



# St Margaret Mary's School

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Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November

**Update**

2022 Term 4, Week 4

## Diary Dates

<b>Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	P&F Disco Infants 3:30pm – 5:00pm Primary 5:15pm – 7:00pm
<b>Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Twilight Swimming Carnival Trials Yrs 2-5
<b>Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	K2023 Orientation Morning 9am – 10:30am. K2023 Parent Session <i>Numeracy</i> . Yr3 Motiv8 Sports Incursion. St Pauls Greystanes Yr 7 2023 Orientation Day

## Principal's Message

### History & Tradition of All Saints and All Souls

(Adjusted from the Archdiocese of Melbourne)

In the Catholic tradition, November is traditionally a month of remembrance of the dead. The month begins with the Solemnity of All Saints on 1 November and the Commemoration of the All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day), on 2 November. While no longer holy days of obligation in Australia, the Church has consistently encouraged prayers for the faithful departed and, during November, a list of the names of the dead is usually placed in the church so that the community can remember them in prayer.

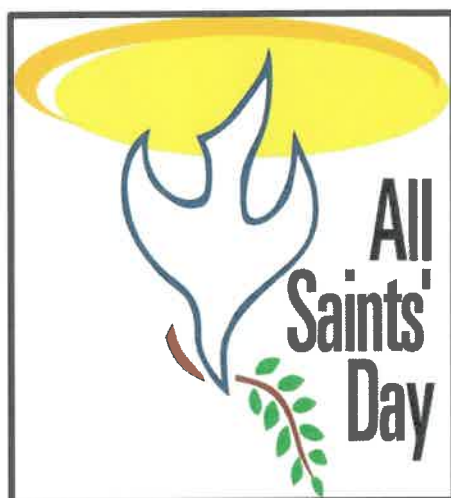
All Saints' Day commemorates all the saints in heaven. The feast dates back to the early Church, when communities would gather and celebrate the anniversary of the martyr's death. During the persecution under the emperor Diocletian at the beginning of the fourth century the number of martyrs became so great that a separate day could not be assigned to each saint, so the Church established a common feast day for all the martyrs.

The liturgical celebration on the day before the feast became known as hallowed evening or Hallowe'en. All Saints Day represents the desire of the faithful to commemorate all saints, especially those who have no proper feast day of their own. All Saints' Day is a time to consider the example saints offer us and to reflect on how we can imitate their lives. As Pope Benedict XVI said, All Saints' Day calls us 'to see the Church... as Christ wanted it, that is, as the communion of saints.'

All Souls' Day follows All Saints Day on 2 November and is also known as the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed and the Day of the Dead. It is a day of prayer and remembrance for the souls of those who have died. Believers remember, pray and offer Mass. All Souls Day originally was celebrated in the Easter season, around Pentecost Sunday.

By the tenth century, the celebration had been moved from Pentecost to October. The day is dedicated to prayer and remembrance, with requiem Masses held. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead on All Souls' Day, by visiting a Church and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed.

**Kevin Mills**  
Principal



# Administration

## Farewell

Ms Jennifer Veness Assistant Principal has announced that she will be retiring at the end of 2022. We thank her for all that she has given to the education of the many students at StMM's and the support she has given to the StMM's community over the many years that she has been here. Ms Veness is looking forward to retirement and all that it has to offer. We wish her all the very best.

We will be holding a Liturgy on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November for the community to say farewell to Ms Veness and we will be inviting her family to share this day with us as we say farewell. More information regarding this will be published closer to the date.



## School Swimming Carnival

Due to having only 13 participants, our school swimming carnival will be run differently as races will be combined to obtain qualifying times for the Zone Carnival to be held in Term 1, 2023.

## End of Year

Dear Parents/Carers  
Reminder:

- As per our information in our Week 3 Newsletter: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December is the last day of school for students.
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December will be our last official function for 2022. We will be celebrating our Thanksgiving Mass in the morning. Parents are then invited to stay and have morning tea with their child/ren.
- After morning tea the children will perform a Christmas song for each grade. Children may leave with their parents at the conclusion of the event. We will notify you of times as the event gets closer.

## School Website

To view more photos from any of the write ups in our newsletters, just click on the heading and it will take you to our Gallery on the school website. *(E.G To see more photos of the Year Two Excursion to Bicentennial Park and click on the heading and it will take you to all the photos from the day.)*

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact the school office.

