



St Margaret Mary's School

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Wednesday, 8th February

Newsletter

2023 Term 1, Week 3

Diary Dates

Monday, 13 th February	Whole School Morning Assembly & Prayer
Wednesday 15 th February	P&F Second- hand uniform sale 8:30am – 9:30am. Cash Only Sale
Friday, 17 th February	Whole School Opening Mass and Commissioning of Student Leaders

School Photo Day

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have had to postpone our School Photos.

We will inform families of a new date as soon as possible.

P&F Second Hand Uniforms

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CASH ONLY

All items \$5 each

School Canteen

Parents are reminded to ensure that they have updated **their child's class** for 2023 in the FLEXI school's canteen ordering system.

Assistant Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

Welcome Back for 2023

A very warm welcome back to school to all our students, staff and families. The beginning of a new school year is filled with excitement and anticipation for the year ahead. It has been wonderful to see our students arriving each morning with a smile on their face, eager to connect and collaborate with their friends and teachers.

Congratulations to our youngest and newest members within our school community, our Kindergarten students. Their happy faces and excitement is evident as they walk through the gates carrying their school bags and wearing their school uniform with pride. Each and every day they continue to amaze their teachers as to how well they are settling into our school routines and actively engaging in their learning.

We look forward to welcoming back Mr Mills in the coming week. Mr Mills has returned home safely from his pilgrimage and holiday, unfortunately he is not feeling well and has been on leave this week. We ask our St Margaret Mary's community to keep Mr Mills in your thoughts and prayers as we wish him a speedy recovery.

I feel truly blessed to join the St Margaret Mary's community and would like to sincerely thank parents, students and staff for welcoming me so warmly. Over the past few weeks I have had the privilege of visiting and working within each learning space, getting to know our student's gifts and talents. I look forward to working in partnership with you to make 2023 a rewarding year, where every student grows in their faith and love of learning.

In this week's Gospel reading (Matthew 5:13-16) Jesus calls us to become the Light of the World and the Salt of the Earth. Jesus invites us not to be afraid to live in the world, but to be a gentle, inviting light to all other people we meet. As a disciple and follower of Jesus, we are called to disperse the light of Christ through our words but it must flow above all from our actions. As a Catholic community, we are committed to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, giving witness to His teachings and help others to experience His goodness, mercy and love. As we move into the school year we are all called to ensure we are using our gifts to make a difference in the lives of people we meet each and every day. We look outward to others and how we can support them, rather than looking inward and looking after only ourselves.

Lord Jesus,

We ask for Your help as we begin this new school year.

*Allow us to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before us.
Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.*

Open our heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.

*Give us strength, courage and humility so that we can become examples to others
and bring them closer to You.*

*Help us to be attentive to one another and let us experience Your presence.
Amen.*

God Bless

Rochelle Borg
Assistant Principal

Administration

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Photo Permission

From time-to-time photos and/or video footage of your child will be taken at school and school events. These photos and video footage may be used in the school newsletter, diocesan newsletter, in newspapers, brochures, advertising, websites or in publications.

If you do not wish for photos or videos of your child to be published or shown on the website please notify the school office in writing by Friday, 10th February 2023.



StMM's School Contact

In the case of a genuine emergency please phone the school office on 8633 8400. If you wish to contact a staff member, please do so via the school admin staff. Contact with the office may also be via the school's email address

Stmargaretmarys@parra.catholic.edu.au. We appreciate your assistance and understanding. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office on 8633 8400. Remember we also use Compass to communication with our community. You are also able to send notification regarding your child's absence from school.

School Hours

Parents are reminded that lessons begin at 8:40am and finish at 3:00pm. Children should be at school by 8:30am. There is no supervision in the mornings before the 8:15am. Between 8:15am until 8:30am it is a walk and talk time only. Students are reminded that there is to be NO running or ball games in the playground in the mornings.

Parents are also reminded that they need to collect their child/ren from school at 3:00pm. If you are running late please contact the school office. The school office is open from 8:15am to 3:15pm every day.

Reading Diary

Every student at StMM's is expected to read each night and record their efforts in the Reading Diary. Setting aside a time to read each night at home is an excellent routine to establish before students enter high school. If parents feel their child is responsible (Yrs 5 & 6) the student may do the recording and sign off.



Important Dates for Term 1 2023

Monday, 13 th February	Kindergarten will finish at 3pm from this day onwards.
Wednesday, 15 th February	P&F Second-hand Uniform Sale 8:30am – 9:30am Cash Only.
Friday, 17 th February	StMM's Opening Whole School Mass and Commissioning of the 2023 School Leaders at 9am.
Wednesday, 22 nd February	Ash Wednesday
Postponed Date to be advised	Whole School Photos
Monday, 6 th March	Beginning of Catholic School Week
Tuesday, 7 th March	Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival at Mt Druitt for Selected Students
Thursday, 9 th March	Yr 3-6 School Cross Country at StMM's
Tuesday, 14 th March	Diocesan Swimming Carnival at Blacktown Pool for Selected Students
Wednesday, 15 th March – Tuesday, 28 th March	NAPLAN Testing for Years Three and Five
Friday, 17 th March	St Patrick's Day
Saturday, 25 th March	Annunciation
Thursday, 6 th April	Holy Thursday School Closes at 3pm for Term 1
Friday, 7 th April	Good Friday
Sunday, 9 th April	Easter Sunday

Faith Community

Opening School Mass and Commissioning of 2023

Parents, Grandparents, and Friends of St Margaret Mary's are invited to join us at our Opening School Mass and Commissioning of our 2023 Student Leaders, on Friday, 17th February, at 9:00am in the Church.

