



Diary Dates

Thursday, 26th November

- Kindergarten 2021 2nd Orientation Morning 10:00am - 11:30am.

Friday, 27th November

- Advent Mufti Day. Students are asked to wear purple for the start of Advent.

Sunday, 29th November

- 1st Sunday of Advent

Monday, 30th November

Tuesday, 1st December

Wednesday, 2nd December

Principal's Message

Drink Bottles

Students are reminded they must have a drink bottle at school everyday.

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.

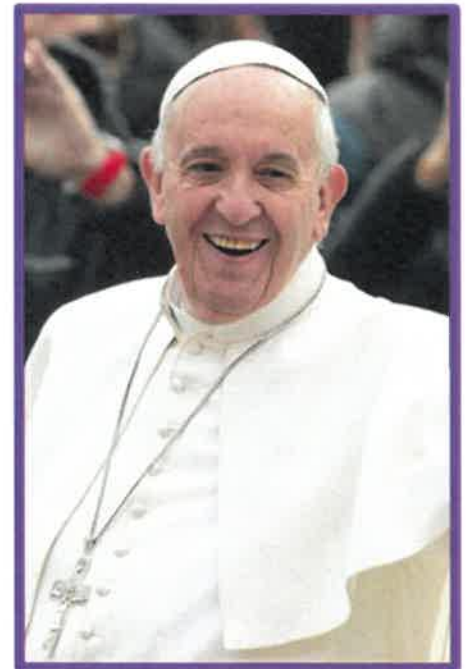
Skoolbag App



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.

Dear Parents, Carers & Students,

On Sunday a new liturgical year begins, and we enter the season of **Advent** (from the Latin word 'adventus', meaning coming). It is a season of wishing, yearning and longing for God while preparing our hearts to be open to the Good News. A number of the Advent readings, including Sunday's First Reading and Responsorial Psalm, recall the longing of the people of ancient Israel, who experienced a special covenant with God and who longed for the Messiah whom they believed God would send them.



We believe that God fulfilled that promise in the person of Mary's child. During Advent we are preparing for Christmas, knowing that Jesus will come to each of us and to those we love in a special and familiar way. We do need the miracle of God's grace to enter our hearts, our churches, our world. Our faith teaches us that God is now pouring out over the world all the love we need to carry on the mission entrusted to us by Jesus – a mission that has as its goal that every human being lives to the full.

Advent increases our HOPE, a hope which does not disappoint. The Lord never lets us down.

Pope Francis

May this season remind us of the **HOPE, JOY, LOVE** and **PEACE** found in Christ.

God Bless and take care,

Kevin Mills
Principal



Administration

Year 1-6 2021 MAI Testing

Next Wednesday 2nd December, your child will bring home an on-line booking code for schoolinterviews.com for each student to be booked into a half-hour time slot for the **2021** grade that they will be in.

New Signage for School and Parish

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.

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.

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.

Drink Bottles

As the weather is now getting so much warmer, students are reminded they must have a drink bottle at school. 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.

Crazy Sock Day

After a very interesting year, STMM is trying to end this year positively with a fun day every Friday! Last Friday on the 20th November we held Crazy Sock Day. Each student came to school wearing long socks, short socks, coloured socks, striped socks, polka dot socks and so many more! We saw socks with pineapples, avocados, burgers and lots of soccer balls! Have a look below at the photos of our Crazy Socks!

By Sienna Tamer and
Zahara Ibrahim Media Team



Faith Community

Purple Day



To begin this season of Advent, StMM's will be having a **PURPLE DAY** on **Friday 27th November**. We ask that all students wear purple mufti and bring in a **gold coin donation**. All donations will go to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.

Personal Growth

Year 5 Leadership Process

The process for deciding the Captains for 2021 began when Year 5 participated in the Leadership Day this Term. The purpose of the day was to put students in a variety of situations where they would need to show leadership.

Following this event, children had an opportunity to nominate students who they believe would make good leaders in 2021. When students are nominating, they must include reasons to support why this person would be a good leader. They are able to nominate up to 3 students, including themselves. Once the nominations have been collated, 12 students will be identified and they will have an opportunity to present speeches. Students will need to either accept or decline their nomination before speeches are presented. Please note that students will not be guaranteed a Colour Captain position if they decline their nomination for School Captain. The School Captains, School Vice Captains and Pillar Captains will then be decided from this group of 12.

