



St Margaret Mary's School

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Diary Dates

Thursday, 7th November

- Dance Fever Multisport.
- CPR Program for selected Year 5 Students.

Friday, 8th November

- Year 3 Science Incursion

Monday, 11th November

- Whole School Assembly and Prayer.
- Remembrance Day Service

Tuesday, 12th November

Wednesday, 13th November

- K2020 Orientation Morning 9:00 – 10:40am.
- K2020 Parent Information Session - Maths 9:00 - 10:40am

Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Boys & Girls,

Please find below a story written by Effie 6Y, a student from Mrs Ryan's writing group. Please enjoy.

Lost

Ben sauntered behind his year group, sighing heavily and keeping his gaze fixed on his shoes. He hated the art gallery, let alone having to visit it with the rest of year four. The constant murmurs of his class teacher wasn't helping brighten his mood, either. As the teacher announced that lunch was starting, the students flocked together in small groups, seating themselves down and becoming completely engrossed in conversation. Ben glanced up and assumed his regular position by himself. He sat there silently, observing the students. Ben had ached to be part of one of those friendship groups, but had long given up on fitting in. He liked being himself, a shy, ginger-freckled gaming nerd.



With no one to talk to, he stood up, pushing back his thick-rimmed glasses and blew a strand of wavy, umber-brown hair out of his face. Desperately trying to avoid eye contact with one of his teachers, he tried to make the most out of his dull excursion. He slowly wandered around the gallery, trying to find an interesting work of art. Venturing through, he passed strenuously tall wax statues, many glass-protected ornaments and various hanging oil paintings... none of which released Ben from the chains of boredom. Making his way back to the rest of year four, Ben felt his shoes dampen slightly. The distant sound of a high-pitched trumpet tumbled into Ben's ears, which gave him an alarming shock.

Ben spun around, and to his dismay, found a herd of elephants, charging straight out of the painting. Water heavily cascaded out of the artwork, seeping into reality. At Ben's demise, birds and felines tried to squish past the outflow of several other animals blocking the way. He tried to escape, but it was almost as if his feet were glued to the marbled surface of the floor. He tried to scream, only a muffled internal groan was audible. A panicked expression bore onto his face. He became paralyzed as chaos ensued and as water spilled...

By Effie Kapetangiannis 6Y

Mr Kevin Mills
Principal

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**.



Administration

Leaving

If you know your child/ren will not be returning to this school in 2020, please let the office know as soon as possible, in writing. It is a CEDP Policy that 10 school weeks notice is given to the principal before the removal of your child from the school, otherwise a full term fees will be required to be paid.

Student Banking 2019

Next week is the final week for student banking for 2019.

Student Banking will return in Week 6, Term 1, 2020.



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.



School Hours

Parents are reminded that lessons begin at 8:40am and finish at 3:00pm. Children should be at school by 8:30am.

There is no supervision in the mornings before 8:15am.

From 8:15am until 8:30am, it is a walk and talk time only. Students are reminded that there is to be NO running or ball games in the playground in the mornings.

Parents are also reminded that they need to collect their child/ren from school at 3:00pm. If you are running late please contact the school office.

Updating our Information

Having accurate, up-to-date information on our students is an important part of maintaining their safety and wellbeing, and supporting their learning. It also assists schools to make good decisions about how best to support and care for all students.

If any of your contact details have changed including Emergency contacts, please contact the school office to update these changes.

School Uniforms

All uniforms must be worn neatly and correctly. It is expected that children have suitable hairstyles appropriate to their age and school expectations. Long hair must be tied back. Our Sun Safe programs require students to wear our school cap or hat when outside. No Hat No Play. These hats and caps are available at the school office. Sleeper earrings and stud earrings may be worn. Simple signet rings may also be worn. No expensive jewellery is to be worn at school.

Attendance

CEDP has asked the school to reinforce the importance of attending school during the school term. Please be aware of your child's attendance at school and to take into consideration when booking holidays, this is to be done during the school holidays.

Monday Morning Assembly

On Monday, 4th November, we began our morning assembly with the hot sun blazing above us. Miss Fardella announced that Dance Fever would continue this week on both Wednesday and Thursday, classes should be wearing sports uniform when they go to Dance Fever. This Wednesday, we will also have the first Kindergarten Orientation morning and Parent Information Session from 9:00-10:40am. On Thursday, selected Year 5 students will be taking part in a CPR course run by Royal Life Saving. Finally, on Friday, Year 3 have a Science Incursion in the LARC. Mr Mills spoke about the basketball representatives from Year 6 that were at the Basketball Gala Day. He reminded us that if we were chosen to represent our school at a Gala Day we had to be on time as the bus will not be able to wait for you. We then sang our National Anthem and said the School Prayer together.



School Canteen

Important information about our school canteen for parents and students.

- All online orders must be placed before 9am.
- All over the counter orders to be placed by 8:40am at the canteen
- No late orders will be taken.
- The canteen will close 5 minutes before the end of recess and lunch to allow students to finish eating or drinking before line up time.

Students and parents are reminded to use their manners at all times when at the canteen.

Our Four Pillars of Learning

Students are reminded of the Four Pillars of Learning and how they are directly linked to our Award system. Mr Mills will hold a Principal's Morning Tea with students who have received an award for each Pillar and thus a Principal's Award. These morning tea's are held once a term.

Faith Community

At St Margaret Mary's School we believe our Faith Community encourages us to live our Catholic Faith. We practise our faith by participating in Liturgies, prayer and lessons. We want to follow our School Moto "Love the Truth" by listening, sharing and acting on the word of God.

