



St Margaret Mary's School

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Bulletin

Wednesday, 1st May 2019

Diary Dates

Thursday, 2nd May

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Friday, 3rd May

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Monday, 6th May

- Kindergarten 2020 interviews commence.

Tuesday, 7th May

- Diocesan Cross Country at Eastern Creek.

Wednesday, 8th May

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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

Dear Parents, Boys and Girls,

The following extract was sent to me this week in reference to this Sunday's Readings. Please take the time to reflect on the words and their impact on your daily life.

The thrust of today's readings is introduced in the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. The Jewish court expects Peter and John to blame them for crucifying Jesus. Instead the apostles speak of repentance and forgiveness. Forgiveness, because God wants them as he wants us to 'live to the full'. Repentance, because they, like ourselves, cannot welcome God's offer of forgiveness without a change of heart: a change in our way of thinking, in the choices we make and in our way of behaving. The killing of Jesus was an awful crime. The way Jesus kept trusting and kept believing and kept loving and kept offering forgiveness was the break-through which we needed to convince us that God truly is love and that the suffering that we bring on ourselves and on others through our sins is something we do. It is not brought about by the punishment of an angry God.

The Gospel is a beautiful scene of forgiveness. It is a reflection on the success of the ministry of the apostles, no longer catching fish in the lake of Galilee, but now welcoming people into the community of believers in which we share the Eucharist around a coal fire on the shore of the lake. This remarkable success – which continues in our day as the Church grows in numbers and in holiness – is not due to the expertise of the missionaries. We are told that they fished all night and caught nothing. Rather, the catch comes when the missionaries listen to the Spirit of the risen Jesus and follow his directions. Notice, too, that the net is not broken because it is Simon Peter who hauls it ashore. The author is underlining the importance of unity in the Christian community and reminding his readers that they must consciously belong to the wider Church that is built on the rock of Peter's faith.

Reflective Questions: Do you blame God for things in your life that go wrong?

Is your picture of God one of a punishing god?

How do you live life to the FULL?

Mr Kevin Mills
Principal

Administration

Car Pick Up

We have over 170 families now participating in the Car Pick up Service. So please be patient and please obey all road rules and be attentive when using this service.

Cars are to only join the car pick up line from Henson street via Mason street. Parents are NOT to join the line from Davies Street. **U-turns in a school zone are illegal** and cause traffic congestion.

Building Update

The renovations in the hall are not as yet complete, but as a school we will commence using the hall.

The Cola area is still a working progress. Electrical work followed by the plumbers are yet to be finalised.

The artificial grass will be installed on 13th May, according to the builder.

Student Attendance

Congratulations on your attendance in Term 1. We are currently at 89.6% for Term 1. Please remember attendance at school is very important in your child's learning.

Canteen Online

Canteen for Term 2 is NOW ONLINE ONLY. Cut off time for all orders is 9am on the day of the order, however, orders may be placed ahead of time.

Please note that orders are for LUNCH ONLY, recess is unavailable to be ordered.

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Head Lice Alert

We have had a number of reported cases of head lice in different grades across the school. We ask that parents check and treat your child/ren's hair and wash bed linen & school hats accordingly. Head Lice are an ongoing problem within schools, which can only be solved with parental support.

Winter Uniform

Students are required to return to school in winter uniform for Term 2 and 3. There will be a two week grace period for students. All students must be in full winter uniform by Monday, 13th May.

Student Medical Information

If your child/ren suffers from asthma or has a medical condition, and you have not informed the school office, could you please do so as soon as possible.

All medication must be brought to the school office by a parent and a medication form needs to be completed by the parent.

Faith Community

ANZAC Day Ceremony

On the 29th April, we gathered together as a community to remember the soldiers that woke up knowing that they had no choice but to fight for their country and their family and friends. On the 25th April around the world there was a dawn service to remember every soldier and every family member that fought for our country.



At our ceremony, we had symbols such as the red poppy, the statue of a soldier, a cross and an AN-ZAC Slouch Hat. It was lovely for us to reflect together on the sacrifice that they made for us.

Yasmine & Talia
Media Team



Holy Week Liturgy

We started our journey through Holy Week with Infants re-enacting Palm Sunday. Many students across the school joined together to make a spectacular performance. Some students from Infants took part in acting out Palm Sunday and singing the song 'Bless Our King'. They did an amazing job with presenting a good re-enactment. After Palm Sunday, Years 3 and 4 acted out Holy Thursday. In this part of the re-enactment we saw Jesus at the Last Supper when he shared the bread and wine and then Jesus' agony in the garden of Gethsemane. Finally, Year 5 and 6 took the stage and acted out Good Friday. We watched Jesus carry the cross around the church and suffer on the cross for our sins.

Thank you to all the children that took part and were very reverent during the liturgy.

A special thank you to Jesus who was played by

Anthony Baaini in Year 6.

