



# St Margaret Mary's School

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Newsletter No 1

## Bulletin

Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2019

### Diary Dates

**Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> February**

**Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> February**

- P&F Meet & Greet Morning Tea 9am in the LARC.

**Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> February**

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**Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February**

- Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival for Selected Students.

**Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February**

### Meet & Greet

St Margaret Mary's P&F would like to invite all parents of St Margaret Mary's to a Meet & Greet Morning Tea to be held in the LARC on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February from 9am - 10am. We look forward to seeing and meeting you there.

### Welcome

**Opening School Mass and Commissioning of 2019 School Leaders.**

Parents, Grandparents, and Friends of St Margaret Mary's are invited to join us at our Opening School Mass and Commissioning of our 2019 Student Leaders, on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> February at 9:00am in the Church.

### Skoolbag App

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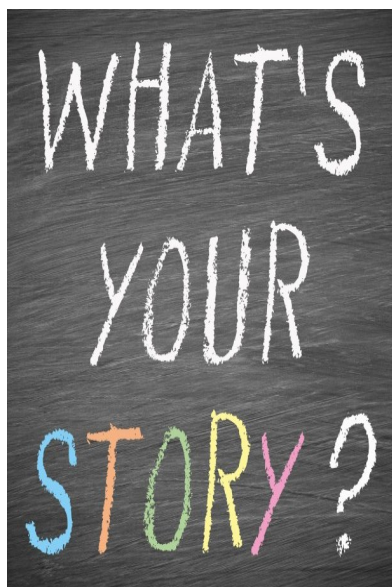


## Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Boys and Girls,

In the first Bulletin for 2019 I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to all our community for a wonderful, but hot, start to the year! Last year was a very busy one and I am grateful for all the hard work and dedication by the staff, parents and students enabling us to continue our work in caring for the Catholic community of Merrylands. We are certainly a great school with an openhearted community and a reputation of a beautiful and friendly environment where our children learn in a positive and welcoming atmosphere.

I would like to welcome all our students and their families back from a well-rested holiday to an exciting and fun-filled year of learning. A special welcome to all our new students, especially our new Kinders, who I am sure will feel very happy to become part of the community at StMM's. We also welcome Miss Amanda Mekdessi to our Yr 2 learning space along with Ms Lina Said to our Infants area, and Mrs Pina Amond to our Yr6 learning space on Fridays.



Tradition and history is very important at StMM's and this year as a result of CEDP Leadership Day in January we will be exploring the theme; **"Your Story is Our Story."** Our community consists of a wide collection of individuals who have all walked a different journey to become the person they are today. It is important we acknowledge this aspect so that we are able to build on StMM's 77 year history, a story that is based on the teachings of Jesus Christ.

It is expected that all students in Yrs 3-6 read the school newsletter every week.

I look forward to hearing and sharing your story with our community in 2019.

God Bless.

Mr Kevin Mills  
Principal

Happy Chinese New  
Year to all.

Especially our Chinese  
Community here at StMM's.

# Administration

## Student Medical Information

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

For example, if your child suffers for asthma, please supply an updated Asthma Action Plan from your child's doctor.

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

## 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 by Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2019.



## School Fees

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta will be generating all Invoice/Statements for the 2019 year. Statements should be received by all families by the end of February.

Please contact the School Office should you not receive a statement.

Any queries with regards to your 2019 Statement or arrangements, Please contact Maria Pagano ph 8633 8400.

Thank You.

## 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.

## Allergies

As you may or may not be aware there are a number of children attending our school who have severe allergies to many different foods. This means that if these children come in contact with any food products they will have a severe allergic reaction.

We also ask that you remind your child/ren not share their lunch or any other food with another child.

## Change of Classes

Due to an increase in student enrolments at St Margaret Mary's there have been slight changes in some student classes. These changes were made to balance the number of boys to girls ratio.

## 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. Sleepers earrings and stud earrings may be worn. Simple signet rings may also be worn. No expensive jewellery is to be worn at school.

## Crunch and Sip

Just a reminder that Crunch and Sip is a break during class when students can refuel on fruit or vegetables and rehydrate on water. The break assists students with physical and mental performance, and concentration in the classroom

