



St Margaret Mary's School

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Wednesday, 17th May **Bulletin** 2023 Term 2, Week 4

Diary Dates

Thursday
18th May

• Ascension
Thursday

Lost Property

StMM's does not have a lost property bin.

As a result of StMM's K-6 Athletics Carnival we have numerous items, most without a name. These include hats, jumpers, and water bottles along with food containers.

Canteen

All lunch orders must be placed by 9am on the Flexi Schools App. To ensure your child's order has been placed correctly and received, you will receive a confirmation email from Flexischools.



Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Boys & Girls,
I have given over my editorial to a Yr 5 student who works with Mrs Ryan's writing class. An outstanding piece of writing!

The Magical Discovery

By Deng D

She carefully turned the door handle and eased the heavy door open just enough to slip inside. With a flutter of excitement, she strode confidently into the room. She adored this library. She had been looking for a book that could give her the answer to a question that she had been grappling with for a while now. As she approached one of the books, she carefully placed her finger on the top. Suddenly, the book came alive in her hands, and she found herself being transported to a new realm.

She was flying through the air, and she could see a castle in the distance. She could hear a soft voice in her ear, guiding her towards the castle. As she landed outside the castle, she saw a figure approaching her. It was an older man with a kind face. They sat and talked for hours, the older man imparting wisdom and knowledge that was beyond anything she had ever heard before. As the sun set, she realised that she had found the answer to her question.

She returned to the library whenever she was in need of guidance and wisdom. One day, as she was walking past the library, she found herself overcome by nostalgia. The sound of the bell at the entrance echoed in the chamber. As she walked through the rows of shelves, something glittered out of the corner of her eye. She turned to see a small golden key lying on the table beside a book titled "The Magic of Libraries". She hesitated for a moment before reaching for the key. A sudden urge to follow the lead of the key came over her, and she set out to explore the library once more.

She climbed the spiral staircase and down several corridors she had never been before. She reached a narrow corridor that led to a room she did not recognize. It was dimly lit, but she felt an odd sense of familiarity. As she approached the far wall, she noticed a small hole in the stone blocks. She placed the key in the hole, and a secret chamber was revealed. There, on a pedestal, lay a large book. She opened it, and the pages shimmered with bright lights.

As she started reading, she realized the words were about her own life. It was the answer to everything she was looking for. With the newfound glow in her eyes, she stepped out of the secret chamber and made her way back to the library. She knew she would keep coming back, no matter what life brought. For she had realized, with the magic of the library, anything was possible.

Kevin Mills

Kevin Mills
Principal

Administration

No Selling of Items or food at StMM's

Over the past two weeks a number of students have brought items to school and offered them for sale. This is not allowed for a variety of health and safety reasons. We are sometimes amazed at the amount of cash children have in their bags (up to \$100) and will notify parents if we feel this is excessive. We would ask parents to be aware of these issues and occasionally check their child's bag.

Term 2 Uniforms

Students must be dressed in full winter uniform. Uniforms must be worn correctly including ties for both boys and girls. Students must have a hat when playing outside during recess and lunch.

Please note: StMM's **does not** have a long sleeve sports polo as part of the school sports uniform.

Kindergarten 2024

Kindergarten 2024 Interviews are now complete and acceptance letters will be sent out shortly. If you have a child born between 1st August, 2018 and 31st July, 2019 and not completed and enrolment form or returned a completed form please do immediately.

School Fees

Term Two School Fees are due by 31st May, Term 2 unless you have entered an arrangement with the school or with CSPD details as per your statement. If you have any questions regarding your 2023 statement or arrangement, please contact Maria at the school office.

Principal's Morning Tea

The Principal's morning tea with Mr Mills will be held on Friday 9th June. Students who have received a Pillar Award in each of the following: Faith Community, Teaching & Learning, Personal Growth & Partnership. Will receive a Principal's Award and attend the morning tea with Mr Mills.

Mr Mills is looking forward to the celebration with the students.

Parramatta Diocesan Synod.

In the lead-up to the inaugural Diocesan Synod in October, Bishop Vincent Long hopes to bring as many people into listening and consultation as possible. Deanery Listening Consultations have been set up to encourage parishes, schools and other groups to come together in their local areas.

To encourage community engagement with the Synod process, families are invited to come along to the Deanery consultations. This process commenced with the Northern Deanery on **Saturday 13 May 2023** at St John XXIII Catholic College Stanhope Gardens.

Compass Parent Portal and Semester One Reports

St Margaret Mary's uses Compass as the primary source of communication with our families. Families should be receiving a fortnightly school bulletin and a variety of other communications relevant to your child and their grade via Compass notifications and email.

All parents have access to the Compass Parent Portal enabling families to review and update your child's attendance and family contact details. This portal also has the potential for parents to access, read and download their child's Semester Learning Reports. We are seeking your feedback in making the decision to start using this function within the Parent Portal. Scan the QR code to share your opinion. Thank you for your continued support.



