



# St Margaret Mary's School

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## Update

Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2021

### Diary Dates

#### Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> November

- K2022 Orientation Videos Session 1 for Parents and Students via the school website

#### Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> November

#### Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> November

#### Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> November

#### Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November



**Welcome back to all our students**

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Jessica Thompson and Mrs Marina Toma on the pending birth of their first child early next year. We wish them all the best on their journey to motherhood.

### 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**.



## Administration

### 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 Bulletin and Updates

As of next week we will return back to our hard copy bulletin which will be sent home with students on a Wednesday afternoon, and/or an update which will be uploaded to the Skoolbag App and the school website.



### Kindergarten 2022

Thank you to all the parents who participated in the drive thru to collect their child's Orientation pack for Kindergarten 2022. If you have not yet collected your child's pack please do so as soon as possible.

Please take the time with your child to watch the videos prepared by the Kindergarten teachers to help your child on their transition into primary school.



## Orientation Videos Release Dates on School Website

<u>Dates</u>	For Parents	For Students
<b><u>Session 1</u></b> Thursday 10am 4th November 2021	Religious Education 	Welcome and School Pointers
<b><u>Session 2</u></b> Thursday 10am 11th November 2021	Numeracy 	Read Aloud
<b><u>Session 3</u></b> Thursday 10am 18th November 2021	Literacy 	My Family

# Teaching and Learning

## StMM's 2021 Semester 2 Reports

The recent 2021 COVID Lockdown has had a significant impact on our community, with a number of students still not attending school. This has resulted in StMM's staff reviewing the Semester 2 Reports. This has led to a new process and report reflecting and responding to the changes to learning and teaching during Term 3 and early Term 4. The report considers the 12 weeks of Home Learning and the need to focus on the wellbeing of our students on their return to school. The report recognises the four areas:

Religious Education,  
English  
Maths  
Guided Discovery

The report lists the curriculum content and skills that have been planned during the Home Learning period. While the report will look different, it will still provide parents with information about your child's learning and efforts and complies with the Federal and State Government requirements.



## IT Information

After students have been in Lockdown and on their devices we are seeing a rise in negative interaction of students on social media. StMM's does not really recommend children under the age of 13 use social media as it could start a dangerous precedent, and hook young children from a very early age. Social media can also pose risks. For your child, these risks include:

- being exposed to inappropriate or upsetting content, like mean, aggressive, violent or sexual comments or images
- uploading inappropriate content, like embarrassing photos or videos of themselves or others
- sharing personal information with strangers –, phone numbers, date of birth or location
- cyberbullying
- exposure to too much targeted advertising and marketing
- data breaches, like having their data sold on to other organisations.

Please carefully read the advice on Snapchat: Snapchat is a harmful application for children under the age of 18 to use, because the snaps are quickly deleted. This makes it nearly impossible for parents to see what their child is doing within the application.



# Personal Growth

## Year 6 End of Year Events

During the past week, there have been over 40 primary schools directly affected by closures within their community due to outbreaks of Covid cases in certain grades. The impact of Covid continues to play an important role in the operation of schools. This brings a great deal of uncertainty to our planning and the need to control what we can plan for the of the end of year events. Taking this into account the 2021 Year 6 Graduation events will follow the same format as last year, being held at the school. At this stage, we are still hopeful that if the restrictions are lifted, we will be allowed to have a Graduation Mass (something we missed last year). We will keep our community informed as we head to the end of the year.



# Partnership

## Reminder to follow the Road Rules

Council Rangers observed our Car-pick up on Tuesday afternoon and stressed the point they will book and fine drivers who are not following all the road rules. Please note this situation is out of the control of the school and we have no influence over the monitoring of the road rules.



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### Sacramental Program 2021 - First Holy Communion

Dear Parents/Carers,

St Margaret Mary's Parish is currently accepting enrolments for their Sacramental Program (First Holy Communion). Enrolments are now open and will close Friday, 5th November 2021.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion program is divided into two groups (Monday and Wednesday) and will be taught by Fr. Joseph Maria Buckley & assisted by Monique Kairouz.

The program involves four (4) weekly preparation sessions over the below listed dates;

Preparation Sessions	Monday Group 6:00pm	Wednesday Group 6:00pm
Session 1	8th November	10th November
Session 2	15th November	17th November
Session 3	22nd November	24th November
Session 4	29th November	1st December

**Parent Information Night:** Monday 1st November at 5:30pm, or  
Wednesday 3rd November at 6:00pm

**Location:** St Margaret Mary's Catholic Church (inside the Church)

**First Holy Communion Mass:** Sunday 5th December 2021 at 12:30pm, or  
Sunday 12th December 2021 at 12:30pm

*Please note, with the limitations of people allowed inside the Church, the First Holy Communion Mass will be RESERVED ONLY for the Communicants, their immediate families and their extended family members.*

If you wish to enrol your child in the Sacramental Program (First Holy Communion), please complete the [enrolment form](#) and return it to the parish office directly. The enrolment form and corresponding information is also available on the parish website.

Yours in faith,

Mr. Dale Yearsley  
Religious Education Coordinator