



St Margaret Mary's School

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Update

Tuesday, 14th December, 2021

Diary Dates

Wednesday, 15th December

- Last day of school for Students
- School Closes for students at 3pm.

Thursday, 16th December

- Staff Professional Learning Day.

Friday, 17th December

- Staff Professional Learning Day.
- School closes for 2021

2022

Friday, 28th January

- Staff return for 2022

Monday, 31st January

- Kinder 2022 Best Start Interview as per booking time.
- Yrs 1-6 MAI Testing as per booking time.

Tuesday, 1st February

- Yrs 1-6 Students return for 2022.
- Kinder 2022 Best Start Interview as per booking time

Wednesday, 2nd February

- Kinder 2022 Best Start Interview as per booking time

Thursday 3rd February

- Kindergarten Students Start School.

Canteen Lunch Orders

The school canteen is open to students during the day. All lunch orders MUST be ordered through the Flexischools online ordering and must be ordered by 9am.

Skoolbag App



Our School Name for Skoolbag App is SMMPM.

The Skoolbag App is our main source of communication to our families. If you do not have this App on your phone you are missing out on a lot of information.

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our final bulletin contains important information and dates but is also an opportunity for me to say thank you to all in our Community. We have all played our part in arriving at the end of 2021, ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus with family and friends.

I would like to acknowledge and offer my heartfelt thanks to the staff of StMM's. The past two years has been an extraordinary experience for all concerned, but the commitment, care, professionalism and dedication the StMM's staff have shown has been truly exceptional. Our school has been very blessed to have Leaders, Teachers, Office Staff, Teachers Assistants and Groundsmen who see their calling as living out the Word of God. Together with our parents and students they have continued to build a strong Catholic community in Merrylands.

At this time of the year Mary reminds us to find the heart of God in the most simple ordinary things – what is more ordinary than a mother awaiting the birth of her child? When God came to us in Jesus, he came in the gentlest, humblest, and most irresistible way - who can resist a baby?

Mary 'believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled' (Luke 1:45). God's promise to each of us is to show us the face of his Son, smiling upon us in love from the manger and reaching out for us to press him close to our heart and to take him to others.



Farewells

At the end of 2021 we farewell a number of our staff. We have been blessed to have had their expertise and support over the past years:

Maria La Rocca, Julie Wilton-Lofus and Lachlan Gardner. We wish them all the very best for their new adventures.

We wish Jessica Thompson and Marina Toma all the best of luck and God's blessing on the upcoming birth of their babies.



My greatest wish is that Christ will bless you and your loved ones this Christmas with so many wonderful moments. I hope all in our Community are able to rest and relax with family and friends and look back upon a year where you have gone beyond what you thought you were capable of. May the peace of the birth of Christ come to you and your loved ones during the festive season.

Take care,

Stay safe and God Bless,

Mr Kevin Mills
Principal



Administration

Student Classes

In 2022 students will not be swapped into other classes in their grades. The reasons are that in 2021 children were not at school for the entire year. As well, due to our building program and with the majority of students having to share learning spaces, we are aware that consistency and continuity is our priority. **Your child's class colour may change, for example, if your child was in 1Blue they may NOT be 2Blue next year.**

Students will be advised of their teachers and class when they return to school in 2022.

School Requirements List 2022

Primary, Years 3-6

Stationery	Non Stationery
Pens (Blue & Red) (Years 4, 5 & 6 only)	Headphones
Pencils x 4(HB) & Sharpener	Small Whiteboard
Colouring Pencils OR Twistable Crayons	Library Bag
Ruler & Eraser	Box of Tissues x 2
Glue & Sticks Scissors	Pump Soap x 1
Packet of Whiteboard Markers	Packet of Cleaning Wipes x 1
Highlighters	

Infants, Kinder - Year 2

Non Stationery	
Headphones	Packet of Cleaning Wipes x 2
Box of Tissues x 2	Library Bag

Items may need to be restocked throughout the year.

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 2022, 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.

School Website

Please visit our StMM's School Website:

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

Under the "Community" heading and in the 'Gallery' section you will find the following events celebrated at StMM's school in Term 4.

- Year 6 Graduation Liturgy 2021 (Available from Wednesday)
- Year 6 Farewell Dinner (Available from Wednesday)
- Year 6 Fun Day (Available from Thursday)
- Thanksgiving Liturgy and Farewell Year 6 (Available Thursday)
- StMM's Highlights of 2021 (Available from Thursday)

Important Dates for 2022

Friday, 28 th January	Staff Return for 2022
Monday, 31 st January	MAI Testing for Yrs 1-6 as per booking time.
	Kinder 2022 Best Start as per booking time.
Tuesday, 1 st February	Yrs 1-6 Return for 2022
	Kinder 2022 Best Start as per booking time.
Wednesday, 2 nd February	Kinder 2022 Best Start as per booking time.
Thursday, 3 rd February	Kindergarten 2022 Commence
Friday, 18 th February	Opening School Mass and Commissioning of School Leaders for 2022
Wednesday, 2 nd March	Ash Wednesday
Sunday, 6 th March	Beginning of Catholic Schools Week
Tuesday, 8 th March	Diocesan Swimming Carnival
Wednesday, 30 th March	School Photos
Friday, 8 th April	School Closes for Term 1
Thursday, 14 th April	Holy Thursday
Friday, 15 th April	Good Friday
Sunday, 17 th April	Easter Sunday
Monday, 25 th April	ANZAC DAY
Tuesday, 26 th April	School Resumes for Term 2
	Students Return in Winter Uniform

Term Dates for 2022

Term 1	28/01/22 - 08/04/22
Term 2	26/04/22 - 01/07/22
Term 3	18/07/22 - 23/09/22
Term 4	10/10/22 - 19/12/22



Personal Growth

Student Leaders for 2022

Congratulations to the following students who will lead our school in 2022.