In the next few weeks, students will have an opportunity to vote for Colour Captains.

Students are encouraged to remember that all of Year 6 are leaders of our school and this process only determines who will be wearing a badge.



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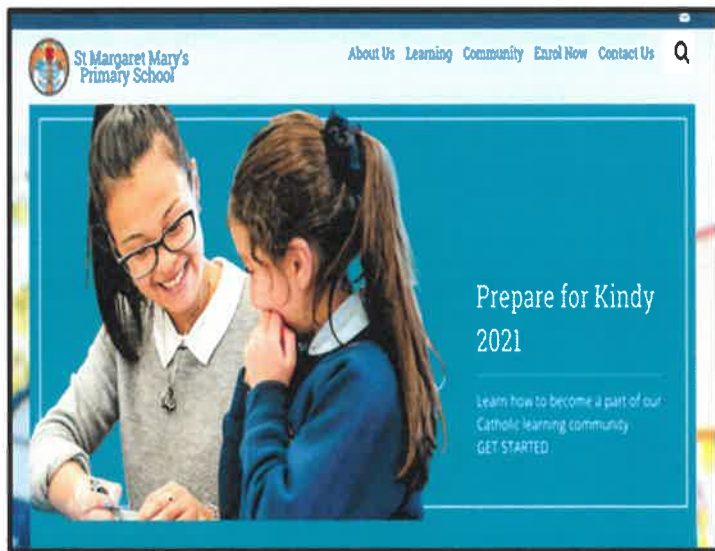
End of Year

COVID continues to have an impact on our community and it would come as no surprise that we have had to adjust a range of our "End of Year" Events for 2020. The biggest impact is on our Yr 6 Leaders, who have had to forego a number of activities throughout the year. We have informed our Yr 6 parents on the arrangements in Week 9 of this term, FunDay, Graduation Ceremony and Graduation Dinner. For the other students we are planning an event that we can share with our community. This will be via StMM's Website and Skoolbag App.



StMM's Website

Mrs Albertin, along with a number of staff, have been working very hard on StMM's Website. There are a large number of photos of recent events and our new Kinder students for 2021. Please take the time to explore the website including a wonderful new Literacy Portal (designed Ms Antonucci and Mr Maunick). As we move into the season of Advent and leading up to Christmas we will post and record the happenings and events of our school. This will allow our parents and carers to view our traditional Catholic celebrations of the season.



Administration

School Office Payments

Final Day 2020

Final day for School Fee Payments and purchasing of hats, caps and Library bags for 2020 will be **Friday, 11th December 2020**. Please come to the office as soon as possible to purchase items and / or make payments.



Personal Growth



WEEK 8 WELLBEING WEEK



In Week 8, StMM's will be hosting a Wellbeing Week as a way to wind down and reflect on our blessings after a challenging school year. To celebrate Wellbeing Week, students will engage in different activities throughout the week.

There will also be no homework during Wellbeing Week. It will be a week that your child can have a break from their usual homework routine and spend quality time with parents and friends. On Monday, students will receive a bookmark with suggested activities to encourage each child to focus on their wellbeing.

Wellbeing Week 8 will also be a 'Free Choice Uniform' week, where children can choose to wear either their sport uniform or school uniform any day of the week.

Please note that Friday 4th December will be a Mufti day for all students.

25 Days of Christmas Bible Verses

1  JOHN 3:16	2 Philippians 1:8-10	3 ISAIAH 7:14	4 Zechariah 9:9	5  Isaiah 9:6-7
6 Acts 5:31 	7 Romans 5:1	8 ISAIAH 40:1-11	9 Luke 1:1-17	10 Luke 1:18-25 
11 Luke 1:26-38	12 Luke 1:39-45	13 Mary Luke 1:46-56	14  LUKE 1:57-66	15 Luke 1:67-80
16 Luke 2:1-12 	17 LUKE 2:13-21	18 Luke 2:22-35	19 LUKE 2:36-40	20 Luke 2:41-51 
21 Matthew 1:18-25	22 Matthew 2:1-12	23 Matthew 2:13-18 	24 MATTHEW 2:19-23	25 Isaiah 53:5