



St Margaret Mary's School

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Newsletter No 2

Update

Wednesday, 12th February, 2020

Diary Dates

Thursday, 13th February

Friday, 14th February

- Whole School Mass and Commissioning of 2020 School Leaders.

Monday, 17th February

- 8:40am Whole School Assembly and Prayer Service.

Tuesday, 18th February

- St Paul's Visiting Year 6 Boys.

Wednesday, 19th February

Opening School Mass & Commissioning of 2020 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 2020 Student Leaders, on Friday, 14th February at 9:00am in the Church.

School Fees

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta will be generating all Invoice/Statements for the 2020 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 2020 Statement or financial arrangements, please contact Maria Pagano on 8633 8400.

Skoolbag App

All parents are encouraged to have the Skoolbag App, as this is the main preference for communication to all parents. Our **School Name** for Skoolbag App is **SMMPM**.



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. Between 8:15am until 8:30am 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.

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.

StMM's School Contact

In the case of a genuine emergency please phone the school office on **8633 8400**. If you wish to contact a staff member please do so via the school admin staff. Contact with the office may also be via the school's email address stmargaretmarys@parra.catholic.edu.au. We appreciate your assistance and understanding. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the school office on **8633 8400**. Remember we also use the StMM's Skoolbag App for communication with our community. You are also able to send via this app a notification regarding your child's absence from school.

School Newsletter & Update

For all our new families, especially our Kindy families, the school 'Bulletin' is printed every second Wednesday which is a four page Newsletter and sent home with the eldest child. The 'Update' is a small newsletter which is only uploaded onto the Skoolbag App & Website. Both our Bulletin and Update are available on the Skoolbag App.

School Uniforms

All uniforms must be worn neatly and correctly. All hairstyles should be appropriate to the students age and the schools expectations. Long hair must be tied back. Our Sun Safe program requires students to wear our school cap or hat when outside: **No Hat No Play**. These hats and caps are available at the school office. Sleeper earrings and stud earrings may be worn. Simple signet rings may also be worn. No expensive jewellery is to be worn at school.



We have noticed more and more students are NOT wearing the correct sports shoes and socks. The school sports shoes should be predominately white and socks should be white with a fold down top. Parents are asked to ensure that students have the correct uniform on at all times.



Student Medical Information

If your child/ren suffer from asthma or has 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, along with ventolin & spacer.

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

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 to share their lunch or any other food with another child.

Administration

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.



Teaching & Learning

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews

Years 1-6 Parent Interviews

Dear Parents/Carers

Years 1 – 6 will have parent/student/teacher interviews in week 7. You will receive a letter shortly, and we ask that you book a time slot as soon as possible. It is an expectation that all students from Years 3 – 6 accompany their parents to the interview. Time slots are for 10 minutes and interviews will occur in your child's learning space.

Kindergarten Parent Meeting

On Wednesday 11th March 2020, Kindergarten parents will be invited to one of two allocated meeting times, 4pm – 5pm or 6pm - 7pm. The meeting is to give feedback based on the Best Start Assessments that every child in Kindergarten completed at the beginning of the year. You will also receive a written report on your child's assessments, as well as some ideas on how to support your child's literacy and numeracy learning at home. We look forward to seeing every Kindergarten parent/carer at this meeting. A letter will go home shortly, asking you to indicate what time slot you will be attending.

Partnership

Faith Community

Social Justice in 2019



Towards the end of 2019, St Margaret Mary's truly showed that Christmas is a time for giving! As a school we banded together to take part in initiatives including the Giving Tree, visits to a nursing home and donating to a school in NSW that was suffering through the bushfires.



The Giving Tree was a huge success! We received so many donations that we were able to donate to both St Margaret Mary's Parish and The House of Welcome in Granville. Both organisations were able to pass on our donations to people who really needed them.



Year 4 students accompanied by Mrs Toma and Mrs Attard, also shared the Spirit of Christmas by going to a local nursing home to sing Christmas carols.



Year 6 class of 2019 organised and ran a bushfire fundraiser day. They sent the money to Mt St John's Catholic School in Dorrigo who will be using the money to take their students on a trip to the coast.

A huge congratulations to all the students, parents and staff that were involved in the many activities we held in 2019.



We look forward to continuing to Act on the Word of God in 2020!



Open Day
 Sunday 1st March
 11.30am - 3pm

- College Tours
- Lesson Demonstrations
- Parents & Friends Association
- Staff & Students available to answer your questions

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Merrylands Maulers JRLFC
 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

BOYS AND GIRLS
 AGES 4-11 Years Old

Training Friday Nights @ Nemesia Park Greystanes
 Games played on Sunday

COST: \$120
 This Includes
 Training Shirt
 Shorts
 Socks

Need More Information contact
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 You can follow us on

CERDON COLLEGE
 Merrylands
 Aspire to Great Heights

Open Day
 Tuesday 3 March 2020
 Come along anytime between
 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
 Sherwood Road Merrylands
 Phone: (02) 8724 7300
 Enrolment Packages available
 for Year 7 2021 and 2022

Strive for Higher Things at Catherine McAuley Westmead

Enrolling now for 2021 - Applications close 27th March 2020
OPEN EVENING Wednesday 4th March 2020 4pm - 7pm
 Catherine McAuley Westmead, 2 Darcy Rd, Westmead | www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au