



St Margaret Mary's School

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Wednesday, 3rd August

Bulletin

2022 Term 3, Week 4

Diary Dates

Monday 8 th August	St Mary of the Cross Feast Day
Thursday 11 th August	Yr 6 Voice of Youth Final
Friday 19 th August	Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival

Principal's Message

This Week's Gospel (Words of Wisdom - Fr Michael)

Jesus tells us in Sunday's gospel not to put our trust in things that cannot give life to our hearts. Sure, we need material things and it would be irresponsible not to provide them for our own wellbeing and the wellbeing of those whom we love and who are dependent upon us.

But, says Jesus, don't let these things possess you. Don't get things out of proportion. Don't get trapped in possessions or reputation or appearances. We are made by love and we are made for love. Everything must be in view of love. Our bodies need love, our hearts need love, our minds need love. But more than all else our souls need love.

He tells us to make sure our souls are awake, alert for the approach of the one for whom our souls are longing. What a tragedy it would be to be so preoccupied with everything else, however important, and let our souls starve, neglecting our deepest longings.

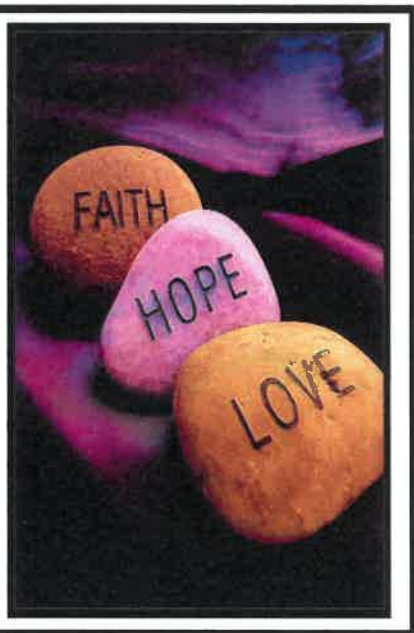
Faith keeps our hearts and our souls tuned to God. When we notice Jesus' approach, when we hear him knocking, if we open the door he will come in and sit us down and serve us, for his deepest desire is our happiness. Once when Peter felt totally lost and he asked Jesus what to do, Jesus said to him: 'Have faith in God'(Mark 11:22).

Peter remembered these words and in a letter written from Rome when his own life was about to be taken, he said to his community: 'It is through Jesus that you have come to place your trust in God, for it was God who raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory. So now your faith and your hope are set on God. *'May your love be upon us O Lord, as we place all our hope in you'*

Jesus makes the same point in Sunday's Gospel. He reminds us that the only real treasure is the treasure for which our heart longs and it comes from heaven, from God. So let us be alert, let our heart be awake for the whisper of God's Spirit.

Stay safe and take care,
God bless.

Kevin Mills
Principal



A Special Thank You

To all the Parents and Carers who join us each Monday at StMM's Assembly. The staff and students appreciate your efforts to be with us and the manner you listen and focus on the important messages shared. You are most welcome each Monday.
God Bless you!



Administration

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

The preferred method of payment is online.

Closer to the day we will provide families with more information regarding online payments.

School Fees

School fee statements have been sent out by CEDP for Term 3. School fees are due by Wednesday, 24th August, unless you have entered into an arrangement with the school or CEDP. Please contact the school office if you have any questions regarding your school fees.

StMM's School Website

Please visit our StMM's School Website:

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

Under the "Community" heading and the "Gallery" section you will find all the events celebrated at StMM's school for Term 1, Term 2 & Term 3, 2022.

Compass

If you have any questions regarding the Compass Portal, please email the school office and we will endeavour to help you. All absentee's are to be entered into compass by parents.

COVID & Its Impact

We are continuing to issue COVID notifications as required by NSW Health. We are also required to rerun the following information.

If your child returns a positive Covid test, they are unable to attend school for the duration of their isolation. Close contacts do not have to isolate if they have no Covid symptoms and comply with the following guidelines in relation to school:

- Notify StMM's they are positive or a close contact.
- It is suggested to wear a face mask indoors (chn under 12).
- Undertake daily Rapid Antigen Tests (RATS) before school each day.
- Guidelines in place for 7 days from the time a person in their household tested positive for COVID-19.

Please contact the StMM's Office if you need additional RAT kits.

Monday Morning Assembly

On the 1st of August, Mr Mills was talking to the whole school about the building under the COLA. He also asked us to make the sign of the cross to say something in our head that we were grateful that our parents had done something over the weekend. On Friday last week he came to all of the grades to see how they were going with their learning.



By: Kayla & Cristina

StMM's Online Options

StMM's subscribes to a range of Online programs and Apps that can be accessed from school and home. If you have any questions, please email the school office and we will endeavour to help your family access these from home. Please see the list below:

- Reading Eggs
- PM eCollection (PM Readers Online)
- Seesaw (Infants)
- Goggle Classroom (Primary)

Faith & Community

Pyjama Day

Get ready to come to school dressed in your warm pyjamas!



To coincide with St Mary of the Cross MacKillop's Feast Day, St Margaret Mary's will be having a Pyjama Day in Week 4, Monday 08/08/22. On this day, students and staff can come to school dressed in pyjamas (with closed shoes). Students will participate in games and activities led by Mini Vinnies students to raise awareness about helping others and homelessness. To wear pyjamas, students will be asked to donate a toiletry item for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal throughout Week 3. (A note was sent home earlier this week providing more information).



