



# St Margaret Mary's School

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Newsletter No 8

## Update

Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2021

### Diary Dates

#### Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> March

#### Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> March

- Mufti Day—Easter Egg Donation.
- P&F Easter Egg Basket Wrapping.
- P&F Easter Egg Raffle Draw.

#### Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> March

##### Holy Week

- 8:40am Whole school assembly. Parents welcome to attend.

#### Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> March

#### Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March

#### Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> April

##### Holy Thursday

- Easter Prayer Service 11:30am. Parents welcome to attend.
- School Closes at 3pm for Term 1

#### Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April

##### Good Friday

#### Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> April

##### Easter Sunday

#### Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> April

- School Resumes for Term 2.
- Students return in full winter uniform

### Change of Details

If you have moved house or changed your contact details, please notify the school office as soon as possible to update your details in case of an emergency.

### Leaving

If you know your child/ren will not be returning to this school in 2021, please let the office know as soon as possible, in writing. It is a CEDP Policy that 10 school weeks notice is given to the principal before the removal of your child from the school, otherwise a full term fees will be required to be paid.

### 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.



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### P&F Easter Raffle

On Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> March, students are allowed to wear mufti clothes to school. Clothes must be of neat and tidy appearance. In exchange for wearing Mufti clothes they are asked to donate a substantial Chocolate Easter Eggs for the Easter Raffle. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March and prizes will be sent home with the children on this day. All money raised from the Easter Raffle will go towards the refurbishment of the Primary building.



### Easter Raffle Books

All sold and unsold raffle ticket books need to be returned to the school office by Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

### Easter Prize Wrapping

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help us on Friday make the Easter basket prizes. We will be in the hall from 9am to start the wrapping of the prizes. If you are unable to help but can send in a plate of food or drinks for the helpers it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you to the families who have already donated items.



All parents/carers that wish to assist the P&F in any activities, must complete the CEDP Building Child Safe Communities online undertaking form and training module for volunteers.

This can be accessed via [www.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au)

1. Click on About Us

2. Click on Building Child Safe Communities

Read the questions and follow the instructions carefully

## Administration

### Enrolments

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2022 are now taking place. If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

### StMM's Refurbishment

StMM's has been successful in applying for money from CEDP to refurbish the primary learning spaces over the next 4 years. We are at the initial stages of viewing the architect proposals by the end of the term. We will have more details next term.

### School Holidays

As we are fast approaching the end of term, it is a good time to remind your children about the importance of Stranger Danger.

School closes for the holidays on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 3pm and resumes for Term 2 on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

### Attendance/Lateness

We monitor students attendance and lateness on a regular basis, and will be sending home letters next week to parents of students where attendance for term 1 was low or have been late to school on a regular basis. School attendance plays a very important role in your child's learning, this includes being late on a regular basis.

### StMM's School Website

Please visit our StMM's School Website:

<https://www.stmmerrylands.catholic.edu.au>

You will find all the events celebrated at StMM's in Term 1 2021, under the 'Community' heading and in the 'Gallery' section. We hope you enjoy them.

## Faith Community

### Holy Thursday Prayer Service

To celebrate the beginning of the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday), a prayer service will be held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 11.30am. This will be held outside, on the grass covered area.

To comply with our COVID-19 action plan, the following safety measures have been put in place for the event:

- A **maximum of 2 adults per family** are able to attend
- In the event of wet weather (rain), the event will become a **student only event** as we cannot accommodate social distancing and the number of people in an indoor space

All further updates about this event (including wet weather cancellation) will be communicated through StMM's SkoolBag app. We look forward to coming together in community to celebrate this Holy Day.



### Mini Vinnies Donation Packing

During Week 8, students in each grade were asked to donate small packets of food as part of the St Vincent De Paul Lenten Appeal. Donations were collected in the LARC and on Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> March, students in Mini Vinnies created a production line and packaged them into little snack packs for the homeless. With all of the donations we were able to create 360 snack packs that will truly make a difference in the lives of those in need this Lent.

After seeing how many packs we were able to make, we contacted St Vincent De Paul and they were absolutely blown away by the generosity of our community. Any extra donations that were left over were also donated in bulk to the charity. Thank you so much to the StMM community for

their support with our first Mini Vinnies fundraiser for the year and to Mrs Del Monte for her organisation of this event!

By Nyadeng Manyang and Elena Lin Media Team

### Harmony Day

Our school was a sea of orange as we celebrated Harmony Day last Friday. Harmony Day is celebrated in Australia to

acknowledge the cultural diversity in our country. The students participated in a range of activities throughout the day to celebrate this special day. Our classes joined together for a

Buddy Session and students worked collaboratively and created paper crane dolls which are

now displayed on our LARC windows for our school to enjoy. The money raised from our mufti day went towards our Project Compassion Lenten Appeal. Thank you to all our school community for participating and celebrating this special day.

