



St Margaret Mary's School

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Update

Wednesday, 26th May, 2021

Diary Dates

Thursday, 27th May

- Year 6 in Canberra

Friday, 28th May

- Year 6 return from Canberra
- Pentecost Liturgy at 11:00am
- Students to wear Mufti clothes or an accessory that is Red, Orange, or Yellow.

Sunday, 30th May

Holy Trinity Sunday

Monday, 31st May

- 8:40am Whole School Assembly
Parents are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, 1st June

- Year 5 Planetarium Incursion

Wednesday, 2nd June

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.

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.

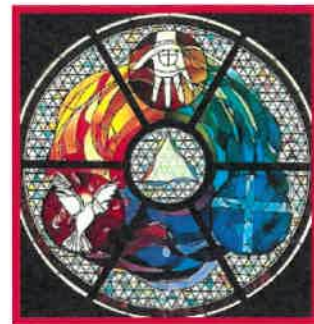
Skoolbag App

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 / Carers, Girls & Boys,

I remember reading a book (The Divine Dance), when I was the principal of Holy Trinity at Granville, to help me understand our Church's concept of the Trinity. The following explanation from another priest reinforces and deepens my understanding of this week's special celebrations.

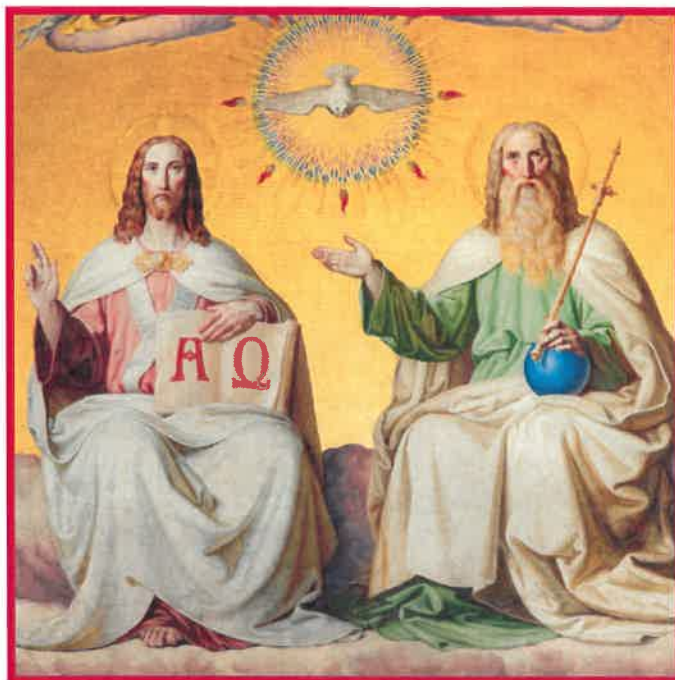


Forty years ago, I began my ministry as chaplain at the University of NSW. One day the gardener popped into my office and asked me to explain the Trinity to him. Fortunately, I had enough sense to pause and to ask him first how he saw it. In a way that nicely avoided abstraction, he went straight to the heart of the mystery by speaking of the Trinity in terms of Dance. He saw the Father as the Dance, the Son as the Dancer and the Spirit as the Dancing. We come to know and see the Dance when we come to know and watch the Dancer. We experience the Dance when we are drawn by the Dancer into the Dancing. One could speak of God as Life, of Jesus as the one who lived this life and of the Spirit as the experience of living.

As we move to celebrate the Most Holy Trinity this weekend, we place our trust in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and ask for their blessing on our community.

Take care and God bless,

Mr Kevin Mills
Principal



Administration

StMM's New Student Report

With the changing of Catholic Education Reporting Software, StMM's Staff have designed and are implementing a new report for Semester One, 2021. There are very few changes that will impact our community, and these will be explained over the next few bulletins. This will enable parents to read and understand new terminology and where their children are on the learning journey. Please take the time to sit and read this information. More information to follow.

School Hours

Parents are reminded that school commences at 8:40am and finishes at 3:00pm. It is important that students are here by **8:30am** to begin classes at **8:40am**. Morning supervision commences at 8:15am. We have concerns of the number of students arriving before 8am. The gates are open in the mornings for staff to access before 8am, and there is no student supervision.

Photo Permission

From time to time photos and / or video footage of your child will be taken at school and school events. These photos and video footage may be used in the school newsletter, diocesan newsletter, in newspapers, brochures, advertising, websites or in publications.

If you do not wish for photos or videos of your child to be published or shown on the website please notify the school office in writing by Friday, 28th May, 2021.



K2022 Enrolments

We have 24 families on our waiting list for K2022 we are asking all families who have not yet returned their acceptance, please do so as soon as possible.

Winter Uniform

All students should now be in full winter uniform, including neckties for boys and girls.

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.

School Fees

Term Two fees are due by 26th May, unless you have opted for an arrangement with the school for the year. Families who have not yet received their statements please contact the school office as soon as possible.

If you have any queries regarding your statements please contact Maria in the office.

Parent/Carer/Student & Teacher Interviews

The new Semester One report will be issued to all families in Week 9 of this term. The interviews are being planned for Week 10 (last week of the term) for families to meet and share examples of the students' work. This will be a time for reflection and planning a way forward for the student's learning. Information regarding booking a time will be issued later this term.

Year 6 Canberra

Year 6 students and staff arrived in Canberra this morning. We wish them all the best for their 3 days and wish them a safe trip.

Faith Community

Pentecost Celebration

Last Sunday, the 23rd May, we celebrated the Solemnity of Pentecost. To connect with our unit in Religious Education, the students in Year 5 have planned a party day to celebrate Pentecost— **the birthday of our Church!** Students can wear mufti clothes or an accessory to symbolise the Holy Spirit coming down on the apostles.



Liturgy - Solemnity of Pentecost (for Parents)

Our liturgy to celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, is this coming Friday, 28th May at 11:00am. This special celebration will be held under our Covered Open Learning Area (COLA) with parents and families welcome to attend. The event has been planned in accordance with the current COVID-19 guidelines and will follow our COVID-19 Safety Plan. There is no rain forecast for Friday, however, if it is wet weather the liturgy will be postponed as under the current restrictions we cannot fit our whole school and attending parent community in the hall. **Any further updates will be made available on our StMM's Skoolbag app.**

Date: Friday, 28th May

Location: StMM's outdoor COLA

Time: 11:00am

Celebration for Students

- Mufti Clothes - Red, Orange or Yellow or full winter uniform with an accessory of red, orange or yellow. Eg red ribbon, orange shoe laces or a yellow headband.
 - Party activities through out the day.
 - Staff v Students soccer match.
- Year 5 are very excited to share this day with you!

Personal Growth

Monday Morning Assembly

On Monday, 24th May we held a whole school assembly. First, we said the school prayer which sounded much better after our extra practice last week and we sang the National Anthem. Then, two students from Year 5 explained some details

about the Pentecost celebration that's going to occur on Friday.

Pentecost is the Church's birthday and our school is going to

celebrate by having activities like pass the parcel, a whole school soccer game, Kahoot, flame hat crafts and a mufti day. The colours for mufti are red, orange and yellow. All of the activities

are being organised by the Year 5 students. Lastly, we wished our Year 6 students and teachers good luck for their trip to Canberra this week. We hope you have packed some warm clothes to deal with the chilly temperatures!



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