



St Margaret Mary's School

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Bulletin

Wednesday, 2nd June, 2021

Diary Dates

Thursday, 3rd June

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Friday, 4th June

- NSW Police Visit StMM's and talk with Students

Monday, 7th June

- 8:40am Whole School Assembly
Parents are welcome to attend.
- P&F Secondhand Uniform Shop
open 9am - 9:30am

Tuesday, 8th June

Wednesday, 9th 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.

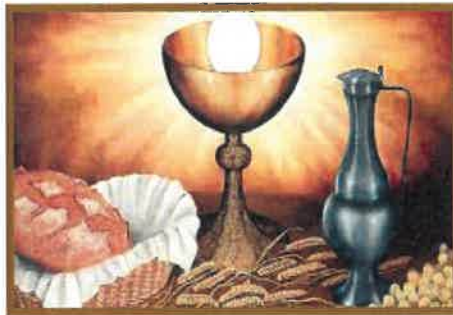


Principal's Message

Dear Parents / Carers, Girls & Boys,

Sometimes we need to explain or share our opinion / view of the Gospel at Sunday's Mass, but this week's words are powerful and stand alone in painting the picture of Jesus' mission. Please take the time to read and reflect on each and every word, action and meaning.

This is My Body; this is My Blood Mark 14:12-16,22-26



On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?' So, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters,

"The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the Passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.' After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.



This portrait of Christ presents the Saviour as the High Priest eternally offering Himself.

Please make an effort to attend Mass this weekend and celebrate this important event.

Take care & God bless

Mr Kevin Mills
Principal

Administration

School Fees

Term Two fees are now over due, unless you have opted for an arrangement with the school for the year.

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

On time to School

Over the past three weeks we have been monitoring students' arrival at school. Many thanks to the parents who ensure their children are at school by 8:30am, and we understand a student may be late on a rare occasion. There are many very good reasons why we expect students to be on time for school. A number of students are missing the first lesson of the day, whilst others are also walking in late to school assemblies. Mr Mills will speak to the students this week and outline consequences for students who continue to be late.

Parent/Carer/Student & Teacher Interviews

Semester 1 interviews will take place in Week 10 before the end of Term 2. The community will be informed when the Interview Booking window will be open. After trialling a new format, the students in Years 3-6 will be asked to explain their work and efforts with the class teacher in their space. If parents wish to have a separate interview they are asked to make an appointment with their child's teacher by sending an email to the school office. This will be passed on to your child's class teacher.

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. Staff ensure that all excursions and incursions have a risk assessment and a COVID Safe plan for all venues.

Notice to Parents from ACARA

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) collects data from schools to determine the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA). CEDP is currently working to provide relevant details to the Catholic Education Commission of NSW. Data collected is de-identified of personal information.

Parents and caregivers must advise our school by **Wednesday 14th July, 2021** if they do not want their child's data included in this report.

Please find the link to the Standard Collection Notice from CEDP.

<https://oscarshare.parra.catholic.edu.au/My%20Work/SystemPoliciesandProcedures/Standard%20Collection%20Notice.pdf>

Winter Uniform

All students should now be in full winter uniform, including neck ties 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.

Faith Community

Pentecost

On Friday, 28th May, we celebrated Pentecost as a school community. Pentecost is when the Holy Spirit came down onto the disciples in the form of flames and a big wind. At 11 o'clock



we began with a liturgy under the COLA. We watched actors retell the story of Pentecost, and our choir sung beautifully. When students came to sit down for the liturgy there was a sea of fire because each child was wearing a



paper hat with some flames on top. We truly felt the Holy Spirit with the strong winds that came during the liturgy! After that we got to do some craft, we made wind twirls with cool patterns and then got to watch a teachers vs students soccer game, where the students won! Once that finished, the whole school got an ice block to enjoy. Throughout the day, classes played party games like pass the parcel and pin the flame on the disciples.



We had a great day celebrating the birthday of the Church and we would like to congratulate the students of Year 5 for their excellent organisation of the activities!



By Bianca Poumale and Laura Fakhr Year 5

Teaching and Learning

Reconciliation Week

In Australia this week, it is Reconciliation Week. Year 3 is learning about "Welcome to Country" and "Acknowledgement of Country". Mrs Beatty read us a book called "Welcome to Country" by Aunty Joy Murphy and Lisa Kennedy. Mrs Beatty welcomed us in her language and then taught us how to pronounce some Aboriginal words from the



book. This book talks about Aboriginal culture and explains that when Aboriginal people travel to a different place, they greet each other and welcome people to their land. An "Acknowledgement of Country" means to welcome and honour the people from that land on which they meet.

By Theresa Draiby and Klara Shrestha Year 3

StMM's New Semester 1 Report

With the changing Catholic Education Reporting Software StMM's Staff have designed and are implementing a new report for 2021. There are very few changes throughout this report that will impact our community. Please take the time to sit and read this information that will assist you in understanding the new changes to the reports.

