



St Margaret Mary's School

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Wednesday, 12th October **Bulletin** 2022 Term 4, Week 1

Diary Dates

Thursday 13th October	StMM's Spring Clean
Friday, 14th October	Yrs 5 & 6 Working Bee
Sunday, 16th October	Feast of St Margaret Mary's StMM's Parish Mass
Monday, 17th October	StMM's Liturgy 2022 Students Leaders Afternoon Tea
Tuesday, 18th October	Jigsaw Launch
Wednesday, 19th October	8:40am Assembly
	Indigenous Day Mufti Day – Gold Coin Donation
	Yr 1 Indigenous IncurSION
Thursday, 20th October	Back to StMM's Day
Friday, 21st October	StMM's Fun Day 80's Fashion

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque was born on July 22, 1647 at L'Hautecour, Burgundy, France. On the death of her father, when she was eight years old, she was sent to the Poor Clares school at Charolles. Margaret Mary suffered with rheumatic fever until she was fifteen. During this time, she developed an early devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. In 1671 she entered the visitation convent at Paray-le-Monial and was professed the next year.

From the time she was entered, she experienced visions of Christ, and on December 27, 1673, she began a series of revelations that were to continue over the next year. During these visions Christ informed her that she was His chosen instrument to spread devotion to His Sacred Heart. He instructed her to a devotion that was to become known as the Nine Fridays and the Holy Hour and asked that the feast of the Sacred Heart be established. She gained the support of Blessed Claude La Colombiere, who declared that the visions were genuine. In 1683, opposition in the community ended when Mother Melin was elected Superior and named Margaret Mary her assistant.

She later became Novice Mistress, saw the convent observe the feast of the Sacred Heart privately beginning in 1686, and two years later, a chapel was built at the Paray-le-Monial to honour the Sacred Heart; soon observation of the feast of the Sacred Heart spread to other Visitation convents. Margaret Mary died at the Paray-le-Monial on October 17, and was canonized in 1920. She, St. John Eudes, and Blessed Claude La Colombiere are called the "Saints of the Sacred Heart"; the devotion was officially recognized and approved by Pope Clement XIII in 1765, seventy-five years after her death. Her feast day is observed on October 17.

Take care & stay safe

Kevin Mills
Principal



As a unique Catholic Community, it is very important, we have a knowledge and a thirst for understanding of our patrons and history of the school and parish.

Administration

Student Attendance

Parents are reminded that even a few days away from school can have an extremely negative impact on student's educational progress. At StMM's teaching continues until 3pm each day of term. The NSW Education Act (1990) requires every child from 6 years to 17 years of age to be at school every day. The only acceptable reason for an absence is an illness or a situation approved by the principal.

Building Update

All our students are now settled into their new primary spaces and are very much looking forward to sharing their work next week with our visitors. There are still a number of aspects that need to be finished outside our building with the company moving quickly to finalise, including our signage, protective fence, storm water issues and a range of defects. The playground has been cleaned twice since work was completed in the holidays.

School Uniforms

Students return for Term 4 in Full Summer Uniform. All uniforms must be worn neatly and correctly, including the correct socks. It is expected that children have suitable hairstyles appropriate for their age and school expectations. Long hair **must** be tied back. Our Sun Safe program – No Hat No play requires student to wear our school cap or school hat when outside. These hats and caps are available to purchase at 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.

Celebrating StMM's Feast Day in 2022

We have planned a number of small events to celebrate 80 years of educating children in the Merrylands area. Please take the time to read and feel free to visit or be part of our celebrations. We have included a page of details in this bulletin to place on your fridge or on a reference place in your home.

