



St Margaret Mary's School

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Update

Wednesday, 24th February, 2021

Diary Dates

Thursday, 25th February

Friday, 26th February

- Yrs 5 & 6 Opening School Mass & Commissioning of Student Leaders 11am—12pm. (Parents Invitation only)
- Cerdon College Visiting Year 6 Girls

Monday, 1st March

Catholic Schools Week

Tuesday, 2nd March

- Yrs 3-6 Cross Country at School

Wednesday, 3rd March

- P&F Meeting 6pm –7pm in the Staffroom

Asthma

With the unusual seasonal weather parents are reminded to ensure their child understands the importance of controlling their Asthma by taking the prescribe medication correctly.

Open Morning

St Margaret Mary's will be holding an open morning on Wednesday 17th March from 9:00am—10:30am, for New Kindergarten 2022 families.

Enrolments

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2022 are now taking place. If your child was born between 1st August, 2016 and 31st July, 2017, please collect an enrolment form from the school office. Interviews will commence at the end of April. Last year we had a waiting list with over 120 applications.

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

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews

Dear Parents and Carers

We will be holding Parent/ Teacher/ Student interviews as a way of reconnecting with our parent community, in the week beginning the 15th March 2021. On Monday families will receive Information and the on-line booking code, to book an interview time with teacher's.

Parents entering the school will be asked to sign in and out, sanitise hands and keep a 1.5m distance from others. There will be no more than 3 groups every 10 minutes. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the school office. We look forward to having our parents on site and meeting with their child's teacher. We understand if some parents do not want to take up this offer.

Jennifer Veness

Assistant Principal

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.

StMM's School Contact

In the case of a genuine emergency please phone the school office on **8633 8400**. If you wish to contact a staff member please do so via the office. Contact with the office may also be made via the school's email address stmargaretmarys@parra.catholic.edu.au. We appreciate your assistance and understanding. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the school on **8633 8400**. Remember we also use the StMM's Skoolbag App for communication with our community. You are also able to send via this app a notification regarding your child's absence from school.

Student Medical Information

If your child/ren suffer from asthma or has a medical condition (eg Allergies) and you have not informed the school office, could you please do so as soon as possible.

For example, if your child suffers for asthma, please supply an updated Asthma Action Plan from your child's doctor, along with ventolin & spacer.

All medication must be brought to the school office by a parent and a medication form needs to be completed by the parent.

Allergies

At StMM's we have a number of children attending our school who have severe allergies to many different foods. This means that if these children come in contact with any food products they will have a severe allergic reaction. We also ask that you remind your child/ren not to share their lunch or any other food with another child.

School Uniforms

All uniforms must be worn neatly and correctly. All hairstyles should be appropriate to the students age and the schools expectations. Long hair must be tied back. Our Sun Safe program requires students to wear our school cap or hat when outside: **No Hat No Play**. These hats and caps are available at the school office. Sleeper earrings and stud earrings may be worn. Simple signet rings may also be worn. No expensive jewellery is to be worn at school.

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct sports shoes and socks. The school sports shoes should be predominately white and socks should be white with a fold down top. Parents are asked to ensure that students have the correct uniform on at all times.



Administration

School Fees

All Invoice/Statements have been sent out by CEDP. If you have not received your statement by the 28th February, please contact Maria in the school office. Term 1 School Fees are due by 17th March unless you have entered into an arrangement with the school or with CEDP. Details as per your school statement. Any queries with regards to your 2021 Statement or arrangements, please contact Maria Pagano on 8633 8400.

Afternoon Pick Up

As from next week (Monday 15th February), all parents picking up Kindy students from parent pick up will need to line up with all other parents, as kindy students will be dismissed along with all grades in the top COLA area for afternoon dismissal.

Entering and Exiting the School for Students

There are two ways for students to enter and exit the school in the mornings and afternoons from now on.

Morning Arrivals

1. Top Church Gate
2. Car Drop off

Afternoon Dismissal

1. Top Church Gate
2. Car Pick-up

Please note the Year 2 Gates will not be open for general traffic as a matter of safety.

We have been informed by Police & the Parking Patrol Officers of the Holroyd Area that we only have control of StMM's school block on Henson Street.

This means the following:

- We will aim to start Car Pick-Up at 3.00pm
- The only dedicated Car Pick-Up queue is the length of the school block in Henson Street
- Joining this queue must be done following all road and traffic rules including signage
- Parents/Carers are now able to join the Car Pick-Up queue via Davies Street & Henson St
- Parents/Carers are to ensure they give way correctly taking into account all signs & road rules
- Cars that are lined up across from the school block in Henson Street will be booked. The police view this as double parking.

Aspects to follow for Car Pick-Up

- **Stagger your arrival between 3.00pm and 3.30pm**
- **Have your number visible for the teacher to call**
- **Remain calm and patient at all times**
- **Adults to remain in cars**
- **Follow all road rules**



BOYS AND GIRLS SUNDAY FOOTBALL REGISTRATION

4 YEARS OLD - 12 YEARS OLD

Namassa Street Park, Namassa Street, Greystanes NSW 2145

Training is held every Friday Nights 6-7pm

Games are played Sunday

Single Player \$120 this includes Training (Kit, Socks/Shorts)

Active Kids Voucher Accepted

For More Information Contact Tony 0414 351 221

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Personal Growth

Cross Country Reminders.

