



St Margaret Mary's School

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Bulletin

Wednesday, 10th November, 2021

Diary Dates

Thursday, 11th November

- K2022 Orientation Videos Session 2 for parents and students via the school website
- Remembrance Day

Friday, 12th November

- Year 5 Leadership Day

Monday, 15th November

Tuesday, 16th November

Wednesday, 17th November

- Delany Visit Yr 7 2022

PLEASE NOTE:

Students last day at school for 2021 is: Wednesday, 15th December

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,

The church's liturgical year begins, as you know, with Advent - a time of preparation for Christmas. So next Sunday is the last Sunday of the Church's year. For this reason, we are invited by the readings of the Mass to look at the goal of our life and to ask 'What is my life all about? Where am I headed?' We are invited to make a review of the past year.

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of the end of his world, he could see that it was about to collapse. He spoke about to his disciples and emphasize the importance of how we live. So, as another liturgical year draws to a close, let us pause and take stock. Are we following our deepest desires, or are we allowing ourselves to be distracted from our heart, laughing half our laughter and crying half our tears. Jesus came that we may live to the full. Is that how things are for us?

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SAVED**

In our earthly courts we go before a judge or a magistrate who hears the evidence and, if we are guilty, he or she imposes a punishment determined by law. The judgment of God is very different. We simply stand before God as we are, knowing that we cannot hide from God who sees the whole truth. If we have closed our hearts on God, we choose to spend all eternity without communion with God.

God does not punish. God will always love you and love me. But God cannot and will not force his love upon us. It is important to realize that we cannot change God. God changes us and has one desire to be in communion with those whom he has created. The Catholic Catechism reminds us that: 'God 'desires all to be saved'[1 Timothy 2:4], and for him 'all things are possible'[Matthew 19:26]'(Catechism n.1058). God has only one plan for each of us. His purpose is that we receive his love and live in the communion that we call heaven, with God and with all who love him.

Another year in the Church's life is drawing to a close. A section of our life is over and can never come again. Let us pray today to recover our vision and to have the courage to turn away from anything that hinders our journey towards that fullness of joy for which we were created and for which we long.

(Adjusted from Sr Leone)

We ask this for all in our StMM's Community.

Take care, be safe and God bless,

Mr Kevin Mills
Principal



Administration

Term 4 Statements

Term Four Statements have been sent out to families that have not finalised their school fees. Payment is due by 18 November 2021.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Maria Pagano in the office.



Traffic and Parking

Just a reminder to all parents with regards to driving and parking around the school. Cumberland Council Rangers and Merrylands Police have been booking families for not obeying the road rules around the school. Please ensure you are obeying the road and parking rules at all times.



Message from CEDP Director



"In the past few days, there has been misinformation circulating online suggesting that planning was underway for mandatory Covid-19 vaccinations of students. This is not the case. There are no plans to arrange mandatory vaccinations for students."




Mr Greg Whitby

Kindergarten 2022

A reminder that the Session 2 Orientation Videos will be released this Thursday 11 November 2021.



Orientation Videos Release Dates on School Website

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

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 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.

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.

Faith Community

Remembrance Day

The students will be celebrating Remembrance Day with a special liturgy, this Thursday 11 November in their classroom space.

God of love and liberty, we bring our thanks this day for the peace and security we enjoy, which was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of war. We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain, but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come. That the liberty, truth and justice which they sought to preserve may be seen and known in all the nations upon earth. This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life for the sake of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Personal Growth

Year 5 Leadership Day

Over the past few weeks, Year 5 has been learning about Leadership. This Friday, Year 5 will be participating in a Year 5 Leadership Day where they will have the opportunity to demonstrate leadership qualities themselves and identify these qualities in other students. Students will need to wear mufti clothes and sports shoes and bring water and morning tea. A pizza lunch will be provided.