Teaching & Learning

At St Margaret Mary's School we believe Teaching and Learning is working to the best of our ability in all Key Learning Areas. We work with other students, teachers and staff to ensure quality work and our best efforts. We want to work together, listening, sharing and helping others at all times.

Partnership

At St Margaret Mary's School we believe that Partnership is communicating, interacting and co-operating with others. Partnership is having a connection with others to have a go, it is agreeing on an idea and completing it together.

Personal Growth

At St Margaret Mary's School we believe Personal Growth allows us to set our individual goals and strive to achieve them. We use our gifts and talents when working towards our goals in the areas of learning and attitude. We want to show respect and be more like Jesus.

Faith Community

All Saints Day Mass

On Friday, 1st November, St Margaret Mary's gathered together as a school and parish community to celebrate All Saints



Day. Father Janusz presented a beautiful homily about all the Saints around our church and the Gospel was a passage from Matthew about the Beatitudes. After the homily, the Year 1 students led a reflection about the 9 Fruits of the Holy Spirit and where we see

them around our school. After Mass, Mr Tenido and several students hosted a mouth watering morning tea for the parishioners.

A special thank you to everyone who participated in the Mass and to the Year 1 teachers and students for their work in organising the Mass. Thank you to the choir who sang beautifully during this special event.

By Angelique Baaini, Mikayla Gadd and Isabella Blandon Year 5



Student Prayer and Making Rosary Beads

Last Tuesday, during their lunchtime, a group of



primary students made Rosary Beads in the Year 4 classroom. We made them using 10 small beads and a pipe cleaner so when we were finished, they could be used to pray a decade of the Rosary. The students had a lot of fun learning

how to make them! The Rosary Beads were made for Student Prayer which takes place on Wednesday mornings. We made lots of extra



sets so we could hand them out to children and parents who attended prayer. Thank you to all the children who took so much care in making the Rosary Beads and thank you to Mrs Attard for preparing the materials that the children used.

By Talia M and Jacinta M



Parents Speaking to Students

All issues arising at school between students need to be dealt with at school by St Margaret Mary's School Staff. We are more than happy for parents to contact the teachers or see staff who are on duty to deal with concerns. It is inappropriate for adults who are not caring for or have custody of the student, to speak to the child. We appreciate your support in this.

Personal Growth

Principals Morning Tea

Mr Mills will be holding a Principals morning tea on Thursday 14th November for the students who have received a principals award. There will be another Principals morning tea held at the end of the year. So keep working hard to receive a pillar award. Collect all 4 pillar awards to receive your principals award before the end of the year and have morning tea with Mr Mills.

Year 5 Leadership Process

The process for deciding the Captains for 2020 began when Year 5 went to camp at Vision Valley at the end of Term 3. The purpose of the camp was to put students in a variety of situations where they would need to show leadership.

Following this camp, students will have an opportunity to nominate students who they believe would make good leaders in 2020. When students are nominating, they must include reasons to support why this person would be a good leader. They are able to nominate up to 3 students. All staff members will also be able to nominate up to 3 students. Once the nominations have been collated, 12 students will be identified and they will have an opportunity to present speeches. Students will need to either accept or decline their nomination before they present their speeches. Please note that students will not be guaranteed a Colour Captain position if they decline their nomination for School Captain. The School Captains, School Vice Captains and Pillar Captains will then be decided from this group of 12.

Colour Captains will be decided at a later date using a different process.

Students are encouraged to remember that all of Year 6 are leaders of our school and this process only determines who will be wearing a badge.

The Debaters Luncheon

On the 30th October, Year 5 and 6 debaters went into the meeting room to have a luncheon organised by Mr Mills and Mrs Yenco. There was food served during the luncheon such as biscuits, pizza and chocolate popsicles and the drinks we had

were Coca Cola and water. The debaters had different discussions on how the debating rounds went and how they had a great time through learning new things. We thank you Mr Mills for putting together this great luncheon and Mrs Antonucci and Mrs Ryan for being there to help serve us the food and drinks at this amazing event.

By: Leonardo Beos and Jayden Nguyen



BIRTHDAYS



Joseph Doueichi

Mayullah Lamin

Mary Notaras

Luke Shang

Adam Ton

Paea Mataele

Edison Lin

Angela El-Helo

Jayden Othman

Julia Elias

Sena Pauls

Grace Zhang

Gabriella El-Gemayel

Yasmine Abraham

Ita Rajbhandari

Efthimia Kapetangiannis

Shirley Lou

Raquel Nasr

Eason Lin

Aliay Hawach

Jeremy Habib

Marcus Haddad

Raymond Hayek

Jad Hraiqes

Destiny Karam

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

TURN OFF SCREENS + get active!

Screens can be great for learning, play and communication. Too much screen time can be unhealthy. Try to sit less and move more.

TIPS TO MANAGE SCREEN TIME



Eat together as a family
No screens at meals for
parents and kids



Before screen time -
sleep, play outdoors, read
and enjoy family time



No screens in bedrooms,
especially at night



Take toys or books instead
of screens when going out



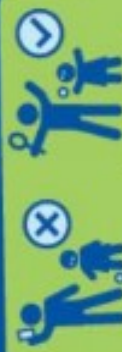
Monitor kids' screen time.
Set limits if needed



Sit less. Move more.
Move every hour



Help kids sleep. Stop using
screens 1 hour before bed



Parents - be a good
role model. Reduce your
screen time too



Dance to music, or play
video games that get
you on your feet



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