



# St Margaret Mary's School

*A Dynamic Community of Learners in Action*

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## Diary Dates

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

#### **HOLY THURSDAY**

- Easter Liturgy 9:00am in the Church. Parents welcome to attend.
- School Closes for Term One.

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

#### **GOOD FRIDAY**

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April

#### **EASTER SUNDAY**

### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

- School Resumes for Term Two
- Students Return in Full Winter Uniform.
- 9:00am Easter Liturgy in Hall Parents welcome to attend.
- P&F Uniform Shop Open after Liturgy 9:30am—10:15am.

## School Band

Parents, please note that there will be **NO EARLY MORNING BAND** on Thursday 2nd April. There will be normal lessons during the day so please make sure that all band students bring their instruments and music.

Margaret Ciccarelli  
Band Director

## Head Lice

Parents this is a reminder, that during the holidays it is a good time to treat your child/rens hair and wash bed linen & school hats.

Head Lice are an ongoing problem with in schools which can only be solved with parents support.

## From the Principal

Dear Parents, Boys and Girls,

*The following selected texts are from Pope Francis' Palm Sunday homily last Sunday in Vatican City. The Shepherd of our Church shares some wonderful words from St Paul's Letter to the Philippians about humility and asks that we walk the same path of Jesus with a show of great love.*

"At the heart of this celebration, which seems so festive, are the words we heard in the hymn of the Letter to the Philippians: "He humbled himself" (2:8). Jesus' humiliation. These words show us God's way and the way of Christians: it is humility. A way that constantly amazes and disturbs us: we will never get used to a humble God! Humility is above all God's way: God humbles himself to walk with his people, to put up with their infidelity."

"This week, Holy Week, which leads us to Easter, we will take this path of Jesus' own humiliation. Only in this way will this week be "holy" for us too! We will feel the contempt of the leaders of his people and their attempts to trip him up. We will be there at the betrayal of Judas, one of the Twelve, who will sell him for thirty pieces of silver. We will see the Lord arrested and carried off like a criminal; abandoned by his disciples, dragged before the Sanhedrin, condemned to death, beaten and insulted. We will hear Peter, the "rock" among the disciples, deny him three times."

"We will hear the shouts of the crowd, egged on by their leaders, who demand that Barabas be freed and Jesus crucified. We will see him mocked by the soldiers, robed in purple and crowned with thorns. And then, as he makes his sorrowful way beneath the cross, we will hear the jeering of the people and their leaders, who scoff at his being King and Son of God. This is God's way, the way of humility. It is the way of Jesus; there is no other. And there can be no humility without humiliation."

"We think too of the humiliation endured by all those who, for their lives of faithful to the Gospel, encounter discrimination and pay a personal price. We think too of our brothers and sisters who are persecuted because they are Christians, the martyrs of our own time. They refuse to deny Jesus and they endure insult and injury with dignity. They follow him on his way. We can speak of a "cloud of witnesses" (cf. Heb 12:1)."

Let us set about with determination along this same path, with immense love for him, our Lord and Saviour. Love will guide us and give us strength. For where he is, we too shall be (cf. Jn 12:26). Amen.

I ask God to bless all our Community with a resolve to follow the example of Jesus and may you have a peaceful and reflective break celebrating the Risen Christ.

God Bless,

Mr Kevin Mills  
Principal



# Administration

## Winter Uniform

Students return to school on Monday, 20th April, in Full Winter Uniform. There will be a 2 week grace of change over into Winter Uniform due to weather changes. It is at the parents discretion as to whether their child wears the full winter uniform during during the 2 week grace period .

Students with long hair are reminded they are to tie their hair back with school coloured ribbons or hair ties.

## 2016 Enrolment

Enrolment forms for Kindergarten 2016 will be available for collection from Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April (Term Two).

If your child was born between 1st August 2010 and 31st July 2011 you will need to contact the school office to collect an enrolment form.

## Dangerous Apps

*From NSW Police Force*

Parents please be aware - Kik is an instant messaging app. Predators have been known to use Kik to find and contact victims.....

## Important Dates for Term Two

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	School Resumes for Term Two. Students return in Full Winter Uniform. Easter Liturgy 9:00am in the hall. Parents are invited to attend.
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	ANZAC Day Service 11:20am in the school playground.
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	ANZAC DAY.
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Fr Albert and Fr Damian's Farewell Mass.
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Diocesan Cross Country.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Stage Three Girls Soccer Gala Day.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Mother's Day Liturgy 9:00am in the hall. P&F Mother's Day Stall to be held after the Liturgy.
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Mother's Day.
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	NAPLAN Testing for Years Three & Five.
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	NAPLAN Testing for Years Three & Five.
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	NAPLAN Testing for Years Three & Five.
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Ascension.
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Year Six Canberra Excursion.
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Year Six Canberra Excursion. School Choir Cluster Rehearsal for Captivate Concert.
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Pentecost. Our Lady Help of Christians.
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Stage Three Boys Soccer Gala Day.
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Holy Trinity.
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Primary Athletics Carnival.
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Corpus Christi.
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday.
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Back up Date for Athletics Carnival.
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Sacred Heart of Jesus.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Final Back up Date for Athletic Carnival.
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	School closes for Term Two.
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	School Resumes for Term Three.

# Faith Community

## Holy Week

We invite families to join us on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 9:00am in the church for our special Easter Liturgy. At this Liturgy students will re-enact the events of Easter.



## Year Four Liturgy

Many parents joined Year Four on Thursday afternoon for their Liturgy about making choices. The Gospel reading: Jesus Heals the Blind Man was used to show how we can listen to others but need to make the right choice. Miss De Santis was also welcomed into the Year Four learning space.



