



St Margaret Mary's School

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Update

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Diary Dates

Thursday, 12th March

Friday, 13th March

- Catholic Schools Week Liturgy & Open Classrooms starting 12pm

Monday, 16th March

- 8:40am Whole School Assembly.
- Year 5 Water Safety by Royal Life Saving Society,

Tuesday, 17th March

- St Patricks Feast Day

Wednesday, 18th March

2021 Enrolments are now Open

School Fees

All families should have now received their 2020 school fee statement. Term 1 fees are due 18th March unless you have opted for an arrangement with the school for the year. Families who have not yet received their statement please contact the school office as soon as possible. If you have any queries regarding your statement please contact Maria in the school office.

Project Compassion

Parents and students are reminded of the importance of Lent and attending Mass during the Lenten season. Project Compassion boxes are available from the church for families to have at home to help those in most need.



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

Enrolment

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2021 are now taking place. If your child was born between 1st August, 2015 and 31st July, 2016, please collect an enrolment form from the school office. Interviews will commence in May. Last year we had a waiting list with over 130 applications.

Student Attendance

Congratulations to Kindy who are currently at 89.7% attendance, followed by Year 5 on 87.5%, Yr 6 87.0%, Yr 3 83.7%, Yr 4 79.7%, Yr 1 76.7% and then Yr 2 71.6%. Please remember attendance at school is very important in your child's learning.

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.

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.

Leaving

If you know your child/ren will not be returning to this school next term, please let the office know as soon as possible, in writing. It is a CEDP Policy that 10 school weeks notice is given to the principal before the removal of your child from the school, otherwise a full term fees will be required to be paid.

Faith Community

Catholic Schools Week

A note went home last Friday inviting parents and the StMM's community, to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. A Liturgy with the theme 'together' will be held in the school hall on Friday, 13th March at 12:00pm. Following the Liturgy, family and friends are invited to visit the learning spaces and share in activities with the students based on our support of the 'Project Compassion' initiative.

At the completion of the open classrooms, families are welcome to join the students for a picnic lunch on our grassed undercroft area. The option to sign your child out and take them home will be made available after lunch.

Timetable

12:00pm	Liturgy in the school hall
12:30pm - 1:20pm	Open Classrooms - 'Project Compassion' activities
1:20pm - 2:00pm	Lunch
3:00pm	Normal school dismissal

Teaching & Learning

Year 6

Year Six have been taking part in a Creative Arts program from CEDP throughout Term One. Mrs Ly from CEDP has been working with Year Six on developing our photography skills. We have learnt about focusing, composition, lighting and telling a story when taking photos. Our goal at the end of the program is to develop a series of photos based on the facial expressions of Holy Week. We are very lucky to be part of this program and thank Mrs Ly for her patience with us.

By Charbel El Ghossain and Cooper Smith

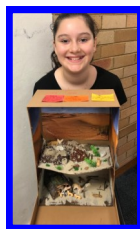


Year 5 Science Dioramas

WOW, have a look at those dioramas! They are AWESOME! This term, from Weeks 1-6, Year 5 have been working on the topic Desert Survivors in Science. In this unit, we have been looking at the structural and behavioural adaptations of different Australian animals and plants. These adaptations help them to survive in the desert climate. During the unit we even got to design our own animal or plant with their own structural and behavioural adaptations.

In Week 6, after studying a specific animal or plant, we finally got to make a diorama showing the desert environment and how our animal or plant survives there. We used a range of materials to help us build the environment, some students even used two boxes to make a double level diorama that showed how some animals burrow underground to make their homes where it is cool and out of the sun. Year 5 had a great time planning and building their dioramas!

Sienna Tamer and Benedict Blas Media Team



Morning Assembly

This Monday was the beginning of Catholic Schools Week at St Margaret Mary's. Mrs Attard began by speaking about a program run by Mini Vinies where students gather plastic bottles and recycle them in the green bin with a yellow lid.

Following Mrs Attard, Miss Laguzza explained that the bottles MUST:

- Have the lid on them
- Have the label on them
- Not be crushed
- Not have any liquid inside them



After that, Mr Mills thanked all the children that participated in the Working Bee last Friday afternoon because they did a lot of work! The Year 5 and 6 children had to spread 8 cubic metre of bark in the gardens around the school using buckets and gloves. Once all the children finished they all celebrated by eating sandwiches that were made by some students and teachers and they got to sip on juice poppers and ice blocks to cool off. On Friday this week, to conclude Catholic Schools Week we will have a whole school liturgy that everyone is welcome. After the liturgy there will be open classrooms and time for a picnic lunch with our families.

By Zahara Ibrahim and Benedict Blas Media Team



Partnership

Delany College Principal Visit

Attention Years 5 and 6! On Thursday the 5th of March, Mr Easton the Principal from Delany College came to visit and talk to us about his school. He explained that the school is a high school for boys and girls. We got to ask him questions like what happens on the first day of Year 7? He explained that Year 12 students would take us around and teach us to read our timetables. Mr Easton explained that the school is very multicultural and helps students to find their passions and enjoy learning. It was great to be able to ask him questions that we have been wondering about high school!

By Thomas Yu and Zahara Ibrahim Media Team



Personal Growth

Women In Sport

Reaching up to get the ball in the hoop, I went on my tip toes and got it in! On Thursday, 5th March, some girls in Year 5 and 6 had the opportunity to go to the Women In Sport program, to listen and talk with Paige Hadley. Paige is an international netball player who plays in the ANZ Championship for the Swifts. The Year 5 and 6 girls played a variety of games. At the end of the session we were allowed to get one of our books signed by Paige Hadley. Not only did we play games, but we also asked her questions about her life and how she fell in love with netball. The Year 5 and 6 girls had lots of fun that day, thank you to the teachers who helped to make this happen!

By Leyla Mazzocco and Aluel Hawach Media Team



Parish News

Pauline Junior Group

Parish junior group for Primary school students, meet on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at 5:15pm - 7:00pm in the Parish Centre.

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 has commenced. Students need to bring their bank books to school on this day with a their money and completed deposit slip and hand to their class teacher in the morning. 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.