Never see a need without doing something about it. - Mary MacKillop

Teaching & Learning

Kindy Farm Excursion

A very excited group of Kindergarten children went to Calmsley Hill Farm on Tuesday, 26th of July on a big bus. We loved looking out the windows on our ride to the farm.



At the farm, we saw a lot of animals. One of our favourite things to see were the newborn piglets that greeted us in the pen with their mother. We learnt that the mother pig is called a sow and the father pig is called a boar.

We saw a cow, a bull and a calf. We all took turns to milk Maggie the cow while taking our photos. There were a lot of chickens, ducks and geese and also some turkeys pecking around in the dirt.



We patted the fluffy chick and the soft rabbit. We also stroked the sheep and saw newborn lambs wearing cute little jumpers to keep them warm.

We were so lucky to watch the farm shows. We watched the farm dogs rounding up the sheep. The dogs work really hard at the farm. Some children took turns to crack a whip with Farmer Logan. It seemed easy, but when the children tried, it was very hard. Miss O' Brien did a fantastic job cracking the whip.

Finally we watched the farmer shear a sheep using clippers.

The farm was a lot of fun and we were tired when we got back to school.



Year 4 Tableaux

Last term, Year 4 learnt about The First Fleet. In drama, we created tableaux to show



different parts of the First Fleet journey - life in 18th century England, the journey, and life in the new colony. A tableau is when participants make still images with their bodies, facial expressions



& the use of props to represent a scene. We used props to help the audience understand what we are doing and we had to change our facial expressions to show our feelings. We dressed up in costumes and took photos in front of the green screen. We edited our



images in WeVideo to add backgrounds to make our tableaux look realistic. Check out our amazing end

results!

By: Katrina, Klara Sh, Iris, and Claire. - Year 4



Year 6 Voice of Youth



Year 6 students have been practicing their public speaking skills by participating in the annual Voice of Youth speech

contest. Students researched a topic they were passionate about and prepared a 2-4 minute speech where they aimed to inform, persuade, entertain or inspire their audience. After presenting in their class groups, the top 12 students from Year 6 were chosen and presented to an audience of Year 5 and 6 children. Three students and a reserve student were chosen to represent St Margaret Mary's in the Granville Cluster Final which will be held at Holy Family Primary School, Granville on Thursday, 11th August.



Congratulations and good luck to the following students:
Natalie Cinello - Animal testing
Bianca Poumale - Social Media
Dia Maria Layous - Refugees
Lily Garland (reserve) - Pollution

Partnership

Monsignor McGovern Portrait Prize 2022

You and your family are invited to attend the 2022 Monsignor McGovern Portrait Prize (For students in Years 5 & 6 Primary School Art students) Award and Prize Giving Evening

When: Wednesday, 3rd August, at 5pm.
Judged by Internationally acclaimed Australian Pop Artist Mr Johnny Romeo.

Time: Refreshments will be served from 5pm. Award announced at 6pm.

Where: Delany College, Grimwood Street, Granville 8633 8100

Premier's Reading Challenge

Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) for 2022 Closes in 2 Weeks (Friday, 19th August)

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>



Enrolments for 2023

We have completed all K2023 interviews and letters of offer have been sent out. We now have a waitlist. If you are moving out of the area please let the office know, as we have a waitlist in most of our grades. There are limited spaces in a few classes.

School Uniforms

Lowes in Parramatta Westfields is our only supplier of the StMM's school uniform. (Please note: StMM's does not have a long sleeve sports polo). Please email the office if you are having any issues with Lowes Parramatta, including securing the winter uniform.

2 DAY VIP EVENT
4TH & 5TH AUGUST
ZERO & REWARDS CARDS HOLDERS
20% OFF
SCHOOLWEAR*
DON'T HAVE A CARD? APPLY INSTORE OR ONLINE & START ENJOYING THE BENEFITS
LISMORE TEMPORARY STORE | SHOP 66 LISMORE SHOPPING SQUARE
CNR BREWSTER & MCKENZIE STREET, LISMORE NSW 2480

St Pauls Catholic College Greystanes

2022 HSC Supervision

The College is seeking expression of Interest for supervising the 2022 HSC Examinations.

Eligibility Criteria:

To work as a HSC exam supervisor you must:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Have a valid Working with Children Check for Employment (not Volunteer Status)
- Be double vaccinated for COVID-19
- Have attention to detail
- Be able to carry out duties confidentially and discreetly
- Be able to stand for long periods of time

You CANNOT work as an HSC supervisor if

- You have a friend or relative (including children, siblings, grandchildren, nieces, nephews or first cousins) sitting the HSC exams at the same exam centre you are working at.
- You tutor HSC students at the same exam centre you are working at
- You have been recently employed by the school (paid or volunteer) as this may be perceived as a conflict of interest. The only exemption is if you have been employed by the school for
- other exam supervision work only (for example, HSC Trial exams)

If you are interested, please contact the College Office on 8868 3700

St Mary of the Cross Mackillop

Patron Saint of Australia

Ever generous God,

You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop

To live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and constant in bringing hope and encouragement to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy.

With confidence in your generous providence and through the intercession of

Saint Mary MacKillop

We ask that you grant our request.....

We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit

so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage, trust and openness.

Ever generous God hear our prayer.

We ask this through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Feast Day: August 8th

