



St Margaret Mary's School

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Bulletin

Wednesday, 1st June, 2016

Diary Dates

Thursday, 2nd June

- Rugby League Gala Day at Cabramatta.
- Year Three Liturgy 2:15pm in Learning Space.

Friday, 3rd June

- Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
- Whole School Mass 9am in the Church. Parents welcome to attend.

Monday, 6th June

- 8:40am Assembly and Prayer Service.
- P&F Second Hand Uniform Shop open 9am—9:30am.
- Life Education for Year Two.

Tuesday, 7th June

- Life Education continues for Year One.
- Year Two Excursion to Fairfield City Museum.
- P&F Meeting 6:30pm in the Staffroom.

Wednesday 8th June

- Life Education continues for Kindergarten.
- Year Four Liturgy 2:15pm in Learning Space.
- Book Club orders due today.

Friday 10th June

- Athletics Carnival for Students in Years 3-6, at Gipps Road Athletics Track. Parents welcome to attend.

Staff Professional Learning Day.

Tuesday 14th June.

This is a student free day

Extra items with this newsletter.

- Maths Matters
- School Oral Health Assessment Consent One form for every student

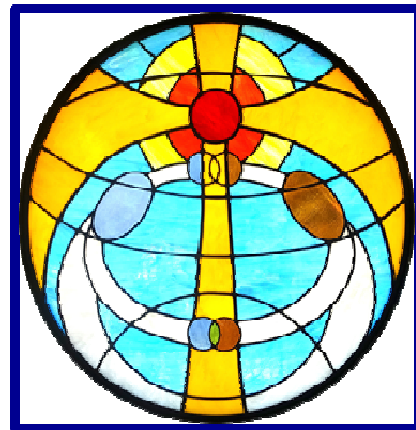
Principals Message

Dear Parents, Boys and Girls,

Just a short note to say, 'thank you' for the wonderful way our students are wearing their school uniform. I was very impressed on Monday to see the manner in which the children presented themselves. I do realise this is very much to do with our parents ensuring the correct dress and knowing it is important to all in our school. Our understanding of school at St Margaret Mary's is based upon our Four Pillars: Faith Community, Teaching & Learning, Personal Growth and Partnership and our school uniform is a reflection of each of these pillars. The word uniform is derived from the Latin term "uni" which means "one." As one Community we follow and educate our children in the Catholic tradition. This is evident in our prayer and liturgy life along with our religious education lessons. The school logo on our shirt and jumper was commissioned by Mrs Carmel Aguis, has a beautiful image that has at its centre a cross. It tells people who see our children that we follow the crucified Christ, central to our Catholic faith. The manner and way we wear our uniform reflects our commitment to our faith and educational journey at St Margaret Mary, Merrylands.

Take care of each other and God bless.

Kevin Mills
Principal



What children don't want to hear.

Over the next few bulletins I will list some things that children do not like to hear their parents say so we need to find another way of saying:

"Leave me alone!"

When you routinely tell your kids, "Don't bother me" or "I'm busy" they may think you're always brushing them off and be less likely to tell you things as they get older. Of course children should see their parents take time for themselves or for doing tasks that need some concentration. This is when you can set some parameters in advance. "I have to finish this one thing, so I need you to play/read/occupy yourself quietly for a few minutes. When I'm finished, we'll talk."

1, 2, 3 and Thank You

Thank you to the parents and staff who supported the 1, 2, 3 Magic Course. The strategies and concepts from the program will help us raise children in a firm but fair atmosphere. The school has ordered the DVD for the use of the parents who attended the evenings as a revision and support. The DVD will then be available to others in our community.

Parent Excursion

Mr Mills made an offer at a gathering to hold an excursion for parents. The school office staff will make enquires at Mary McKillop Place, North Sydney. Our day, time & date will depend on the availability of the centre to host us. The excursion will be a full day with a bring "Your Own Lunch". There will be more information later. Mr Mills offers his apologies for the delay in the planning.

Administration

Staff Professional Learning Day TUESDAY 14th June

This is a Pupil Free Day.

Students do not attend school on this day.

Semester One Reports

All Semester One Reports will be sent home with your child/ren on Friday 24th June.

Semester One Interviews

Dear Parents

Our interviews will take place at the end of this semester. Year Three interviews will occur in Week 9 (Monday, 20th June, Tuesday, 21st June, and Wednesday 22nd June). All other grades will be in Week 10, (Monday 27th June – Thursday 30th June) with Monday night nominated as the night for later interviews.

The bookings will open on Tuesday 14th June. A letter will be sent home with all the information required to book online. Year Six will be conducting interviews differently this semester and a separate letter will go home explaining the process before the long weekend.

