



St Margaret Mary's School

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Wednesday, 17th August **Bulletin** 2022 Term 3, Week 5

Diary Dates

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| Thursday, 18 th August | Year 2 Fire Safety Incursion |
| | Year 6 Virtual Incursion |
| Friday, 19 th August | Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival |
| Week 6 22 nd – 26 th August | Book Week |
| Tuesday, 23 rd August | Year 3 Sydney Zoo Excursion |
| Wednesday, 24 th August | St Nicholas Netball Gala Day. |
| Thursday 25 th August | Book Week – Fun Glasses and Hat Day. All Students are to wear sports uniform. |

Principal's Message

Words of Wisdom – Fr Michael

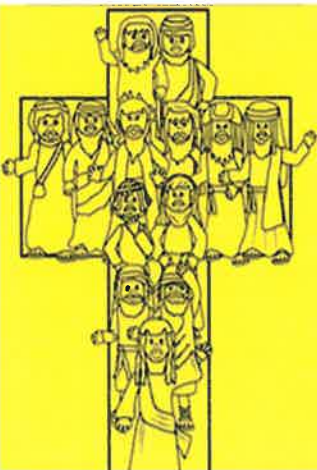
Dear Parents, Carers Girls & Boys,
A challenge for StMM's as a Catholic Community is that we are all called to be the Word of God to all those we meet. I see this every day in our students and the way they care for each other, but also in the way they pray. Fr Michael stresses the importance of being called and to outreach to others.

How can we be close to Jesus and enjoy the life that comes to us through the Eucharist and through the teaching and prayer of the Church without wanting to do all we can to share this life with others? If we are going to be part of Jesus' outreach to others, we must remain close to him. When Mark first describes the calling of the twelve, he tells us that Jesus called them to be with him and to be sent out to preach and heal (Mark 3:14). If we are with him, then of course we will want to go out with him sharing his mission of love. If we are reaching out to others, we must do it not on our own but with him.

Jesus offers everyone the way to the Father. From heaven he is drawing people all over the world to this way - the way of love. We will be saved (we will find and enjoy meaning in our lives) if we open our heart to him and follow his way. The answer to the question: 'Will there be only a few saved?' lies partly with us. Respecting people's freedom and trusting in the mysterious providence of God, we can honour the trust given us by Jesus and reach out to others in welcoming love.

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 - Mark 3:14**

Kevin Mills
Principal



A Special Thank You

To our beautiful StMM's Choir which sang at the Mass for the Assumption of Our Lady. The Reflection on the life of Our Lady was inspiring to all in the church. We are very lucky to have so much talent at StMM's.

God Bless you!

Administration

Early Pick

We are discouraging parents and carers picking up children early unless it is an emergency or with the permission of the principal. On recent occasions, including Mass, classes have been disturbed, and children distracted. We would appreciate all in our community making an effort to support this request.

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

All families should have received their fee statement for Term 3. School fees are due by Wednesday, 24th August, 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.

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.

Absentee Notes

Full day absentee notes should be submitted via the Compass Parent Portal. Late arrivals and early leavers should be signed in and out at the front office. Please ensure you have this app on your phone.

A reminder that SkoolBag App is no longer accessible for STMM's absent notes.

Compass

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

Staff Professional Learning Days

Professional Learning Days

For those parents new to the school, the number of Staff Professional Learning Days are allocated by the CEDP. These are days where there is no school, or what we call "pupil free days". The staff attend sessions on site or at an off site venue off. Please note the following dates:

Term 3: Week 8 Friday 9th September (Spirituality Theme off site)

Term 4: Week 1 Monday 10th October (first day back of term 4) is an additional day issued from the NSW Government for school staff to explore and investigate the new Maths & Literacy Curriculum.

Faith & Community

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

To celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Monday, 15th August, a special mass was held in the church for our school community. As a result of the restrictions and interruptions to schooling over the past two years, this was the first opportunity for many of our infants' students to celebrate a school mass. The



students were very reverent and attentive to Fr. Janusz, providing great responses to his questions posed during the homily. The celebration also marked the return of our student choir, giving voice to the beautiful Mary

inspired songs and hymns. We thank Fr. Janusz for hosting a special mass outside of normal parish times to support the safety and wellbeing of our community. His consideration and dedication to our Faith Community is a blessing.



Teaching & Learning

Delany College Monsignor McGovern Portrait 2022

On 3rd August 2022, a special competition was hosted by Delany College, it was called the Monsignor McGovern Portrait 2022.

Don't worry if you were not there because we will be telling you all about it!



People:

There were lots of people going to Delany College for the Monsignor McGovern Portrait event, including our Principal Mr Mills and our teachers Mr Maunick and Miss Mekdessi. Some teachers from Delany College were there as well. There was also an artist that judged the artwork, his name was Johnny Romeo. The Principal of Delany College, Ms Shauna Nash and the Assistant Principal Mr Ken Wolfe also attended. Delany College students helped serve the food. Students from St Margaret Mary's, Holy Family, Holy Trinity and St Oliver's Primary Schools were all invited to attend, including parents.

Food:

The food was amazing! We had lots of food such as salads, wraps, sandwiches, sushi and much more! For dessert there was a giant sponge cake with extra buttercream. The food and the drinks tasted scrumptious and it was very delicious, everybody enjoyed it.

Place:

The event was held in the library of Delany College. You could either walk up the stairs or you could walk on a long ramp. If you went by car you would have had to park your car in the parking spots outside of the school.

Prizes:

The winners received major big prizes such as paint, watercolours, clay, pencils, crayons, paint brushes and canvases. Some students also received certificates. Ms Shauna Nash said, "Even if you didn't walk out with a prize or certificate, you are still a winner." What a nice thing to say.

