



St Margaret Mary's School

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Update

Wednesday, 13th March, 2019

Diary Dates

Thursday, 14th March

Friday, 15th March

Sunday, 17th March

- St Patrick's Day.



Monday, 18th March

- Whole School Assembly and Prayer.

Tuesday, 19th March

- St Margaret Mary's K2020 New Families Open Morning Tours 9:00am—11:00am.

Wednesday, 20th March

Open Morning

St Margaret Mary's will be holding an open morning on Tuesday 19th March from 9:00am—11:00am, for New Kindergarten 2020 families.

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

NAPLAN 2019

In 2019 most students across Australia will sit NAPLAN online. Our Year Three students will sit the paper writing test. We will have a 'live' online practise across schools later this term. No results are recorded – this is to make sure all internet usage works as well as picking up if there are any issues. 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 term. 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/>

Youtube: Understanding NAPLAN online

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

Thank you

Jennifer Veness

Assistant Principal

Student Attendance

Congratulations on your attendance so far this term. We are currently in the top 15 in the diocese 88.6%. Congratulations to Year 3 who are currently at 93.9% attendance, followed by Kindy on 92.9%, Yr 1 89.4%, Yrs 5 88.6%, Yr 4 86.7%, Yr 2 86.2% and then Yr 6 82.9%. Please remember attendance at school is very important in your child's learning.

Holidays

The Catholic Education Department is concerned about the number of families taking holidays during school terms. Please consider your child's schooling when booking holidays for the family. All holidays of 5 days or more must be approved by the school principal. Holiday Leave forms are available from the school office.

School Fees

All families should have now received their 2019 school fees statement. Term 1 fees are due 29th March unless you have opted for an arrangement with the school for the year. Families who have not yet received their statements please contact the school office as soon as possible. If you have any queries regarding your statements please contact Maria in the school office.

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.

Faith Community

Ash Wednesday Mass

On Wednesday, 6th March, the school community came together in the Church for Ash Wednesday. We welcomed Julia Finn and Father



Joseph Maria Buckley who is our new Assistant Priest. He explained why Jesus died on the cross in his Homily. We received the ashes which represent that we have turned back to God. Then after our



ashes we received Holy Communion. The priests reminded us that Lent is all about almsgiving, fasting and prayer.

By Media Team

Teaching & Learning

Year 5 Dioramas

In Science, Year 5 have been learning about



Desert Survivors in Science. Year 5 made a diorama for their chosen animal and made an environment for the animal



to live in. The place they live in is called their habitat. We had so much fun making and decorating environments for our animal.



By Media Team



May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face.
The rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

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Personal Growth

Monday Assembly

It was a very busy Monday morning assembly with another big week ahead! Mrs Balogh-Caristo congratulated and gave certificates to the six students who completed the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge during the holidays. Two members of the Mini



Vinnies team reminded us about Project Compassion and the need to donate this Lent. Each grade has a Project Compassion box that they can contribute to in their classroom. Mr Mills then spoke to

us about March Attendance Month. CEDP are tracking all of the Primary and High Schools in the diocese and at the moment, St Margaret Mary's is sitting 10th in over 80 schools, hopefully we can improve this even more! Lastly, on Wednesday, Year 2 and a selection of students from other grades will be attending the Riverside Theatre for an excursion and we hope they have a great day!



Partnership

Easter Raffle

Each family should have received today a book of raffle tickets for our Annual Easter Raffle. It is not compulsory to buy/sell these tickets.



You may return unsold tickets to the office, buy just one ticket, the whole book or even ask for more books from the office. The tickets are 50c each, 3 for \$1 or \$10 for the book.

Another reminder, if anyone has baskets of any size or sweet platters they no longer need, please donate them to the school for our Easter Raffle. Baskets and sweet platters can be left at the school office.

