



# St Margaret Mary's School

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Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> September **Update** 2022 Term 3, Week 8

### Diary Dates

Thursday, 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Birthday of Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Staff Professional Learning Day. This is a Pupil Free Day
Tuesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> September	NRMA Science & Road Safety Day
Thursday, 15 <sup>th</sup> September	School Photo Day
Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Stage 2 Boys & Girls Touch Football Gala Day.

## Assistant Principal's Message

*Dear Parents, Carers, Girls & Boys,*

Tomorrow we celebrate the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Mary was born to be the mother of the Savior of the world, the spiritual mother of all, and the holiest of God's creatures. We rejoice in her birthday, as the Church has done from the earliest times. This is one of the three birthdays in the Church Calendar — the Birth of Jesus (December 25), the Birth of John the Baptist (June 24) and the Birthday of Mary. All three were born without original sin, although Mary and Jesus were conceived without sin, and St. John was cleansed of original sin while in the womb at the Visitation of Mary.



You may like to, as a family, have a celebration of Mary's Birthday. Make a cake together, make some flowers for Mary, say the Rosary together.

Earlier this week our students were reminded about Cyber Safety (Years 3-6) and Stranger Danger (K-2). Our students were very engaged in this visit by a Police Officer from NSW Police Force.

A few key messages taken from Cyber Safety were:

- Keep your password safe -you may tell your parents.
- Use your account only for class related tasks.
- No one else should use your account.
- Do not post any inappropriate or hurtful images or information about yourself or other people.
- Everything you post online is permanent.

Tell a trusted adult if you feel uncomfortable about something you have found on the internet or received in an email

Stay Safe everyone.

Regards

  
Jennifer Veness  
Assistant Principal



**Staff Professional Learning Day**  
**Friday**  
**9<sup>th</sup> September**  
**2022**  
**This is a Pupil Free Day**

## Administration

### School Photos 2022

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

Don Wood Photography will be taking our photos on this day. [www.donwoodphotography.com.au](http://www.donwoodphotography.com.au)

Please refer to the compass notification with instructions for ordering of school photos online.

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

### 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.

### StMM's School Office

#### Term 3 Closing Date

Wednesday 21st September 2022 will be the last day that the office will accept 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.

### 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.

## Personal Growth

### Monday Assembly

On Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> September, Ms Veness held the Monday assembly. She spoke about Wellbeing week this week and how we have no school on Friday. There will be no staff and students here at school on this day. Ms Veness also spoke about the students using their Attitude, Respect and Manners. Students were also reminded to keep their hands off one another when they are playing in the playground. We sang the National Anthem and prayed the school prayer.

*By Mikhaelo S*



## 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.

## Partnership

### Police Incursion

On Monday, 5th September we had a Police Officer from Merrylands Police Station visit! He spoke to the primary students about internet safety and to the infants students about stranger danger and how to identify trusted adults. The important points taken from the visit for primary students were:

- Not to share your personal information to people you haven't met online.
- not talking to strangers because you don't know their real age.
- being aware of cyberbullying.

The last message was: Remember, if it is going to get you into trouble, do not send it. This was concerning sending messages online to others that can hurt or upset other people.

Kindergarten, Years One and Two was about Stranger Danger. The students learnt the importance of the role of the police and calling triple 000 if they need help from Police/Fire/Ambulance.





# Faith Community

## Father's Day Breakfast

On Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September the school prepared a Father's Day Breakfast. During the Father's Day breakfast, students and their parents had bacon and egg sandwiches Hot beverages were also served from a coffee van.



The Yr5 students prepared a Flash Mob Dance to the song 'Up Town Funk'

by Bruno Mars for everyone to enjoy. The school came together in a short prayer service to sing a song called Dad I need you and to share what our dads are really good at.



Students had the opportunity to purchase a gift for their dads from the P&F Father's day stall. Thank you to all the mums who helped wrap the gifts on Thursday and sell the gifts on Friday at the stall.  
*By: Charbel B*



# Personal Growth

## Sports News

### Diocesan Athletics Carnival

On Friday, a team of 16 students competed at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival at Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre. All students displayed exceptional sportsmanship and competed to the best of their ability. Congratulations also to Sean E (year 5) for receiving his trophy for

being the 11 year runner up at the Cumberland Zone Carnival. Well done to our Athletics Team.



### MacKillop Athletics

Congratulations to Claire F (Shot Put), Claire L (100m) and Jacob L (100m), who will now represent Parramatta Diocese at the MacKillop Athletics Trials on Wednesday 21st September at Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre. We wish these athletes the very best of luck!



### Netball Gala Day

"Ruby, pass I'm open!" Kayla shouted as the ball came rocketing towards her. Kayla shot, the crowd gasped as the ball hit the rim and spun... It went in! The crowd all cheered. Next came Isabella with an astounding push of the ball into the ring.

On Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> August the Stage 3 Netball Team represented St Margaret Mary's at Jamison Park Netball Complex. It was a mixed competition and we competed against 9 different schools.



Even though we didn't progress to the next level, we had so much fun and even scored a few goals.

At the end of the day we were rewarded with either a pink or blue slushie and lollies from the many food trucks that were there. What an amazing experience! We'd like to thank Mrs Foley and Mrs Madeleine for their support and training on the day and leading up to the event.

*BY: Ruby S, Isabella H & Kayla M*





## Personal Growth

### Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day

On Wednesday 31st of August a team of Year 6 girls went to Penrith to compete against other schools at the Parramatta Diocesan Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day. 15 girls represented our school. In our pool of 9 teams, we played 6 games 4 games were a tie, 1 game was a loss and we won 1 game. All the girls showed great teamwork and sportsmanship. Big congratulations to Michaela for scoring our winning goal! Thank you to the parents who supported us on the day, and for Mrs Madeleine and Mrs Del Monte for coaching us.

By Annalise D & Sarah H



Team: Isabella R, Angela E, Michaela S, Sarah H, Janaya F, Nyadeng M, Joyce S, Lily G, Stephanie H, Annalise D, Thalia K, Sarafina C, Laura F, Angelina D, Elissa Mi.

### Sport Shirts/Singlets

If anyone still has a St Margaret Mary's representative singlet or shirt, could it please be returned to Mrs Foley by the end of week 9. We have a few outstanding singlets from the Diocesan Cross Country and Zone/Diocesan Athletics. If these singlets/shirts are not returned, you might not be able to borrow one in the future.

## Partnership

### NRMA Road Safety Incursion

During Week 9, the NRMA will be running a Science and Road Safety Incursion for our whole school community. The students will learn and participate in science demonstrations to develop their knowledge to become an expert in road safety. The session will build students confidence around identifying unsafe road behaviours and what skills they can use to keep themselves safe. Students will attend the incursion in stages throughout the day.



### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM CONFIRMATION 2022

Sacrament of Confirmation Enrolments commence from Tuesday, 23 August 2022 until Friday, 07 October 2022. (Enrolment Fee \$50 per child) Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website or are available at our Parish Office during working hours. Sacrament of Confirmation program is divided into two groups taught by Fr. Joseph Maria Buckley & assisted by Monique Kairouz.

#### CONFIRMATION PROGRAM:

All preparation sessions held on **MONDAYS** or **WEDNESDAYS** at 6:00pm.

**Parents Night & Session 1:** 10 October or 12 October 2022

**Session 2:** 17 October or 19 October 2022

**Session 3:** 24 October or 26 October 2022

**Session 4:** 31 October or 02 November 2022

**Rehearsal:** 07 November or 09 November 2022

**Venue:** Pastoral Centre



CONFIRMATION

Saturday, 12 November 2022 at 6:00pm

