



St Margaret Mary's School

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Bulletin

Wednesday, 22nd June 2022

Diary Dates

Thursday, 23rd June

Friday, 24th June

- **Kostka Mufti Day**
Students are to wear Red on this Day
- Feast of the Sacred Heart Liturgy 11:00 - 11:45am in the Church

Monday, 27th June

- 8:40am Whole School Morning Assembly
- Kindergarten, Year 1 & 2 Parent/Teacher Conference as per booked time

Tuesday, 28th June

- Kindergarten, Year 1 & 2 Parent/Teacher Conference as per booked time
- Year 5 Leadership Day at Delany College

Wednesday, 29th June

- Years 3, 4 & 5 Student-Led Interviews as per booked time

Thursday, 30th June

- Whole School Athletics Carnival at Holroyd Sports Ground

Friday, 1st July

- School closes at 3pm for Term 2

Monday, 18th July

- School Resumes for Term 3

Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,
On Friday we are celebrating the Feast of the Sacred Heart. The story of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart dates back to the 19th century, when a young priest named Jules Chevalier sparked a single flame of hope and love that still burns brightly today. His aim was a simple one: to share the message of God's love with the world around him. Father Jules Chevalier, who founded the religious family of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in 1854, wrote the following prayer (adapted):



Prayer

Lord Jesus, you are the Saviour of the world and
The source of all holiness
Look with kindness upon all whom you have called
To share in the mission of your heart.
Intercede for us with your Father,
That he may keep us safe in your love.

Bless us in the truth, so that you may be glorified in us,
and that our lives may reflect the feelings of your heart.
Plead with your Father to keep us safe, so that we may
remain united by the bonds of the strongest love.

As you are one with your Father,
may we also be one with each other in your divine heart.
To this same divine heart, whose thoughts shall ever be ours,
WE NOW DEDICATE OURSELVES for time and for eternity. AMEN

Take care and God bless,

Kevin Mills
Principal



School Website

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

Administration

STMM's School Office

TERM 2 Closing date

Wednesday 29th June 2022 will be the last day that the school office will accept any form of payment for school fees, hats, or library bags.

Please ensure that all necessary payments are made prior to this date. If there are any questions, please contact the school office.

Compass

Parents of Years 5 & 6 students who are marked absent from school by the teacher, will receive an SMS notifying them that their child is absent from school. (High School use this function). Please follow the prompts to notify the school of your child's absence.

Absentee notes for all students **must** be completed on the **Compass portal** and **not** via the Skoolbag app as the school can no longer access the app and will not receive your child's absences.

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

Semester 1 Reports

Reports for students in K-5 will be sent home with students on Friday 24th June in their school bag.

Student-Led Interviews will be held on Wednesday 29th June for Years 3, 4 & 5.

Individual conferences will be held for Kindy, Year 1 & 2 on Monday, 27th June & Tuesday, 28th June. Bookings are now open on the Compass Portal for parents to book a time to meet with their child's teacher.

Building Update

We are looking forward to moving the Yrs 3, 4 & 5 upstairs to the new Learning Spaces this Friday. It will be a very busy day with all children and staff excited about the new spaces and furniture that will greet them upstairs. We will be moving Yr 5 first which will allow our Yr 6 students to vacate their space which will be the next area for refurbishment.

Parent Feedback Tell Them from Me Survey



Tell Them From Me

This is the final week to complete the **Tell Them From Me survey**. We are asking all parents in our community to take part in the survey. The online tool will become an important part of St Margaret Mary's whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite **you** to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey*. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Margaret Mary's.

Please complete the survey by the **24th June, 2022**

The survey is **anonymous** and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer by using the URL below:

<http://tellthemfromme.com/stmms2022>

COVID & Its Impact

We are continuing to issue COVID notifications as required by NSW Health. We also are 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 that 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.
- RAT kits will be issued to student or staff members if they become symptomatic.
- Guidelines in place for 7 days from the time a person in their household tested positive for COVID-19.

Faith Community

Red Colour Mufti Day

Red Mufti Day will be this **Friday, 24th June.**

Come to school dressed in red clothing and bring in a gold coin donation. Don't forget to wear closed shoes and have a hat.

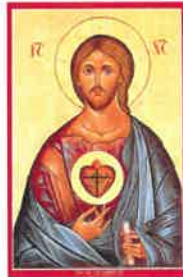


This mufti day falls during Refugee Week, so your donations will be going to the House of Welcome. This charity is a part of St Francis Social Services and exists to help, welcome, and empower refugees and people seeking asylum. We can't wait to see you dressed in red to support this great cause.

Kostka Colour Captains - Laura Fakhr and Marcel Bains

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Liturgy

To celebrate 'The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus', a whole school liturgy will be held in St Margaret Mary's Church on Friday 24th June at 11am.



