



# St Margaret Mary's School

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Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> October

**Bulletin**

2022 Term 4, Week 3

## Diary Dates

Wednesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kindy 2023 Parent Information Evening 6pm in the Hall</li> </ul>
Thursday, 27 <sup>th</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr 2 Creature Feature Excursion at Homebush</li> </ul>
Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stage 2&amp;3 Touch Football Gala Day</li> </ul>
Tuesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Saints Day</li> </ul>
Wednesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Souls Day</li> <li>K2023 Orientation Morning 9am – 10:30am</li> <li>K2023 Parent Session Literacy</li> </ul>

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We often as a staff use the wisdom from Fr Richard Rohr, a Franciscan priest. The following passage is taken from his work on prayer, and I thought we would it with our parent community.

Often, we conjure up images of difficult prayer techniques and workshops with meditation gurus. Prayer, we believe, is for professionals. . . . We love God, believe in God, but just don't feel that we can talk with God like the "professional pray-ers."

But Franciscanism is a spirituality of the people. The largest order of Franciscans is made up of lay people, and both Francis and Clare chose a semi-lay lifestyle over the monasticism of their time. Neither Francis nor Clare joined in prayer workshops, nor did they have extensive training, and yet both experienced profound union with God. What was their secret?

Although we have prayers that were written by St. Francis, it is St. Clare, in her fourth letter to St. Agnes of Prague, who explains what is meant by Franciscan prayer. In this letter, written on her deathbed, Clare teaches Agnes to make a habit of daily prayer. This daily practice of prayer, however, is not a difficult task as Clare explains it. . . .

Clare suggests that we . . . "consider the midst of Jesus' life, his humility, his blessed poverty, the countless hardships, and the punishments that he endured for our redemption." [1] Here Clare is asking us simply to reflect on the public life of Christ. This is what Clare is asking us to do. Take the gospel for the day, a gospel from mass or the liturgy of the hours, or a gospel passage from a daily devotional and imagine yourself in the midst of the story.

Who would you be most comfortable portraying? What are you hearing, seeing, smelling, tasting? Clare asks us to spend a few minutes really entering into the gospel story of Jesus' public life and imagining what it would be like to be there. . . .

This perseverance and commitment to engaging deeply in ordinary, Christian prayer is what identifies the friar, Poor Clare nun, the Franciscan lay mystic, or the person inspired by Francis.

**Kevin Mills**  
Principal



We become what we love  
and who we love shapes  
what we become.

(Saint Clare of Assisi)



## Administration

### End of Year School Dates

Important Dates for the end of the Year.

Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	StMM's Closing Mass Last Official Function
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of School for Students.
Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Staff Professional Learning Day
Tuesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Staff Professional Learning Day School Closes for 2022

### Duty of Care

Dear Parents/Carers

Our Duty of Care to our students is of prime importance, at all times. It is inappropriate for any parent to approach any other student to discuss any issues. If parents have any concerns, please contact the office so that we can assist you. We thank you for your continued support in keeping our students safe.

### Head Lice

With the change in weather conditions, we are aware there is Head Lice about. It is advisable to all families to be mindful of symptoms and check children's hair. Please refer to the NSW Health website for updated information:

[www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/treatment.aspx](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/treatment.aspx)

### 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.

### Year Three Motiv8 Sports

On Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> November the Year Three students will be involved in a 'FUN DAY' of sports and games provided by Motiv8 Sports.

The FUN DAY has been organised to give our Year Three students an opportunity to participate in physical activities other than their sport day which will further develop their gross-motor skills.

Students will participate in fun games and sports using a variety of sports equipment, crazy props, water and paint to create an event with a strong focus on safety & positivity.

**Year Three students will need:**

- Comfortable mufti clothes e.g. shorts, t-shirt, hat and sport shoes.
- A towel, a change of clothes including an extra pair of socks.
- Recess and Lunch as normal.

Year 3 Teachers

## Faith Community

### Indigenous Australian Assembly

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October, we had an assembly for Indigenous Australia Day. Year One had an Incursion and learnt about Aboriginal Culture and the rest of the school did some fun activities.

We started our day with the Aboriginal anthem and students had to find out what the difference is between the

Indigenous and the Australian anthem. We also looked at the history of St Margaret Mary's and the four people

who were the first Principals of the school.

We looked at the logo and the new St Margaret Mary's totem and the meanings of the symbols were explained to the students.

*By: Cristina T*



### Year One Incursion

On the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022, Year One had an Aboriginal Experience incursion led by the Gumaraa Rangers. The students had the opportunity to immerse themselves in the richness of Aboriginal culture, learning about the traditions and culture of the original custodians of this land.



The students engaged in four activities which included: the

traditional ochre ceremony, Aboriginal dancing, bush plants and medicines and traditional artefacts such as boomerangs, spears, shields, dillybags.

It was a great day and the students learnt so much about the Aboriginal culture.





## Teaching and Learning

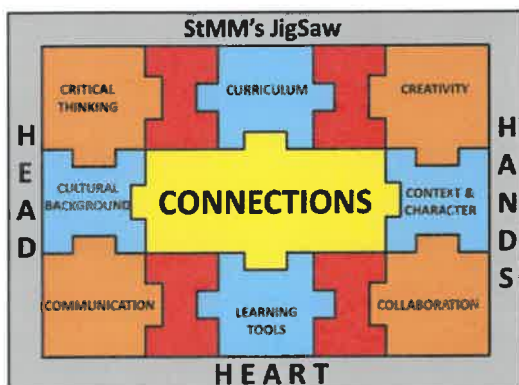
### JigSaw Launch

StMM's JigSaw was launched to our school community during our 80 years celebrations last week. Together with staff and students, we have been developing our JigSaw Pedagogy over the last two years to support how we teach and learn at StMM's.



Each child was given a JigSaw puzzle to take home and share with their families to make connections to their learning.

Stay tuned for our JigSaw corner in the newsletter next year as we continue to develop and explore our JigSaw Pedagogy together.



### Back to StMM's Afternoon

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October Mr Mills informed the students that at 2:00 pm. the school gates will be open for parents and ex students to come visit and look at their children's hard work.



Mrs Ryan's writing group showed the school their Meerkats. These were hidden around the school gardens on Friday, which the children searched for Information about each meerkat on the library windows if any students would like to read about them.

By Charlie B.



## Personal Growth

### Leaders' Afternoon Tea

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022, The Year Six Student Leaders attended an afternoon tea, celebrating their leadership role in the school. We



couldn't attend an afternoon tea when we received our badges due to the pandemic restrictions, but with the help of Mr Mills and all the staff, we were lucky enough to enjoy it during our school

celebrations last week. We were offered food like sandwiches, mud cakes, cupcakes, drinks and much more and our families got a chance to celebrate with us. We would like to thank all the teachers and staff members who prepared this special memory as a way of celebrating our hard



work and effort as leaders of the school.

By Leeroy T and Tia K.



### The 80s Fashion Day

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October all the students of St Margaret Mary's primary school dressed up in 80s fashion for the day



because it was officially 80 years of St Margaret Mary's primary school. In the afternoon the P & F organised a sausage sizzle for students and parents.

There was a competition in infants and primary to see who had the best outfit, the winners were Francine Bains from infants and Anthony El Ghoussain from primary.



At 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm we had a party where everyone danced with a super cool DJ.

By Jasmine M & Jessica H







*Back to  
St Margaret Mary's  
Afternoon*