Mikayla & Angelique
5Y



Teaching & Learning

Year 1 Excursion


On Friday, 5th April 2019, the Year One students and their teachers went on an excursion to the Seymour Theatre to watch the production Room on the Broom. The students and their teachers travelled by bus and first arrived at the beautiful Centennial Park to have an early lunch and played some games.



We then went back on the bus to travel to the Seymour Theatre and watched the show.

The students were very well behaved during the production. The play had special effects, many songs, jokes and fun which entertained the students. The students knew many of the words and lines as they have studied this text as part of their shared reading during literacy learning.

After a busy day the students arrived back at school tired and excited to share their adventures with their families.

A group of approximately ten students in school uniforms are sitting in a circle on a grassy field. They are wearing dark blue or black tracksuits with light blue accents. Some are wearing black bucket hats. They appear to be engaged in a group activity or discussion. The background shows a grassy area with some trees and a fence in the distance.

NAPLAN 2019

In 2019 most students across Australia will sit NAPLAN online. Our Year Three students will sit the paper writing test. Our Year Three and Year Five students will sit NAPLAN 2019 in a two-week block from 14th – 24th May. We will issue a timetable for your information next week. Below are some information sites for you to visit.

Online fact sheets for parents:

<https://www.nap.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/naplan-online-information-brochure-for-parents-and-carers.pdf>

Public demonstration for students to practise the skills of NAPLAN:

[https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site\](https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site/)

Youtube: Understanding NAPLAN online

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to see me.

Thank you
Jennifer Veness
Assistant Principal

Year 3 Excursion

It was 8:15am when it all began, all of Year 3 were jumping up and down with excitement. When it hit 8:20am we all ran into the library, got into our groups ready to go.

- Bianca P

When we first arrived at Sydney Tower we watched a 4D short film and it was so cool. The fire blew up in my face and there was real bubbles! All of sudden a great, big, terrifying shark appeared on the screen!

- Isabella R

When we went into Westfield we had to go up two escalators. When we were inside, we saw lots of facts about Sydney Tower on the walls. Did you know it took 6 years to build?

- Natalie C

After the movie we went to see the view. It was fantastic! We could see everything, we could even see a pool on the roof of a building!

- Lucas B



We had recess at Hyde Park and there were a lot of birds trying to eat our food! Next, we went to St Mary's Cathedral. It was huge and the altar was beautiful.

- Nickolas K

I loved going inside St Mary's Cathedral. It was so beautiful and we learnt that it was the first Catholic church in Sydney.

- Louie A



After we had our lunch, the bus took us back to school. I enjoyed our day in the city.

On the way back to school nearly everyone slept!

- Lily G



Partnership

P&F News

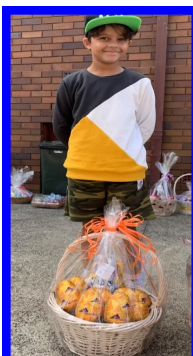
Two Mothers Days notes were sent out yesterday to the eldest child in your family. Please take a moment to read each note regarding the Mothers Day stall and the Mothers Day morning tea.

Easter Raffle

What better way to celebrate the upcoming Easter break than with a mufti day and Easter egg raffle! On Thursday 11th April, every child was asked to bring in an Easter egg for the Easter raffle. Several parents and the P&F kindly gave up their time to wrap baskets of eggs, some even as big as a washing basket!



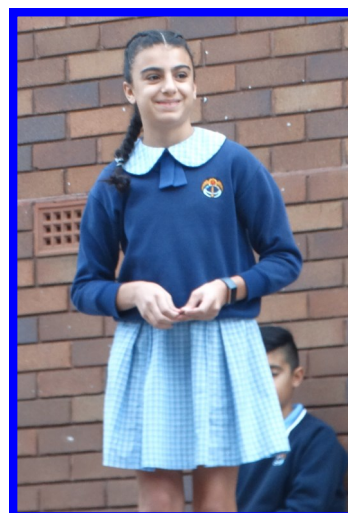
There was a buzz of excitement with every child wondering if they would be lucky enough to win a prize! It was a great way to wrap up the term and we thank all the parents that gave up their time to prepare and organise the raffle for us.



Personal Growth

Monday Morning Assembly

At our Monday morning assembly, Yasmine Abraham was presented with her badge for the Media Team. Mr Mills announced that everyone in the school is allowed to choose whether they want to wear summer or winter uniform depending on the weather for the first two weeks.



If the boys are going to wear their winter uniform, they need to have their top button done up and wear their tie to school. A reminder from Mr Mills that the canteen will be closed due to the refurbishment this term. Every child who wants to have a lunch order must order their lunch online.

By Keisha Manalansan and Isabella Blandon Cano
Media Team



BIRTHDAYS



Jaden Dsouza

Emilia Iglinski

Jacob Nguyen

Cheska Mendoza

Katherine Meksass

Julian Delgado Molina

Sophia Caraan

Yi Zhang

Joanne Farah

Edwin Khairallah

William Russell

Laura Nursoo

Jessica Ogbuehi

Grace Saab

Eden Khairallah

Wendy Wu

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