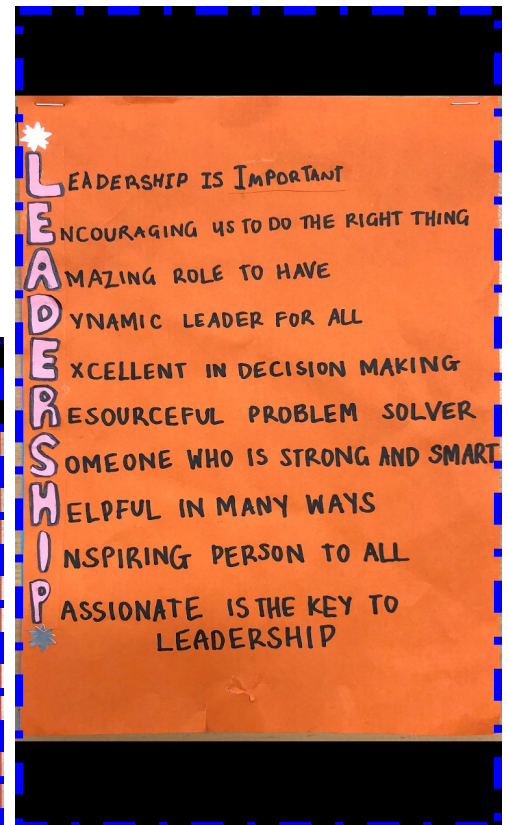
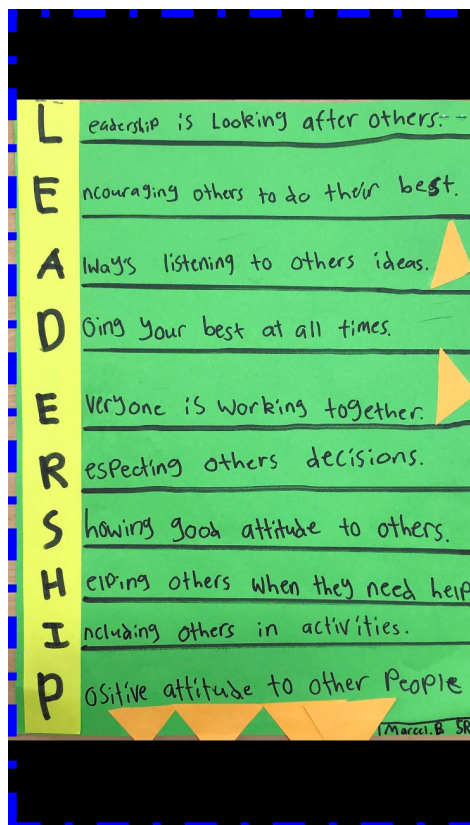
In Week 7, students will be asked to nominate individuals who they believe would make a good leader in 2022. When students are nominating, they must include reasons to support why this person would be a good leader. They are able to nominate up to 3 students, including themselves.

All staff members will also be able to nominate up to 3 students. Once the nominations have been collated, 12 students will be identified and they will have an opportunity to present speeches. Students will need to either accept or decline their nomination before they present their speech.

Please note that students will not be guaranteed a Colour Captain position if they decline their nomination for School Captain. The School Captains, School Vice Captains and Pillar Captains will then be decided from this group of 12.

Colour Captains will be decided at a later date using a different process.

Students are encouraged to remember that all of Year 6 are leaders of our school.



Two acrostic poems written by students in Year 5 to explain their understanding of leadership.



Partnership

Afternoon Car Pick Up

Traffic Around StMM's

Just a reminder about the corner of Henson St & Davies Street. The following picture indicates an issue around the safety of our community. This sign means that in the area indicated with the direction of the arrow back to the STOP sign you must not stop your vehicle at any point on the road or kerb. Not obeying this road rule will result in a penalty and fine.



Practices for Afternoon

Car Pick-Up @ StMM's

We have been informed by the local Police Area Commander in charge of local traffic that we only have control of StMM's school block on Henson Street. This means the following:

- We will aim to start Car Pick-Up at 2.30pm
- The only dedicated Car Pick-Up queue is the length of the school block in Henson Street
- Joining this queue must be done following all road and traffic rules including signage
- Parents/Carers are now able to join the Car Pick-Up queue via

Aspects to follow for Car Pick -Up

- Stagger your arrival between 2.30pm and 3.30pm
- Have your number visible for the teacher to call
- Remain calm and patient at all times

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