Welcome back to another busy term.

Next Week’s Happenings

**Thursday 13th October**

**St Margaret Mary’s Feast Day**

**MUFTI DAY** - Gold Coin Donation.

Mass—9.00 in the church

Parents Visit Classrooms (except swimming classes 6R, 6B, 6Y & 5B)

Parents to join Students for morning tea

**Monday 17th October**

8.40 School Prayer and Assembly

St Margaret Mary’s Feast Day

Swimming Program continues for Year 4, 5 & 6

**Tuesday 18th October**

**Wednesday 19th October**

Kindergarten 2012 Orientation Day

Wednesday 23rd November

Sunday 27th November

Sunday 4th December

Thursday 8th December

Sunday 11th December

Monday 12th December

Tuesday 13th December

Thursday 15th December

Friday 16th December

Monday 19th December

Tuesday 20th December

Monday 30th January 2012

Notes Home This Week

**Leaving**

If you know your child/ren will not be returning to this school in 2012 please let the office know as soon as possible.

**Important Dates for Term 4:**

**Monday 10th October**

Swimming Program commences for Year 4, 5 & 6.

**Wednesday 12th October**

Tabloid Sports Carnival

St Margaret Mary’s Feast Day Celebrations - 9.00am Mass

Mufti Day - Gold Coin Donation for St Vincent de Paul

Parents to visit classrooms (except classes at swimming 6B, 6R, 6Y & 5B)

Parents to have morning tea with students.

**Monday 17th October**

Swimming Program continues for Years 4, 5 & 6

**Wednesday 19th October**

Kindergarten 2012 parent meeting 7.00pm in the LARC.

**Monday 24th October**

Swimming Program commences for Years 1, 2 & 3

**Wednesday 26th October**

Year 5 Camp Toukley

**Thursday 27th October**

Year 5 Camp Toukley

**Friday 28th October**

Year 5 Return from Camp Toukley

**Monday 31st October**

Swimming Program continues for Years 1, 2 & 3

**Tuesday 1st November**

All Saints Day

Whole School Mass 9.00am

All Souls Day

**Wednesday 2nd November**

Kindergarten 2012 Orientation Day

Kindergarten 2012 Orientation Day

**Wednesday 9th November**

Kindergarten 2012 Orientation Day

Remembrance Day

**Thursday 10th November**

Feast of Christ the King

Invitational Swimming Carnival

P&F Annual General Meeting

1st Sunday of Advent

**Friday 11th November**

2nd Sunday of Advent

Feast of Immaculate Conception

P&F Christmas Disco

3rd Sunday of Advent

**Monday 12th December**

Year 6 Graduation

Year 6 Reward Day Aquatic Centre

Thanksgiving Mass 9.00am Whole School

School finishes for Students for 2011

Staff Development Day

School Closes for 2011

School Resumes for Students

**Sunday 20th November**

**Tuesday 22nd November**

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**Sunday 27th November**

**Sunday 4th December**

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Thank you

The staff and students of St Margaret Mary’s School would like to say a very big thank you to the Parents and Friends Association for the donation of $20,000.00.

St Margaret Mary’s Feast Day Celebrations

Parents are invited to celebrate this day with us. Starting with Mass at 9.00am in the church, followed by a visit to your child’s class (except for classes at swimming 6B, 6R, 6Y & 5B). You are then invited to have morning tea with your child.

As this day will also be a MUFTI DAY to raise money for St Vincent de Paul, we are asking for a GOLD COIN donation.

Student Validation

All families should have received a student validation form from the Catholic Education Office Parramatta. These forms need to have all information checked especially contact details for parents and if there are any changes to your child's medical condition. This information is used by the school office for the purpose of contacting parents in the case of an illness/ injury to a student.

All forms must be returned to the school office no later than 28th October.

Tuckshop Roster

Term 4 Week 1/2

Thursday October 13  L. Saliba
Friday October 14
Monday October 17
Tuesday October 18  H. Maroun, L. McLeay
Wednesday October 19  A. Boulous, P. Georges

BIRTHDAYS

Micheline Beshara  Ethanael Gamundoy  Andrew Jerald Alexis  Tamsyn Balogh-Caristo
Emma Balogh-Caristo  Sharmaine Dela Cruz  Fred Ibrahim  Sror Yatoma
Alexia Harb  Elissa Miraziz  Nana Bobby  Katrina Sallit
Joseph Wizler  Holly Ibrahim  Patrick Elkorr  Jeffrey Farah
Andre Boustani  Louisa Aoun  Ali Toufan  Jamie Goutos
Jonathan Li  Joel Incognito  Genalyn Sarmiento  Aleyna Karacan
Mayual Manyang  Olivia Davison  Georgio Abi Nader  Daphne Yanga
Nicholas Azar

Congratulations to all those children who celebrate their birthday around this time.
Our school swimming program commenced on Monday 10th October for students in Years 4, 5 & 6. The lessons will be run over Weeks 1 & 2 (Monday 10th October—Friday 21st October). Students in Years 1, 2 & 3 will begin the program in Weeks 3 & 4 (Monday 24th October—Friday 11th November).