## 2019 STAFF PERSONNEL

### Parish Priest

Fr Janusz Pawlucha  
Fr Peter James Strohmayer

### THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

#### Principal

Kevin Mills  
Jennifer Veness

#### Assistant Principal

#### Religious Education

#### Co-ordinator

Anne Prendergast

#### Literacy Leader

Diane Antonucci

#### Numeracy Leader

Melissa Fardella

#### Instruction Leader

Sue Tripp

#### Wellbeing

Sophie Ryan

### THE OFFICE STAFF

Maria Pagano  
Annmaree McGuirk  
Domenica Yenco  
Simone Dore

### THE TEACHING TEAM

#### Kindergarten Teaching Team

Melissa Fardella  
Maxine Allen  
Ashley Ghaby

#### Year One Teaching Team

Jacinta Iau  
Dale Yearsley  
Timothy Greaney

#### Year Two Teaching Team

Karen El-Zakhem  
Jessica Azar  
Amanda Mekdessi

#### Year Three Teaching Team

Chris Tenido  
Helen Golack  
Emma Swanson

#### Year Four Teaching Team

Francine Attard  
Vanessa Del Monte  
Marina Tuma

#### Year Five Teaching Team

Diane Antonucci  
Cara Essey  
Melina Laguzza

#### Year Six Teaching Team

Pauline McFarlane  
Daniel Maunick  
Anne Prendergast

### Librarian

Mrs Michele Balogh-Caristo

### Learning Support Team

Nicole Ashe  
Susanne Yanz  
Kellie Foley  
Georgette Attard  
Marie Debes  
Michele Balogh-Caristo  
Belinda Martino

### Speech

Jill Tate

### IT

Matthew Rahme

### RFF (Tues/Wed/Thu)

Julie Wilton  
Nancy Gaid

### Executive Release

Rawa Simhairi  
Pina Amond

### Teacher Aides

Mrs Paulette Michael  
Mrs Paulette Albertin  
Mrs Haifa Rizk  
Ruth Henrisson  
Lina Said

### School Counsellor

Brian Melocco

### School Maintenance

Rob Stewart  
Mr Joe Culican  
Emmanuel Eid

### Canteen

Georgina Hay

### Cleaner

Annette Zeaiter

# Administration

## 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 the 8:15am bell. From 8:15am until 8:30am bell 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. If you are dropping your child/ren off or picking them up from the Parish car park please remind your child/ren about the safety around cars and the dangers of running in this area.

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. The school office is open from 8:15am to 3:15pm every day.

Parents, there is no parking before or after school (between signs) in Henson Street and Davies Street. These are drop-off and Car pick up only.

When driving around the school, please obey all road rules especially No U-turn in the school zone and No Parking across the neighbours driveways.

## Important Dates for Term 1 2019

Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> February	P&F Meet & Greet morning tea in the LARC 9am.
Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival.
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Whole School Opening Mass and Commissioning of the 2019 Student Leaders.
	Year 3 Incursion - Cumberland Council Environmentors.
Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Diocesan Swimming Carnival.
Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Catholic Schools Week Commences.
	NRMA Science and Road Safety Day.
Wednesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Ash Wednesday, Whole School Mass 9am.
Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> March	School Cross Country for Years 3-6.
Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Open Morning for New Families for K2020.
Monday, 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Feast of the Annunciation.
Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 5 Healthy Kids - Big Veggie Crunch.
Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> April	School Closes for Term 1.
Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup> April	School Returns for Term 2. Students return in Winter Uniform.

## Sports Day

Children are required to wear their sports uniform on their allocated days. Correct sports uniform must be worn along with appropriate shoes. Hats must be worn at all times when outside.

<b>Kindy</b>	Tuesday and Thursday	<b>Year 4</b>	Wednesday and Friday
<b>Year 1</b>	Wednesday and Friday	<b>Year 5</b>	Wednesday and Friday
<b>Year 2</b>	Tuesday and Thursday	<b>Year 6</b>	Monday and Friday
<b>Year 3</b>	Wednesday and Friday		

## Parish Car Park

The parish car park is for parishioners who attend weekday masses. The parking spaces at the church end of the car park are for the parish office staff and parishioners, this includes the disable spots near the parish office.

## Codes of Conduct

At our school we have three Codes of Conduct for our students. In our behaviour management policy we show the following:

“The whole school community of St Margaret Mary’s continues to provide an environment that enhances our Christian values and embraces the diversity of people and cultures. The members contribute to ensure that each individual receives their basic needs of Love, Belonging, Importance, Freedom and Fun. This is achieved by members knowing they have the.....

### *Right*

- ◆ to be happy and feel safe
- ◆ to learn
- ◆ to be respected

### and the *Responsibility*

- ◆ to allow others to feel happy and safe
- ◆ to allow learning to occur
- ◆ to show respect for everyone.

Therefore, the school maintains a Code of Conduct that states:

- ◆ Everyone has the right to Teach and Learn
- ◆ Everyone has the right to feel Valued and Respected
- ◆ Everyone has the right to feel Safe and Secure.

We ask that you speak with your children about our three Codes of Conduct. We have high expectations that our students will be consistent with their behaviour and learning.

