



St Margaret Mary's School

Listen Share Act

7 Chetwynd Road, Merrylands 2160 Tel (02) 8633 8400 Fax (02) 8633 8499
Email: stmargaretmarys@parra.catholic.edu.au www.stmmerrylands.catholic.edu.au

Newsletter No 10

Bulletin

Wednesday, 21st April, 2021

Diary Dates

Thursday, 22nd April

- Kindergarten 2022 Interviews continue for New and Sibling Families.

Friday, 23rd April

Sunday, 25th April

ANZAC Day

Monday, 26th April

- 8:40am Whole School Assembly and ANZAC Day Service. Parents are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, 27th April

- School Photos. Students are to wear FULL SUMMER Uniform. No Sports Uniforms are to be worn.

Wednesday, 28th April

- Kindergarten 2022 Interviews continue for New and Sibling Families.

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.



Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Boys and Girls,

Dear Lord,

As we gather together with family, friends and as a school community; we invite you once again into our lives. May the hope of your resurrection bring great colour to our days.

May the promise of your spirit working in us light up our lives. May the love you revealed to us shape our friendship and sharing of our support to all in the StMM's Community. May the truth in your word guide our journeys and may the joy of your kingdom fill our homes.

As we gather together during this wonderful season of Celebration, we thank you for all the wonderful news that we can now enjoy and celebrate your glorious resurrection.

*Thank you, Lord.
Amen.*



StMM's Reading Folder & Our Reading Log

Reading is a vital part of the learning process and a wonderful tool for relaxation and finding out about the world around us. At StMM's we value Reading and its importance in our students' learning. Please note the following:

- The Reading folder is to travel home and back to school each day.
- Children are expected to read each night and complete the Reading Log.
- The Reading Log is to be completed neatly and kept in a tidy manner.
- The Log will be used to complete the reading effort section of the school report.

God Bless

Mr Kevin Mills
Principal



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 commenced today and will continue until the middle of May. If you have collected an enrolment form and not returned it to the school office please do so as soon as possible, along with the relevant documentation then you will receive an interview time for you and your child.

Administration

School Photos 2021

School Photographs will be taken on:
Tuesday 27th April 2021.

All students bring their photo envelopes home today.

Parents should order online (preferred method) through the Don Wood website using a PC or Laptop:

www.donwoodphotography.com.au using our unique school code **751R17**.

- If ordering online no envelope is required to be brought back to school.
- **If ordering with cash, children must bring the envelope to school with the correct money on Photo Day. No change will be given. No change will be available from the school office or the canteen.**



All students are to wear their full summer uniform on this day (NO SPORTS UNIFORMS).

Family photos are available and envelopes **must** be collected from the school office, before photo day and orders placed as per above.

The School office will be closed before school on Tuesday 27th April, for staff photos.

Morning Arrival of Students

We want to continue to foster the independence that has been established with students happily entering the school and waving goodbye to their parents.

As from next Monday 26th April there will be teachers on duty on the lower playground and middle playground from **8:15am, only**. *Gates will open earlier for those students who arrive before 8:15. All students are asked to go directly to the lower playground to sit. At 8:15, once supervision has begun, students may have 'walk and talk' time.*

Parents are welcome to enter with their child/children. Hand sanitizer stations will be set up for the students to use. We ask that parents do not enter classroom spaces. Infant students will continue to enter the classrooms at 8:30 via the top COLA. Gates will be locked at 8:40 - any students arriving after this time will need to enter via the office. We thank you all for your continued support.

Winter Uniform

Students are required to be dressed in winter uniform for Term 2. There will be a 4 week grace period for students. All students must be in full school winter uniform by Monday, 26th May.

Lowes is the only supplier of StMM's school uniforms. Uniforms brought from any other supplier is in breach of contract and may not be correct. Lowes have advised us that they will have new stock by the end of next week for all uniforms.

Parents and Students are reminded that they must wear the correct school and sports shoes.



Monitoring Attendance

We monitor students attendance and lateness on a regular basis, throughout the year. School attendance plays a very important role in your child's learning, this includes being late on a regular basis.

Primary Athletics Carnival

Students in years 3-6 should have received a permission note yesterday for our annual sports carnival to be held at Holroyd Sports ground. Students who do not return their permission note and payment will not be allowed to attend the carnival and will remain at school. The sports carnival is a compulsory for all students in years 3-6.