## Year Six Liturgy



Thursday afternoon was very prayerful in Year Six, as they celebrated their Liturgy based on The Beatitudes and the 3 symbols of Lent, with parents.



## Staff Prayer

On Wednesday morning, the 25<sup>th</sup> of March, the staff at StMM's joined in prayer listening to a reading from St Paul to the Corinthians and reflecting on "Faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."



## St Margaret Mary's Parish Holy Week Timetable

2 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b>Holy Thursday</b> Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	<b>Good Friday</b> Stations of the Cross 10:00am Celebrations of the Lord's Passion 3:00pm.
4 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Holy Saturday</b> Easter Vigil 6:00pm
5 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Easter Sunday</b> Masses 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, & 6:00pm



# Personal Growth

## Cross Country

Congratulations to the following students who will represent St Margaret Mary's at the Diocesan Cross Country Carnival at Sydney Motorsport Park, Eastern Creek, on Tuesday 5th May. We wish you the best of luck.

Joey Farah	Nicholas Tan	Antonio Youssef
Bennett Saahene	Leba Younan	Jacob Mifsud
Charlene Pickering	Sophie Hatter	Angelina Georges
Amrita Rai	Aarushi Sharma	Raia Vivas
Hussein Ali	Chris Falgiatori	Anthony Chiha
Vatsal Sharma	Joseph Ghosn	Luke Hemming
Akurdit Akoy	Aluel Juk	Grace Neculman
Rebecca Georges	Thuraya Dandash	Taya Higgins
Gerard Bleeker	Stavros Shanoda	Ajuet Deng
Shivam Malhotra	Jason Saahene	George Youssef
Audrey Afful	Athieng Aleu	Elianor Khoury
Theara Santos	Annabelle Danil	Antonia Kyriakos
Andre Boustani	Dennison Law	Mathew Khoury
James Bejjani	Davin Leonard	Antonias Gerges
Alesandra Nasr	Elizabeth Pobee	Maddison Laing
Allannah Elias	Zainab Kamara	Lilly Antouny

## Friday Morning Assembly

On Friday, the 27<sup>th</sup> of March, Mr Mills spoke to the students and parents at the Morning Assembly about the positive things happening at our school. He also acknowledged students for their good work.



## BIRTHDAYS



Hunter Osborne	Chloe Habkoux	Amrita Rai
Awere Deng	Jessica Abram	Keene Garcia
Chloe Boustani	Richard Maj	Jasmin Ghosn
Debi Gobena	Mark Zabala	Denison Law
Hussein Ali	Tianna Gattuso	Angelina Horish
Bennett Saahene	Ella Sallit	Charbel Ghasb
Gabriel Schinella	Leonardo Beos	Jeremiah Makdessi
Sai Medakker	May Derbas	Christina Putrus
Jemma Bazouni	Allannah Elias	Jacob Farah
Joseph Abou Zeid	Epaphras Owusu	

Congratulations to all those children who celebrate their birthday around this time and during the holidays.

## Working Bee

Many Year Five and Year Six students stayed after school on Friday afternoon to help improve the look of our school. They worked together weeding the garden beds and replaced the existing bark with new bark that had been delivered on Thursday. The students were then treated with healthy sandwiches, made by the Working Bee Committee members, juice, an ice block and red frogs. Mr Mills organised a fun activity where teams tried to make the tallest tower using their buckets. Fr Damien even came to visit.

A big Thank You to Mr Culican, Mr Eid, the Working Bee Committee members and all students and teachers who helped. A job well done!



## Safety

On Wednesday the students gathered together on the lower grass playground. Mr Mills revised school rules and reminded the children about safety on the "dark terracotta" areas (which are walking only areas).



## Teaching and Learning

### Walk Throughs

On Wednesday, the 25<sup>th</sup> of March, Mr Mills and some of the StMM's Executive Team walked Mrs Sophie Ryan (Director Of System Performance), Mrs Teresa Dobosz (Team Leader System Learning) and Mr Phil Margerison (Teaching Educator Faith Community and ex StMM's teacher) through our learning spaces to observe teachers teaching. They were very impressed with the teachers and students. When the Media Team interviewed Mr Margerison he said, "Teachers are doing a wonderful job!" and the "students are very polite".



### Drama/Literacy

Each week, on a Wednesday, Mr Jamie Gerlach from the Captivate Team has been working with Year Three students incorporating literacy with drama. They are having a lot of fun!



### Year One Merrylands Library Visit

On Friday morning Year One went to Merrylands Library as part of their Community Workers topic for this term. The librarian explained to the children how the local library helps the community and the different responsibilities that workers in libraries have. On the walk back to school they were lucky to meet the Premier Mike Baird!



### Fire Fighters Visit Year One

On Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> of March, Year One was visited by Fire Fighters. They showed the students all of their fire fighting equipment. The children were so excited about seeing a real fire engine.



## Partnership

### SPANS

Last Thursday students in Kindergarten, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 took part in the Schools Physical Activity and Nutrition Survey. The students provided written answers and took part in physical activities focusing on throwing, catching, jumping and running. The team from the University of Sydney conducted the survey and collected data that they can use in their research projects.



### Photoboard

Students at StMM's arrived at school on Friday morning to notice some new, very large photos being put up on display on the school walls. We have had a lot of positive comments about the photos showing learning in action at our school. There are 8 photoboards on the outside school walls. Some more large photos will be placed inside the school buildings in the future.



### Prac Students

On Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> of March, we were joined by Prac Students from The Australian Catholic University (ACU). These students will visit regularly during Term 2 in preparation for their 3 week Block Prac at the end of Term 2.



### Tuckshop

Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Monday April 20<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup>

Wednesday April 22<sup>nd</sup>

### Roster

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