## Library Borrowing

Each grade is allocated a time and day for the children to borrow books from the school library. Each child must have a library bag. This bag cannot be a plastic shopping bag but it can be an old pillow slip. The school office has library bags available for \$15.00 each.

All students can borrow before school Monday and Friday 8:15am -8:40am.

<b>Kindy</b>	Wednesday	<b>Year 4</b>	4B Monday 4R & 4Y Tuesday
<b>Year 1</b>	Friday	<b>Year 5</b>	Friday
<b>Year 2</b>	Thursday	<b>Year 6</b>	Wednesday
<b>Year 3</b>	Thursday		

## Skoolbag App

All parents are encouraged to have the Skoolbag App, as this will be the main preference for communication to all parents.

This app also allows parents to notify the school if your child is sick by completing the online Eform Absentee.

Our School Name for Skoolbag App is SMMPM. Please see later in this newsletter on how to download the App on your phone.

## School Website

The school newsletter is available online, via the school website or the Skoolbag App. There will be copies available from the school office is required. The school website

[www.stmmmerrylands.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stmmmerrylands.catholic.edu.au)



# Personal Growth

## Student Leaders for 2019

Congratulations to the following students on achieving their new positions and we look forward to their enhanced participation and representation in our school community in 2019.

<b>School Captains</b>	Summer Shrestha Billy Russell
<b>Vice Captains</b>	Janessa Georges Anthony Baaini
<b>Faith Community:</b>	Nevah Shrestha Isabella Youssef
<b>Teaching &amp; Learning:</b>	Mirabelle Medakker Jacob El Rassi
<b>Personal Growth:</b>	Mayullah Lamin Jayden Nguyen
<b>Partnership:</b>	Shakira Georges Effie Kapetangiannis
<b>Tosi (Yellow)</b>	Shadi Danil Mya Silva
<b>Maur (Green)</b>	Joseph Epenian Lydia Neculman
<b>Kosta (Red)</b>	Noah Elias Sarah Fakhr
<b>McGovern (Blue)</b>	Fred Tannous Raquel Nasr

## First Monday Morning Assembly

On Monday morning we had our first official assembly for 2019! Kindergarten went straight to their classrooms while Years 1-6 gathered in their lines. Summer from Year 6 read the school prayer and we raised the flag and sang the National Anthem together. Mr Mills spoke about how impressed he has been with the new Kindergarten children and that they were even allowed to play on the whole playground for the first time! This Friday, at 9am there will be a Meet and Greet run by the P&F for all new Kindy parents and they hope to see many parents there! Also, on Friday in Week 3 we will have the Opening Mass. The new Year 6 captains will receive their badges at the Mass. Congratulations to all the students who have settled back into school so well, let's make 2019 the best year yet!



## Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival

Good Luck to the following student who will be representing our school at the Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at Mt Druitt Swimming Pools.

Joab Hada	Serena Georges	Elena Lin
Cooper Smith	Lisa Shrestha	Charlie Tilbrook
Jayden Nguyen	Isabella Blandon Cano	Neveh Shrestha
Anthony Baaini	Luke Choi	Summer Shrestha
Mya Silva	Janessa Georges	Angelique Baaini
Jessica Perello	Lydia Neculman	Mikayla Gadd

If your child has been selected to represent our school and has not yet returned their form and payment could you please do so by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

## Our Four Pillars of Learning

The Four Pillars of StMM's are directly linked to our Award system. Mr Mills holds 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 Motto "Love the Truth" by listening, sharing and acting on the words 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.

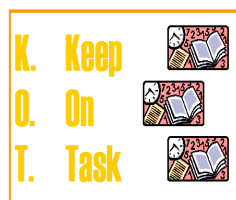
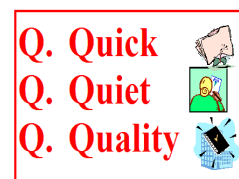
### Partnership

At St Margaret Mary's School we believe that Partnership is communication, 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.

## Our Four Pointers of Learning



## BIRTHDAYS



Megan Yalda	John Barakat	Leyla Mazzocco
Sarah Habib	Fetuli Toamotu	Angie Habib
Mark Ibrahim	Niki Oates	Alakiir Biar
Angelique Baaini	Jolene El Khoury	Chanelle Haouchab
Annalise Draiby	Theresa Draiby	George Nakhoul
Alex Lu	Samuel Edwards	Mikayla Georges
Olivia Tucciarone	Kayla Macpherson	Valentine Williams
Bella-Rita Injerkouchian	Esther Binas	Anaseini Mataele
Isaac Zoumpoulis	Annalise Anderson	Marcus Caraan
Luis-Frederic AbiKhalil	Abuk Juk	Clara Fetrie
Altiyan Victor		

Congratulations to all those children who celebrated their birthday around this time and during the holidays.