Please bring your child along to the interview in all grades, as well as bringing your child's report – reports will be going home on Friday 24th June. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

Jennifer Veness
Assistant Principal

School Fees

Term Two fees are now overdue, unless arrangements have been made, or a flexible payment plan option has been entered into. If you have any questions regarding your fees please contact Maria Pagano at the school office.

2017 Enrolment

We are now commencing interviews for our prospective 2017 Kindergarten students and their parents. If you have not yet returned your enrolment form please do so as soon as possible, as we had to turn away 20 children last year.

Enrolment forms are available from the school office or via our school website. If you have any queries please contact Kerrie Booth at the school office.

School Update Newsletter

As mentioned in previous newsletters we will be trialling our newsletters online only. As of next week our school update newsletter will only be available via the Skoolbag App or the school website. If you require a hard copy of the newsletter they will be available from the school office on request.

Lost Property

We have a number of jumpers and jackets in lost property, if these items are not claimed by Friday, 10th June, they will be sent to the Second Hand Uniform Shop.

We also have a mobile phone and an iPod in the office awaiting to be claiming.

Faith Community

Year One Liturgy



On the 26th of May, Year One had a liturgy about the stories and parables that Jesus had told and how he helps us find the right way. Year One presented a song with four actors on each side all chanting a song called 'God Loves Me'. Then Year One brought up the Bible, the Candle, the Cross, and the Bread and the Wine in a procession. After that, they heard a story from the Bible and reflected on Jesus' words.

By George Kapetangiannis and Arvin Manalang (media team)



World Youth Day Reflection

World Youth Day (WYD) is an annual celebration started by Pope John Paul II as a way to inspire the youth and encourage them in living the teachings of Christ. In 1984 and 1985 he invited young people of the world to Rome for a Palm Sunday celebration in St. Peter's Square before announcing the institution of World Youth Day on December 20, 1985.

From the 26rd – 31st of July 2016, young people from all countries and nations around the world, will come together in Krakow, Poland showing the universality of, and diversity within, the Catholic Church. It will be a time for the youth to share their faith and be rejuvenated to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ in their homelands. It is also a way to come to understand other cultures and spread peace and understanding throughout the world. As they wave their countries' and region's flags with pride, the youth unite as one in their walk of faith. As the young people of Australia prepare to go to World Youth Day and in particular Miss Fardella let us pray together the World Youth Day prayer.



World Youth Day Prayer

God of mercy, transform me,
That **my eyes** may be merciful,
that I may marvel at the beauty of my neighbour's heart.

Transform me, O God,
That **my ears** may be merciful,
that I may be attentive to those in need.

Transform me, O God,
That **my tongue** may be merciful,
that all I proclaim is in love and peace.

Transform me, O God,
That **my hands** may be merciful,
that I use them to serve my neighbour.

Transform me, O God,
That **my feet** may be merciful
that my pilgrim journey leads me to compassion.

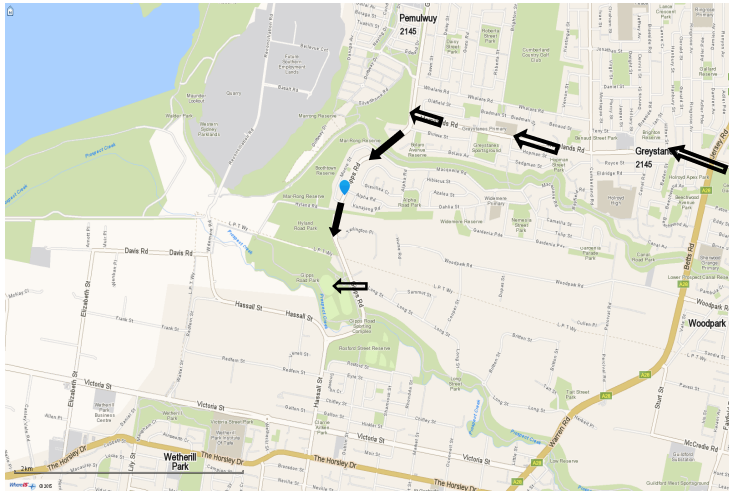
Transform me, O God,
That **my heart** may be merciful,
ever open to the joy of your presence.

May Your mercy, O God,
rest upon me and transform me into Yourself,
for You are my all. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Personal Growth

Athletics Carnival

Our Annual Primary Athletics Carnival for students in Years Three—Six will be held on Friday, 10th June, at Gipps Road Athletics Field Greystanes. Parents are welcome to join us at Gipps Road Athletics Track, Gipps Road Greystanes to cheer on their child/ren.



Monday Morning Assembly

On Monday, the 30th of May, the students gathered together to pray our school prayer and sing the National Anthem. Mr Mills gave us three things to remember. The first one was, The Parish had a Procession in the school grounds on Sunday, which started at 9.00am. The second thing, that was mentioned was that there are 2 new students joining our school community, and finally, Mr Mills congratulated us on the improvement of our school environment.