Parent Feedback - Tell Them from Me Survey

Over the next few weeks, we are inviting students, staff and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey called **Tell Them From Me**.



Tell Them From Me

(TTFM) Partners in Learning survey

More information will be given in next week's bulletin.

As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community, we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Margaret Mary's

Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 will also be completing an anonymous student survey during this period. If parents do not wish their child to participate, please send a request to the school office in writing via the school email stmargaretmarys@parra.catholic.edu.au

Faith Community

Religious Icons

The writing of icons plays an important part in our Christian faith, with in-depth use of imagery. As we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus the following description helps the faithful understand its importance.

A bright cloud accompanies each Theophany or divine appearance. At the Ascension, Christ disappears in the cloud and the angels tell the apostles that He will return the same way for His Second Coming.

The cloud is a Mandorla. It consists of concentric circles that become darker and darker as they get closer to Christ. This shows the reality that the closer one gets to

Mystery, the less one really understands.

From the cloud, Christ blesses the Apostles and Mary. Even though He is Ascending to heaven, His blessing remains with us forever. In His left hand, He holds a scroll which represents His teachings.

Mary is in the centre of the Apostles. Her hands are raised in prayer in the ancient form called 'orans'. This gesture indicates Mary's role as go-between on our behalf before her Son. A straight line from the Ascended Christ to Mary can be drawn to connect heaven with earth.

The group of Apostles with Mary, the Mother of God, represents the Church. St. Paul appears with the Apostles although he would not have been present. This shows that the Church of the future also participates in this event. The hills in the background, the movement of the Angels, Mary's hands raised in prayer and the Apostles looking up give the icon the upward movement of the feast day. (Taken from the website belonging to Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon)



StMM's Parish

StMM's school community would like to welcome our new Parish Priest Fr Wojciech Sliwa & Assistant Priest Fr Jeremy Santoso



Mother's Day Prayer and Morning Tea

On Monday, 15th May, we all gathered at the bottom playground to wait for the Mother's Day prayer to start. It started to rain and everyone waited for the rain to stop so we



could start the prayer. The choir sang and someone read out a prayer. The Year Six students sang Hallelujah. The Gospel

written by John was read by Mrs Burton. It was about the first miracle that Jesus performed. The Kindergarten students danced and sang "Because They're Cute!" After the prayer all the mothers were invited into



the hall for Mother's Day Morning Tea.

By Wendy W and Esther B



Teaching & Learning

StMM's 4Cs Family Challenge

*How much rice can your foil boat hold?
How far can your rocket travel?*



We hope you have enjoyed using the 4Cs to build your boats and rockets with your family. We are really excited to see your boats and rockets next week in Discovery Learning. Remember to bring them on your Discovery Learning Day.

Kindy, Year 1 and Year 2	Tuesday 23rd May
Year 5 and Year 6	Wednesday 24th May
Year 3 and Year 4	Thursday 25th May



Please check your child's Home Learning for more information. There are great prizes to be won.

Personal Growth

Sports News

Diocesan Cross Country Results

On Wednesday 10th May, 46 students competed at the Diocesan Cross Country. After a very cold start to the morning, the students were able to walk the track to see the distance they had to run. All students tried their best and encouraged each other. I am so proud of the extra training all the students undertook to complete the distance of the track. Thank you to all the parents and friends who cheered the students on as they competed. Congratulations to Claire L, who was 4th out of 131 students, with a time of 9:10.0. Claire will now compete at the NSWCPSS Cross Country Championships at Sydney Equestrian Centre, Horsley Park on Tuesday 13th June. Well done and best of luck Claire!



Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day Trials

Trials for the Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) Soccer Gala Day will take place in Week 5.

Trials for the Stage 2 Girls Team will take place at 8am on Tuesday, 23rd May on soccer field 1.

Trials for the Stage 2 Boys Team will take place at 8am on Thursday, 25th May on soccer field 1.

Please wear your sports shoes for the trials.

Representative Singlets

Just a reminder if you borrowed a representative singlet for Zone/Diocesan Swimming or Diocesan Cross Country to please return washed representative singlets to Mrs Foley, so they can be used by other students by week 5, thank you.



Athletics Carnival Results

Thank you for all the students, parents & friends enthusiasm and great sportsmanship at our first Whole School Athletics Carnival. It was lovely seeing all the happy faces of the students participating in their races and activities. Thank you to all the parents and friends who supported the students during the carnival.



