



St Margaret Mary's School

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Wednesday, 19th October

Update

2022 Term 4, Week 2

Diary Dates

Thursday, 20th October	Back to StMM's Day Open Afternoon Gates open at 2pm – 4:30pm
Friday, 21st October	StMM's Fun Day & Sausage Sizzle 80's Fashion Commencing at 10am.
Monday, 24th October	All students should be full summer uniform
Tuesday, 25th October	Yr 4 Ninja Warrior at Ninja Park South Granville
Wednesday, 26th October	K2023 Parent Information Evening 6pm in the school hall

Principal's Message

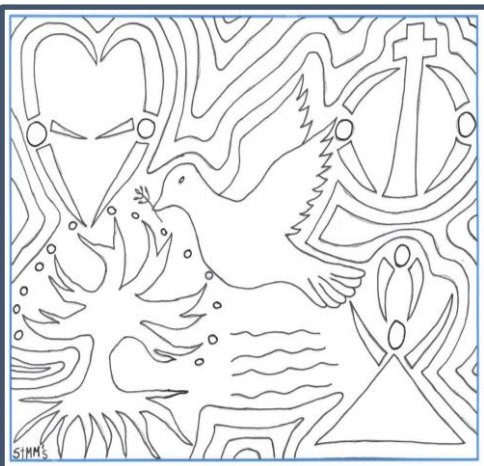
Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week Mrs Allen attended The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander State Education Conference. She learnt a great deal about the culture and care of our first people and it has been an important part of our 80 years celebration that our students have been able to learn from her work. A key learning for our students today was around the concept of a personal totem.

"A totem is the second level of Aboriginal Kinship. Each person has at least four preordained totems which represent their Nation, Clan & Family group. Individuals are also given a personal totem which then recognises their talents, strengths and weaknesses."

This year marks 80 years since St Margaret Mary's Primary School began educating the students of our community. During this time, we have celebrated faith, developed a mutual respect for each other, inspired hope for a positive future and responded to change and new ideas with flexibility and sensitivity" (Mrs Allen).

Central to the totem is the dove representing the history of our school. In each corner is a coloured image from our new building window. These images represent StMM's Pillars and the diversity of our community. More details and history will follow in the coming weeks. With the support of Mrs Allen and along with skills of Mrs Hanna and Ms O'Brien they have designed and created the StMM's Totem. It was on display at today's morning assembly.



Take care & stay safe

Kevin Mills
Principal

Administration

School Uniforms

As of Monday, 24th October all students must be 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 students 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 in writing as soon as possible, 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.

Faith Community

St Margaret Mary's Feast Day Liturgy

Sunday, 16th October was the Feast Day of St Margaret Mary's, and last week Mr Mills asked all students to wear their School Uniform to mass at our Parish Church. On Monday we celebrated the Feast Day of St Margaret Mary's with a liturgy held in the hall due to the weather. Parents were able to join us and celebrate the Liturgy. Fr Janusz joined us at the Liturgy and read the Gospel. Some students performed a Liturgical dance and were fantastic. *By: Mikhaelo S*



Personal Growth

Monday Assembly



During the assembly on Monday, 17th October Mr Mills spoke about the 80s day which will be celebrated this coming Friday, 21st October. Year Six created posters for the 80s day and displayed to the whole school. Mr Mills wanted us to create our own poster. The winning poster will be made into a real poster.

Mr Mills asked every student to make sure their uniform was up to their best as he will be checking uniforms to sure they are presentable.

By: Kayla M



Tuesday's Assembly

On Tuesday, 18th October in the assembly Mr Mills spoke about the Whole School Jigsaw puzzle. A ribbon was cut to introduce the Jigsaw. Mr Mills also spoke about the 4C's also known as the orange pieces and all the blue pieces and he also explained about the red pieces. Mr Mills also talked about all the past principals and showed us pictures of them. Students were chosen to place the principals in the correct order. This is also an example of a Jigsaw Puzzle. We will be explaining all the pieces of the StMM's Jigsaw to our parents as we have learnt a lot about them all of this year.

By: Charbel B







Stage 3 Working Bee

On Friday, 14th October an after-school activity took place, this activity was the Working Bee. Lots of children from Years Five and Six gathered to move eight cubic meters of bark. The Working Bee started when school was over and took 55 minutes to finish. The activity was very successful because the students used collaboration with their peers and teachers to get the job done early. Around 800 buckets were filled in order to complete the job. In between all the work the students took two breaks, one with ice blocks and the other with chips and juice boxes. At the end of the second break parents started to arrive and pick up their children. The children felt very pleased and happy they got the opportunity to participate in the Working Bee. *By Joyce W, 5 Yellow*



Thank you to the staff who supported this wonderful activity on a Friday afternoon!

Thursday 20 th Oct 2022	Back to StMM's Open Afternoon	Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 2pm Gates open ✓ Everyone welcome ✓ 4:30pm Gates closed <div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 10px; text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;"> NO CANTEEN FACILITIES AVAILABLE ON FRIDAY </div> 	 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will open the school to all visitors. • Past and present families, including ex-students. • StMM's Students take their family on a tour • A walk-through StMM's (Primary & Infants buildings) • Parents may take their children after their visit (signing out)
Friday 21 st Oct 2022	StMM's Back to the 80's	Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 8:40am Student Assembly ✓ 10am Gates open for parents & Carers ✓ Morning Tea ✓ 80's Parade (with music) ✓ Activities ✓ Lunch (Sausage Sizzle) ✓ Activities ✓ Prayer ✓ 2:30pm Finish 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone welcome • A day planned with our P&F • Students dress up in 80's • Parents are encouraged to dress in 80's style. • Fun Activities (including): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meerkat Search ○ Shot Competition ○ Poster Drawing ○ Puzzle Activity ○ Fun Photo Day ○ Dancing ○ Plus more!

Students Arriving Late to School.

Over the past week, an average of 30 students are late for the start of the school day. This has been very noticeable due to our Morning Assemblies. We understand on occasions there may be a very good reason and because of this we will monitor to see the children who are frequently late.