Go to the link below to view the Harmony Day Video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8gT8PwW9uIk>



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### Kindergarten 2022 Open Morning

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March, we opened our school

gates to parents who are considering enrolling their children into St Margaret Mary's school next year. Some Year 5 and Year 6 students were given the job of being tour guides. Part of our job was to take parents around our learning spaces and playgrounds and

part of it was to answer questions about what makes our school such a great school. The parents were very impressed with our knowledge and we received many compliments about how professional we were on our tours. We hope all the guests that attended learnt a lot about our school!

Media Team

## Teaching & Learning

### Year 6 Discovery Learning

Music Project

In year six, during music we have been watching videos, researching and learning about instruments that were made of repurposed rubbish. Our music project was to make a rap that relates to an issue important to us, such as oil spills, pollution, social justice, racism and more. We were given time to write lyrics and the beat of our song, make our instruments using recycled materials and given time to practise and present our song. On 4th March we performed the song to the whole grade and the best two groups were selected to perform their song to Mr Mills. The groups selected were Havana's group including: Havana Smith, Aluel Hawach and Scarlett Neculman and the second group was Tausinga's group who consisted of Tausinga Langi, Patrick Lamin, Julian Balkitis and Michael Aoun.

By Tausinga Langi & Havana Smith

#### Rubbish Rap

Aye, aye, aye aye, aye  
Welcome to the rap (olah!)  
Landfill is not a handful.  
It's big issue, so reuse your tissue  
Pick up that cigarette box you dropped  
Recycle, recycle and ride your bicycle  
We hope you listen, don't make a fuss  
Because we're about talk about some stuff



#### French Kids In Adelaide

In NSW born and raised Aluel, Havana, Scarlett are here today.  
Turtles and dolphins havin' their own play,  
'till plastic comes and takes them away.  
Then a couple of guys up to no good,  
Started littering in the neighbourhood,  
They got one little fine and they all got scared,  
And she said you're moving with your aunt and uncle in Adelaide.



Our Album Cover!

### The Big Veggie Crunch

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March, Year 2 and Year 3 students participated in The Big Veggie Crunch. We were allowed to bring in a fruit or a vegetable. We sat on the bottom playground with our friends and ate our fruit and vegetables. The teachers also gave us carrots to enjoy on the day.

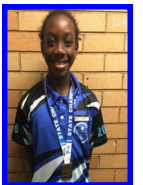
By Ella K. and Benhui C Year 3



## Personal Growth

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Clara Fetrie for competing at the NSW State Little Athletics Track and Field Championships on March 20th. Clara won a gold medal in the 200 metre sprint with a time of 27.45. Well done Clara!





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## Ex Student

My name is Theresa Ndaira, and I am an ex-student from Saint Margaret Mary's from the graduating class of 2013. I completed the Higher School Certificate (HSC) from Cerdon College in 2020, which gave me the opportunity to study at the University of Technology, Sydney (UTS). I am currently studying a Bachelor of Biomedical Engineering (Honours) and a Diploma in Professional Engineering Practice. Biomedical engineering is not a common course that most people have heard of, but it plays a major role in the modern world of health and technology today. Biomedical engineering is the application of concepts and problem-solving techniques of engineering to biology and medicine, which focuses on improving human health and health care. Biomedical engineering also includes roles such as designing and developing active medical devices, which is any device relying on electrical energy to source it, some examples include hearing aids, heart-lung machines and patient monitors. Another role of a biomedical engineer includes prosthetic limbs, which is an artificial substitute or replacement of a body part that is used for functional reasons. Another of the few roles of a biomedical engineer includes medical imaging, such as X-RAY and MRI machines, these machines allow doctors and specialists to view problems that occur within the body such as broken bones, fractures and can even be used to detect cancer cells. Currently, biomedical engineers are researching for the near future of 3-dimensional printing to create human organs to save lives.

## St Margaret Mary's Parish Holy Week Mass Times

### Holy Week 2021



**PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD**  
SATURDAY (27 March) - 6:00pm - Vigil  
SUNDAY (28 March) - 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 6:00pm  
(Blessings of palms and olive branches at all Masses)

MONDAY (29 March) - 9:15am  
TUESDAY (30 March) - 9:00am & 7:00pm  
WEDNESDAY (31 March) - 9:00am **{no 7:00pm Mass}**

Thursday of Holy Week (01 April) - No Morning Mass  
**Thursday of the LORD'S SUPPER - 7:00pm**

**Friday of the PASSION of the LORD – Good Friday (02 April)**  
Stations of the Cross - 10:00am  
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord - 3:00pm

Holy Saturday (03 April) - No Morning Mass  
The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (03 April) 7:00pm

**EASTER SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION of the LORD**  
(04 April) - 7:30am, 9:00am, 10.30am & 6:00pm Masses

### **PALMS BRANCHES FOR PALM SUNDAY**



We are seeking donations of palms branches for our procession and blessing for **Palm Sunday– 28 March**. Deliveries of palms to be left in the foyer of the church on **Friday 26 March & Saturday 27 March. *Thank you***