



St Margaret Mary's School

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Wednesday, 29th March

Update

2023 Term 1, Week 10

Diary Dates

Thursday 30 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easter Raffle Tickets are now overdue. Please return.
Friday, 31 st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuning in to Kids Parent meeting 8:30am – 10:30am in the library Mr Yearsley's Farewell Liturgy 2pm. Parents Welcome
Sunday 2 nd April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Palm Sunday Beginning of Holy Week
Monday, 3 rd April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole School Morning Assembly & Prayer P&F Second hand Uniform Sale 8:15am – 9:30am
Wednesday 5 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easter Mufti and Easter Egg Donation for Raffle. Easter Hat Parade P&F Easter Raffle Prize Wrapping P&F Easter Raffle Draw
Thursday 6 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holy Thursday School closes for Term 1
Monday 24 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Professional Learning Day
Tuesday 25 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ANZAC DAY
Wednesday 26 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students Return for Term 2

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

As we enter Holy Week, it is important that we know the traditional significance of each day:

Palm Sunday – entrance into Jerusalem. Holy Week begins when Christians commemorate Jesus' 'triumphal entry' into Jerusalem.

Holy Wednesday – into the darkness. This darkness symbolises the abandonment of Jesus by his disciples and anticipates the anguish and tragedy of Good Friday later in Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday – the Last Supper. Maundy Thursday marks the Last Supper that Jesus shares with his disciples, his betrayal by his disciple Judas Iscariot, and his arrest at the Garden of Gethsemane.

Good Friday – Jesus' agony on the cross. This day commemorates Jesus' trial before Pontius Pilate, his sentence of death, his torture, and his crucifixion and burial. For many Christians, Good Friday is a day of fasting, with the faithful attending a church service where they will meditate on and venerate the cross of Christ.

Holy Saturday – visiting the tomb of Jesus. The Triduum of Holy Week concludes with a liturgy that recalls the vigil, the 'keeping watch' of Jesus' female disciples at the tomb of Jesus, which begins in darkness where a new paschal or Easter fire is kindled. This, then, is followed by the joyous celebration of the first Eucharist of Easter, which will often include the baptism of new converts and the renewal of baptismal vows by the faithful.

It is an emotional week for Christians, but one that anticipates the hope and glory of the resurrection of Christ at Easter, which is at the heart of the Christian Gospel and the centre of Christian faith and worship.

Take care and God bless,

Kevin Mills

Kevin Mills
Principal

2024 Kindergarten Enrolments

Enrolments are now taking place. If your child was born between 1st August, 2018 and 31st July, 2019, please collect an enrolment form from the school office.



Administration

Staff Professional Learning Day

Monday 24th April 2023

This is a Student Free Day

Kindergarten 2024

Emails are being sent out over the next week with an Interview date and time to all families who have returned a Kindergarten enrolment form.

If you have not yet returned your enrolment form please do so by the end of the week, to enable us to finalise interview times by the end of term.

Mr Yearsley Farewell

Parents and the community of StMM's are invited to joins us at an Assembly/Prayer service to officially farewell Mr Yearsley on Friday 31st March at 2:15pm.

Easter Hat Parade

On Wednesday 5th April students in Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two will participate in an Easter Hat parade at a morning assembly. Students will make their hats at home and bring them to school on this day. Primary students may like to buddy with an infants student and help with the making of an Easter hat. If primary students wish to join the hat parade, they may.

Leaving

If you know your child/ren will not be returning to StMM's in Term 2, please let the office know in writing as soon as possible, as we have several families on our waiting list. It is a CSPD 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.