By Grazia Carrano and Angelina Georges (Media Team)



Captivate Practise

On the 27th of May, a group of students left our school to attend St Patrick's Primary School Guildford, for a Captivate practise. We learnt four new songs and practised them in the groups called sopranos and altos. 19 other schools joined us for this practise during school time.

By Angelina Georges and Grazia Carrano (Media Team)



Stage Three Girls Soccer Gala Day

On the 26th of May, the Stage Three Girls Soccer Gala Team attended a Gala Day at Kingswood. We played seven to eight



games of soccer against other school teams. Overall, we drew three games, lost one game and won four games. Each game was ten minutes on a full field, so we had to work our hardest during each game. We had so much fun and enjoyed the day! I think the hardest team we played against was the Good Shepherd as they were very competitive. *By Angelina Georges (media team)*



Life Education

To support students learning in Personal Development and Health Education St Margaret Mary's Primary School will be participating in the Life Education Program—Health Harold. The program consists of a range of curriculum based modules which focus on issues around food and nutrition, personal safety, physical activity, cyber safety, safety with medicine and legal drugs: tobacco, alcohol and caffeine.



Kindergarten – Wednesday 8th June 2016

Year One – Tuesday 7th June 2016.

Year Two – Monday 6th June 2016.

Year Three – Monday 27th June 2016.

Year Four – Tuesday 28th June 2016.

Year Five – Wednesday 29th June 2016.

Year Six – Thursday 30th June 2016.

The Life Education van will be opened for parents to view on Monday, 6th June, after the Monday Morning Assembly.



BIRTHDAYS



Samuel Halteh

George Taktak

Yvanna Cartilla

Levi Alphonse

Anyang Ayac

William Khouri

Yani Huang

Chris Falgiatori

Ameli Passa

Mikayla Gadd

Ajok Kondok

Sayasa Rai

Mario Beos

Anthony Abousleiman

Joey Leibrandt

Paul Hanna

Congratulations to all those children who celebrate their birthday around this time.

Teaching and Learning

Year Four Science



Year Four completed our Science unit, "Smooth Moves," for the term last week. We had to design circuits or games to teach other students activities that



involved the forces of pushing, pulling, friction and gravity. We had a great time setting up our courses and explaining how to move through them using a variety of forces. Science is fun!



Partnership

Parent to Parent

Our next P&F meeting will be held on Tuesday, 7th June, at 6:30pm in the Staffroom. All parents are welcome to attend. If you have any matters you would like raised at this meeting please put it in writing addressed to the Parents & Friends Committee. This can then be left at the school office.

Important Dates:

Monday 6th June:

Second Hand Uniform Shop open 9:00am—9:30am

Tuesday 7th June:

P&F Meeting 6:30pm in Staffroom

Parent Information Newsletter for Dental Assessment Visit to ST MARGARET MARYS

Westmead Centre for Oral Health will be sending home consent forms with the children from Kindergarten to Year 6 for an Oral Health Assessment, (ie:- dental assessment) and a short oral health lesson during school hours on the following days.

Wednesday 15th JUNE and FRIDAY 17th JUNE 2016

The assessment at school, and any follow-up general dental treatment provided at Westmead Centre for Oral Health is free of charge

After the assessment children will be given a general result sheet to take home relating to their dental health.

Parents are welcome to access public health or their own private dentist for treatment after the assessment

The Dental Assessment will be conducted by Registered Dental Clinicians from:-
Westmead Hospital, Paediatric and Orthodontic, General and Specialist Dental Department

All Paediatric Dental staff have attended child protection lectures and had criminal record checks prior to employment.

All Clinicians and Dental Assistants attending the school have experience working with children.

Patient records and students personal details will remain strictly confidential

No dental treatment will be carried out on the day of the assessment

For each child:-

Consent forms will be sent home for each child and should be returned as soon as possible to the teacher ticked **Yes or No (with details filled in and parents signature)**

Each student, (with a form ticked **Yes and signed by a parent**) will be eligible to have a dental assessment.

The staff will bring portable Dental Chairs and lights to conduct the dental assessment.
The clinician will use a sterilised mirror, wear a mask and new pair of latex free gloves for each child.

A report letter will be sent home with **each child** after their assessment.
The child's details will be entered into the hospital computer and will remain confidential.
Treatment appointments will be offered on a prioritised basis and contact letters will be mailed directly to the child's address.
Students with urgent treatment needs will be offered treatment appointments first.

Parents may contact:-

Westmead Centre for Oral Health call centre on 98456766 for all pre-school or high school children they would like to have assessed.