



# St Margaret Mary's School

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**Bulletin**

2022 Term 4, Week 5

## Diary Dates

<b>Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Yr 4 Incursion Science & Technology Incursion Yr7 2023 Marist Westmead Orientation Day
<b>Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Remembrance Day Yr 7 2023 Catherine McAuley Orientation Day
<b>Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	K2023 Orientation Morning 9am – 10:30am. K2023 Parent Session <i>Numeracy</i> . Selected Yr 6 students attending Diocesan Basketball

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

### The Power of Sunday Mass Prayers

The following prayers and passages are taken from my Sunday Missal based on last week's 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. You do not have to look far to see the inspiration of our traditions.

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

**Collect Prayer:** Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**Responsorial Psalm:** I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.

1. Lord, hear a cause that is just, pay heed to my cry. Turn your ear to my prayer: no deceit is on my lips.
2. I kept my feet firmly in your paths; there was no faltering in my steps. I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God. Turn your ear to me; hear my words.
3. Guard me as the apple of your eye. Hide me in the shadow of your wings As for me, in my justice I shall see your face and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!** Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man. **Alleluia!**

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

**Prayer after Communion:** Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord, we give you thanks and beseech your mercy, that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit, the grace of integrity may endure in those your heavenly power has entered.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Kevin Mills  
Principal



# Administration

## Car Pick Up Safety

Over the last few weeks, we have had a number of students running out of the gate at car pick up, before a parent has been ready to collect their child on the correct side of the road.

From tomorrow, if you are parking your car, your number will not be called until you are on the footpath nearing the gate. This is to increase the safety of our students.

Thank you for your support.

## End of Year Dates

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December is the last day of school for students in 2022.

- 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.

## Liturgy for Ms Veness

The parents and StMM's community are invited to attend the farewell Liturgy for Ms Veness to be held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 10am in the Parish Church.



## Enrolment for 2023

We have a limited number of vacancies in some grades for 2023. If you know of any family wishing to enrol at St Margaret Mary's please contact the office for an enrolment form.

## Chicken Pox

We have had a reported case of chicken pox in one of our Infants classes. We ask parents to monitor their child's health and follow NSW Health Guidelines.

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/chickenpox.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.

## Change of Details

If you have moved house or changed your contact details, please contact the school office as soon as possible to update your details.

## Year Five Incursion

### Elev8 Leadership Day

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, the Year Five will be involved in a leadership event designed to develop and display leadership qualities in our students.

Year Five will participate in a whole day incursion designed to challenge, educate and empower every single student. The Elev8 staff will facilitate leadership driven activities for students.

Year Five students will need:

- Full school sports uniform
- Lunch will be provided (Please see your class teacher if there are dietary requirements)

Year Five Teachers

## Year Four Incursion

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November, students in Year Four will engage in a range of activities about Forces, linking with Discovery Learning (Science & Technology) provided by staff from Ranger Jamie Tours.

# Teaching & Learning

## Kindergarten 2023 Orientation

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, Kindy 2023 students attended their first kindy orientation session. They learnt about the StMM's School Pointers and engaged in hands-on activities in response to a read text.



Many students were so excited about their first experience of Big School and can't wait to come back for the next session to meet their new friends!



We would also like to thank all the parents and carers who attended the workshops in the hall with enthusiasm and a willingness to learn.

Looking forward to collaborating with you, Kindergarten teachers





## Faith Community

### All Souls Day Mass

On *All Souls Day*, the Year Six Leaders attended an All Souls Day mass held by Father Janusz. All Souls Day celebrates all the departed people with faith in Christ, whether they're close to you or someone you don't know. On this day, Father Janusz spoke about a few Saints, particularly, Saint John Paul II, who is his patron Saint. We received the eucharist at the end of the Mass.

*By Sophia C, Nicole K, & Mikayla Maree G*



## Personal Growth

### Monday Assembly

At the Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November assembly, Mr Mills spoke about the importance of listening in the classroom and asked students to make sure they are always listening to their teachers. To show students about listening Mr Mills asked two Year Six students and two Year Five students what they did on the weekend. Mr Mills wanted the two Year Five and Year Six students to listen to each other like in the classroom.



Mr Mills then spoke about the disco which was held last Friday evening and its success. Mr Mills gave a special thank you to the parents who were involved in organising and running the disco for us all to enjoy.



*By Mikhaelo S and Sarah C*

### Twilight Invitational Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all the students who competed in the Twilight invitational swimming carnival held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at Merrylands swimming pool.

We would like to thank all the staff and parents who attended the carnival.

A special thank you to Mrs Kellie Foley for organising and running the event.

Results of students who will represent StMM's at the Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival to held in early 2023 will be published in next week's newsletter.



## Partnership

### P&F Disco

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November, St Margaret Mary's P&F held a disco. Some parents and staff helped organise this disco. The canteen had a sausage sizzle, lollies, water, chips and juice. There was dancing with blasting music. Thank you parents, for being there and organising the night and the DJ who played all our favourite songs.

*By Jessica H and Zara Y*



### Afternoon Car Pick Up

Students are reminded to listen for their number to be called and to use their manners when they are being put into the car.

Just a few reminders for parents when using Car Pick - up at StMM's

- We only have control of StMM's school block on Henson Street.
- The only dedicated Car Pick-up queue is the length of the school block in Henson Street.
- Joining this queue must be done following all road and traffic rules including signage.
- Parents/Carers are now able to join the Car Pick Up queue via Davies Street & Henson Street.
- Ensure you give way correctly taking into account all signage & road rules.
- Cars that are lined up across from the school block in Henson Street will be booked. The police view this as double parking.

### Aspects to follow for Car Pick up

- ★ Stagger your arrival between 3:00pm and 3:20pm.
- ★ Have your number visible for the teacher to call.
- ★ Remain calm and patient at all times.
- ★ Remember your manners.