Administration

Important Dates for End of Term 1

Friday, 31 st March	Tuning in to Kids
Monday, 3 rd April	P&F Secondhand Uniform Sale
Wednesday, 5 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easter Egg Donation Mufti Day P&F Easter Basket Wrapping Easter Hat Parade Infants Easter Raffle Draw
Thursday 6 th April	Holy Thursday School Closes for Term 1 at 3pm
Friday 7 th April	Good Friday
Sunday 9 th April	Easter Sunday
Sunday 22 nd April	Fr Janusz Farewell

Important Dates for Term 2

Monday 24 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Professional Learning Day Student Free Day
Tuesday, 25 th April	ANZAC DAY
Wednesday, 26th April	Students Return for Term 2
Monday, 1 st May	Kindergarten 2024 Interviews Commence
Thursday, 4 th May	Whole School Athletics Carnival
Monday, 8 th May	All Students to be in Full Winter Uniform
Wednesday, 10 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diocesan Cross Country StMM's Choir Visit Cardinal Gilroy Village
Friday, 12 th May	Mother's Day Liturgy
Sunday, 14 th May	Mother's Day
Thursday, 18 th May	Ascension
Sunday, 28 th May	Pentecost Sunday
Thursday, 1 st June	Year Five History Excursion
Friday, 2 nd June	Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day
Sunday, 4 th June	Holy Trinity Sunday
Monday 5 th – 6 th June	Year Six Canberra Excursion
Tuesday, 13 th June	Whole School Photo Day
Friday, 16 th June	Feast of the Sacred Heart Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day
Monday, 26 th June	Year Four Excursion
Wednesday, 28 th June	Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day
Friday, 30 th June	School Closes for Term 2
Monday, 17 th July	School Resumes for Term 3

Faith Community

Holy Week

Students will participate in the Way of the Cross on Monday or Tuesday of Holy week. They will join in prayer and reflection as part of the Easter Holy Week celebrations.

Harmony Day

On Friday the 27th March, St Margaret Mary's celebrated Harmony Day and students were able to wear any cultural or orange clothing. Primary partnered with Infants to make rosary bracelets and had a picnic with family and friends. Year 5 donated the most money for



Project Compassion to the amount of \$500. As part of an incentive to raise money, the winning grade were able to dunk teachers with water. The selected teachers that

were dunked with water, were Mr Tenido, Mr Maunick, Mrs Hannah, Mrs James, Mr Mills and Mrs Borg. Another activity was that students and parents participated in a water relay to symbolise the children in Nepal that carry buckets of water. On average they would walk up to 10km with a bucket of water. At the end of the day each class went back to their learning space to do activities provided by their teachers.

By Ayen.T & Iris.S



Partnership

P&F News

P&F Meet & Greet

On Monday 27th March, the Parents and Friends Association had a Meet & Greet.



Parents/Carers and friends were invited to this event to learn more about each other and information about how the Parents & Friends association works.

Wendy Ndaira the president spoke about what Parents & Friends are all about and the next upcoming event that they are

helping with, which is the wrapping of the prizes for the easter raffle. The meet and greet provided food and drinks for everyone.

Mrs Albertin then put on a short movie about what happened on

Harmony Day last week.

Overall this event was fun and everyone enjoyed it.

By: Rebecca S. and Louna M.



Second Hand Uniforms Sale

Monday 3rd April, 8:15am - 9:30am

All Items \$5 each (Cash Only)

We have a lot of size 6 & 8 jumpers and jackets for sale.

Easter Raffle

Easter Raffle tickets were due back today. Please return all sold and unsold tickets to the school office no later than Thursday 30th March 2023. If you have any baskets that you would like to donate to the Easter Raffle, please send to the school office.

Wednesday 5th April will be a MUFTI Day and students are asked to donate an Easter Egg on this day.

BCSC (Building Child Safe Communities)

All parents/carers that wish to volunteer and assist the P&F with any activities, must complete the CSPD Building Child Safe Communities online undertaking form and training module for volunteers. This is a legal requirement for Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023

Sacrament of Reconciliation Enrolments commence from Tuesday, 14 March until Friday, 28 April 2023.

Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website or available at our Parish Office during working hours. (Enrolment Fee \$50 per child).

Parents Night: Wednesday, 26 April at 7pm.
Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre

Sacrament of Reconciliation program is divided into two groups taught by Monique Kairouz & assisted by Fr. Jeremy Santos.

RECONCILIATION PROGRAM

All preparation sessions will be held on WEDNESDAYS with two time slots to choose from: 6:30 - 8:30pm or 7:00 - 8:00pm

Session 1: 03 MAY

Session 2: 10 MAY

Session 3: 17 MAY

Session 4: 24 MAY

Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre



Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Monday, 28 May 2023 at 6:00pm inside the Church.