



St Margaret Mary's School

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Bulletin

Wednesday, 10th June, 2020

Diary Date

Thursday, 11th June

Friday, 12th June

Monday, 15th June

Tuesday, 16th June

Wednesday, 17th June

Chromebooks & Ipads issued for COVID19

All Chromebooks and Ipads including chargers that have NOT YET been returned to the school, must be returned to the school office by Friday 12th June 2020. Any outstanding items will be followed up with a phone call.

Drink Bottles

Due to the COVID-19 the school bubblers are closed and students need to bring their own water bottles. Students can refill their water bottles from the taps in their learning spaces.

Lunch Orders & Canteen

The school canteen is open to students during the day. All lunch orders MUST be ordered through the Flexischools online ordering and must be ordered by 9am.

Skoolbag App



Our **School Name** for Skoolbag App is **SMMPM**.

The Skoolbag App is our main source of communication to our families. If you do not have this App on your phone you are missing out on a lot of information.

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Children

The following words of wisdom are taken from sections of Fr Michael's homily for next Sunday the 14th June. The Church celebrates the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

"It is an opportunity for us to reflect on the meaning of this feast for us, at a time when we still cannot welcome the whole local community to celebrate the Eucharist.

The feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ highlights this dependence. We are hungry and thirsty and we approach the table of the Lord and hold out our hands to receive the life-giving bread and to drink the life-giving wine. God has made us for himself and we are hungry and thirsty to receive the life and the love which he offers us. At the Eucharist we express our need and come to God to receive his most precious gift.

At times like this when we cannot freely join others at the Eucharist, Jesus is still welcoming us to come to him and to join him in opening the hearts of others to believe and their arms to love. Everyone is hungering for 'eternal life'. We will find it through communion with Jesus, a communion that is offered us every moment of every day. We can live this now, as we look forward to the time when we can give expression to our love by gathering, once again, with our brothers and sisters at the Eucharist."

Watching a streaming mass is not the same as gathering together as a community and celebrating the Eucharist. We must remember as Catholics that we must gather again, when we are allowed to, and be one body in Christ.

Mr Kevin Mills
Principal

Administration

Semester One Reports

At St Margaret Mary's Merrylands we have greatly appreciated and valued the support and input you gave and continually give to your child's/children's learning during this challenging time.

As a result of the disruption to our regular teaching and learning programs we have had limited opportunities to observe your child/children in a formal school setting. For some students this has impacted on their learning outcomes.

In response, you will receive a modified Semester One Report that recognises and reflects each student's learning in three key areas: English, Mathematics and Religious Education. It will not be an A-E Report or be as detailed as the previous reports due to Covid-19. This report will indicate each student's current progress in the three key areas.

Staff at St Margaret Mary's will continue to support parents and remain committed to each student's ongoing education.

Hats and Caps

We have received our order of caps and they can be purchased from the school office for \$15.00ea. The round hats will now be \$10.00 until all sold. When the new stock is ordered and ready for sale they will go back to \$15.00.

Enrolment

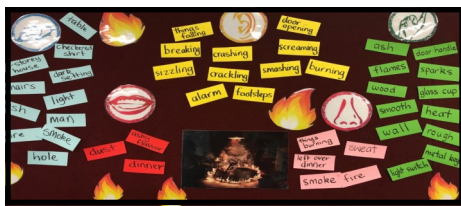
Interviews for Kindergarten 2021 are now taking place. If your child was born between 1st August, 2015 and 31st July, 2016, please collect an enrolment form from the school office. Enrolments will be closing in the near future.

Letter of Offer

All letters of offer for sibling families are being posted out today. If you do not receive your letter in the mail by the end of next week, please contact the school office.

Teaching & Learning

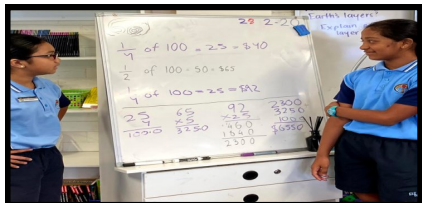
LITERACY NEWS



Oral language is a focus at St Margaret Mary's across all Key Learning areas. We aim to broaden the vocabulary of students so they can connect ideas, create meaning and deepen their understanding of words.

Year 6

Sharing Mathematical Thinking



Year 5

Word Building- Group Work



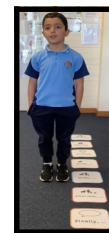
Year 4

Sharing and building on ideas



Year 3

Story Path Activity- Retell the main ideas of the story



Year 2

Creating imaginative stories using the felt boards and retelling the story to one another.



Year 1

Oral Language Activity (Pod)



Kindergarten

Students are engaging in being a vet or a pet owner in the new Kindy Vet Clinic Oral Language Pod.



Tip: Have meaningful conversations at dinner, in the car, while playing and while reading to enhance your child's vocabulary development.

"Reading and Writing Flows on a Sea of Talk"
Britton 1970

Partnership

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020

Reconciliation

Enrolments for the Sacrament of Reconciliation open until **Friday, 19 June 2020**.
Sacrament of Reconciliation program is divided into two groups to be taught by Fr. Joseph Maria Buckley.

RECONCILIATION PROGRAM:

All preparation sessions held on **MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS** at 6:00pm.

Session 1: 22 JUNE 2020 & 24 JUNE 2020

Session 2: 29 JUNE 2020 & 01 JULY 2020

Session 3: 06 JULY 2020 & 08 JULY 2020

Session 4: 13 JULY 2020 & 15 JULY 2020

Venue: Church Hall at St. Margaret Mary's School.

Details for Holy Communion and Confirmation to follow soon.

Please contact the Parish Office during office hours for the enrolment forms.

First Reconciliation

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION ENROLMENT PRAYER

On the weekend (20-21 June 2020) Saturday Vigil and Sundays Masses, all the children enrolled for the Sacrament of Reconciliation are requested along with their parents to attend any one of the weekend Mass. At the end of the Mass, they will be invited forward to say the Enrolment Prayer as a spiritual beginning to the child's formation in the Sacrament.



Coronavirus (COVID-19)

SIMPLE STEPS TO HELP STOP THE SPREAD.

Cough or sneeze into your arm

Use a tissue

