



Diary Dates

Thursday, 16th May

- BOOKCLUB due today

Friday, 17th May

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Monday, 20th May

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Tuesday, 21st May

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Wednesday, 22nd May

- Primary Athletics Carnival at Holroyd Sports Ground.

Enrolments K2020

We are currently interviewing all applicants for our Kindergarten 2020 enrolments. If you have any family or friends wishing to enrol at St Margaret Mary's please contact the school office for an enrolment form.

School Fees

School fees are now due unless you have opted for an arrangement with the school for the year. If you have any queries regarding your statements please contact Maria in the school office.

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 & Girls,

Each week as a staff we share an element of our Catholic faith and this week it focussed on The Trinity and was written by Fr Richard Rohr. I thought it would be great to share this professional reading with our parent community.

Richard Rohr's Trinity: Take Your Place at The Table

This story inspired a piece of devotional religious art by iconographer Andrei Rublev (c. 1360–c. 1430): *The Hospitality of Abraham, or simply The Trinity*. As icons do, this painting attempts to point beyond itself, inviting a sense of both the beyond and the communion that exists in our midst.

There are three significant colours in Rublev's icon, each illustrating a facet of the Holy One: **Gold**: "the Father"—perfection, fullness, wholeness, the ultimate Source. **Blue**: "the Incarnate Christ"—both sea and sky mirroring one another (In the icon, Christ wears blue and holds up two fingers, telling us he has put spirit and matter, divinity and humanity, together within himself. The blue of creation is undergirded with the red of suffering.) **Green**: "the Spirit"—the divine photosynthesis that grows everything from within by transforming light into itself (Hildegard of Bingen [1098–1179] called this *viriditas, or the greening of all things*.)

The icon shows the Holy One in the form of Three, eating and drinking, in infinite hospitality and utter enjoyment between themselves. If we take the depiction of God in *The Trinity seriously, we have to say, "In the beginning was the Relationship."* The gaze between the Three shows the deep respect between them as they all share from a common bowl. Notice the Spirit's hand points toward the open and fourth place at the table! Is the Holy Spirit inviting, offering, and clearing space? I think so! And if so, for what, and for whom?

At the front of the table there appears to be a little rectangular hole. Most people just pass right over it, but some art historians believe the residue of possible glue on the original icon indicates that there was perhaps once a mirror glued to the front of the table. It's stunning when you think about it: There was room at this table for a fourth—the one in the mirror. The observer. . . . You! Yes, you—and all of creation—are invited to sit at the divine table, to participate in the divine dance of mutual friendship and love.

The mirror seems to have been lost over the centuries, both in the icon and in our on-the-ground understanding of who God is—and therefore who we are, too!

Mr Kevin Mills
Principal



Administration

Parish Car Park

Parents are asked that when dropping off your child/ren in the parish car park, please park your car down at the end closest to the school. It is important we leave car spaces closest to the Church for our parishioners.

Student Data Survey

Student Data Validation Survey - Catholic Education Office of Parramatta. For those families who have not completed a Student Data Validation Survey, that was emailed by the Catholic Education Office of Parramatta. An email will be sent by the school next week, containing the survey link and log in details. **Families that have not already done so, please complete using the survey link and log in details provided.** It is important that all family details are kept up to date, in case of emergencies and for all school requirements at St Margaret Mary's.

Canteen Online

www.flexischools.com.au

Canteen for Term 2 is NOW ONLINE ONLY.

- ◆ **9am:** Cut off time for all orders on the day, however, orders may be placed ahead of time.
- ◆ Orders are for LUNCH ONLY.
- ◆ One order per child is required.
- ◆ A confirmation email per child, will be received once the order has been placed.

The menu is currently being reviewed for our school, due to our students with food allergies.

Student Food Allergies

A reminder that within the school we have students with severe, life threatening food allergies. It is imperative that student lunches do not contain anything with nuts, eggs, sesame seed eg. Snickers bars, nutella, peanut butter, egg sandwiches, mayonnaise.

Morning Drop off

Parents are reminded that when dropping off your child in the mornings in Davies Street, it is illegal to Double Park or park in the No Stopping Zone.

School Hours

A reminder of our school hours.

8:40am: Commencement of the school day

3:00pm: School closes for the day

Please ensure your child/ren is not late to school and that arrangements have been made to collect them from school at 3:00pm.



Classroom Disruptions

We ask that we work together with students to ensure that they have all their belongings /information before leaving home in the morning.

This includes:

- ◆ Hats
- ◆ Drink bottles
- ◆ Lunches
- ◆ Homework
- ◆ Musical Instruments
- ◆ Pickup arrangements

It is in the best interests of students and teachers that class disruptions are kept to a minimum.



Faith Community

Mothers Day Liturgy and Stall

Happy Mothers Day to all our mothers, grandmothers, aunts and carers. On 10th of May we had a beautiful liturgy with our Mothers. We started with a lovely song where two mothers and one teacher were asked to present a picture of Mary, the Gospel and the



School Candle. The Gospel was all about Mary our Mother. We had reflections from each grade on why mothers are lovely and amazing. We also enjoyed a liturgical movement by Year 3 which was dedicated to all the mothers. Our fabulous choir then sang a song which brought a few tears to our mother's eyes. At the end we said 'Happy Mothers Day' to all the mothers. We would like to thank all the mothers who attended the Liturgy and we hope you had a wonderful Mother's Day on Sunday.

A huge thank you also needs to be given to our P & F for all their work in preparing the Mothers Day stall. It takes so much work to purchase the gifts, wrap all of them and then sell them on the day. We are truly grateful for all the work you do!

