



# St Margaret Mary's School

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## Update

Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2021

### Diary Dates

#### Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> November

- K2022 Orientation Videos Session 3 (Final) for Parents and Students via the school website

#### Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> November

#### Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November

- Year 5 Leadership Speeches

#### Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November

#### Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> November

### Medical Information

Parents are reminded of the importance of ensuring all medical information regarding their child is up to date at all times. This includes updating asthma plans, anaphylaxis plans and any medication that your child requires during school time. This updated information allows the school to best treat your child should an emergency arise.

### 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 and Carers,

I often reflect on how lucky I am to work with such a wonderful community here at StMM's. The past two years have been extremely difficult for all principals across Australia, but I celebrate the power of our school to rise to the challenges of whatever is thrown at us. This starts with our beautiful students and their families who have chosen to send their children to our school. It is their example of being part of a strong Catholic community that has resulted in a waiting list for all our grades for 2022. Building upon these sound foundations are the staff of StMM's who are strongly committed to the spiritual, academic, social and personal growth of all our students. I look forward to working with this dynamic community in 2022 as we continue to build upon these solid foundations. The following vital information are important points for our school community.

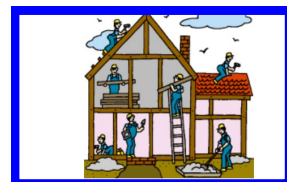
God Bless and take care

Mr Kevin Mills  
Principal

## Administration

### StMM's 2022 Building Program

This has been a five-year battle to bring about the final design and approval for StMM's Primary Refurbishment. This building program continues to move into new ground as the tender documents will be issued, today, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November. We pray that the tenders fall within the CEDP's allocated funds for the refurbishment of these spaces. The building program (including a completely new roof for the primary block) will be staged for the first six months of 2022 and we have begun the planning process of transitioning the Year 3, 4 & 5 grades into new spaces for the beginning of next year. It was not viable (\$300,000) or functional to relocate nine demountable buildings into our already limited playground space.



The LARC along with the Hall will be the new spaces for the students: Year 6 and Year 5 will occupy the lower floor of the building, while Year 4 and Year 3 will use the hall as their new learning spaces. Our building will only be refurbished if the final cost falls within the funds allocated by the Parramatta Catholic Education Office. We will naturally continue to keep StMM's Community informed as we hopefully move forward.

### End of Year Events

With the increasing cases of Covid in local schools, including high schools, and the likelihood restrictions for primary schools will not lessen, we are now aiming at a Year 6 Student only Graduation ceremony and dinner. We are planning to live stream and / or record for our community the ceremony and festivities. This is very disappointing for our Year 6 students and their families, along with the staff, however we must always follow the advice from CEDP and NSW Health. The authorities still have a concern about Covid in the wider community as all school staff are still required to wear masks on site.



## Administration

### Term 4 Statements

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

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



## Teaching & Learning

### 2021 Semester 2 Reports

StMM's 2021 Semester 2 reports are being finalised this week. The staff have met on several occasions to design and complete a report that reflects the impact of the 14 weeks of lockdown and the students' return to school.

As a learning community we have focussed on the wellbeing of our students and families while ensuring their smooth return to normality (as close as we can expect at this point in time). Our staff has made every effort to ensure all students' reports highlight the content covered in each year group during Semester Two, including an additional general comment for the grade.

The report recognises the four areas: Religious Education, English, Maths & Guided Discovery. This school-based report will look different to Semester One but complies with the Federal and State Government requirements. We would ask parents and carers to remember it has been an extraordinary time and the difficult situation the external impact of Covid 19 has had on our children's schooling in 2021.



### Library Books

Our school library is now closed for borrowing, for 2021.

Please ensure all library books are returned to the library by Friday this week, 19<sup>th</sup> November. Students are encouraged to keep reading, by going to their local library or by borrowing online student eBooks (SORA), and to enter the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge.



Thank you for your cooperation, Mrs Balogh-Caristo

### 2022 Kinder Orientation

Thank you to the Kinder Team of Teachers, who have enabled a "virtual Kinder Orientation" for all our new students starting next year. These are up on our school website if you wish to see how clever the students and staff have been in developing these units on Religious Education, Numeracy and Literacy. It is wonderful that they can be watched a number of times, but we do look forward to the possibility of having the students on site at some stage later in the year.

