



St Margaret Mary's School

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Update

Wednesday, 27th March, 2019

Diary Dates

Thursday, 28th March

Friday, 29th March

Monday, 1st March

- Whole School Assembly and Prayer.
- Year 3 Live NAPLAN Practice.

Tuesday, 2nd April

- Year 5 Live NAPLAN Practice.

Wednesday, 3rd April

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**.



Administration

School Fees

Term 1 fees are due this Friday, 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.

Enrolments

We are currently in the process of our Kindergarten 2020 enrolments. Interviews will take place during the month of May. If you have any family or friends wishing to enrol at St Margaret Mary's please contact the school office for an enrolment form.

Parent Reminder

Just a reminder parents that we **do not allow any parent** to approach another parent or any other student(s) about problems that may have arisen. We ask that these concerns go directly to the class teacher or to the office. Thank you for your support in this matter.

School Uniforms

All uniforms must be worn neatly and correctly, including the correct **socks**. It is expected that children have suitable hairstyles appropriate for their age and school expectations. Long hair must be tied back. Our Sun Safe program—No Hat No Play requires students to wear our school cap or school hat when outside. These hats and caps are available to purchase at the school office. Sleeper earrings and stud earrings may be worn. Please be aware that these can be dangerous during sports time. Simple signet rings may also be worn. No expensive jewellery is to be worn at school.

Car Pick Up

Thank you to all the families that use our car-pick up service. We ask that you remember when using this service that you enter the Car Pick up line in Henson street via Mason Street. You are not to enter the car pick up line from Davies Street. Just a reminder that this is a voluntary service which is run by the staff at StMM's.

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.

Parish Car park

Parents are asked that when dropping off your child/ren in the parish car park, please park your car and walk your child into the school grounds, as there have been a couple of near misses in the car park where children are running in front of cars as they are entering the carpark. If you are dropping your child only, please use the drop-off zone in Davies Street.

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.

Storm Damage

The school is drying out from the previous storms. The insurance company is looking for a solution to fix the issues. We would like to thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter.

COLA Update

We have been in touch with CEDP with regards to the new COLA area. We have been told it will be ready by the beginning of Term 2.

Faith Community

Harmony Day

On the 22nd March, 2019 students brought in traditional food for Harmony Day. We invited the parents to a liturgy and the parents danced with the students and followed Kindergarten dance moves. We also shared prayers in the liturgy specifically to remember those who died in New Zealand. Then, the parents went to classrooms and every grade worked on a different Harmony Day activity that involved colouring, cutting and



drawing. After completing the activity, the parents shared food with their children and the other students. Together as a school, we also showed that we support Harmony Day by putting our initials on orange bunting around the school



and by tying a coloured ribbon to the friendship trees. It was wonderful to see so many students wearing traditional dress and wearing orange to support this great day. We thank all the parents that came to share the



morning with us, we had a BLAST! We hope that this day can help us all be more inclusive and welcoming of others in our daily lives.

By: Media Team



CEDP Parent Retreat

1st May 2019

This is a wonderful opportunity to spend a day in quiet reflection, discussion and prayer. If you are interested in attending this day please give your name at the office. If we have enough parents interested Mr Mills has kindly offered to organise a bus. Please let us know of your interest by Monday 8th April. Anne Prendergast Religious Education Coordinator

Teaching & Learning

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

Partnership

Australian Government Student Residential Address

Parent note has been sent home with the eldest child from the Australian Federal Government.

Please read this letter to ensure that your details are up to date with St Margaret Mary's School Office.

If you need to update any of your information please contact the school office.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

