



St Margaret Mary's School

A Dynamic Community of Learners in Action

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Diary Dates

Thursday 5th March

- School Photos

Catholic Schools Week

Educating for Today and Tomorrow

Monday 9th March

- Whole School Mass 9:00am to celebrate the launch of Catholic Schools week.

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- School Cross Country for Years Three—Six Students at King Park 9:00am—10:30am

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FOR TODAY &
TOMORROW



Catholic
Schools Week
8-14 MARCH 2015

School Fees

Term One fees are now due, unless arrangements have been made or flexible payment plan option has been entered into.

If you have any questions regarding your fees please contact Maria Pagano at the school office.

From the Assistant Principal

Dear Parents, Boys and Girls,

Reflecting on Sunday's reading (1/3/15) where God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son, it was not about God looking for sacrifice but God asking for faith and obedience. Abraham had a deep sense of faith and obedience just like Jesus of Nazareth. Let's pray in our Lenten season so that we may grow in these virtues as well. This week in Project Compassion's 2015 theme "Food for Life" we read about how our sacrifices can help others within our own country. It is well worth visiting the Caritas website so that you and your child can understand God's message to Abraham.

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion 1800 024 413

PROJECT
COMPASSION



3rd Week of Lent

Project Compassion:

Karen from Australia

The Centacare Wilcannia-Forbes 'Manage Your Income, Manage Your Life' program (supported by Caritas Australia) is helping First Australians, like Karen, to take control of their money, and choose and prepare nutritious food to ensure a healthier future for their families.

Your donation to Project Compassion 2015 helps First Australians in remote communities gain the skills to make healthier food choices, building a better future for their families.

May we all remember the message that God so loved the world that he sent down his son to physically show us his love.

May we set a good example to our children and to others by giving of ourselves – by making our sacrifice one of faith and obedience.

May your week be joyous.

Jennifer Veness
Assistant Principal

Administration

School Photos

School photos will be taken this Thursday 5th March. The Photo envelope have been sent home for you to complete and send with the **correct payment on Thursday 5th March**. Each child must have their own envelope even if the payment is in a sibling's envelope.

Change will not be available. The school office will be closed before school and the canteen will not be able to provide change nor will the photographers provide change.

Family Photo envelopes will be available at the school office.

All students will wear their full summer uniform on the day (no sports uniforms).

Parking

Parents are asked to consider our neighbours when parking to drop off or pick up their child/ren. It is illegal to park across a driveway. It is also illegal to park in the drop off zone within the times on the sign.

Parents are asked to show responsibility to our children by looking before crossing the road and holding your child's hand whilst crossing roads.

Road Safety

This article was published in the Parramatta Advertiser on Wednesday 28th January 2015, and written by Dr Ken Peacock head of general medicine at the Children's Hospital Westmead.

Take time to teach traffic lessons

Road safety is a valuable lesson for our smallest pedestrians.

Parents, especially those with children starting school, need to make sure that their kids are taught about the dangers of crossing the road.

Always drop off and pick up your children from your school's designated area and follow your school's road safety procedures.

It is always safest to drop your children on the school side of the road and to meet them on the same side.

They should also enter and exit the car by the door closest to the kerb.

Never call to your children from across the road. Teach them to wait until you come to them and talk with them about what they should do if you are not there on time.

Children under 10 do not have the skills to be safe in traffic yet often travel to and from school unsupervised.

Children of this age are especially vulnerable around vehicles and roads because they have difficulty judging the speed and distance of moving cars, have a reduced ability to notice objects like cars in their peripheral vision and have difficulty working out where sounds are coming from.

Children tend to be impulsive and may dart into the traffic.

Children also copy what adults do and many of us ignore 'stop' or don't walk' signs or red lights.

Parents can protect their child from injury by teaching them road safety from an early age and setting a good example for them to copy.

Motorist can also play a part by slowing down in school zones and obeying parking signs. It is easy to forget 40km/h zones.

Remember to set a good example and regularly take time to educate children on road safety

Faith and Community

Judging Others

As Harmony Day is fast approaching, we are reminded of Jesus, words to his disciples in this passage from *Luke 6:36-38* in judging and condemning others.

Jesus said to his disciples: "be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

"Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give and gifts will be given to you: a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

God loves a joyful giver. Are you?

Project Compassion

Fundraiser for Project Compassion

As a fundraiser for Project Compassion this year students will be working with their teachers for a design on a tea towel which aligns to the theme: *Everyone Belongs*.

A tea towel will be made for each grade. Parents will be able to purchase the tea towels and money raised will be sent to Project Compassion.

More information will be sent out on a separate note at a later date.

Term One Liturgy Roster

Infants	Wednesday 4 th March 2:15pm in the Hall
Year Three	Wednesday 16 th March 2:15pm in Learning Space
Year Four	Wednesday 25 th March 2:15pm in Learning Space
Year Five	Thursday 19 th March 2:15pm in Learning Space
Year Six	Thursday 26 th March 2:15pm in Learning Space



Teaching and Learning

Catholic School Week

Educating for Today and Tomorrow

Monday 10th March Whole School Mass to celebrate the launch of Catholic School Week.

Tuesday 11th March School Cross Country for Students in Years Three to Six at King Park 9:00am—10:30am. Parents are invited to go and watch their child.

Friday 14th March We will Celebrate Harmony Day.

Everyone Belongs

Students are to wear orange on this day

Open Day 8:40am—10:30am Open Learning Spaces. Parents are invited to visit their child/rens learning space during this time.

Parents are then invited to stay for morning tea with their child/ren from 10:40am—11:20am.