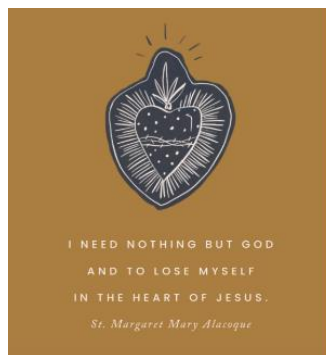
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Faith Community

Feast of St Margaret Mary - Liturgy

To celebrate the Feast of St Margaret Mary, a liturgy will be held on Monday, 17th October at 1:10pm. The school gates will be opened at 1:00pm. The liturgy will be held outside, under the grassed COLA. Parents and families are most welcome to attend and we look forward to celebrating this significant event with our community.

In the forecasted event of wet weather, the liturgy will unfortunately have to be postponed/cancelled. A message will be sent out on Monday, 17th October through Compass to update our community. Please make sure you have access to Compass and check the Monday update if you are planning on attending the liturgy.



Personal Growth

Indigenous Day

GOLD COIN MUFTI DAY

Students are asked to bring a gold coin in, collected by the teachers. This money will be given directly to the "Aboriginal Literacy Foundation" so that books and resources can be purchased.



The importance of the day will be to immerse students in Aboriginal cultural awareness through Literacy - reading and creative arts activities:

When: Wednesday 19th October
Who: Kindergarten, Year Two - Year Six Students

(Year One are having an incursion for an Aboriginal Experience Day)

What can the students wear: Mufti - in one of the colours of the School Pillars, (red, blue, green, yellow)

A whole school assembly will take place at 8:40 - All parents are welcome to attend.

Teaching & Learning

Year One Excursion to SeaLife Aquarium

On Wednesday, 21st September 2022, Year One went on an excursion to SeaLife Aquarium in the city.

We travelled to the aquarium by bus and we were so excited because we've never been on a bus with our friends.

When we got to the city, we had our recess on the wharf by the water. Then we started to line up to enter the aquarium. When we went inside, we saw lots of amazing sea creatures such as emperor penguins, fish, octopus, stingrays and sharks. Our favourite sea animal was the shark because it looked really cool and they were right above us in the tunnel!

After that, we had lunch on the wharf together and went back to school on the bus. It was a brilliant day and we had so much fun!



Personal Growth

Monday Assembly

On Tuesday, 11th October, the first day of Term 4 the whole school had a short assembly. Mr Mills spoke about wearing the summer uniforms for this term. Mr Mills also announced that next week is St Margaret Mary's week. There will be many celebrations & activities for everyone. Mr Mills also said that the students need to continue to complete good work for their Good Books.

By: Jessica H and Charbel B



Year One - Indigenous Culture Incursion

On Wednesday 19th October Year 1 will have an Indigenous Culture Incursion. Students will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the Aboriginal culture, learning about the traditions of the original custodians of the land. Gain an understanding of the history of Aboriginal Culture, sharing Dreamtime stories, how they used tools and made shelters. Explore kinship structures, both past and present. Observe traditional greetings from local lands and learn about the connection to land and what has changed over time.




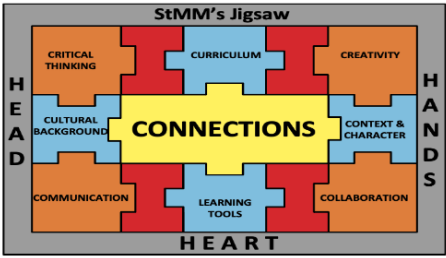

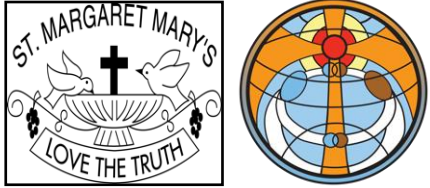

Stage 3 Student Working Bee

We would like to keep the school looking beautiful, especially for our 80years celebration. Years 5 & 6 students will be participating in the working bee on Friday 14th from 3:30pm – 4:30pm. A note has been sent home with your child today with more information regarding clothing and catering.