# Teaching & Learning

## MAI Testing



Thank you to all the parents and students for your support with the MAI Testing. It ran very smoothly.



## Kindergarten's First Day You Rock



On Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019, Kindergarten started their first day of primary school at St Margaret Mary's. Kindergarten did activities that involved group building where they had to build anything that they could picture in their imagination. They also coloured, read books, played with toy animals and made new friends. After all the parents left



the kids got settled into their new classroom and they all met their new teachers. By Jacob El Rassi Billy Russell and Shadi Danil



## Partnership

### Car Pick Up

Any parent wishing to join Car Pick Up will need to see the office to complete a form and be issued with a car number to be displayed on their front windscreen. Children will be given a corresponding number to attach to their bag. It is important that all parents involved in this service are attentive to the rules of the road.



## Parents and Friends

### Meet and Greet

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### Second hand Uniform Shop

Our Second Hand Uniform Shop is open on the first Monday of the month after the Morning Assembly from 9:00am - 9:30am.

If your child/ren have out grown their uniforms and you would like to donate them to the uniform shop, you can leave them at the school office.

We are in need of girls summer and winter uniforms and sports shorts and shirts for all sizes.

## Student Banking

St Margaret Mary's participates in the student banking program which is run by the Commonwealth Bank. If your child is in years 1-6 and has a student banking account, they can participate in this program.

Student banking day is on **Tuesdays** and will commence on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February**. Students need to bring their bank books to school on this day and hand it to their class teacher. If your child would like to open a bank account, you can open an account through the Commonwealth Bank online. Information packs are available from the school office.

For more information regarding student banking, please contact the school office.



**MERRYLANDS MAULERS**  
**JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE**  
**OPEN TO EVERYONE**

**Boys and Girls Aged 4.5 – 11 years old are welcome**

**Registration held Fridays**  
**Nights**  
**6-7pm**

**Training Friday Nights**  
**6-7pm**

**Single Player**  
**\$100**

**This includes:**

**Training Shirt**

**Socks/Shorts/Beanie**

**Government Active Kids**  
**rebate for \$100 come**  
**and see us for more**  
**Information**

**Games Played Sundays**

**Address: Nemesia Street**  
**Park, Nemesia Street**  
**Greystanes**



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## Canteen Pricelist -2019

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### SANDWICHES:

Baked Beans	\$3.00
Buttered	\$1.00
Cheese	\$2.80
Chicken	\$3.50
Ham	\$3.50
Jam	\$2.00
Salad	\$4.00
Salmon	\$3.50
Tuna	\$3.50
Vegemite	\$2.00

### EXTRAS:

Tuna/Salmon	\$1.70
Meat	\$1.20
Bread roll	\$0.50
Other	\$0.70

### RECESS:

Fruit (Seasonal)	\$0.50
Jelly Cup	\$0.80
Jelly + Custard Cup	\$1.00
Custard Cup	\$1.00
Party Pies	\$1.00
Garlic Bread	\$0.40/piece
Cheese Melt	\$0.50/piece

### SALAD BOXES:

Garden Salad	\$4.20
Meat Salad	\$5.20
Tuna/Salmon Salad	\$5.70

### DRINKS:

Milk	\$2.00
Large Water	\$1.50
Small Water	\$1.00
Mineral Water	\$2.00
Just Juice	\$1.50
Juice Cup	\$1.00
Up & Go	\$2.50

### HOT FOOD:

Corn Cob	\$1.00
Chicken Burger	\$4.20
Cheese Burger	\$3.50
Beef Burger	\$4.50
Fish Burger	\$4.00
Butter Chicken & Rice	\$4.50
Lasagne	\$4.50
Spaghetti Bolognaise	\$4.50
Teriyaki Chicken & Rice	\$4.50
Fried Rice	\$4.50
Tuna Sushi Roll	\$3.20
Chicken Nuggets x5 (Extra Nuggets \$0.70 each)	\$3.50
Fish Fingers x4 (Extra Fingers \$0.60 each)	\$2.40
Hot Dog (Extra Frankfurt \$2.00 each)	\$3.00
Large Pie	\$4.30
Party Pies	\$1.00
Sausage Roll	\$3.20
Chicken + Corn Roll	\$2.00
Mini Spring Rolls x3	\$1.50
Hash Brown	\$1.00
Pizza Slab	\$3.80
Pizza Rounda	\$3.20
Hawaiian Pizza Slab	\$3.80

### SAUCE:

Tomato, BBQ, Sweet + Sour	\$0.30
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Fork/Spoon	\$0.10
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