



St Margaret Mary's School

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Update

Wednesday, 23rd February, 2022

Diary Dates

Thursday, 24th February

Friday, 25th February

Monday, 28th February

Tuesday, 1st March

Wednesday, 2nd March

Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Carers, Boys & Girls

Student Leadership @ StMM's in 2022

Last Friday, Fr Janusz with the expertise and creativity of Mr Yearsley, held a private Mass for our Stage 3 students and our 2022 School Leaders. We were joined by their family members (two per leader-covid safe rules!) to celebrate the start of the school year. We are looking forward to the relaxing of Covid safe practices, so parents and carers are able to attend our school functions.

At StMM's the staff and in the wider parent community, we place a great deal of emphasis on "servant leadership" While traditional leadership styles you see on TV or in society reflect a picture of power and being on the top or being in charge, servant leadership puts other people's needs first and shares leadership with others. This is what we ask of all our Yr 6 students and our school leaders of 2022. Jesus was the best example of a servant leader.



I spoke about the importance of all Year 6 students realising they are the leaders of our school and must set a positive example for all the children in the school. We have been separating our year groups as in a covid safe manner but look forward to our Year 6 students having a greater impact on our younger students. They have not even met this year's Kindergarten children.

Effective Leaders at StMM's:

- focus on making StMM's a better school and a strong Catholic community
- encourage hard thinking but are also people of action
- are aware of their limitations and prioritise improving themselves and others
- are faith filled and want the best for the StMM's Community
- are able to speak to everyone and are great listeners

Open Morning

St Margaret Mary's will be holding an open morning on **Thursday 17th March** from 9:30am—10:30am, for New Kindergarten 2023 families.

Skoolbag App



All parents are encouraged to have the Skoolbag App, as this will be the main preference for communication to all parents. Our **School Name** for Skoolbag App is **SMMPM**.

God Bless,

Mr Kevin Mills
Principal

Shepherd

Servant

Steward



School Website

The school website is www.stmmerrylands.catholic.edu.au

Enrolments

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2023 are now taking place. If your child was born between 1st August, 2017 and 31st July, 2018, please collect an enrolment form from the school office. Interviews will commence at the end of April. Last year we had a waiting list with over 120 applications.

Faith Community

Opening and Commissioning Mass for Year 6 Student Leaders

On Friday, 18th February, the Year Six Leaders of 2022 received their badges at the Opening School and Commissioning Mass. Year Six, Year Five and the parents of the leaders were invited to participate in the Mass.



After the Mass, Father Janusz blessed the badges and a kind speech was presented by Mr Mills to help remind Year 6 about the leaders we all are. Miss McFarlane called out each leader and Miss Mekdessi presented the badges to our parents to put them on us for the first time.

We were able to get a family photo as a special memory of the occasion, thanks to Mrs Albertin.



We want to thank Mr Yearsley and Father Janusz for organising this special occasion for us as we begin our final year at St Margaret Mary's.
By: *Leeroy Tautu and Tia Khouri School Captains 2022*



Delany College Granville
OPEN DAY 9 March
1:00pm-5:30pm

OLMC OPEN DAY
Sunday, 6 March 2022
10.00am - 2.00pm
You are warmly invited to join us for Open Day 2022.
Bookings can be made by using the College website: www.olmc.nsw.edu.au
Courageous Advocates. Limitless Possibilities.

Personal Growth

Sports News

Zone Swimming Carnival.

Congratulations to the following students, who will compete at the Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival at Mt Druitt Swimming Pool on Monday 28th February. We wish our swimmers the best of luck!

Jay Shrestha	Ruby Shrestha	Ryan Choi
Isabella Haddad	Gabriella Dutrey	Alexander Khoury
Nikolai Krga	Elissa Maghazli	Elena Lin
Lily Garland	Leeroy Tautu	Xavier Tautu

Cross Country

On Thursday 24th March, Students from year 3 - 6 will participate in our school cross country. Students turning 8, 9 and 10 will need to be able to run 2kms. Students turning 11 and 12 will need to be able to run 3kms. During our class PE lessons, students in grades 3 - 6 have been participating in training activities to prepare them for the cross country. More information to come closer to the event. Students are reminded that they must have their water bottles for sports days.

Partnership

Project Compassion Lenten Appeal

Wednesday, 2nd March marks the beginning of the Lenten Season with the celebration of Ash



Wednesday. As part of Almsgiving, St Margaret Mary's as well as many other schools across the diocese support Caritas Australia through their initiative 'Project Compassion'.

The 'Mini Vinnies' student group work to support this worthy cause within the school by bringing awareness to the great works of Caritas and the people in need that Project Compassion helps. Project Compassion donation boxes will be available in each learning space from March 2nd, for any student who wishes to contribute to. In the past we have experienced great generosity from our community with examples of students giving a portion of their pocket money or change from their canteen money. This year, families can also make an online donation through the school supported app 'Qkr'. *Information on how to make a donation through Qkr will be provided in next week's Bulletin/ Newsletter.*

Open Day
Sunday 13th March
11.30am - 2.30pm

- College Tours
- Lesson Demonstrations
- Parents & Friends Association
- Staff & Students available to answer your questions

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