Next Tuesday, 2nd March is the Cross Country for years 3 to 6. Students, in these grades are reminded to wear their sport uniform, hat and apply sunscreen. They are also encouraged to be well hydrated and have a good breakfast the morning of the carnival. Unfortunately, parents will not be able to join us on this occasion. We wish all the students the best of luck.



Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival

Nineteen students from St Margaret Mary's attended the Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival last week. Our team did our best on the day and all participated with effort and enthusiasm. Trophies were presented to three of our students: Lisa Shrestha, Joab Hada and Ruby Shrestha. Several different schools were at the carnival and all brought together with loud cheering for their team members. As for our team, we were the loudest group of all! But at the end of the day, it was down to six exhausted children at the back of the bus. Congratulations to a number of team members who now move onto the Diocesan Swimming Carnival. *By Lisa Shrestha & Joab Hada*



Enrolments are now open for Year 7 2022 and 2023
Enrolment Packages are available from the College Office or on our Website
cerdonmerrylands.catholic.edu.au



2021 Open Day will be held on Tuesday 9 March commencing at 4:30 pm and concluding at 7:00 pm.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions THIS WILL BE A TICKETED EVENT ONLY for prospective enrolment into Year 7 2022

5 x 90 minute sessions are available (1 x adult, 1 x child - please choose 1 session only as numbers are limited)

Scan this code to make a booking



Please contact the College on 8724 7300 should you require any further information

Open Day

Wednesday 3rd March

4.00pm—7.00pm

- College Tours
- Lesson Demonstrations
- Parents & Friends Association
- Staff & Students available to answer your questions

Phone: 02 8504 3700

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY LAWN BOWLS DAY @ CLUB MERRYLANDS

MERRYMAN STREET MERRYLANDS

WEDNESDAY 14th APRIL 2021 10AM TO 12PM AGES 10-15

\$10 PER PERSON INCLUDES- HAT, DRINK BOTTLE AND BOWLS TOWEL.

ALSO, SPECIAL PRIZES ON THE DAY

THE 2 HOUR SESSION WILL BE MADE UP WITH FUN ACTIVITIES ALL TO DO WITH THE SPORT OF LAWN BOWLS.



22 February 2021

Dear parents and carers

Please find below the Annual Diocesan fees schedule for 2021. The fees remained unchanged from 2020, a reflection of Bishop Vincent Long's aim of making our Catholic schools as affordable as possible for families.

School-based fees have also remained unchanged. School-based fees cover the costs of things such as technology and school administration.

School fees are generally billed in instalments during Terms 1, 2 and 3. The fee is made up of three main parts:

1. Diocesan tuition fee

These are set by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta and are the *same for every school*. There are **significant sibling discounts** for families with more than one child at a Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta school (it does not have to be the same school).

Those discounts and a list of the annual Diocesan tuition fees for 2021 are outlined below
2021 Diocesan tuition fee schedule (per year)

	1 st child (100%)	2 nd child (75%)	3 rd child (50%)	4 th Child (0%)
Kindergarten	\$1,224	\$918	\$612	No fee
Years 1 – 6	\$1,581	\$1,185	\$792	No fee
Years 7 – 8	\$2,190	\$1,644	\$1,095	No fee
Years 9 – 10	\$2,430	\$1,824	\$1,215	No fee
Years 11 – 12	\$3,102	\$2,328	\$1,551	No fee

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2. Diocesan Building Levy

This fee is set by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta and is the same for every school. The annual Diocesan building levy for 2021 is \$822. **There is only one Diocesan building levy per family with one or more children in a Parramatta Diocesan school or at St Dominic's College, Kingswood** and it is billed in instalments over the first 3 terms of the year. A sibling discount of up to 50% applies to families with children within the bordering Archdiocese of Sydney and Dioceses of Wollongong and Broken Bay.

3. School-based fees

These are determined by the school according to the needs of that school and billable for each child. School-based fees are often called 'resource fees' or 'activity fees'. These fees help schools cover the costs of things like teaching resources, technology, excursions etc.

This fee varies between schools. Please contact the school to find out more about their school-based fees. *Although it varies from school to school, as a guide, the Diocesan tuition fee represents roughly half the overall fee per year.*

Here's how we can help

We appreciate that from time to time, some families experience financial challenges. As well as sibling discounts, confidential fee support is available through the following means:

- **Flexible payment options**

Families enrolled in CEDP schools are offered flexible payment options at the start of each year. These options provide opportunities to select a payment plan that best suits you. Payments can be made by direct debit, debit, or credit card, or BPay on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis at no additional charge.

- **Fee assistance**

We understand financial circumstances can change and that these changes can impact on families. Please speak with your school principal confidentially if your family experiences financial difficulty or hardship so an appropriate arrangement can be made.

- **Bishop Manning Support Fund**

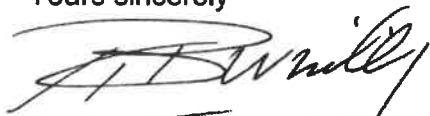
In addition to fee assistance programs, the Bishop Manning Support Fund is available to families who experience challenges meeting the cost of school fees due to financial hardship. Further information is available at the [Bishop Manning Support Fund](#) page of the CEDP website.

- **Byallawa Co-contribution Scheme**

The Byallawa co-contribution scheme provides assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families to ensure a quality Catholic education is affordable and accessible. Further information is available on our [Byallawa Co-contribution Scheme](#) page of the CEDP website.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Catholic schools. Please contact your local Catholic school if you require further assistance.

Yours sincerely



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Executive Director
Catholic Education
Diocese of Parramatta