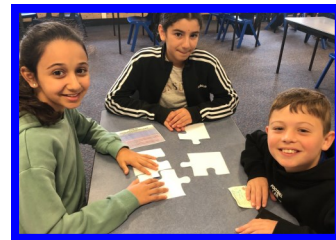
Orientation Videos Release Dates on School Website		
Dates	For Parents	For Students
<b>Session 1</b> Thursday 10am 4th November 2021	Religious Education	Welcome and School Pointers
<b>Session 2</b> Thursday 10am 11th November 2021	Numeracy	Read Aloud
<b>Session 3</b> Thursday 10am 18th November 2021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

## Teaching & Learning

### Yr 5 Leadership Day

Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> November was an extremely important day for the future Year 6 Leaders.

LEADERSHIP DAY! That morning, we received a small pocket card with a list of leadership qualities including



supportive, honest, positive, selfless, respectful, committed, empathetic and confident. The teachers asked us to think about these qualities as we completed the activities and to also see if we could notice them in other students.



We were assigned to small groups of 3 - 4 people, who we collaborated with to complete the challenges. We displayed many of the leadership qualities that were on our guidance pocket cards. Some of our activities required mental strength, whilst others required physical strength. The activities included making boats out of aluminum foil, building strong bridges out of newspaper, creating an artwork with only verbal directions from our team mates and much more! After completing all our activities, we were rewarded with a pizza party and Zooper Doopers!



The purpose of the day was to identify leadership qualities in ourselves and in our peers. It was great to have a day to showcase our skills and enjoy new challenges with our friends.

By Sophia Caraan and Nicole Koroma

### Year 5 Leadership Speeches

From the nominations, 12 students were elected and will present a speech in front of Mr Mills, Ms Veness and the Year 5 students on Monday the 22nd of November. Teachers and students in Year 5 will then vote for the School Captains, Vice Captains and Pillar Leaders. Unfortunately due to the current COVID restrictions, parents will not be permitted to attend the speeches. We thank all the Year 5 students for the mature way they have conducted themselves during this leadership process. Colour Captains will be voted on in the coming weeks.

## Personal Growth

### Principal's Morning Tea

Our Principal Morning tea will be held on Thursday, 2nd December. Students need to have received all 4 Pillar awards to be eligible to attend the Principal's Morning Tea.



## Faith Community

### Remembrance Day Service

On the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month every year, we celebrate Remembrance Day. This year, to celebrate this important occasion, each grade took part in a small liturgy in their own classrooms. During this liturgy, students and teachers listened to The Last Post and The Rouse, two songs originally played by a bugle. The Rouse was played to make sure the soldiers had woken up and were out of their beds every morning. The Last Post was played at the end of the day during the war. It is also played during military funerals to signify the end of a soldier's life and that he has gone to rest after the work he has done for his country. On Thursday, each class followed a slide presentation prepared by Mr Yearsley and we shared some background



information about Remembrance Day and the importance of the two songs played during the war. We as Australians will always honour the service of all the men and women who protected our country and future generations. We will remember them. Lest we forget.

*By Christopher Faddoul and Lucinda Tran  
2021 School Captains*



## Partnership

**3 DAY EVENT**  
18<sup>TH</sup> - 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

**ZERO & REWARDS CARD HOLDERS**

**20% OFF\***  
**SCHOOLWEAR**  
& EVERYTHING ELSE!

**DON'T HAVE A CARD? APPLY IN-STORE OR  
ONLINE & START ENJOYING THE BENEFITS**

\*T&C'S APPLY. SAVINGS OFF ORIGINAL PRICES. INSTORE & ONLINE

 **Catherine McAuley Westmead**  
Enrolling Now for Year 7 2023



Contact the school on 9849 9100 or visit our website for an enrolment pack. Applications close 25th March 2022.  
For enrolment criteria please refer to our school website.

Tours of the school campus will be held during Catholic Schools Week 2022  
(Tuesday 8th March - Friday 11th March 2022) Visit our school website to book a tour.

