



St Margaret Mary's School

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Bulletin

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Diary Dates

Thursday, 13th June

- Stage 3 NRL Eels Cup
- Mini Vinnies Incursion

Friday, 14th June

- TTFM Survey ENDS

Monday, 17th June

Tuesday, 18th June

Wednesday, 19th June

- Yrs 5 & 6 'Charlie & The Chocolate Factory'- Capitol Theatre

Enrolment

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2020 are now taking place. If your child was born between 1st August, 2014 and 31st July, 2015, please collect an enrolment form from the school office.

Enrolment interviews will take place during the month of May.

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.

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**.



Principal's Message

Fr Michael's Reflection on Pentecost

(with Mr Mills' adjustments)

Dear Parents, Boys and Girls,

Last Sunday we celebrated Pentecost with the entrance antiphon setting the mood for the Mass. We were reminded that 'the Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world'. The Responsorial Psalm had the same theme: 'the earth is full of God's riches'.

It is so important that we keep reminding ourselves of this truth that we acclaim in every Mass: 'heaven and earth are filled with your glory'. It is impossible to read a newspaper or watch the television news without a sickening reminder that the face of the earth can be very ugly. To the extent that our own personal lives are also disturbed (and to some extent this can be true of all of us), we can easily get the impression that everything is falling apart. Yet we have just prayed (Entrance Antiphon): 'The Spirit of the Lord holds all things together'.



Whatever ugliness there is in our world, it is on the surface. The real power and the real energy and the real life that is pulsing through the universe is the power and energy of love: the love of God's Holy Spirit. The world is like a huge room on which the sun of God's love is always shining. When we sin we pull down the blind and draw the curtains, thus plunging our lives into darkness - but we do not stop the sun shining. In the dark, we stumble, and we hurt ourselves and one another; we are lost and insecure, and we do ugly things. But Pentecost reminds us that the Spirit of God's love is there. Our task is to lift the blind and open the curtains and welcome God's entrance. Hence the prayer we have just prayed as a response to the Psalm: 'Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth'.

If we do this together, then we are the kind of community in which Jesus takes delight, and we will continue to expand our hearts to be filled by God and to welcome all who feel drawn to the heart of God. If today we earnestly pray: 'Lord, send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth', what we are really praying is that we ourselves will be open to God's love and God's inspiration. This may not remove from us the cross, but we will be astonished at the difference that welcoming God's love and grace will make to the world, and if enough people do it, the face of the earth will indeed be renewed, for God's love is a fire. It purifies, but it gives light and warmth. And whose heart does not long for both?

This is the message we want to share with our children and all those in our wonderful community at St Margaret Mary's. If we follow the theme of Pentecost then the hands of Jesus are really working within our school. Thus the face of Jesus is seen every day in all our dealings with each other and our wider community.

God Bless

Mr Kevin Mills

Principal

Personal Growth

Year 6 Canberra Excursion

In week five Year Six spent three days in Canberra, here are some of their reflections.

What did I learn from the places in Canberra?

I learnt about the National Triangle and the way Canberra was designed based on the land. I also learnt that there are now 151 electorates in Australia for the House of Representatives.
Cindy Gao



In Canberra, I learnt that in the War Memorial, you can drop coins into the in-built lake to pay your respects to those soldiers that fought during the war.
Effie

I learnt about all the past prime ministers in Old Parliament house. I also learnt that there are now 151 electorates and not 150. Also what the different kind of ships, aircrafts and submarines were like in the War Memorial.
Nevah

I learnt many new things about parliament, history and science and how WiFi was invented in Australia. I also learnt about embassies, voting and many other interesting things.
Jackson

What I learnt from the places in Canberra was how interesting it was and how voting works.
Jordan



I learnt that there are 151 electorates and I also learnt that for gymnastics Olympics there are 6 activities for men and 4 for women and I learnt what happened in the wars.
Sarah D



Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (Pacer)

Students from our school recently undertook an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.



Teaching & Learning

Year 5 Science

On Monday and Tuesday, Year 5 were cooking and made delicious desserts and foods. It was a part of our Science unit to make recipes using solids, liquids and gases.