As a result of the COVID restrictions that we have faced over the past two years, this event will mark the first liturgical celebration in the church for many of our infants students. It will also be a welcome return for the student choir who will bring the celebration to life through song.

Personal Growth

Morning Assembly

Mr Mills reminded the school during assembly that there are three things we must remember to do. The three things are:



1. When you pass a staff member, you should say good morning or hello to them.
2. Red mufti-day is on Friday, 24th June and you are to bring a gold coin, and wear something red.
3. Next Thursday will be the whole sports carnival. Students were reminded to wear a t-shirt of their team colour.

By: Charbel Bougoide & Cristina Tran



Sports News

Athletics Carnival

At this stage we still plan to hold our 2022 Athletics Carnival at Holroyd Sports Grounds on Thursday 30th June.

The permission note previously sent home for the first date, will cover parental permission for this event. All students must be at school by 8:30am to travel by bus to Holroyd Sports Grounds.

What to wear:

- Full school sports uniform including school hat.
- Students may wear a shirt in the colour of their sporting house.
- Please remember to apply sunscreen in the morning.
- Children are advised to bring something to sit on, e.g. blanket or towel.
- **All students' belongings must be labelled with their name.**

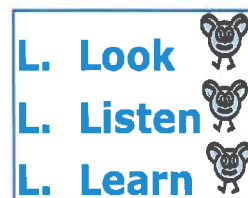
What to bring:

- Small backpack with recess, lunch & water (No plastic bags)
- There are NO canteen facilities.

Parents & Supporters are welcome to attend the carnival & follow the StMM's Covid Safe Plan.

- All supporters are encouraged to wear a mask where physical distancing is an issue.
- Hand Sanitiser will be available at the ground.
- Students and StMM's School Staff are ONLY allowed on the Sports oval and track.
- Supporters are to remain on the outside of the oval's fence.
- Children are only able to share lunch with their family in the supporters' area.
- Parents/Carers may take their own children from the oval at the end of the carnival after informing their teacher

Four Pillars of Learning



Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day

Year 6 boys attended the Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day at Jamieson Park, Penrith on Tuesday 22nd June, 2022. We were placed in a pool with teams from 7 other schools from Parramatta Diocese and played our way through 7 games, hoping to be overall winners on the day.



It all came down to this. The final game of the day. Win this, win it all. The whistle blew, we charged forward, determined to beat Corpus Christi and be the champions of our Gala Day Pool...

This was it. We were off like the speed of light, chasing our dream of winning. The other team scored and we knew we couldn't back down. Even their second goal was not going to stop us. The clock was ticking down, only 2 minutes to go. Out of nowhere, Jason's boot kicked the ball into the net, stunning the goalie. We were on the board with that goal. We still had a chance.



Perspiration dripped down our faces and we pushed on through till the final minute of the game. Unfortunately, we were unable to even the score and lost our final game 2-1.

Overall, we placed equal second in our pool. What a great day!

By: Jason Zoumpoulas and Christopher Ndaira

St Margaret Mary's LEGO Club

On Wednesday, 45 Year 5 students were lucky enough to participate in the LEGO club. There were 9 teams with 5 people in it. The was 'SCHOOL'. Some people built classrooms,



playgrounds, an apple and so much more! If you win, you and your teammates receive a prize! We can't wait for the next LEGO club to begin. Thank you Miss Mekdessi for putting this together.

Congratulations to Group 5 for winning! Thank you to everyone who voted!

By Catherine Saouma and Hayden Yip, Year 5



Partnership

Important Dates for Term 3

Monday, 18 th July	School Resumes for Term 3
Tuesday, 19 th July	Year 4 Ranger Jamie Excursion
Friday, 22 nd July	Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day
Tuesday, 26 th July	Kindergarten Farm Excursion
Wednesday, 3 rd August	Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival.
Monday, 8 th August	St Mary of the Cross Feast Day.
Thursday, 11 th August	Year 6 Voice of Youth Cluster Final
Monday, 15 th August	Feast of the Assumption
Friday, 19 th August	Diocesan Athletics Carnival
Monday, 22 nd – 26 th August	Book Week
Tuesday, 23 rd August	Year 3 Sydney Zoo
Monday, 29 th August	Literacy & Numeracy Week
Sunday, 4 th September	Father's Day
Thursday, 8 th September	Birthday of Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday, 15 th September	School Photos
Friday, 16 th September	Stage 2 Boys & Girls Touch Gala Day
Friday, 23 rd September	Stage 3 Boys & Girls Touch Gala Day
	School Closes for Term 3
Monday, 10 th October	Students Return for Term 4

Four Playground Pillars