## School Bus Travel

Applications for student travel in 2023 have opened. Parents & Carers can apply for School Opal Cards for students travelling to and from school, by visiting this website: <https://transportnsw.info/school-travel-apply> This is for new applications, additional travel entitlements, change of address, school or any other changes in details or circumstances.

## Student Mobile Phones

If it is essential for your child to bring a phone to school, it must be turned off and handed into the office as soon as your child arrives at school. No phones are to be kept in student's bags in the classroom or on the playground.

## Students Mufti Tokens

Sometimes Mr Mills hands out a Mufti tokens to students. Students may select in consultation with their parents as to which day they wish to wear mufti and must hand the token back to Mr Mills on the day.

## 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.

## Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese Ltd

From the beginning of 2023, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta will have a new name, Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese Ltd. The organisation will also have a new governance framework. It is not expected that these changes will have an impact on the day-to-day operation of schools, or upon students, parents and carers, and parishes. Further information is available [here](#).

# Personal Growth

## Monday Assembly

On Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October Mr Mills held a morning assembly and Mrs Foley handed out certificates for the people who went to the Netball Gala Day. Certificates were also handed out to the students who attended the Zone Athletics. Mr Mills also asked the students to write down their favourite Saint for All Saints Day and to write down someone to keep in their prayers for All Souls Day.

By Miikhaelo S and Cristina T





## Teaching & Learning

### Year Two Excursion



On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October, the Year Two students and their teachers went on an excursion to Bicentennial Park! We travelled by bus and arrived at the beautiful park to learn about the local natural environment and the traditional Aboriginal life of the

Wangal people. We went on a mangrove discovery walk along the beautiful mangrove boardwalk, learning about features of wetland animals like crabs and snails. There was a forest where we



got to use magnifying glasses to explore the environment, trees and insects. We explored Aboriginal artefacts, learnt how that they were made and

what they were used for. The tour guide even let us feel kangaroo fur and see a blue tongue lizard and turtle up close. It was a sunny day and we got to play on a big hill. We walked up so many stairs to get



to the top of a viewing tower which gave us an amazing view of the whole park. After a busy day of fun and learning we arrived back at school, tired and excited to share our adventures with our families.



### Year 4 Excursion to Ninja Parc

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October Year 4 students went on an excursion to South Granville Ninja Parc. Once we



arrived the instructors helped us with some warm up exercises. We really enjoyed the

obstacle course, and the terrifying WARPED WALL! We completed crazy

ninja courses including balancing on a

rotating cylinder and climbing across ropes. We had lunch at Holroyd Gardens and played on the flying fox at the enormous park.

After an hour at the park,

we went back to

school and each year four student received a zooper dooper as a treat. We had free time until it was time to go home. It was the best day ever!



*By Isabel C and Claire F, 4 Yellow*



## Personal Growth

### Touch Football

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October the teachers arranged a mini football gala day under the cola area because the football gala



day was cancelled due to the weather, and the teachers didn't want the students to be disappointed. At 11:10am. the gates

opened for the parents to come and watch the games under the cola area. At 2:30pm. ice blocks were handed to the students and overall the students had a lot of fun. We give thanks



to Mr. Abraham for his kindness and taking the time out of his day to come and be the referee for all of the games.

*By: Charlie B*



## Partnership

### Disco Volunteers

All parents/carers that wish to volunteer and assist the P&F at the disco this Friday, must complete the CEDP Building Child Safe Communities online undertaking form and training module for volunteers. Please do so as soon as possible.

This can be accessed via [www.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au)

1. Hover your cursor over 'About'
2. Click on 'Student Safety'
3. Scroll down & Click on 'Start Training Now'
4. Scroll down & Click on 'Start Now'
5. Click on 'Begin Undertaking'
6. When you get to screen 5 - only click on/highlight

**'I am a parent or close relative of a child at all of the selected location(s)'**

Once your form has been "Submitted", the system will generate an automated email to confirm and approve the status of your submission within 24 hours. All Volunteers need a BCSC status that is **Approved** to provide services to our school.

