



St Margaret Mary's School

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Wednesday, 31st August **Bulletin** 2022 Term 3, Week 7

Diary Dates

Thursday 1 st September	P&F Preparing Gifts for Father's Day Stall
Friday 2 nd September	Diocesan Athletics Carnival
	Father's Day Breakfast
	P&F Father's Day Stall
Sunday 4 th September	Father's Day
Monday 5 th September	NSW Police Talk to Yrs 3, 4, 5, & 6
Thursday, 8 th September	NSW Police Talk to Yrs 1 & 2
Friday, 9 th September	Staff Professional Learning Day. This is a Pupil Free Day

Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Carers, Girls & Boys,

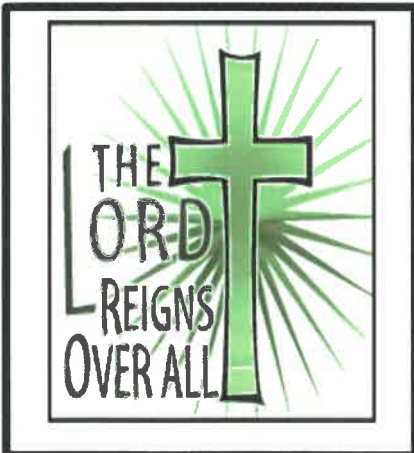
Stories were Jesus' stock-in-trade, the main medium by which he conveyed his message. The parables occupy fully 35 percent of the first three Gospels. But one of their most surprising features is that they are *not about God*. They are about weddings and banquets, family tensions, muggings, farmers sowing and reaping, and shrewd business dealings. God is mentioned in only one or two. . . Jesus obviously wanted us to look closely **at this world**, not some other one. It is here and now—all around us in the most ordinary things—that **we find the divine presence**.



But Jesus' stories, were aimed at changing one's *perception* of the world, Jesus wanted people to see that **the world itself was changing**, and that therefore, they had better change the way they looked at it. He invited them, in effect, to become part of the change. Time after time he said, "They that have eyes to see, let them see, and they that have ears, let them hear." He simply wanted people to **pay attention** to what was going on around them and to discern a reality that was just under their noses.

To describe this change he called it the coming of the **"reign of God."** What he meant was that something was happening, not just in the consciousness of the listener, but also in the world itself. Something new and unprecedented was happening, and they could be a part of it.

The same can be said at this point in time, as we are told to move on from Covid. The Church must remain connected to its faithful and those it serves and are in need. It was wonderful to attend our parish's First Eucharist celebration last Sunday, where our children took the next step in building a positive relationship with their God.



A Special Thank You

To our gifted StMM's Choir which sang at Sunday's Mass. They offered their support to our Parish and their fellow students who were celebrating their First Eucharist. They added great beauty and a wonderful background to this event.

God Bless you!

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Kevin Mills
Kevin Mills
Principal

Administration

School Fees

All families should have received their fee statement for Term 3. School fees are now overdue, unless you have entered an arrangement with the school or CEDP. Please contact the school office if you have any questions regarding your school fees.

School Photos 2022

StMM's School Photo Day this year is **Thursday 15th September 2022, Term 3, Week 9.**

Don Wood Photography will be taking our photos on this day. www.donwoodphotography.com.au

Please refer to the compass notification sent out last week for ordering of school photos.

The preferred method of payment is online using the school code 751R17.

Leaving

If you know your child/ren will not be returning to StMM's in Term 4 or at the end of 2022, please let the office know as soon as possible, in writing, as we have several families on our waiting list. It is a CEDP Policy that 10 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.

Compass

If you have any questions regarding the Compass Portal, please email the school office and we will endeavour to help you.

Faith Community

Lolly Pop, Competition

On Thursday 18th and Friday 19th August, Rose, Mary, Rachel and Monica from Year 5 ran a Lolly Pop competition.

The person that guessed the correct number or the closest number of lollies in the jar, won the whole jar of lollies. The correct number in the jar was 392 lollies. The closest number that was guessed was by Mia A from 1Blue. Congratulations to Mia. We hope you enjoy the lollies. All money raised from the guessing competition has been donated to StMM's people in need.



