All sessions start at 2:30pm**

**Bookings are required and must be made for each person attending. Bookings will open one week prior at 9am.**

#### **Auburn Library**

Thursday 28 September

#### **Merrylands Library**

Thursday 5 October

All children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Please aim to arrive 10 minutes beforehand so that the sessions can begin on time.

## Board Games

Join us for a fun morning of board games!

**Suitable for ages 5+**

**Families are welcome**

**All sessions run from 10am to 12pm**

**Bookings are required and will open one week prior at 9am.**

#### **Guildford Library**

Thursday 28 September

#### **Greystanes Library**

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 Turn over for more programs