



St Margaret Mary's School

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Update

Wednesday, 9th June, 2021

Diary Dates

Thursday, 10th June

Friday, 11th June

- The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart - Stage 2 Mass

Monday, 14th June

- Queens Birthday
- Public Holiday
- NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

WELLBEING WEEK

Tuesday, 15th June

- 8:40am Whole School Assembly Parents are welcome to attend.
- Free Choice Uniform (Winter or Sport, all week)

Wednesday, 16th June

- Free Choice Uniform (Winter or Sport, all week)

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, Boys & Girls,

This Friday we celebrate The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Sacred Heart of Jesus is a devotional with long and historic provenance within Christianity, and in modern times has been established as a Solemnity for the universal Church. Our Lord Jesus Christ made these twelve promises to those who honour His Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a French nun and patron of our school here at Merrylands in the 1670's.

They show us how much Jesus cherishes this devotion. These promises were revealed in one of many private revelations that Jesus gave St. Margaret Mary.

Our Lord promised the following:

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state in life.
2. I will establish peace in their families.
3. I will comfort them in their trials.
4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and, above all, in death.
5. I will shed abundant blessings on all their undertakings
6. They will find in My Heart an infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Lukewarm souls will become fervent.
8. Fervent souls will rapidly grow in holiness and perfection.
9. I will bless every place where an image of My Heart shall be showed and honoured.
10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. The names of those who promote this devotion will be written in My Heart, never to be blotted out.
12. I promise thee, in the excessive mercy of My Heart, that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months, the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My disgrace nor without receiving their Sacraments;
My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

Take care and God bless,

Mr Kevin Mills
Principal



Administration

School Hours On time to School

Mr Mills spoke to a large number of students who were late to our School Assembly on Monday. He will monitor the situation and contact parents of students who continue to be late to school. We understand that on occasion there may be drama or traffic situations, but for students who are developing a poor habit of being late, there will be consequences put in place at the beginning of Term 3.

Comments from a Visitor to the School

Mr Mills received an email from a recent visitor to StMM's:

"I just wanted to say, it was a pleasure visiting your school. As usual, your students were great. Engaged, respectful and well behaved. They asked some fantastic questions and I hope that I have inspired them to find out more about our universe. You and your staff should be very proud of them."

School Fees

Term Two fees are now overdue, 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.

Personal Growth

Morning Assembly

On Monday 6th June, Mr Mills reminded us about the importance of being at school on time and he congratulated all the students who always get here on time. We must arrive between 8:15am and 8:30am because we start learning at 8:40am.

Year 2 did the school prayer with some actions they had learnt. They walked onto the steps and performed in front of the school. Next, Mr Mills told us that our reports are nearly completed and that next week was Wellbeing Week. Lastly, we raised the flag in silence to think about the sick and people in poor condition.

Nyadeng Manyang & Elena Lin
Media Team



Faith Community

Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - Stage 2 Mass

On Friday, June 11, Stage 2 students and staff (Years 3 and 4) will be attending a special mass in the church at 10:30am to celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

This celebration would normally be attended by our whole school community, however, due to current COVID-19 restrictions, the church is limited to host a maximum of 300 people.

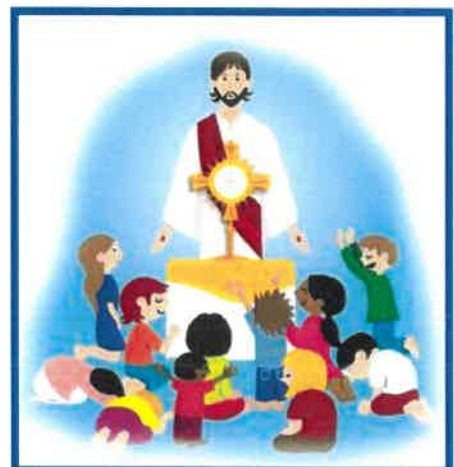
Parents and families are most welcome to attend. We look forward to celebrating this Feast Day in community with you.



Mass: Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Grades: Year 3 and Year 4 (parents welcome)
Date: Friday, 11th June
Location: St Margaret Mary's Parish
Time: 10:30am

Students Attending Parish Mass

Fr Janusz and Mr Yearsley have planned for students to attend Mass as a grade. The students will join with the normal parish Mass and celebrate with the community. StMM's children have missed attending Mass as a whole school due to COVID and this is one way we are able to support their spiritual growth.



Teaching and Learning

Semester One Interviews

In Week 10 we will be holding interviews for you and your child. A letter will go home today to explain the process for students in Years Two, Three, Four, Five and Six, where they will participate in a student-led interview with you.

A separate letter will be going home today for Kindergarten and Year One students with an on-line code on it for you to book in with your class teacher for an individual ten-minute interview.