Important Dates for Term 2

Thursday, 22 nd April	Kindergarten 2022 Interviews Continue
Sunday, 25 th April	ANZAC Day
Monday, 26 th April	ANZAC Day Assembly
Tuesday, 27 th April	School Photos Full school summer uniform
Wednesday, 28 th April	Kindergarten 2022 Interviews
Thursday, 29 th April	Athletics Carnival for Yrs 3-6
Friday, 30 th April	Kindergarten 2022 Interviews for sibling families
Monday, 3 rd May	Yr 4 Excursion to Old Government House and Elizabeth Farm Kindergarten 2022 Interviews
Tuesday, 4 th May	Diocesan Cross Country Kindergarten 2022 Interviews
Wednesday, 5 th May	Kindergarten 2022 Interviews
Friday, 7 th May	Mother's Day Breakfast
Sunday, 9 th May	Mother's Day
Tuesday, 11 th May	NAPLAN for Yrs 3 & 5 Students
Wednesday, 12 th May	NAPLAN for Yrs 3 & 5 Students
Thursday, 13 th May	NAPLAN for Yrs 3 & 5 Students
Friday, 14 th May	NAPLAN for Yrs 3 & 5 Students
Sunday, 23 rd May	Pentecost Sunday
Monday, 24 th May	Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians All students must be in full winter uniform.
Wednesday, 26 th May	Yr 6 Canberra Excursion
Thursday, 27 th May	Yr 6 Canberra Excursion
Friday, 28 th May	Yr 6 Canberra Excursion
Friday, 11 th June	Feast of the Sacred Heart
Monday, 14 th June	Public Holiday
Friday, 25 th June	School Closes for Term 2
Monday, 12 th July	School Resumes for Term 3

Faith Community

Holy Thursday Prayer Service

Last term, our school community joined together on Holy Thursday to celebrate the beginning of the Easter Triduum. It was the first formal occasion that we were able to celebrate alongside our parent community in over a year. Our words came to life as we sang along with our wonderful choir and we watched a reenactment of the Easter story to remind us of Jesus' sacrifice for us. We hope you enjoy these photos from the occasion.



Project Compassion 2021

Project Compassion, Caritas Australia's Lenten appeal, began in 1965 and since its beginning has raised more than \$500 million for people living in poverty around the world. This year, St Margaret Mary's supported Project Compassion to help people receive what they need to live a healthy and happy life and raised an amazing total of \$2027.20. Congratulations to Year 3 who took on the challenge to BE MORE and as a grade, raised over \$490! Thank you to our whole school community for supporting this worthwhile cause and committing to bring about change.

We would like to thank Mrs DeMonte and Mrs James for all their support and work with the Mini Vinnies students and co ordinating the project compassion at our school.



PROJECT COMPASSION
BE MORE

Sacramental Program 2021 - *First Reconciliation*

St Margaret Mary's Parish is currently accepting enrolments for their Sacramental Program (*First Reconciliation*). Enrolments will be open until Friday, 21st May 2021.



A note containing information about the program and enrolment forms have been sent home with the Year 3 students. If your child (Year 4 and above) has not undertaken this Sacrament and would like to be included in the 2021 Sacramental Program, please contact the office and information will be sent home.

At this stage, the dates for **Holy Communion** and **Confirmation** have not been formalised. An update will be provided once this information is made available by the parish.

Partnership

P&F - Volunteer Requirements

Thank you to our parents/carers that have already completed their BCSC online training and forwarded their approval email to the school email stmargaretmarys@parra.catholic.edu.au

All parents/carers that wish to volunteer and 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

1. Click on About Us
2. Click on Building Child Safe Communities
3. Read the questions and follow the instructions carefully

Once your form has been "Submitted", the system will generate an automated email to confirm the status of your submission within 24 hours. All Volunteers need a BCSC status that is *Approved to provide services to our school*.

Please forward this approval email to the school stmargaretmarys@parra.catholic.edu.au

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Will be open on Monday morning, 26th April after assembly.

StMM's School Website

Please visit our StMM's School Website: <https://www.stmerrylands.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.



Teaching & Learning

NAPLAN Timetable

Dear Parents

Below is the NAPLAN timetable for the next two weeks.

If your child is unable to attend one of the tests, then they will have time to complete a make-up test. (Year 3 Writing close off date is 17/5).

Tuesday	11/5/2021	9:00am	Year 3 Writing (paper) test
Tuesday	11/5/2021	11:30 am	Year 5 Writing
Wednesday	12/5/2021	9:00am	Year 5 Reading
Wednesday	12/5/2021	11:30 am	Year 3 Reading
Thursday	13/5/2021	9:00am	Year 3 Conventions of Language
Thursday	13/5/2021	11.30 am	Year 5 Conventions of Language
Friday	14/5/2021	9:00am	Year 3 Numeracy
Friday	14/5/2021	11:30 am	Year 5 Numeracy

Students who are absent on the above dates will sit the tests from Monday 17/5/2021 to Friday 21/5/2021. In the event of technological issues, we also have these dates as back-up for the whole grade/s. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Jennifer Veness
Assistant Principal

Excursions and Incursions

It is important for all students and parents to note that all incursions and excursions are an important part of learning at STMM's. With regards to children attending (including sporting events), the school has a process whereby children with inappropriate behaviour may be unable to participate in these events. The decisions regarding students attendance is the responsibility of the Principal and Assistant Principal. The school will endeavour to consult and inform parents if there are concerns about a child's attendance at these events.



ABC Reading Eggs

ABC Reading Eggs is an online educational website that allows your child to develop their literacy skills through interactive activities. Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students have been given a 4 week limited access trial to Reading Eggs. This program can be accessed at home by downloading the app on an Ipad or visiting the site readingeggs.com.au. Students have been given their login and passwords. We encourage your children to use ABC Reading Eggs at home while it's available.

