

St Margaret Mary's School

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Update

Tuesday, 15th December, 2020

Diary Dates

Newsletter No 36

Wednesday, 16th December Whole School Mufti Day

 School Closes for Students for 2020 at 3pm.

Thursday, 17th December

 Staff Professional Learning Day.

Friday, 18th December

- Staff Professional Learning Day
- School Closes for 2020

Wednesday 27th January

- Staff Return for 2021
- MAI Testing for Yrs 1-6
- Best Start for Kinder 2021

Thursday, 28th January

- MAI Testing for Yrs 1-6
- Best Start for Kinder 2021

Friday, 29th January

- Students in Yrs 1-6 Return for 2021
- Best Start for Kinder 2021

Monday, 1st February

Best Start for Kinder 2021

Tuesday, 2nd February

 Kindergarten 2021 Commence.

Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

In this last bulletin for 2020, it is my greatest wish that Christ will bless you and your loved ones this Christmas with so many wonderful moments to talk about for the rest of your lives. I wish you the warmest of Christmas holidays! I hope you are able to rest and relax with family and friends and look back upon a year where you have gone beyond what you thought you were capable of. May the peace of the birth of Christ come to you and your loved ones during the festive season.



God's Greatest Gift

God's greatest gift was sent to all He was born in a lowly manger stall The gift of Jesus to those who believe Is a gift of love and life for all.

God's love was shown in his Son He came that we may live as one Our thanks and praise cannot express Our love for God that brings happiness.

So at this Christmas time rejoice Praise the Lord with your voice The miracle of that special birth Shows how much God thinks you're worth.

Catherine Pulsifer

Canteen Lunch Orders

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. Many Blessings for Christmas and the holidays.

Mr Kevin Mills

Mr Kevin Mills Principal for all for

Farewells

At the end of 2020 we farewell a number of our staff. We have been blessed to have had their expertise and support over the past years, Belinda Martino, Pina Amond, Noah Afarian and Margaret Ciccarelli. We wish them all the very best for their new adventures.

We wish Karen El-Zakhem all the best of luck and God's blessing on the upcoming birth of her daughter.



Administration

Important Dates for 2021

Wednesday, 27th January Staff Return for 2021

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booking time.

Kinder 2021 Best Start as per

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Monday, 1st February Yrs 1-6

Kinder 2021 Best Start as per

booking time.

Tuesday, 2nd February Kindergarten 2021 Commence

Tuesday, 23rd February St Pauls Catholic College Visit

Yr 6 enrolments for 2022

Tuesday, 2nd March Yrs 3 - 6 Cross Country at

StMM's

Wednesday, 17th March Kindergarten 2022 Open Morn-

ing Tour for New Families

Thursday, 1st April Holy Thursday

School Closes for Term 1

Friday, 2nd April Good Friday

Sunday, 4th April Easter Sunday

Monday, 19th April School Resumes for Term 2

Students Return in Winter

Uniform

Term Dates for 2021

Term 1	27/01/21 - 01/04/21
Term 2	19/04/21 - 25/06/21
Term 3	12/07/21 - 17/09/21
Term 4	05/10/21 - 15/12/21

Skoolbag App

As we are getting closer to the end of 2020, we will continue to update our parents with notifications of events and happenings via the Skoolbag App for 2020 and the beginning of 2021.

Please note that next year we will be moving to the Compass Parent Portal.

School Requirements List 2021

Primary, Years 3-6

Stationery	Non Stationery
Pens (Blue & Red) (Years 4, 5 & 6 only)	Headphones
Pencils x 4(HB) & Sharpener	Small Whiteboard
Colouring Pencils OR Twistable Crayons	Library Bag
Ruler & Eraser	Box of Tissues x 2
Glue & Sticks Scissors	Pump Soap x 1
Packet of Whiteboard Markers	Packet of Cleaning Wipes x 1
Highlighters	

Infants, Kinder - Year 2

Non Stationery	
Headphones	Packet of Cleaning Wipes x 2
Box of Tissues x 2	Library Bag

Items may need to be restocked throughout the year.

Student Classes

It is a school policy that the make up of classes are revised at the end of Kindergarten (Early Stage One), Year Two (End of Stage One) and as needed in other years. It must be remembered that the structure of our school facilitates students working with a number of different teachers. The decision of the movement of students is at the discretion of the principal, and this year we have made several changes to other year groups to balance boys and girls, social and academic aspects along with catering for new students coming into our school community.