Teaching & Learning

Sports Days

Children are required to wear their sports uniforms on their allocated days. Correct sports uniforms must be worn along with appropriate shoes. Hats must be worn at all times when outside.

Kinder
Year One
Year Two
Year Three
Year Four
Year Five
Year Six

Tuesday and Thursday
Tuesday and Friday
Wednesday and Friday
Thursday and Friday
Wednesday and Friday
Tuesday and Friday
Monday and Friday

Personal Growth

Monday Assembly

At the start of the assembly, we had our whole school prayer.



The assistant principal, Mrs Borg ran the assembly for this week.

Mr Mills came back from Jerusalem on Wednesday last week, but got sick throughout the weekend. Therefore, he

is not able to come to school for the week.

Mr Mills misses everyone in the school, so much he call all the teachers to see if the students have been doing good work. We also miss him so we said a prayer for him to make sure that he is safe and he feels better soon.

By Prince B & Joshua N



Kindergarten

Kindergarten Rocked their First Day

On Friday, 3rd February 2023, Kindergarten started their first day of Primary School at St Margaret Mary's. Kindergarten students participated in a lot of activities that focused on collaboration and communication skills. The students also coloured, read books, played with toys and made new friends. Kindergarten settled well into their new Learning space and had a fantastic day!



Partnership

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P&F AGM - Wednesday 22nd February 6pm in the staffroom





Breakfast

Yoghurt & Muesli **\$3.00**
 Cereal with Skim Milk **\$3.00**
 Raisin Toast **\$2.50**
 Toast with Spread From **\$1.50**
 Toasted Sandwiches From **\$2.50**
 Banana Bread **\$2.50**

Fresh Salad Box

Greek Salad Reg **\$3.50** Lrg **\$5.50**
 Chicken Caesar Salad Reg **\$4.50** Lrg **\$6.50**
 Tuna Salad Reg **\$4.00** Lrg **\$6.00**
 Pasta Salad Reg **\$3.50** Lrg **\$5.50**
 Seasonal Fruit Salad Reg **3.50** Lrg **\$5.50**
 Tub of Watermelon Reg **3.00** Lrg **\$4.50**

Hot Food

All foods are grilled or oven baked (No frying)

Baked Vegetable Spring Rolls **\$4.50**
 Chicken Breast Nuggets **\$4.50**
 Grilled lean Cheese Burger **\$5.50**
 Chicken Burger **\$5.50**
 Lean Meat Pie **\$4.50** Potato Pie **\$5.00**
 Lean Hotdog **\$4.00** add Cheese **\$4.50**
 Baked Potato Wedges **\$4.50**
 Spinach and Feta Roll **\$5.00**
 Macaroni and Cheese **\$5.50**
 Pizza Wraps (Cheese/BBQ/Meat) **\$5.50**
 Lean Sausage Roll **\$4.50**
 Beef or Vegetarian Lasagna **\$5.50**

Snacks

Garlic Bread 4 inch **\$3.00**
 Baked Hash Brown **\$2.00**
 Want Want Rice Snacks 2 for **0.50c**
 Carrot or Cucumber Sticks with Hommus **\$1.50**
 Home made pizza slice **\$1.50**
 Baked Potato Chip cup **\$2.00**
 Noodle Cup **\$2.00**
 Cheese and Crackers **\$1.50**
 Pretzel Cup **\$1.50**
 Sugar Free Jelly **\$1.50**
 Custard & Jelly **\$2.00**
 Mini Pie/Sausage Roll **\$2.00**
 Canteen Approved Chips from **\$2.00**
 Pauls Choc Yogo **\$2.00**
 Fresh Fruit Pieces **\$1.00**
 Low Fat Muffins **\$2.50**

Many more healthy snacks available on counter starting from .50c

PRIMARY SCHOOL MENU

St Margret Margaret

Mary's Primary

Sandwiches/Wraps

Cheese and Tomato **\$3.00**
 Vegemite or Jam Sandwich **\$2.50**
 Cheese & Salad Sandwich **\$4.50**
 Chicken breast Sandwich **\$4.50**
 Ham/Cheese/Tom **\$4.50**
 Ham/Cheese **\$4.00**
 Tuna sandwich **\$4.50**
 Falafel Wrap **\$5.50**
 Chicken Salad Wrap **\$6.00**
 Kafta (lamb Mince) Wrap **\$6.50**
 Ham Salad Wrap **\$6.00**
 Tuna Salad Wrap **\$6.00**
 Cheese Salad Wrap **\$6.00**

Extra toppings 0.50c

Gluten Free, Bread roll or Lebanese bread \$1.00

Alternating Daily Specials

Check the daily specials board for the schools

Butter Chicken with Rice **\$5.00**
 Pasta Bake (Chicken/Tuna/Vegetarian) **\$5.00**
 2 Kafta patties, Hommus and Leb bread **\$5.00**
 Beef Nachos with Cheese **\$5.50**
 Sushi Chicken or Tuna **\$5.00**
 Spaghetti Bolognaise **\$5.00**
 Homemade Pumpkin Soup **\$5.00**
 Spaghetti Napolitana **\$5.00**
 Baked Fish Cocktails with Salad **\$5.50**

Frozen Treat/Drinks

100% Orange Frozen Juice Cup **\$2.00**
 Ice Block **\$1.50**
 Icy Mony **\$2.00**
 Billabong ice cream **\$3.00**
 Icy Poles **\$2.50**
 99% Fruit Juice Slushie **\$2.50**
 Spring Water 600mls **\$2.50**
 100% Juice (Apple/Orange) **\$2.50**
 Chill J flavoured water **\$3.20**
 Flavoured Milk 300ml **\$3.50** Plain **\$2.50**