Children are to wear their school uniform to school. They will change into their swim wear at school before attending their lesson.

Children must bring in a bag each item clearly labelled with name and class:
- Swimming costume/board shorts
- A towel
- A T-shirt or jumper to wear to and from the pool, not to swim in
- Thongs or sandals to wear to the pool
- Underwear to change into after swimming classes

This program is part of the PD/H/PE syllabus; all children in years 1-6 should participate in the program.

Sacred Heart Primary Spring Fete
Come and join the fun.
Stalls including High tea, Café, Craft, Books, Plants and much more.
We will also have a Kids Zone including pony rides, balloons, face painting and rides.

Where: 12 Ralph Street Westmead
When: Sunday 30th October 2011
10.40am—4.00pm

Merrylands Amateur Swimming Club:
Do you want to get fit and have fun in a Heated Swimming Pool?

Come and join us at Merrylands Amateur Swimming Club

When: Saturday mornings 7.00-9.00am from October to March
Where: Merrylands Swimming Centre, Burnett St Merrylands
Who: Children and parents of all ages and standards, from dog paddles to champions.
Enquires: Visit our website: www.merrylandsasc.asn.au or call Ian Wilson on 0422 006 876

EARN AND LEARN

Last Chance

The Woolworths Earn & Learn campaign has now been extended until the 18th October 2011. During the Earn & Learn campaign will get you one Woolworths Earn & Learn point for every $10 you spend in store (excluding the purchase of cigarettes, alcohol and gift cards or purchases made at Caltex Woolworths co-branded fuel outlets).

Points will automatically appear on your shopping docket, which you simply bring into the school office and place in the Woollies Earn & Learn Box.

Sports for Schools Promotion

Don’t forget to keep collecting the Sports for School vouchers from Coles and drop them into the collection box in the school office. The more vouchers we collect the more equipment we can get for our school. This promotion is in its last week, so keep those vouchers coming in.

Rollercoasters
For kids whose families are changing
Group activities for children age 6-11 who are experiencing & struggling with family separation, parents’ divorce or family changes.
Six Mondays 24th October to 28th November, 2011
Time: 4.00 pm—5.00pm. After school
Venue: 2A Villiers Street Parramatta
Bookings: 99330222 to reserve a place
Cost: $5.00 per child per session (includes snack)
Topics Covered:
Week 1: Everything is different
Week 2: Is it my fault?
Week 3: I wish everything was back to normal
Week 4: I am so mad!
Week 5: How can I manage?
Week 6: What I have learned?
Safe school travel

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Tips to improve children's safety around your school
- Children aged four years to under seven years must be secured in a forward facing restraint or booster seat.
- Children aged four years to under seven years cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows, unless all other back seats are occupied by children younger than seven years in a child restraint or booster seat.
- Children should always get in and out of the car through the rear kerb side or 'safety door'.
- Always drop your children on the school side of the road.
- Meet your children on the school side of the road, preferably at the school gate – particularly in wet weather.
- NEVER call to your children from across the road. Teach them to wait until you come to them. Talk with them about what they should do if you are not there on time.
- Children up to at least eight years old should hold an adult’s hand in the car park, on the footpath and when crossing the road. Children between eight and at least ten years old should be closely supervised by an adult in the traffic environment and should hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road.
- Talk your child through the ‘STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!’ routine every time you cross the road together:
  - STOP! One step back from the kerb.
  - LOOK! For traffic to your right, left and right again.
  - LISTEN! For the sounds of approaching traffic.
  - THINK! Whether it is safe to cross.
  - Always look and listen for traffic as you cross the road.
- Always slow to 40km/h when travelling in an operating school zone.
- Always obey parking signs as these signs help save children’s lives.
- NEVER leave a child of any age in a vehicle without adult supervision. A small child may rapidly suffer dehydration, heat exhaustion and consequent organ failure. Older children could play games that may lead to tragedy.
- Always drop-off and pick-up your children from your school’s designated area, following your school’s road safety procedures with care and courtesy.
- Many schools have adopted a school ‘Drop-off and Pick-up’ zone – a facility that is convenient for drivers while enhancing the safety of children.

For a free copy of the School ‘Drop-off and Pick-up’ initiative brochure, Stock No 4509 4011, containing information on establishing this initiative at your school, contact the RTA.

Offence and penalty when committed in an operating school zone

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*These values are higher for provisional drivers and are doubled during designated holiday/long weekend periods.