We have been looking at how heating and cooling items can cause them to change states. For example, when an egg is cooked, it turns from a liquid to a solid. We all worked together in groups in the kitchen down in the library. It was a fun experi-



ence for all of us. Before we went home in the afternoon we ate all of the delicious desserts and foods that the groups made. Every-



one enjoyed the afternoon and had a chance to talk with friends about the fun day that they had. If you want to see some of the photos from our big two days in the kitchen, please go to the school website, click on 'community' and then click on 'gallery.' A big thank you to the Year 5 teachers who organised these two days for us especially, Miss Laguzza.

Talia Moses and Sophia Khamis

Yr 4 Receive Lucky "Golden Tickets"

On Tuesday after the Pentecost Liturgy, Mr Mills and Mrs Antonucci announced that there were 10 tickets remaining for Charlie and the Chocolate Factory! Just as the characters from the story found the golden tickets, the Year 4 students were going to have a chance to win some golden tickets too! The Year 4 teacher's wrote down all the names of students in Year 4 and then they were pulled out of a basket randomly! Congratulations to all the children who were chosen.

Talia Moses and Joseph Doueihy
Media Team.



Faith Community

Pentecost Prayer



On 11th June, straight after primary recess we held a liturgy to celebrate the birthday of the church which is known as Pentecost. We had several readers and a



liturgical movement performed by Mini Vinnies. Our beautiful choir sang Receive the Power by Guy Sebastian at the end of the liturgy. To celebrate the day, during infants and primary lunch, Mini Vinnies students were in charge of selling lolly bags and jelly cups made by Mini Vinnies students. We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Attard and Mrs Prendergast for all their help and to the Mini Vinnies students who prepared the lolly bags and jelly cups at home.

*Yasmine &
Rhos
Media Team*



Parent Feedback—Tell Them from Me Survey

This is the final week to complete the **Tell Them From Me survey**. We are asking all parents in our community to take part in the survey. The online tool will become an important part of St Margaret Mary's whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite **you** to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning* survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Margaret Mary's.

Please complete the survey by the **14th of June, 2019**.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer by using the URL below:

www.tellthemfromme.com/stmms2019

If you are unable to complete the survey at home, please contact the school office and we will make arrangements for you.



Personal Growth

Crocheting

A number of students in Year 5 chose to join the Crocheting Club and spend their recess and lunch doing crocheting with Mrs Antonucci. This is an awesome time where we learn how to crochet and we hope one day you are able to join the Crochet Club. We have lots of fun and we are learning how to make a blanket. It is such a great experience and many of our family members have been talking to us about crocheting.

Isaac Zoumpoulis and Georgia Draiby



Earn and Learn

Thank you to our StMM school community for your continued support of the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program. The final day to collect stickers is 25th June. A collection box for the stickers is located in the student foyer for your convenience.



BIRTHDAYS



Angelina Doueihy	Thomas Yu	Janette El Bayeh
Tamara Elias	Louna Mahmoud	Jessica Samaan
Johny Saba	Yvanna Cartilla	Jonathan Azzi
Anyang Ayac	Levi Serhan	Aanush Lhakshmi
Gabriel AlGheth	Rien Zheng	Shania Gerges
Mikhaelo	Mikayla Gadd	Mariam Ghadban
Santos-Lorenzo		
Alexander Khoury	Sayasa Rai	Zeenat Mumtaz

Congratulations to all those children who celebrated their birthday around this time.

Faith Community

Year One Church Visit

The year one students and teachers visited St Margaret Mary's Church and met with Father Janusz. Father Janusz explained to the students the different symbols and features of the Church.

The students had a close view of the altar and Father Janusz showed and explained



the different liturgical objects and items required for the preparation of the Mass. The students had the opportunity to ask questions and learnt that the Church is a place of worship where we gather together as a Catholic community.



Miss Tuma's Wedding

On Saturday 8th June, the lovely Miss Tuma got married! It was a wonderful celebration of love and many students from St Margaret Mary's attended the church ceremony at St John the Beloved Church in Mount Druitt to see her on

her special day. The students looked very smart in their winter uniforms and after the ceremony was over, Miss Tuma and her husband Joseph invited all the students up onto the altar to have pictures with them. It was amazing to see so many families wanting to take part in the day and Miss Tuma was overwhelmed with gratitude at the amount of support shown. We hope Miss Tuma has a wonderful honeymoon and we look forward to her

return after the holidays.