Please forward this approval email to the school [stmargaretmarys@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stmargaretmarys@parra.catholic.edu.au)

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# 10 Internet Safety Tips for Parents

1. Don't block all access to technology. Help your child learn to use tech <b>safely</b> and <b>positively</b> .	2. Take an <b>interest</b> in your child's favourite apps or sites. Co-view or co-create at times.
3. Be the parent. You're in charge. Set <b>boundaries</b> and consider using filtering software.	4. Create a family media <b>agreement</b> with tech free zones such as cars, bedrooms, and meals.
5. Teach your child what <b>personal information</b> they should not reveal online (YAPPY acronym).	6. Help your child learn to <b>filter</b> information online and navigate fact from fiction.
7. Navigate digital <b>dilemmas</b> with your child. Avoid using devices as rewards or punishment.	8. <b>Balance</b> green time and screen time at home. Focus on basic developmental needs.
9. Don't support your child to sign up for sites with <b>age restrictions</b> (e.g 13+) if they're underage.	10. <b>Learn more:</b> Explore reliable resources for parents so you can educate yourself.

## 2023 Parramatta Diocese Team Sport Trials

Parramatta Diocesan Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2023 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term 4 in 2022, Term 1 & 2 in 2023.

Students in Year 4 in 2023 may nominate for the sports of Basketball, Hockey, Softball, Tennis & Touch Football only. It is important to note that these trials are generally for those students that MUST demonstrate an ABOVE AVERAGE ability, HIGH LEVEL OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT or in particular sports demonstrate REPRESENTATIVE playing experience in their nominated sport. In most sports, students should have experience playing regular competition outside of school.

Expression of Interest registration window open:

OPENS 31 October 2022 - Basketball, Cricket, Tennis & Touch ONLY (closes 10th November 2022)

OPENS 7 November 2022 - AFL, Hockey, Football, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union & Softball (closes 7th February 2023)

To be eligible for selection for these trials the 2023 CEDP Primary Sport TEAM Registration Form must be completed. The registration form must be completed that can be accessed via the PARRAMATTA DIOCESE PRIMARY SPORT WEBSITE [www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au).

Any further questions please contact Mrs Foley by emailing: [stmargaretmarys@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stmargaretmarys@parra.catholic.edu.au)

2023 Diocesan Team Sport Trials held in November 2022				
Sport	Age Group	Trial Date	Nominations Open	Registration closing date
Basketball	Open boys & girls teams	29 November 2022	31 Oct 2022	Tuesday 10th November 2022
Cricket	Open boys & girls teams	15 November 2022	31 Oct 2022	Tuesday 10th November 2022
Tennis	Open boys & girls teams	25 November 2022	31 Oct 2022	Tuesday 10th November 2022
Touch	Open boys & girls teams	25 November 2022	31 Oct 2022	Tuesday 10th November 2022
2023 Diocesan Team Sport Trials held in Term 1 & 2 2023				
Sport	Age Group	Trial Date	Nominations Open	Registration closing date
AFL	Open boys/girls combined team	Term One 2023	7th November 2022	Tuesday 7th February 2023
Football (Soccer)	Open boys & girls teams	Term One 2023	7th November 2022	Tuesday 7th February 2023
Hockey	Open boys & girls teams	Term One 2023	7th November 2022	Tuesday 7th February 2023
Netball	Open boys/girls combined team	Term One 2023	7th November 2022	Tuesday 7th February 2023
Rugby League	12's boys/girls combined team	Term One 2023	7th November 2022	Tuesday 7th February 2023
	11's boys/girls combined team	Term One 2023	7th November 2022	Tuesday 7th February 2023
Rugby Union	Open boys/girls combined team	Term Two 2023	7th November 2022	Tuesday 7th February 2023
Softball	Open boys & girls teams	Term Two 2023	7th November 2022	Tuesday 7th February 2023
2023 NSWCPSS Team Sport Trials held at MacKillop level or NSWPSA Regional level				
AFL Girls	Open girls	Term One 2023	Nominations Open in 2023	Registration via CSNSW Sport portal
Diving	10/11yrs & 12/13yrs girls & boys	4 April 2023	Nominations Open in 2023	Registration via CSNSW Sport portal
Golf	Open boys & girls teams	1st August 2023	Nominations Open in 2023	Registration via CSNSW Sport portal
Rugby 7's	Open girls	9 August 2023	Nominations Open in 2023	Registration via CSNSW Sport portal