House Captains will be announced at the beginning of the new school year.

School Captains

Leeroy Tautu
Tia Khouri

Vice Captain

George Sandys
Stephanie Hewitt

Faith Community

Sophia Caraan
Isabelle Faddoul

Person Growth

John Farah
Sarafina Carrano

Partnership

Christos Gavrilos
Thalia Kovacevic

Teaching and Learning

Paul Baini
Isabella Roach

2021 Year Six Award Winners

We congratulate the following students who were presented with awards at the Year Six Graduation Ceremony held last Thursday.

The Father Bray Memorial Award for Christian Living:

6Blue May Derbas
6Red Jeremy Habib
6Yellow Kamil Bahi

The Joe Culican School Spirit Award:

Serena Georges

The Stephen Tompsett Memorial Award

Amer Deng

The Paddy Devlin Quiet Achiever Award:

Sai Meddaker & Jeslyn Lee

Cumberland Council Leadership Award

Christopher Faddoul

Danielle Matulic Leadership Awards

2021 School Captains

Lucinda Tran & Christophe Faddoul

2021 Vice Captains

Gabriella Mifsud & Benedict Blas

2021 School Colour Captains

Maur Angelina Khoury & Edwin Khairallah
Kostka Zahara Ibrahim & Chadi Haouchab
Tosi Lisa Shrestha & Joab Hada
McGovern Clara Fetrie & Jesse Pickering

Pillar Leaders

Faith Community Grace Geaitani & April Zhang
Teaching & Learning May Derbas & Patrick Nguyen
Personal Growth Serena Georges & Leyla Mazzocco
Partnership Sienna Tamer & Kamil Bahi

Technology Committee:

Grace Fakhr
Grace Zhang
Gabriel Akle
Alissia Ali
Pavitar Pansi
Sienna Perez

Personal Growth

Blessed Frederic Oznam Award (Mini Vinnies)

Grace Geaitani
Keira Ezenwa-Ndukaku
Alexander Azar

Academic Awards

6Blue Summer Powell
6Red Lisa Shrestha
6Yellow Joshua Khoury

St Margaret Mary's Personal Growth Award

Jenna Faqirzada
Yvanna Cartilla

Carmel Agius Creative Arts Award

Kristine Sarmiento
John Barakat

St Margaret Mary's Sports Award

Clara Fetrie

Certificate of Achievement for Outstanding Work Ethic

Sam El Khoury

St Margaret Mary's Technology Award

Patrick Lamin

Paulette Michael Pastoral Care Award

Gabriella Mifsud

Congratulations to all these student and to all of our Year Six students. We wish you well on your next journey to high school.

Partnership

St Margaret Mary's Parish

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve

Friday 24th December 6:00pm Family Mass
(Children are welcome to come dressed as shepherds, angels, or kings)

Christmas Day

Saturday 25th December 12:00am Midnight Mass
7:30am
9:00am
10:30am
No Evening Mass



StMM's 2022 STAFF

Executive Team

Principal

Kevin Mills

Assistant Principal

Jennifer Veness

REC

Dale Yearsley

Coordinator

Diane Antonucci

Melissa Fardella

Francine Attard

Sue Yanz

Teaching Team

Kinder

Melissa Hanna

Jacinta Iau

Marie Debes/Pina Amond

Year 1

Isobel Reed

Anna Tan

Sarah Madeleine

Business Manager Bernadette Alexander

Office Staff

Finance Maria Pagano

Admin Annmaree McGuirk (M,Tu,W,Th)

Domenica Yenco (M,Tu,Th,F)

Simone Dore (W,F)

Year 2

Melina James

Timothy Greaney

Melissa Fardella/Rawa Simhairi

Librarian

Michele Balogh-Caristo

Year 3

Diane Antonucci/Rawa Simhairi

Helen Golack

Cara Essey

RFF

Mary Chetty

Nancy Kubti

Belinda Martino (Term 1) /Nancy Gaid

Year 4

Emma Downing

Jessica Azar

Kellie Foley/ Rawa Simhairi

Instructional Coach

Sue Yanz

Year 5

Francine Attard/Rawa Simhairi

Chris Tenido

Daniel Maunick

Diversity Team

Nicole Ashe

Michele Balogh-Caristo

Maxine Allen

Georgette Attard

Dale Yearsley

Meghan O'Brien

Karen El-Zakhem

Jennifer Veness

Lyn Burton

Sophie Ryan

Jill Tate

Year 6

Pauline McFarlane

Amanda Mekdessi

Vanessa Del Monte

School Counsellor

Brian Melocco

School Maintenance

Paul Bartolo

Joe Culican

Teachers Aides

Paulette Albertin

Haifa Risk

Michelyn Wehbe

Suzie Kassis

Cleaner

Annette Zeaiter