1. Language of Grading and Effort Scale

Grading: In the previous report, Kindergarten students were graded on a 3-point scale (*Working Below, Working At & Working Above*) and students from Years 1 to 6 were graded on a 5-point scale (A to E). After collaboration between StMM's Staff, it has been decided that moving forward all Reports will have a 5-point scale with the following language: **Requires Support, Working Towards Level, Working At Level, Working Above Level & Working Well Above Level.**

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Effort: All reports will include an effort scale that will reflect your child's engagement towards Key Learning Areas. Previously the descriptors surrounding this domain were; *Outstanding, Very Good, Satisfactory & Improvement Needed*. The new descriptors for the 'Effort' section of the report will be; *Needs Improvement, Satisfactory, Commendable and Outstanding*.

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2. Grade Distribution

In the previous Years 1 to 6 Reports, grade distribution was displayed at the bottom of each Key Learning Area. However, due to the new software that has been used, the platform does not allow for this to be shown. At your request, the school can provide written information that indicates your child's achievement in their subjects compared with other students in their peer group at the school.

3. Attendance

In the previous reports, 'Days Absent and Partial Absences' were displayed as part of the attendance. In the 2021 Reports, as part of Government tracking, we are now obliged to display both **explained and unexplained** absences.

Teaching and Learning

Binwise Incursion

Last week, Year 2 attended an incursion called 'Binwise' which is run by Cleanaway. We learnt about ways to dispose of waste and recycle correctly. Activities included sorting waste correctly into the yellow lid recycling bin, the green lid garden waste bin and the red lid general rubbish bin which gets taken to the landfill. We also learnt about reading labels and what products can be recycled. We cannot believe how many products can be reused to make something new! We really enjoyed learning about disposing of waste and recycling correctly.



Year 5 Planetarium Visit

On Tuesday, 1st June, Year 5 had an Incursion inside a Planetarium. The Planetarium is a dome shaped like an igloo which was pitch black inside. Gary, our presenter, told us facts about the sun, moon, earth and Aboriginal stories about space. A movie was projected onto the dome's surface and we watched short clips about the Sun, Moon and the Milky Way. Gary showed us how the moon's phases work, how it orbits the earth, how a total lunar eclipse occurs and why it is called a blood moon. A total lunar eclipse is what you might have

seen in the sky last week! It occurs when the earth comes directly in between the sun and the moon, causing the moon to be covered in a shadow. During a total lunar eclipse, the moon turns into a dark reddish colour, also known as a blood moon. Most of us were able to experience this blood



moon in the sky last Wednesday night. It was really cool to see a red moon in the sky. We really enjoyed this incursion and thanked the Guided Discovery Learning Teachers and the Year 5 teachers for organising this for us.

By Stephanie Hewitt & Isabelle Faddoul



Personal Growth

Morning Assembly

On Monday, 31st May, we held our morning assembly. Started off with the school prayer then sang the National Anthem. After the National anthem, Mr Mills welcomed back Year 6 from Canberra as they spent the end of last week visiting and learning about our National Capital.

Mr Mills announced all students had to be in their full winter uniform by the 1st of June 2021, which is also the first day of Winter. We finished the morning assembly with a prayer to begin National Reconciliation Week.

By: Media Team



Partnership



Parent Feedback Tell Them From Me Survey



We are inviting students, staff and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey called **Tell Them From Me**.

You can access the survey from Monday 31st of May to Friday 25th of June.

We are asking all parents in our community to take part in the survey as the online tool will become an important part of St Margaret Mary's whole school evaluation and planning process.

The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Margaret Mary's.

The survey is **anonymous** and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer by using the URL below:

<http://tellthemfromme.com/stmms2021>

Please complete the survey between Monday 31st of May and Friday 25th of June, 2021.

Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 will be completing an anonymous student survey during this period. If parents do not wish their child to participate, please send a request to the school office in writing via the school email

stmargaretmarys@parra.catholic.edu.au

P&F News

Second Hand Uniform Shop

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will only open on the first Monday of each month from 8:50am - 9:30am after the morning assembly.

Volunteer Requirements

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. You may be asked to leave if you have not completed the requirements.

This can be accessed via

1. www.parra.catholic.edu.au
2. Click on About Us
3. Click on Building Child Safe Communities
4. Read the questions and follow the instructions carefully

CEDP have made changes to the requirements for Building Child Safe Communities training. Therefore If you have completed the BCSC training prior to 2020, you will need to complete the new training as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued support.

Personal Growth

Principal Awards

Mr Mills has daily conversations with a range of students who have or nearly have their Principal Award. He is very impressed that the children are able to nominate the award and what they have done to achieve the next step in the process.

The next Principal Morning Tea will be on Tuesday, 22nd June.