By Angellica Langi and Megan Yalda

Mothers Day High Tea

With a coffee truck in the playground and the LARC full of delicious treats it could only mean one thing - the Mother's Day High Tea. On Monday morning after assembly, our mothers, grandmothers, aunties and carers enjoyed being spoilt! It was great to see so many people at the high tea and we especially thank the P&F mothers who took the time to organise this incredible celebration.



Thank you to all the mums who went above and beyond for their families and deserve to be thanked every day of the year.

Administration

NAPLAN 2019

Dear Parents,

Below is the NAPLAN timetable for the remainder of Naplan. If your child is unable to attend one of the tests, then they will have time to complete a make-up test. (Year 3 Writing close off date is 17/5).

Thursday 16/5/19 – 9 am – Year 5 Reading Online test

Thursday 16/5/19 – 11.30 am – Year 3 Reading Online test

Friday 17/5/19 – 9am – Year 3 Conventions of Language Online test

Friday 17/5/19 – 11.30 am – Year 5 Conventions of Language Online test

Monday 20/5/19 – 9 am – Year 5 Numeracy Online test

Monday 20/5/19 – 11.30 am – Year 3 Numeracy

All other days from Wednesday 15/5/19 until Friday 24/5/19 are considered make-up times. In the event of technological issues, we also have these dates as back-up for the whole grade/s.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Jennifer Veness
Assistant Principal

TTFM Survey

We are seeking Feedback & FeedForward in the coming weeks and will be inviting students, teachers and parents to complete an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and future planning process.



You will be invited to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning* survey. We value the role of our 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 Marys.

The Tell Them From Me Survey is a complete evaluation system for measuring student engagement, wellbeing, classroom climate, and other factors known to affect learning outcomes. Information is captured from students, parents and teachers to inform school policy and practice.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. More details will follow next week including the online link for parents, the due by date of the survey and additional material.

Personal Growth

Monday Morning Assembly

At our Monday morning assembly, our Mini Vinnies team announced that they would be opening a small canteen to sell food including chips and ice blocks for us enjoy. It will take place every Tuesday and Thursday at lunchtime for Infants and Primary. The money raised will be given to a charity so we can spread some happiness to people who need it. Just remember the three T's, Tuckshop, Tuesday and Thursday.



Year 3 and year 5 naplan will take place during the next two weeks. Lastly, year 6 will be leaving to go to Canberra in two weeks time.

By Joseph Doueih and Keisha Manalansan

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 many schools, which can only be solved with continued parental support. Thankyou to all parents that have treated their child/s hair, and please remember tie up your child/s hair on a daily basis.



BIRTHDAYS



Jackson Raftery

Nicole Koroma

Michael Aoun

Charlie Ibrahim

Chadi Haouchab

Enzo Martin

Lakkari Harrison

George ElKhoury

Christopher Faddoul

Royce Amankwatia

Isaac Abousleiman

Patrick Abou Zeid

Isabella Galayini

Patrick Nguyen

Jack Bedrossian

Roycelin Amankwatia

Claudia Ghosn

Almah Yagha

Salem El Khoury

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

Teaching & Learning

Kindergarten Incursion

On Wednesday 8th May, Kindergarten launched into their new Science unit about "materials". They had an exciting incursion by Supreme Incursions in our new school hall. Kindy learnt a lot about billy carts and participated in 3 fun activities.

There was a building station with different materials and tools, a billy cart driving station and a build a billy cart station. Kindy had an amazing time and learnt so much about materials, push, pull and forces!



Mrs Ryan's Writing Group

Please find below a passage from Effie, a student from Mrs Ryan's writing group.

Frederick was heartbroken. His daughter, Judy, had passed away last week because of a heart attack. Memories flashed back. He replayed the funeral in his head. Frederick kept reminding himself, "It's fine. It's not your fault, Frederick." But he was deeply troubled. He knew he should have been with his daughter instead of selfishly hanging around the coffee shop. After the funeral, he couldn't bear to arrive back home. He had no plan; no money on him, no family to call up.

Weeks passed after the funeral. Frederick was now found staying at a motel. But his soul was restless. He was a wanderer, never arriving home. He was out that night, the freezing air hit his face like the cold slash of a knife. That night while he was wandering, a ripped sheet of paper flew into his face. He grumbled, peeling it off. A pang of realization hit him when he knew it was a thank you note from Judy. Frederick looked up to the heavens. Frederick was lost for words. He managed to spit out, "Thank you," as a bitter tear rolled down his cheek.

By Effie Kapetangiannis 6Y

MacKillop Rugby League Trials

Congratulations to Matthew Fakhr and Reece Fakhr, who were selected to compete in Canberra for the Parramatta Diocesan 11 Years Rugby League selection trials for the MacKillop team. Great effort boys!



Diocesan Cross Country

Last Tuesday the Diocesan Cross Country was held at Eastern Creek Sydney Motorsports Parkway. St Margaret Mary's competed against other schools and raced to be in the top eight to go to the next round, the NSW Combined Primary School Cross Country. Everyone did a great job as we cheered for all the people participating in the race.



Clara Fetrie came 9th place in the Under 8/9 race and is the first reserve on the list for the next event.

The 8, 9 and 10 year old boys and girls ran 2 kilometres and the 11, 12 and 13 year old boys and girls ran 3 kilometres.



We represented our school with navy blue singlets that have St Margaret Mary's Primary School written on the back and the school symbol printed on the front.

A big thank you to Miss Ashe and Mrs Rizk, who helped at

the carnival as well as the many parent helpers, who came and cheered our school along. A big thank you also to Mrs Foley who organised this fun experience for us.

Serena Georges and Clara Fetrie.



Representative Sport Shirts

A reminder to the students, who have borrowed a representative sport shirt, to please return it to Mrs Foley as soon as possible.

Thank you

