



# St Margaret Mary's School

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## Update

Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2016

### Diary Dates

#### Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> April

##### MUFTI DAY—Orange Day

Students are asked to wear something Orange and bring a Gold Coin Donation.

- Last Day of School for Term One.
- School Closes at 3:00pm.

#### Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> April

##### ANZAC DAY

No School on this day

#### Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April

- School Resumes for Term Two.
- Students Return in Winter Uniform
- 8:40am Assembly and Prayer Service.

### Thank you

Thank you to Mr Rigby and the gentlemen from the Granville Mens Shed for the beautifully carved wooden bowls that will be used in our Liturgies. Hand crafted items like these bring a rich connection to our faith. They are greatly appreciated.

### Concerns/Complaints Procedures

If parents have any concerns or complaints, we ask you to see your child's teacher. If they are of a serious concern or you have ongoing concerns your issues will be dealt with by a Leadership Team member. Our policy is on our school website for further information.

### Winter Uniform

Students will be required to return to school in Term Two in Winter Uniform.

There will be a 2 week grace period for students. All students must be in full Winter Uniform by Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> May.

## Administration

Dear Parents, Boys & Girls,

We celebrate "Great School Day" this Friday. The students have worked extremely hard this term and have focussed on the Four Pillars as a way of understanding school. We have increased our Attendance Rate by 3% and now have one of the highest in the Diocese. A large majority of our students have been supported by their parents with their Home Reading Folder, and we know this will make a huge difference in their learning. Our school is looking a "beautiful picture" because of the wonderful efforts of our StMM's Community. We need to celebrate the end of Term 1 with a positive experience and so we are joining Yr 2 in raising awareness of the plight of the Orangutans. The Year Two Students have done some amazing work in this area. We wish everyone a happy and restful holiday.

God Bless,

Kevin Mills  
Principal



### Mufti Day

#### Go Orange for Orangutans

**We will be holding a MUFTI Day on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> April. On this day students are asked to wear something orange and donate a gold coin for the Year Two Orangutans Appeal.**

### Important Dates for Term Two

Tuesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> April	School Resumes for Term Two.
	Students Return in Full Winter Uniform.
	ANZAC Day Prayer Service 9am. Parents are welcome to attend.
Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Second Hand Uniform Shop open 9:00am—9:30am.
Tuesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Diocesan Cross Country at Eastern Creek.
Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Mother's Day Wrapping.
	Year Six to Purchase from Mother's Day Stall.
Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Year Six Excursion to Canberra.
Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Mother's Day Liturgy 9:00am.
	Mother's Day Stall.
	Year Six Return from Canberra.
Sunday, 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Mother's Day.
Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> May	All students are required to be in full Winter Uniform.
Tuesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Years Three & Five NAPLAN-Spelling, Writing & Grammar.
	1 2 3 Magic Parenting Course 6:00pm-8:00pm.
Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Years Three & Five NAPLAN-Reading.
Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Years Three & Five NAPLAN-Numeracy.
Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> May	1 2 3 Magic Parenting Course 6:00pm-8:00pm.
Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> May	School Photos.
	1 2 3 Magic Parenting Course 6:00pm- 8:00pm.
Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Sacred Heart of Jesus. Whole School Mass at 9:00am.
Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Second Hand Uniform Shop open from 9:00am—9:30am.
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Year Two Excursion to Fairfield City Museum.
Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Public Holiday.
Friday, 1 <sup>st</sup> July	School Closes for Term Two.



## Faith Community

### Year Four Jarara Visitors



Last Friday Year Four had the privilege of having two members of the Jarara Indigenous Education Unit come and visit us in our Learning Space. They discussed and shared with us Dreamtime stories and the lessons



that they teach us. It was interesting to hear how Dreamtime stories compare with parables from the Bible. We had a great time listening, answering questions and taking part in fun activities.



## Teaching and Learning

### Year Two Orangutans

On Monday, the 4<sup>th</sup> of April, two brothers named Daniel and William visited the Year Two classroom to tell us about Orangutans and how their homes are getting destroyed. Daniel is in a wheelchair because he has Cerebral Palsy. William and Daniel said to us that when they went on a trip



to Borneo they saw lots of Orangutans. One Orangutan even went on Daniel's wheelchair. It was very funny to hear about this because they put the seatbelt on the Orangutan and they pushed him around. Did you know that Orangutans have 97% of our DNA? William told us monkeys have tails and Orangutans don't.



To find out more about their visit go to:

<http://tearsinthejungle.com/2016/04/rainforest-classroom-conservation-hit/>

This **Friday, the 8<sup>th</sup> of April**, we are having an 'Orange Day' to raise money to adopt an Orangutan. We are going to have a stall to sell lots of orange things.

Jelly	\$1
Cupcakes	Small 50c Large \$1
Iceblocks	\$1.50
Lolly Competition	20c or 6 for \$1
Wristbands	\$2



Everyone can wear orange clothes, bring in \$2 and they will get a 'Save The Orangutans' orange wristband.

By Isabella Tilbrook, Keisha Manalansan and Mikayla Mekdessi from Year Two.

## Personal Growth

### Cross Country

On Thursday, the 31<sup>st</sup> of March, all grades from Year Three to Year Six participated in the St Margaret Mary's Cross Country event. The



students ran laps of the oval in age groups. The students showed great sportsmanship by cheering others on. Congratulations to all the students who will represent our school at the Zone Cross Country.

By Grazia Carrano and Angelina Georges (Media Team)

## Partnership

### Monday Morning Assembly



During our Monday Assembly the four students that entered the Kids' Lit Quiz received their certificates for participation and Grazia Carrano explained what

was involved in competing in the Kids' Lit Quiz.



The Year Two students informed everyone that this Friday is an Orange Mufti Day to raise money to "Save the Orangutans." If you bring a \$2 coin donation you will receive an orange wristband. There will be other things to purchase on the day.

The students will be told more about it on Wednesday at school.

By Grazia, George and Dominic. C (Media Team)



## 1-2-3-Magic & Emotion Coaching

Thank you to all the parents who have registered for the parenting course. The course is now completely full.

Please remember to mark the following three dates on your calendar as the course is run over three weeks, and it is important to attend all three sessions.

Session 1: 6pm—8pm Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Session 2: 6pm—8pm Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Session 3: 6pm—8pm Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016

If you are unable to attend any of these sessions you **must** contact the school office as soon as possible, as we have a waiting list.

## Parent to Parent

### Mother's Day

A note was sent home to all families yesterday (Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April) informing you about our Wrapping Day on Wednesday, the 4<sup>th</sup> of May, and our Mother's Day Stall to be held on Friday, the 6<sup>th</sup> of May, which is Week Two next term.

We always need lots of help on both of these days and would appreciate your help.