Personal Growth

Monday Assembly

Monday, during morning assembly, Mr Mills told the school that on Sunday 28th



August at the 9:00am Mass some students celebrated their First Holy Communion. It was the first time Holy Communion was



celebrated in the church in the past two years. The school choir sang a beautiful song 'We Come To Your Feast'.



Mr Mills also talked about the Numeracy and Literacy Week which is linked to Book Week. The times table booklets were given out to

parents to be done at home.

A black table is set up in the playground and it is there for students who want to do another brick in their own time or at home. You can do the brick and give it to your teacher.



By: Charbel B & Mikaleo S

Police Incursion

During Week 8, Police Officers from Cumberland Police Area Command will be visiting St Margaret Mary's. They will provide presentations to students in order to boost their thinking and behaviours and equip them with skills to keep safe in different situations. Presentations will be delivered to students from Year 1 to Year 6. These sessions closely link with our learning in PDHPE.



Police Officers will deliver presentations around the following topics:

- Stage 1: Stranger Danger/ Community Awareness
- Stage 2: Bullying and Harassment
- Stage 3: Cyber Safety

Sports News

Diocesan Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to Claire L who was left off the list last week. She will be competing in Junior girls Relay Team & 100m.

Good luck to all the students who will be represent St Margaret Mary's at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival on September 2nd at Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre. We wish you all the best of luck.



Teaching & Learning

NAPLAN Results

Dear Parents/Carers

The NSW Education Standards Authority have informed us that your child's NAPLAN results for 2022 are to be distributed on 9th September. As this is a Staff Development Day we will be sending your child's results home with them on Thursday 8th September.

NAPLAN tests are designed to provide parents, students and their teachers with information about how your child's learning is progressing and where they need support to improve their literacy and numeracy skills.

For information to assist in understanding your child's test results, please visit after receiving your results:

<https://www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/K-10/understanding-the-curriculum/naplan/results-and-reports>

The NSW Education Standards Authority have thanked all schools and parents for their participation in NAPLAN 2022. They recognise the additional challenges faced by schools this year and appreciate the school's efforts in supporting students through the tests.

Funny Hat/ Glasses Day for Book Week

On Thursday 25th August it was funny hat and glasses day and the whole school had to wear a funny hat or funny glasses which they had to decorate.



Mr Mills had made some examples of the books that every grade had painted and one person from that grade had to guess which one it belonged to. After that we all joined in for assembly and found out that someone had stolen one of the books (Mr Maunick). Mr Mills told the whole school that they had to write a story about the mysterious thief. He also chose other characters. There is a police officer, a wizard, a thief, a pop star and a gambler. We were to write a story involving these characters and a book being stolen.



By :Kayla M



Teaching & Learning

Year 3 Excursion to Sydney Zoo

On the 23rd August we finally had an excursion after 3 years! We were all ready to get on the bus for a 20 minute drive to Sydney Zoo. We were feeling excited as we hopped off the bus at Sydney Zoo.



First we went to see the Australian animals. We saw kangaroos and joeys in their mother's pouches. A koala was sleeping on the branch. The Tasmanian devils were coloured yellow and black. There were long ones and short ones.

We watched a video about Indigenous Culture. After a while we had recess and went to the nocturnal house. It was dark and we saw reptiles, lizards and sugar gliders.



In the aquarium we saw a huge crocodile that was sleeping. There were penguins sharks, catfish and so many colourful fish with patterns.

Next we went to the African animals and we saw elephants, camels, giraffes and African dogs. Thanks to all the teachers who took us on the excursion!



By : Simon Z 3 Red



Partnership

Father's Day

Breakfast

Our staff will be providing breakfast from 7:30am on Friday 2nd September for all children, fathers and grandfathers who have responded regarding catering. This will be followed by a prayer service in the school playground.



Stall

Our P&F are holding a Father's Day stall on Friday 2nd September. Please provide your child with a small amount of cash (\$1, \$2, \$5), so they can purchase a gift/gifts from the stall. Please note : the office is now cashless and will **not** be able to provide any change.





WEEK 8 WELLBEING WEEK

As we approach the end of Term 3, in Week 8, StMM will be hosting Wellbeing Week!

Students will engage in different activities throughout the week connected to Wellbeing.

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 their wellbeing'.

Wellbeing Week 8 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.