Class will then return to normal learning.

Harmony Day is held every year on 21st March to coincide with the United Nations International Day for the elimination of Racial Discrimination.

The message of Harmony Day is everyone belongs. It's a day to celebrate Australia's diversity—a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home

Year One Community Talk by Nurse Steve

Year One were very excited when Nurse Steve came to visit them. He showed us how to hear our heartbeat using a stethoscope. We had a great time and learnt lots of things.

By Year One



Personal Growth

Cross Country

Just a reminder to all students in Years 3-6 to wear their sports uniform including their school hat on Friday 21st March for our Cross Country.

It is vital that all children bring sunscreen and plenty of water with them to the park. If your child/ren suffer from Asthma please ensure they have their medication with them. Students will return to school in time for morning tea. The children will be walking to and from the park, leaving the school at 9.00am and returning around 10.30am.

All signed permission notes must be returned to Grade teachers before students are allowed to leave the school to participate.

Diocesan Swimming Carnival

On Friday 28th February, I went to Blacktown Swimming Pools to swim in the Diocesan Swimming Carnival. I came 2nd in Freestyle, 5th in Breaststroke, 6th in Butterfly and 5th in backstroke. I made it in to the next level. I will now Represent the Diocesan at the NSWCPs MacKillop Swimming Championships to held at Homebush on Friday 20th March 2015.

By Nicholas Tan

We congratulate Nicholas on a great achievement and wish him the very best of luck as he competes at the next level.



BIRTHDAYS



Eliana Mansour	Ana Langi	Lucas Salama
Yar Deng	Sione Toamotu	Nicholas Perello
Joseph Epenian	Mary Farah	Elianor Khoury
Ajuet Deng	Jayden Bejjani	Jeslyn Lee
Maya Franjicevic	Daniel Laing	Jacinta Hanna
Joshua Hanna	Ryan Daher	Sofia Guerrero
Gabriel Akle		

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



Partnership

PARENT TO PARENT

Thank you to all the parents who attended our first meeting of the year on Wednesday 25th February, especially all the new people that joined us. If the turn out is any indication of the support and involvement we can expect this year, it is going to be a great year. Thank you all for your support, input and ideas. We will endeavour to follow up all ideas before our next meeting. We also had a very interesting presentation on cyber safety, a true eye opener. We will publish some helpful tips in newsletters to come.

This week I would like to take this chance to explain the letter you received last week re raffle tickets that are distributed a couple of times a year at most.

Starting the week of 9th March, the P&F will be sending home, with the eldest of each family, a raffle book for our Easter fundraising. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year to help raise money to be used around the school.

It is not compulsory to buy/sell these tickets. You are very welcome to return unsold tickets to the office, to buy just one ticket, the whole book or even ask for more books from the office. The tickets are 50c each, 3 for \$1 or \$10 for the book.

If you would rather not receive a book, please send back the bottom slip of the letter to the office before Friday March 6th.

I hope this clarifies this issue, please feel free to ask at the office should you still have any questions.

Regards
Pauline Poumale
P&F President

Tuckshop

Thursday March 5th

Friday March 6th

Monday March 9th

Tuesday March 10th

Wednesday March 11th

Roster

M Aoun

M. Gong

L. Luccitti

L. McLeay

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2016



Catherine McAuley is a Catholic girls' secondary school, located at Westmead. Our broad curriculum encourages young women to pursue independent lifelong learning.

OPEN NIGHT
Tuesday 17 March 2015 4.00 - 6.30pm

Tour our school grounds, visit classrooms and view displays. A Year 7 2016 Information Night will be held following at 7.00pm with presentations from the school leadership team.

CONTACT OUR SCHOOL ON 9849 9100 FOR AN ENROLMENT PACK. APPLICATIONS CLOSE 27TH MARCH 2015.

Catherine McAuley, 2 Darcy Road, Westmead | www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au

DELANY COLLEGE
Grimwood St, Granville 9637 7788
delanygranville.catholic.edu.au

OPEN DAY
11 March 2015
3.30pm - 5.30pm

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Accepting enrolments for Year 7 2016

**Open Day**
Date: Sunday 15th March 2015
Time: 11.30am to 2.30pm
Address: 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes
St Pauls Catholic College invites you to come along to our Open Day to experience what we can offer boys during their secondary schooling years. We will have open class rooms and school tours available so that you can see our facilities and current teachers and students will be available to answer any questions you may have.



Phone: 02 9588 2700 Fax: 02 9588 0739 Email: stpaulsgreystanes@stps.catholic.edu.au Web: www.stpaulsgreystanes.catholic.edu.au

St Pauls Catholic College's Open Day Sunday 15th March 11.30am – 2.30pm

“You're welcome here”

St Pauls Catholic College, Greystanes invites you to attend our Open Day and experience all that we offer young men during their secondary school years. We will have open classrooms and school tours so that you can see our facilities and meet with current students and teachers.

St Pauls Catholic College, 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes. Parking available behind OLQP Church

CERDON COLLEGE MERRYLANDS
Aspire to Great Heights



Enrolments for Year 7 2016
Cerdon College is currently receiving applications for Year 7 2016. An Enrolment Package may be obtained from the College. Packages will also be available at our Open Day on Tuesday 10 March.
Priority of enrolment is given to Catholic students from feeder schools and parishes.
All applications should be received at the College Office by **Friday 22 May**.
Applications received after this date may not be successful.

OPEN DAY
Tuesday 10 March 2015
Come along anytime between
4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Sherwood Road Merrylands
Telephone: 8724 7300
cerdon.nsw.edu.au