



St Margaret Mary's School

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Newsletter No 6

Update

Wednesday, 9th March, 2016

Diary Dates

Wednesday, 9th March

- P&F meeting 6:30pm in the Staff room. Parents are invited to attend.

Friday, 11th March

- Bookings Close for Parent/Teacher/Students Interview at 4:00pm today.
- Catholic Schools Week Sports Activities at King Park. Parents are welcome to join the students at King Park for activities and lunch. Students from Kindy to Year Two at King Park from 11:20am—1:50pm.
Students from Years Three to Six at King Park from 1:15pm—2:45pm.
Students to wear their sports uniform. Please ensure they have their hats.

Monday, 14th March

Parent/Teacher/Student

Interviews as per booking times.

- 8:40am Assembly and Prayer Service.
- Uniform Shop Open 8:50am—9:30am.
- P&F Easter Raffle Tickets Due.

Tuesday, 15th March

Parent/Teacher/Student

Interviews as per booking times.

Wednesday, 16th March

Parent/Teacher/Student

Interviews as per booking times.

- Student Prayer 8:15am. Parents welcome.
- Book Club Due Today.
- Year One Liturgy 2:15pm in Learning Space.

Attendance Month

Not many days left now for Student Attendance Month. Personal Growth Awards will be awarded to all students who obtain a 95% or more attendance rate.

School attendance is a very important focus here at St Margaret Mary's.

Administration

Important

Today the eldest child in the family would have received an envelope marked attention Parents/Caregiver. Please take the time to read this information.

School Fees

Term One school fees are now over due unless you have entered into an arrangement with the CEDP or the school. If you have any queries regarding fees please contact Mrs Pagano at the school office.

Year Six Canberra Excursion.

Just a reminder to all the Year Six parents that the Canberra Excursion deposit of \$50.00 is **Due** by Monday 14th March.

Just a quick reminder!

Teaching and Learning

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Student /Teacher Interviews will be held in Week 8. Interviews will start on Monday, the 14th of March, and finish on Wednesday, the 16th of March. Different grades will hold interviews at different times throughout these 3 days. Bookings must be finalised before Friday, the 11th of March at 4:00pm. All bookings must be done online.

For parents that do not have internet access a computer will be available in the LARC from Tuesday, the 1st of March, before and after school, for parents to make their own bookings. Interviews are for 10 mins. To Book a time go to <http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code> The code to be entered is: **8745p**

Faith Community

Catholic Schools Week Invitation

PLEASE NOTE:

If the weather is too hot. The event will be held at school.

Parents Note:

On Friday 11th of March as part of the Catholic Schools week, we will be holding a Sports Activities Day for students at King Park.

- Students are to wear their sports uniform on this day. Please ensure that your child has a school hat to wear at the park.
- **Students will need to bring their recess and lunch in a plastic bag. Students will not be required to bring their school bag on this day.**
- Parents are welcome to join us at the park for the activities.
- All students will have lunch at the park together.
- There will **not be canteen** facilities at the park. Lunch orders will be available for sandwiches only (**NO HOT FOOD for lunches**). Recess will be as normal.
- Parents may take their child home at the end of the activities. All students must be signed out by their homeroom teacher at the end of the activities. No parent may take another child unless written permission has been given to the relevant homeroom teachers.



Timetable:

- Infants Students (K-2) will go to King Park at 11:20am until 1:50pm for sports activities and lunch.
- Primary Students will go to King Park from 1:15pm until 2:40pm for lunch and afternoon sports activities.

Faith Community

Year 5 Liturgy

On the third of March, 2016, the Year Five Faith Community Pillar Leaders prepared a Liturgy about Lent and Reconciliation. The Liturgy involved singing and we were told about Lent and Project



Compassion.

A student read "The Prodigal Son" from the Gospel of Luke. There was also a dance representing "The Prodigal Son". After that there was a short reflection.

Mrs Prendergast then spoke to the children about the Year of Mercy.

By Luke Hitti (Year Six), Cynyn Echauri (Year Six), George Kapetangiannis (Year Five) & Arvin Manalang (Year Five)



Year 4 Liturgy

On Thursday afternoon, Year Four prepared a Liturgy about the season of Lent. They spoke about how we can be better people by Praying, Fasting and Almsgiving. Year Four showed a short film on how Jesus sacrificed his life to save us from our sins. The students demonstrated the parable of 'The Good Samaritan' through acting and reading.

When Mrs Prendergast spoke about their beautiful Liturgy she helped the students draw a connection between the teaching of the parable and celebrating the Year of Mercy.

By Grazia Carrano (Year Five)



Catholic Schools Week

To celebrate Catholic Schools Week St Margaret Mary's gathered as a school community in prayer focusing on belonging – I Belong, You Belong, We Belong. This



beautiful Liturgy was organised by our Year Six students and teachers. Mr Mills spoke about the importance of the history of our school - St Margaret Mary's School, was founded by the Josephite Sisters and then by the Marist Sisters. He stated how our community "is built on the shoulders of others".



Each member of our school community was asked to fill out their name on a paper brick to add to our school faith community wall displayed on the glass doors of the library.



Parents were then invited to visit all Learning Spaces to see and experience the learning, taking place in our Catholic School - St Margaret Mary's. Fr. Peter James also took the opportunity to visit Grade Spaces to see



learning in action.

Many Parents also stayed to share Morning Tea with their child or children.

After Morning Tea parents were encouraged to join in with our "So



Energetic" activities.

"The Indian dance was my favourite!" Sunnelle Maxion (Year Five)

It was wonderful to see so many parents getting involved!

By The Media Team



Partnership

Parent to Parent

P&F Meeting

Our first meeting for the year is on tonight, the 9th of March at 6:30pm in the Staffroom. All parents/ caregivers are most welcome to attend.



Uniform Shop

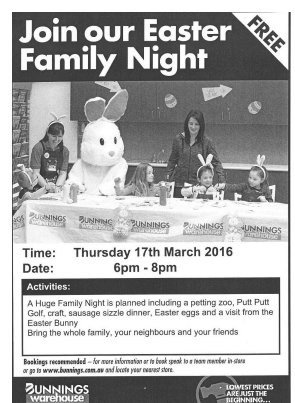
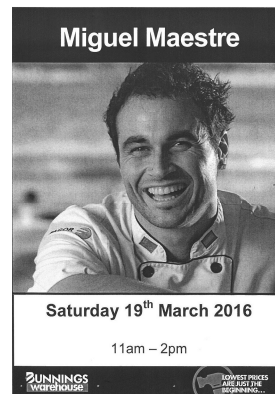
The Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open on the Monday 14th of March from 9:00am—9:30am. We are always in need of preloved uniforms especially girls summer and winter dresses.

Easter Raffle

Our Easter Raffle is approaching soon on the 18th of March, so please don't forget to return raffle books, sold or unsold, to the office by Monday the 14th of March. Friday the 18th of March will be a **Mufti Day** with an Easter Egg donation. Any parents/ caregivers who can spare an hour or more to help make up the Easter baskets it would be greatly appreciated. Many hands make light work.

Thanks again for your ongoing support and generosity.

Please support our sponsor.....Bunnings Villawood



Easter Raffle Helper

Helper

☐ I am able to help with the Easter Raffle Basket Making on Friday, 18th March, 2016.

☐ I have completed the Child Protection Module.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Time available: _____

Easter Food Donations P&F

☐ I am unable to help but I am able to provide Morning Tea e.g. sandwiches, quiche, biscuits etc.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Food/ Drink to be provided: _____