All of the people that entered the Monsignor McGovern Portrait 2022 did an amazing job with their artwork. The main two winners who won the major prizes were both from St Margaret Mary's School.

'My human side is gone, I'm shattered' by Ysobelle J, Year 5 and *'Ariana Grande'* by Emilia I, Year 6.

Ysobelle created a very unique artwork with the top and the bottom with really dark colours and in the middle were bright colours. Emilia created an amazing portrait of Ariana Grande with her eyes and lips with bold and strong colours to make her artwork stand out.

We would love to thank all the Year 5 and 6 students who participated in the Monsignor McGovern Portrait and congratulate the winners who won the awards and major prizes. Just remember, we are all winners even if we did not walk away with an award or prize.

Written by: Catherine S & Miranda T (5 Blue), Ysobelle J, Monica W & Cristina T (5 Red)

Book Week 2022 (Week 6)



To celebrate Book Week this year, the students at SMM's will be participating in activities, in their grades, relating to books and The Children's Book Council of Australia's Shortlisted Books 2022. Keep an eye out for the displays around the school.

As part of our celebrations relating to the theme 'Dreaming with eyes open...' on Thursday, 25th August, all students will be able to come to school wearing a pair of fun glasses and a hat that they have made, decorated or have purchased. All students are to wear their sports uniform on this day.

We hope to promote the joy of reading and encourage you to read at home with your child/children, especially during Book Week.

Personal Growth

Monday Assembly

On Monday 15th August, we had a whole school assembly. Mr Mills spoke about Science week



which will take part



on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week. Three scientists will attend our school

to perform experiments on these days. On Wednesday, Year 5 will enjoy ice cream and learn about materials being manipulated and combined.

Next week the whole school will celebrate book week. Every grade was assigned a book and a blank canvas. Each grade is to draw and paint the book cover on the canvas.



Football is returning to the playground after it had been banned for 2 weeks. This will be monitored by teachers on playground duty.



Personal Growth

Voice of Youth Finals

On Thursday 11th August, Year 6 went to Holy Family Primary School Granville to watch and support three girls representing StMM in the Voice of Youth Cluster final. Throughout the day we listened to eleven incredible speeches from students, from four schools in our cluster.



The three girls who represented our school shared their speeches on the following topics:

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| Dia Maria Layous | Refugees |
| Natalie Cinello | Animal Testing |
| Bianca Poumale | Impacts of Social Media |

Congratulations to the 3 girls who represented our school and a special congratulations to Natalie Cinello for coming second in the Voice of Youth Cluster final.

Bianca, Dia Maria, Natalia (Year 6)



Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival Representatives

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing St Margaret Mary's at the Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival on Friday, 19th August. We wish the team the best of luck!

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| Louie Abraham | Royce Amankwatia |
| Mikaele Apikotoa | Natalie Cinello |
| Sean Ejim | Claire Fetrie |
| Thomas Fisher | Helaina Gadd |
| Lily Garland | Christos Gavrilos |
| Jacob Hada | Isabella Haddad |
| Jessica Halteh | George Hanna |
| Chanelle Haouchab | Jayden Ibrahim |
| Chom Juk | Ella Khairallah |
| Alyssa Khamis | Tia Khouri |
| Alexander Khoury | Claire Leke |
| Jacob Leke | Shirley Lou |
| Anaseini Mataele | Dalin Mose |
| Christopher Ndaira | Jacob Nguyen |
| Ciena Rajbhandari | Ita Rajbhandari |
| Jayda Saahene | Johny Saba |
| Alanieta Sandys | Joyce Sangi |
| Iris Shi Wang | Taine Silva |
| Magdalene Sullay | Michaela Sullay |
| Aarya Syeed | Rose Tahan |
| Jacob Tamer | Leeroy Tautu |
| Xavier Tautu | Ayen Teeng |
| Aldrei Verzosa | Yak Yakmalek |
| Olivia Yazbeck | |

Partnership

Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) 2022



There is still time to complete the challenge.

Congratulations to the 358 students who have already completed the PRC this year.

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

Closes this week - Friday, 19th August.



Book Week Storytime

Celebrate Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Book Week with us!



Join us for two special Storytimes with songs and performances to celebrate some of the short-listed books for Children's Book Week. This event is free to attend but bookings are essential.

There will also be competitions for Pre-schoolers, Years K-2, 3-4 and 5-6. Pick up your competition entries from any of our libraries and return them by Sunday 4 September.

Wentworthville Book Week Storytime Tuesday 23 August, 4pm – 5pm

Auburn Book Week Storytime Thursday 25 August, 4pm – 5pm

Book your place now or find out more information: www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/book-week



COME RUN, JUMP AND THROW WITH HOLROYD LITTLE ATHLETICS!



Holroyd Facebook QR

Holroyd Little Athletics
Registrations online only, opens
1 August 2022
Season will start on the
2 September 2022



Holroyd Webpage QR

QR in now for more information:

All registration, centre information and updates are available on our website go

to registration page www.holroydlac.com.au

Registration for U/tt-U17s Born between 2006-2018

Tiny Toes Child \$100

Early Bird Discount U/6 to U17's \$120.00 to Sept 1, \$130.00 from Sept 2

Use your Active Kids Voucher and save \$100 in registration fees

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher>

to register go to www.holroyd.com.au/holroyd-little-athletics-club

Information packs & uniforms available on 19 & 26 August from 6.30pm to 7.30pm @ Holroyd Sports Ground, Corner Peel & Robert Streets Holroyd

For further enquires please QR code in as above or contact 0409-658591 or 0423-745074 Or Email: holroydlac@gmail.com

Please join us for our 52nd season!

"Success in Participation, Not in Victory"