Students will be advised of their teachers and class when they return to school in 2021.



StMM's 2021 STAFF

Executive Team

Principal Assistant Principal BEC

Coordinator

Kevin Mills
Jennifer Veness
Dale Yearsley
Diane Antonucci
Melissa Fardella

Francine Attard
Sue Yanz

Parish Priest Fr Janusz Pawlicha

Office Staff

Finance Maria Pagano

Admin Annmaree McGuirk (M,Tu,W,Th)

Domenica Yenco (M,Tu,Th,F)

Simone Dore (W,F)

Librarian

Michele Balogh-Caristo

RFF

Mary Chetty Nancy Kubti Nancy Gaid

Instructional Coach

Sue Yanz

Diversity Team

Marie Debes Nicole Ashe

Michele Balogh-Caristo

Maria La Rocca Maxine Allen Julie Loftus Wilton Kellie Foley

Jennifer Veness Georgette Attard Sophie Ryan Rawa Simhari

Jill Tate

School Counsellor

Brian Melocco

School Maintenance

Paul Bartolo Joe Culican **Teaching Team**

Kinder

Melissa Hanna Anna Tan

Melissa Fardella

Year 1

Jacinta Iau

Dale Yearsley/Meghan O'Brien

Sarah Abraham

Year 2

Marina Toma Timothy Greaney Jessica Thompson

Year 3

Diane Antonucci Helen Golack Cara Essey

Year 4

Emma Downing Jessica Azar Vanessa Del Monte

Year 5

Francine Attard Chris Tenido Melina James

Year 6

Pauline McFarlane Amanda Mekdessi Daniel Maunick

Teachers Aides

Paulette Albertin Haifa Risk Michelyn Wehbe Suzie Kassis

Cleaner

Annette Zeaiter

Faith Community

Christmas Week

It's nearly Christmas! Oh what a holly, jolly time it is and to end the school year we have been doing some fun Christmas



activities! Last week, the Year 6 Faith Community leaders kindly set up the nativity scene in the LARC. Every lunch



we go to the prayer space and use the mats to say a personal prayer to God. Also, to remind us of the real reason why we celebrate Christmas, each class attended a prayer reflection where we read the Christmas story and reflected

on its impact in our lives. On Wednesday and Thursday we had a Christmas photo booth where we could take photos with our friends with funny props. There was also a guessing competition held by Year 5 students. Each child had one guess of how many lollies



they thought were in the jar and the winners were an-



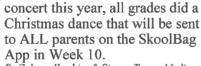
nounced! The jar held 64 lollies. Congratulations to Olivia Haddad in KB who won the jar and also to Jiarong Liu in 1B, Leah McLeod in 4Y, Biance Poumale in 4Y, Edwin Khairallah in 5R, Kamil Bahi in 5Y, Alat Juk in 5Y, Grace Fakhr in 5B and

Grace Zhang in 5B who won lolly bags. Throughout the week, Primary participated in a Kahoot with questions about Christmas while Infants had a Christmas scavenger hunt in

the playground. Finally, on Friday 11th December we wore Christmas themed clothes and brought in Christmas props. As we couldn't



do a Christmas



By Zahara Ibrahim & Sienna Tamer Media Team

Holiday Reading

Don't forget to log onto our PM eCollection these school holidays. Go to www.pmecollection.com.au.



Personal Growth

School Leaders for 2021

School Captains Lucinda Tran

Christopher Faddoul

Vice Captains Gabriella Mifsud

Benedict Blas

Faith Community Grace Geaitani

April Zhang

Personal Growth Serena Georges

Leyla Mazzocco

Partnership Sienna Tamer

Kamil Bahi

Teaching & Learning May Derbas

Patrick Nguyen

Kostka Zahara Ibrahim

Chadi Haouchab

Maur Angelina Khoury

Edwin Khairallah

McGovern Clara Fetrie

Jesse Pickering

Tosi Lisa Shrestha

Joab Hada

Technology Committee Grace Fakhr

Grace Zhang Gabriel Akle Alissia Ali Pavitar Pansi

Sienna Perez

Congratulation to the above students who will lead our school in 2021.

Year 6 2020

Congratulations to all the students who received awards at the Graduation Ceremony.

"We would like to thank our DJ Peter Toubia for his contribution to the Year 6 2020 Graduation Dinner on Friday night. The students loved the music, atmosphere & vibe provided by DJ TOUBZ."