During the carnival, there were lots of records broken. Congratulations to the following students, who broke the St Margaret Mary's 100m sprint record, previously set in 2019:

Jabari U 14.35
Thomas F 14.10
Claire L 13.06
Jacob L 12.75
Sean E 11.97



Congratulations to the following student, who broke the St Margaret Mary's 100m sprint record, previously set in 2021:

Jayda S 13.43

Congratulations to the following student, who broke the St Margaret Mary's 800m record, previously set in 2021:

Claire L 3:10

Congratulations to the following students, who broke the St Margaret Mary's Long Jump record, previously set in 2019:

Jabari U 3.10m
Jacob L 3.80m
Jayda S 3.21m

Congratulations to the following students, who broke the St Margaret Mary's Shot Put record, previously set in 2019:

Claire F 6.13m
Mikaele A 6.31m

Students who have made it to the Zone Athletics Carnival will be advised in the coming weeks.

Now for the results we all have been waiting for our winning sporting house. The results were collated from activities completed throughout the day, good sportsmanship of the students, 100m races as well as the final cheers of the day.

Congratulations to our winning sporting house - Maur with 2931 points! Coming in second place was Tosi with 2912 points, third was Kostka with 2899 points and finally McGovern with 2889 points.



Partnership

P&F News

Mother's Day Stall

On Friday 12th May, students from each grade got to purchase something from the Mother's Day Stall. There was a



\$1/\$2 table, a \$5 table, a \$8 table, and a grandmother's



table. There were a lot of options for us to choose for our mothers. We could

get a fake rose, lip balm, bracelets, bookmarks and other things. After we all bought our things, everyone went back to our class. Some grades were able to go back to the Mother's Day Stall and get another item because there were left overs.



LOWES School Uniforms

We have been advised by Lowes that our school uniforms will be relocated back to the new store in Westfields Parramatta. The new store will be opened on Monday 5th June, 2023. The last day for purchasing school uniforms from Fairfield will be Wednesday, 24th May. You can still purchase school uniforms online from Lowes, between the 24th May to 5th June.

Our Lady of Mercy College

Women in Leadership Forum

You are invited to attend our sixth annual OLMC Women in Leadership Forum. It will be an opportunity to be inspired by renowned women from a variety of fields. They are Tracy Spicer AM, Dr Louise Koelmeyer, Jayne Steer, and Lana Taylor



Date: Wednesday 24th May 2023

Time: Drinks and Canapes from 5:30pm Panel Presentation and Q&A sessions from 6:30pm

Venue: Alisa Mackinnon Community Centre, Our Lady of Marcy College Parramatta. Enter via Gate 7 Ross Street, Parramatta. Leagues Club has kindly offered free parking for our visitors on Level 3 and the upper levels.

RSVP: Please RSVP by Friday, 19 May 2023 at www.olmc.nsw.edu/WILForum



Term 2, 2023

Free eSafety parent and carer webinars

Join eSafety's expert education team for a free live webinar designed for parents and carers.

Term 2 topics: (all 30 minutes)

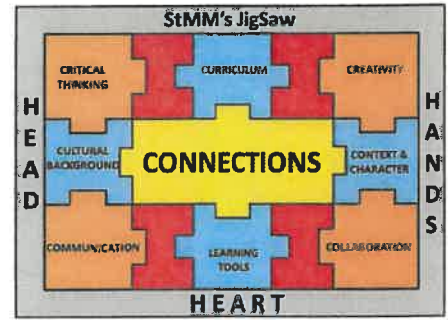
- **Getting started with social media: TikTok, YouTube, Instagram**
For parents and carers of young people in primary and secondary school.
- **Online relationships and consent: sending nudes and sexting**
For parents and carers of young people in secondary school.
- **eSafety 101: how eSafety can help you**
For parents and carers of young people in primary and secondary school.
- **Setting your child up for success online**
For parents and carers of young people in primary school.



For more information and to register now: esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars

JigSaw Corner

StMM's JigSaw Pedagogy



Collaboration and Communication



Collaboration is the process of working together to achieve a common goal. It is about cooperating with others to build trust, leadership skills, empathy and respect to succeed. When we collaborate effectively, we empower others, manage conflict and drive forward new ideas. The result is often far greater than what could have been achieved alone.

Collaboration at St Margaret Mary's is visible in our Faith Community through our relationships and the giving and receiving of kind, specific and helpful FeedBack.



Communication is the process of expressing ideas, actively listening and considering other points of view in a kind and respectful way. It is an interaction that builds shared understanding and develops clarity.

Communication at St Margaret Mary's is visible in all aspects of our Faith Community as we listen, share and act.



Using
Collaboration and
Communication in
Year 2



In the Year 2 learning space, we use Collaboration and Communication when we do our daily reading tasks. In our groups we have opportunities to discuss our learning and we work together to complete the task.

We work together in a group to match the words to make compound words. We communicate by talking about the words we found and use hard thinking to work out if it is a compound word or not.

Melissa Z

We work together in a pod to role play different situations. In Year 2 we have a cafe, a construction site and a mechanics workshop. This term we have been in the construction pod where we use words like engineer, excavator and drill. **Rose L**

We play a game called 'Word Detective' where we need to look for nouns, verbs and adjectives. I use collaboration by reading to my partner and helping them spot words for our activity. **George A**

