



Diary Date

Thursday, 19th November

- K2021 Orientation Morning 10:00am - 11:30am.

Friday, 20th November

- Crazy Sock Day
Students are to wear their school uniform with Crazy Socks.

Sunday, 22nd November

- Feast of Christ the King

Hats & Caps

Students are reminded that they must have a hat to be able to play. No Hat No Play. Students are not to come to the office to borrow a hat. Hats and Caps can be purchased from the school office. Hats come in 3 Sizes and cost \$10.00. Caps are one size fits all and cost \$15.00.

Drink Bottles

Students are reminded they must have a drink bottle at school every-day. Replacement drink bottles are available from the school office for \$5.00. This is a cash sale only. No EFT can be used for this purchase. A limited colour selection is available.

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, Carers & Children,

Last Saturday members of the StMM's Staff welcomed our 2021 Kinder children on a tour of our Infant Spaces. It was a well organised morning with COVID Safe protocols in place for the safety of all in our community. Our new members for 2021 were very impressed with our Staff and learning staff and felt very much happy with all that they saw and experienced last Saturday.

The 2021 Kinder group will continue their journey tomorrow with the first of three "Orientation days" over the coming weeks. We will also launch a number of videos on our StMM's website over the coming weeks as an information package for our new Kinders. These clips also provide a wonderful reflection for all StMM's.

I have always believed that Schools are all about relationships and this begins at the front office when parents begin the enrolment process. In 2020 it has even become more obvious the important role St Margaret Mary's plays in our community in delivering the message of Jesus in today's world. Parents are selecting to send their children to StMM's because of the excellent catholic community that supports all the students in their faith journey from Kinder to Year 6.

It is appropriate to acknowledge our Year 6 students and the challenging year they have experienced in 2020. They have had to endure a year that is very different from what they thought would be their last year at StMM's. They have rose to this challenge and have continued to make a positive impact on our community with their last task to welcome our 2021 Kinder students to StMM's. They are excellent examples of graduates from a great Catholic school.

God Bless

Kevin Mills
Principal

Administration

Crazy Sock Day!



Crazy Sock Day will be held on
Friday, 20th November.

Please make sure you wear crazy socks, mismatched socks, or just funny socks to show your school spirit. Normal uniforms (school or sport) are to be worn on this day.

New Signage

Over the next few weeks we will be having an electronic sign installed on the corner of Merrylands Road & Chetwynd Road. After much discussion the cost will be covered by the CEDP.

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. As we move into 2021 we will be moving to the CEDP new Compass System.

Invitational Swimming Carnival

Information was sent home in week 6 (November 16th) for our competitive swimmers advising how they can qualify to enter the Cumberland Zone Swimming Championships in 2021. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Foley.

Faith Community

Remembrance Day Service

Lest We Forget

Students at St Margaret Mary's have been learning about Remembrance Day and participated in a range of activities last week to commemorate those who fought for our country. On the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month, many countries around the world pause for a minute or two. On Wednesday 11th November, all students at St Margaret Mary's observed one minute of



silence to remember the Australians who served our country and sacrificed their lives for us. We all said a prayer led by Year 6 and the flag was lowered to half mast as a sign of remembrance for those who have fallen.



We have learnt some really enthralling facts and here are some...

There are four different types of poppies which are red, purple, black and white. The red poppy is the most important symbol, as it reminds us of those who fought in war and served our country to let us have peace. This is because the red poppies sprung up on the abandoned battlefields after the guns went silent. The purple poppy symbolises the animals that have been victims of war such as dogs, horses and pigeons. The white poppy is a



symbol to remember those who fought at war and focused on achieving peace. This is why students at StMM's wore red, white or purple mufti on Friday. Did you know that we don't only remember those who have passed? We remember everyone that served our



country in one way or another.

After World War 2, Armistice Day was changed to Remembrance Day. Did you know, Armistice is another word for truce? On Remembrance Day, most countries wear a red poppy on the left side of their chest. This symbolises the act of keeping those who have passed in our hearts.

Written by: Nickolas Kemourtzis, Joyce Sangi and Nicolas Gaid - Year 4



Teaching and Learning

Year 3 EMU Students

Congratulations to the following Year 3 students who have completed their EMU course and today received their EMU badges and certificates. The photo shows Tayla Elias, Monica William, Chom Juk and their EMU teacher Miss Swanson. EMU stands for Extending Mathematical Understanding.



Personal Growth

Year 5 Motiv8 Leadership Day

On Friday, 13th November, Year 5 participated in a Leadership Day to teach us how to cooperate and show leadership to be a good leader in Year 6. A leader is someone who is responsible, uses manners, shows respect and has a good



attitude. A group called Motiv8 came to lead the day, the coaches' names were Coach Ando, Bella, Eliza, Jake and Chett. For the first session we had activities called Japanese Blindfold, Toxic Waste and Minute to Win it. For the second session the activities were Super Soccer, Sponge Wars, and Tug of War.

All the activities had one similar purpose and that was for us to be responsible and help and encourage our team and cooperate with each other for when we are leaders of the school in Year 6. For lunch, the teachers organised slices of pizza and a popper for each of us.



Thank you to Miss Essey and the Year 5 teachers for organising this amazing day



for us. Thank you also to the Motiv8 staff for teaching us the true meaning of leadership. We look forward to beginning the leadership process in the next few weeks.

By: Thomas Yu, Benedict Blas and Aluel Hawach, Sienna Tamer