80 YEARS!

Celebrating StMM's 80 Years of Educating Children

Date	Activity	Description
<p>Sunday 16th Oct Mass Times: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 6:00pm</p>	<p>Parish Mass</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children are asked to attend a parish Mass in school uniform.
<p>Monday 17th Oct Liturgy Time: 1:10pm Location: Top Covered Area</p>	<p>StMM's School Liturgy</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole School Liturgy 2022 Leaders' Afternoon Tea
<p>Tuesday 18th Oct Student only day. Ask your child about JigSaw.</p>	<p>JigSaw Launch</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School-based activities based on StMM's JigSaw pedagogy. A model sent home for families to explore. This is the start of our Jigsaw journey with our parents and carers.
<p>Wednesday 19th Oct Assembly: 8:40am Acknowledgement of Country</p>	<p>Indigenous Day</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Muffi Day – Gold Coin Donation A Yr 1 Incursion exploring the world of our Indigenous community. The sharing of "StMM's Totem". Children will be given a blank totem to complete in their own individual manner
<p>Thursday 20th Oct Open Afternoon Everyone welcome</p>	<p>Back to StMM's</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At 2:00pm we will open the school to all visitors. Past and present families, including ex-students are invited to do a walkthrough of StMM's. Parents may take their chn after their visit
<p>Friday 21st Oct Begins at 10am Everyone welcome</p>	<p>StMM's Fun Day</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A day planned with our P&F Dress up in 80's fashion Fun activities Meerkat search Sausage Sizzle (Sandwich style) Note to go home Fun Photo Day

Important Dates for Term 4

Sunday, 16th October	St Margaret Mary's Feast Day StMM's Parish Mass
Monday, 17th October	StMM's Feast Day Celebration Week StMM's Liturgy and 2022 Student Leaders Afternoon Tea
Tuesday, 18th October	StMM's JigSaw Launch
Wednesday, 19th October	Yr 1 Incursion – Aboriginal Culture Aboriginal Culture Gold Coin Mufti Day
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Friday, 21st October	StMM's Fun Day – 80's Fashion
Tuesday, 25th October	Yr 4 Excursion Ninja Warrior
Wednesday, 26th October	Kindergarten 2023 Parent Information Evening
Thursday, 27th October	Yr 2 Excursion Creature Feature at Homebush
Friday, 28th October	Stage 2 & 3 Touch Football Gala Day World Teacher Day
Tuesday, 1st November	All Saints Day
Wednesday 2nd November	All Souls Day K2023 Orientation Morning.
Friday, 4th November	P&F Disco <i>(More information to follow)</i>
Wednesday, 9th November	Yr 3 Incursion Motive8 Sport. K2023 Orientation Morning St Paul's Greystanes Orientation for Yr 7 2023
Thursday, 10th November	Yr 4 Incursion Science & Technology
Friday, 11th November	Remembrance Day
Wednesday 16th November	Diocesan Basketball Gala Day K2023 Orientation Morning
Friday, 18th November	Yr 5 Leadership Day
Sunday, 20th November	Feast of Christ the King
Friday, 25th November	Yr 2 Incursion Ranger Jamie
Sunday, 27th November	1st Sunday of Advent
Sunday, 4th December	2nd Sunday of Advent

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Tuesday, 11 October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

A warm welcome back to you and your families for Term 4! Thanks again for your understanding as we worked to respond to the significant amount of illness within our communities over the cooler months. We are very much looking forward to supporting your children in their learning and wellbeing, as well as the joy of preparing for Advent and Christmas together as we get closer to the Summer break.

With many senior students beginning their HSC exams later this week, it's also important to say how proud our Catholic education community is of these outstanding young people. All of our students have had a challenging few years as a result of COVID-19. Well done to all the families and staff supporting the Class of 2022 as they prepare for their exams. I know your prayers and kind thoughts for these members of our community are much appreciated at this time.

A reminder that from the beginning of 2023, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta will be known as Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese Ltd and have a new governance framework. We'll continue to keep you updated as we prepare for these changes which are not expected to have an impact on the day-to-day operation of schools, or upon students, parents and carers, and parishes.

Thanks again for your support of our 80 great local schools. My best wishes to all of you and your families for a great term ahead!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Whitby', is written over a white background.

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