



# St Margaret Mary's School

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Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November

## Bulletin

2022 Term 4, Week 7

### Diary Dates

Thursday, 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Delany College Exhibition Evening 5pm-7pm
	OLMC Yr 7 2023 Orientation Day
Friday, 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Year Two Jamie Ranger Incursion.
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Ms Veness' Farewell Liturgy.
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Delany College Yr 7 2023 Orientation Day

### Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### God's Gratitude and Generosity

*Fr Richard Rohr shares his wisdom around two important words of our Catholic Church. He draws on a range of individuals who can deepen our understandings of our faith.*

Each and every morning offers us a chance to start anew, fresh, and to begin again. Each morning when we wake—should we choose to listen—is a message from the Creator to remember the privilege we were given of waking up.

It's a reminder to get up and prepare our self, to honour our self, to go out into the world, to connect with Mother Earth and the hearts of other beings, to inspire and encourage those who cross our paths, and most importantly, to enjoy life.

Gratitude and generosity are similar virtues, but they differ in that gratitude is an internal characteristic and generosity is our external expression of our sense of gratitude.

Basically, gratitude is how we feel, and generosity is how we express that feeling out in the world. When we engage with the world from a place of gratitude, it's the difference between trying to make something happen and allowing something to happen.

The defining difference between effort and effortlessness is the virtue of gratitude. Gratitude moves stagnant energy when we're feeling stuck in life. The simple act of practicing gratitude disrupts negative thoughts and changes our mindset to see the world in a positive way.

Not only are we more appealing to others when we live in gratitude, but the most ordinary things can become extraordinary, creating a fuller, more beautiful expression of our life.

You've probably heard the old saying, "Things don't happen to us, they happen for us." Gratitude is the foundation of this statement. When we interact with the world from a place of gratitude, we are supporting the mission of the Church and living out God's plan for his people.

Take Care and stay safe,

Kevin Mills  
Principal



Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude.



# Administration

## STMM's School Office

### Term 4 Closing Date

Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022 will be the last day that the office will accept payment for school fees, hats or library bags.

Please ensure that all necessary payments are made prior to this date. If there are any questions, please contact the school office.

## Ms Veness' Farewell Mass

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.

## 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.

## CEDP Covid Information

NSW Health recently advised that COVID-19 transmissions within the community are rising. Whilst NSW Health has not changed its requirements, CEDP is recommending COVID-safe measures are taken to minimise infections. Students should remain at home if they are unwell and visitors should only attend school when they are symptom-free.

## Positive COVID Case Students

We will continue to advise parent/carers to keep their child at home whilst they are unwell. Where there is a known positive case and they have been in the school whilst positive, we will communicate to the school community. This is to increase vigilance in checking for symptoms, testing and taking precautionary measures.

## Semester 2 Reports

StMM's 2022 Semester 2 reports are now being finalised. The reports will be sent home on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> December with the students in an envelope addressed to the parents. This learning report is designed to provide accurate information about your child's learning. This report evaluates your child's progress as an individual, who is developing spiritually, intellectually, physically and socially. It is very important to recognise your child's success and progress in all areas of development. We congratulate students on their hard work and to all parents on the support of their child, as individuals.

## Important Dates for Term 4

Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Ms Veness' Farewell Liturgy.
Wednesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Delany College Yr 7 2023 Orientation Day.
Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Green "Maur" & Yellow "Tosi" Mufti Day.
Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Year Five Starr's Planetarium Incursion.
Sunday, 4 <sup>th</sup> December	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent.
Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Final Principal's Morning Tea for 2022.
Thursday, 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Year Six Graduation Mass 6pm.
Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Reports go home with Students.
Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Year Six Graduation Dinner.
Sunday, 11 <sup>th</sup> December	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent
Monday, 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year Six Fun Day
Wednesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Thanksgiving Mass & Christmas Carols. Last Official function at StMM's for 2022.
Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of School for Students for 2022.
Sunday, 18 <sup>th</sup> December	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent
Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Staff Professional Learning Day.
Tuesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Staff Professional Learning Day.
Tuesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> December	School Closes for 2022.

## Student's Classes

It is a school policy that the make up of classes are revised at the end of Kindergarten (Early Stage One), Year Two (End of Stage One), Year Four (End of Stage Two) and as needed in other years. It must be remembered that the structure of our school facilitates a number of students working with a number of teachers. The decision of movement of students is at the discretion of the principal. Please be reminded that due to COVID this process has not been completed to it's fullest.

## The Student's Good Book

This year we will continue with the 'Good Book'. Students have used this book to showcase and record the work that they were proud of. Teachers and children are transferring work from other books into the 'Good Book'. This book will be sent home at the end of the year. If you wish to keep your child's other books, please contact your child's teacher via the school email.



## Library Refurbishment

Thanks to the \$40,000 from CEDP and funds from StMM's, we will be able to refurbish the school library during the school holidays ready for 2023.

## Year 6 Graduation Mass and Dinner

On Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> December, we will be celebrating the Year 6 Graduation Mass at 6:00pm in the Parish Church. The school community is invited to attend this special Mass to celebrate with Year 6 as they begin a new chapter next year, beginning high school.

On Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> December Year 6 students and their parents celebrate the end of their primary schooling. The Graduation dinner will be held at the Merrylands Bowling Club, commencing at 6pm.

## 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.

## Faith Community

## Wear your Green and Gold for Maur and Tosi's Colour Day!

For our final colour day this year, we have decided to have an Aussie Christmas colour theme to raise money for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.

On Friday 02/12/2022 (Week 8), wear

**GREEN** or **YELLOW** clothes (or both), closed shoes and a hat. Bring a gold coin donation to help the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.

Our Maur and Tosi Captains have some fun activities planned for students on this day.



## Mr Whitby's Farewell Mass

On Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November my sister and I represented StMM's at a Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta. The Mass was held to thank and farewell Mr Greg Whitby, the



leader of the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta. I attended along with my sister, Natalie, Mrs Rizk, Mr Yearsley and Mr Mills. Mr Mills



drove us to the mass and it was a beautiful celebration. I am honoured that I was asked to attend.

By Anthony E (Year 5)



## Teaching & Learning

### YEAR 5 INCURSION

#### Starr's Planetarium

This term, the Year Five Geography unit is all about Space. As part of our learning, Starr's Planetarium will visit the Year Five students on Friday December 2nd.

Starr's Planetarium brings the most advanced 360° 4K immersive projection system to our school. The digital planetarium show will be delivered by engaging and experiencing science communicators.

The show will take place in the hall and students will attend in groups throughout the day.

Year Five students will need:

Full school sports uniform

Year Five Teachers

### Year 3 Measurement

Year Three are learning about measuring mass. We used the kitchen scales and the electronic scales to measure our crunch and sip. First we estimated, then measured and recorded the mass. We used grams and kilograms. Thomas' mandarin had a mass of 205 grams. Shadi's cucumber had a mass of 100 grams. Marcus' banana had a mass of 202 grams. Melissa's container of strawberries had a mass of 138 grams. Next we challenged ourselves to work out how many pieces of each fruit would make up one kilogram.

By Year Three



## Teaching & Learning

### Kindergarten 2023 Final Orientation Morning

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November, Kindy 2023 students attended their last orientation session.

They learnt about the StMM's School and engaged in hands-on activities in response to a read text.



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.



## Personal Growth

### Year 5 Leadership Day

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November Year Five had their Leadership Day, hosted by Motiv8 Sports and the coaches were

Kat, Mitch, Shannon and Ash. Year Five were separated into 12 teams and each team had 8 students. Each team participated in games which needed communication

and collaboration and showed us who had great responsibility. In the first session, the students had warm up games which included the bucket memory game, relay race and the Japanese puzzle game. The second session was the Wet N Wild, where students participated in water games and the students got drenched in water but communicated and

collaborated very well, overall everyone had fun. Year Five also enjoyed a tasty lunch of pizza and a sprite. By the end of the day the winners were announced and group 4 came out victorious. At the end of the day, Year Five enjoyed an Ice block and had a great day.

By: Charlie B and Lucas F



## Monday Assembly



At the Monday morning assembly with the whole school, Mr Mills talked about last week's Leadership Day for Year Five. He also said that the Lolly Guessing competition was ending this week on Wednesday and the Lolly Guessing competition was being hosted by Abraham in Year Two.



By: Jessica H and Bridget L

## Principals Morning Tea

The last Principal's Morning Tea for 2022 will be on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December. Students need to have received all 4 Pillar awards to be eligible to attend the morning tea.

## Personal Growth

### Year Six Basketball Gala Day

On Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November 20 students from Year Six went to compete in the Basketball Gala Day. 10 boys and 10 girls were on each team. It was a

difficult day for everybody but it was a very fun day. We were all very positive in ourselves and very good with our teamwork. Our last game was our best game! We played a great game and lots of players scored! Then the final buzzer went off and we won. We hope that the gala day will happen again next year so that Year Six next year will have as much fun as us!

By Paea M and Royce A



boys and girls teams showed great sportsmanship.

By Isabelle F & Bianca P

We want to give a big thank you to the teachers that made this day possible and our teammates for supporting us in every game. We had a great time, we didn't win all the games but both the





# Partnership



## **DELANY COLLEGE**

Invites you and your family  
to the annual

### **CREATIVE EMERGENCE and DESIGN EVENING**

Thursday 24th November  
5 – 7pm

Showcasing talented student work  
from Music, Visual Arts, Photography  
and Industrial Technology 2022

Refreshments will be provided by our  
Hospitality students

**Due Date 7/12/22** Literacy Competition



## Primary Christmas Challenge

### Create a Christmas Character

Draw a poster about them

Draw or paste an image of your character on paper or a google slide, and write a description about them. Try and be creative.

Remember to write your full name and class on the entry.

WHEN YOU HAVE FINISHED, HAND IT INTO YOUR CLASS TEACHER.

**Due Date 7/12/22** Literacy Competition



## Infants Christmas Challenge

### My Christmas Poster

For your challenge, you are to create a poster about Christmas.

This poster can include -

- What is Christmas?
- What Christmas means to you?
- What you do on Christmas?

Remember to write your full name and class on the entry.

WHEN YOU HAVE FINISHED, HAND IT INTO YOUR CLASS TEACHER.