Please note: Miss Sarah Abraham's Year 1 Yellow interviews will occur the first week back of Term Three. The same code applies and you may book in now for this class.

Please book your child only in your class teacher's timeslots. The teachers look forward to welcoming you and your child to interviews.



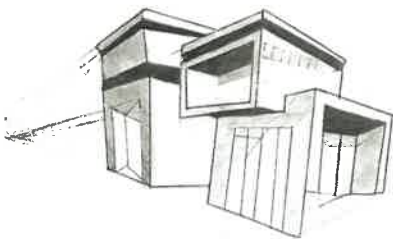
Jennifer Veness
Assistant Principal

Winter Uniform

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

Year 6 Perspective Drawing

During this term Year 6 have been focusing in Creative Arts on perspective drawing; mainly on the concept of vanishing points. During this time Alissia and Angelina have focused on drawing a two point perspective drawing of a Modern House.



Partnership

TTFM Survey

We are seeking Feedback & Feed-Forward in the coming weeks and will be inviting students, teachers and parents to complete an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and future planning process.



Tell Them From Me

You will be invited to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey*. We value the role of our parents and carers within our school community, we would greatly appreciate your feedback. 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 Marys.

The Tell Them From Me Survey is a complete evaluation system for measuring student engagement, well-being, classroom climate, and other factors known to affect learning outcomes. Information is captured from students, parents and teachers to inform school policy and practice.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. More details will follow next week including the online link for parents, the due by date of the survey and additional material.

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>

P&F News

Second Hand Uniform Shop SALE

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will be having a sale in Week 10,

Monday,
Tuesday and
Wednesday
in the school
hall between
8am - 10am.



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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(Kindergarten)			(Year One to Six)						
2021 Kindergarten – Year 6 Report									
Requires Support	Working Towards Level	Working At Level	Working Above Level	Working Well Above Level					

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.



WEEK 9 WELLBEING WEEK

As we approach the end of Term 2, in Week 9, StMM will again be hosting Wellbeing Week!

The theme of this Term's Wellbeing Week is 'Be Active' and students will engage in different activities throughout the week connected to this theme.

There will also be no homework during Wellbeing Week. It will be a week where your child can have a break from their usual homework routine and spend quality time with parents and friends to build on our theme of 'Be active'.

On Tuesday, students will be given a jigsaw piece with suggested activities to encourage each child to focus on their wellbeing for the week. Each term a new piece of the puzzle will be provided until they have a full puzzle based around the topic of Wellbeing.

Wellbeing Week 9 will also be a 'Free Choice Uniform' week, where the children can choose to wear either their sport uniform or school uniform any day of the week.

Please note that Friday, 18th of June will be an Active themed Mufti day for all students.

DELANY COLLEGE MULTICULTURAL DAY

INTERNATIONAL FOOD,
ACTIVITIES AND FACEPAINTING
STALLS

PERFORMANCES
FLAG PARADE
JUMPING CASTLES



WHEN: JUNE 18, 2021
WHERE: DELANY COLLEGE
TIME: 3:00PM - 5:30PM



COVID Update

In regards to COVID, any child exhibiting flu like symptoms is to be kept at home and undergo a COVID test. (Mr Mills had his on Saturday and returned a negative result).

Thank you to the children who have returned to school for providing their Doctor's Certificate/Negative COVID result.
Change in season = Change in weather = Change in health

Hygiene; Everyone must practise good hygiene to protect against infection and prevent the spread of COVID-19 or any other contagious diseases. We must continue good hygiene practises, including:

- all students and staff use hand sanitiser when entering school
- washing hands with soap and water for 20 seconds at regular intervals
- covering coughs and sneezes with one's elbow or a tissue
- placing used tissues straight into the bin
- avoiding touching one's eyes, nose and mouth
- not sharing food or drink



eSafety's Guide to Parental Controls

CEDP, in partnership with the eSafety Commissioner, is offering the following webinar for parents and carers about eSafety in Term 2: **eSafety's guide to parental controls**

- This webinar will look at how parents and carers can set up devices and apps to help kids and young people stay safe online. It is designed for parents and carers of children aged 4-13.
- **Thursday 24 June 2021, 12:30-1.30pm**

Parents and carers must register for the course on a secondary website via the following link: 24 June 2021 session - link to register



Hello Parents,

It is with great excitement that Mr Younis and the NLSC team announce the upcoming Next Level Sports holiday clinic dates.

Dates:

Clinic 1: 1st, and 2nd July. (Thursday - Friday)

Clinic 2: 5th, 6th and 7th July. (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday)

Location: St Patrick's Primary School, Parramatta.

After COVID, the same measures implemented in NSW schools will be taken to ensure our holiday clinic is fun, safe and hygienic above all.

If you're interested in sending your child to the clinic, please email us at nextlevelsports@live.com.au or contact us through our **Facebook page**.

Thank you and stay safe.

Mr Younis