Catherine McAuley, 2 Darcy Road, Westmead | [www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au](http://www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au)

  
**MERCY  
SCHOLARSHIPS**

Applications are now open for Year 7, 2023 Mercy Scholarships for:

- Academic Excellence
- Music Excellence
- OLMC Parramatta Alumnae

Currently enrolling Year 7, 2023

[www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au)





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## Fresh Salad Box

Greek Salad **Reg \$3.00 Lrg \$5.00**  
Chicken Caesar Salad **Reg \$4.00 Lrg \$5.50**  
Tuna Salad **Reg \$4.50**  
Pesto Pasta Salad **Reg \$5.00**  
Seasonal Fruit Salad **Cup 2.00 Reg \$5.00**  
Fresh Tub of Watermelon **Cup 2.00 Reg \$5.00**

## Hot Food

All foods are grilled or oven baked (No frying)

Baked Vegetable Spring Rolls **\$4.00**  
Chicken Breast Nuggets (5) **\$4.00**  
Grilled lean Cheese Burger **\$4.50**  
Grilled Chicken Burger **\$4.50**  
Lean Meat Pie **\$4.00**  
Potato Pie **\$4.50**  
Baked Potato Wedges **\$4.00**  
Baked Potato Gems **\$4.00**  
Lean Hot Dog **\$3.50** add Cheese **\$4.00**  
Lean Sausage Roll **\$4.00**  
Beef or Vegetarian Lasagna **\$5.00**  
Pizza Wrap (Cheese/BBQ/Meat) **\$5.00**  
Macaroni and Cheese **\$5.00**  
Spinach and Feta Roll **\$4.50**

## Snacks<sub>(over counter)</sub>

Garlic Bread **\$2.50**  
Baked Hash Brown **\$1.50**  
Want Want Rice snacks **2 for 0.50c**  
Assorted Muffins **from \$1.00**  
Carrot/Cucumber Sticks & Hummus **\$1.50**  
Cheese and Cracker **\$1.50**  
Pretzel Cup **\$1.50**  
Home made Pizza Slice **\$1.00**  
Sugar Free Jelly **\$1.50**  
Custard & Jelly **\$2.00**  
Mini Pie **\$1.50**  
Baked potato Chip cup **\$1.50**  
Mini Sausage Roll **\$1.50**  
Noddle Cup **\$1.50**  
Canteen Chips **from \$2.00**  
Fresh Fruit Pieces **\$1.00**  
Paul's Choc Yogo **\$1.50**

Many more snacks available on counter

# PRIMARY SCHOOL MENU

## Sandwiches/Wraps

Make your own sandwich or wrap

Cheese and Tomato **\$3.00**  
Vegemite or Jam Sandwich **\$2.00**  
Cheese & Salad Sandwich **\$4.00**  
Ham/Cheese/Tom **\$4.00**  
Tuna sandwich **\$4.00**  
Salad + Chicken or Turkey or Tuna **\$4.50**  
Falafel Wrap **\$5.00**  
Chicken Salad Wrap **\$5.00**  
Kafta (lamb Mince) Wrap **\$5.00**  
Lean Turkey or Ham Salad Wrap **\$5.00**  
Tuna Salad Wrap **\$5.00**  
Cheese Salad Wrap **\$5.00**

Extra Toppings 0.50c

## Alternating daily specials

Check the daily special board or Flexi schools

Spaghetti Bolognaise **\$5.00**  
Spaghetti Napolitana **\$4.00**  
Sushi Chicken or Tuna **\$4.50**  
Butter Chicken and Rice **\$5.00**  
Beef Nachos **\$5.00**  
Vegetarian Fried Rice **\$4.50**  
2 Kafta patties, Hummus and Lebanese bread **\$5.00**

## Frozen Treats/Drinks

100% Orange Frozen Juice Cup **\$2.00**  
Ice Block **\$1.00**  
Icay Mony **\$1.50**  
Jelly Stick **\$0.50c**  
99% Fruit Juice Slushie **\$2.50**  
Spring Water 600mls **\$2.20**  
Flavoured Milk (Choc/ Strawberry) **\$2.80**  
100% Juice (Apple/Orange) **\$2.00**  
Chill J sparkling Juice **\$2.80**  
Up and Go **\$3.00**