



St Margaret Mary's School

A Dynamic Community of Learners in Action

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Diary Dates

Catholic Schools Week
Educating for Today and Tomorrow

Friday 13th March

- Harmony Day—MUFTI DAY
Students are to wear orange.
- Open Learning Space for parents to visit from 8:40am—10:30am
- Parents to have morning tea with their child.
- St Pauls visit Year Six Boys 11:30am—12:30pm

Monday 16th March

- 8:40am Morning Assembly and Prayer.

Tuesday 17th March

St Patricks Day

- Year Three Liturgy 2:15pm in Learning Space.

Thank you

We would like to thank the P&F for the information and updates on Child Safety around schools and child restraints.

Please see brochure with this newsletter on child restraints.

Term One Liturgy Roster

Year Three **Tuesday 17th March 2:15pm**
in Learning Space

Delany College

Open Day is on 11th March

3:30pm—5:30pm

Year 7 enrolments for 2016 are now being accepted

Administration

COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

In NSW school attendance is compulsory for children over the age of six years until the minimum school leaving age of 17 years.

Children need to arrive at school by 8.35am, to begin classes at 8.40am. Lateness to school or leaving early from school will be recorded as a partial absence. Children arriving late to school or leaving early must be signed in or out by a parent or a person delegated by a parent.

What if my child has to be away from school?

If your child has to be absent from school, you must tell the school and provide a reason for your child's absence. To explain an absence parents and carers may send a note or email to the school

Absences may be justified if your child:

- is required to attend to a serious and/or urgent family situation (e.g. a funeral)
- is too sick to go to school or has an infectious illness

New requirements for student absence and travel

1-9 days absence: Parents **must** notify the school principal by mail or email (written explanation).

10-100 days absence: Parents must complete and submit the *Application for Extended Leave* form (A1) prior to commencing leave. If approved the Principal issues a *Certificate of Extended Leave* (C1). If the principal declines this application (i.e it is not within the best interest of the child to take leave and be absent from school), a letter notifying parents that the application has been declined would be forthcoming.

School Fees

Term One 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.

Raffle Tickets

Due to a changes by CEDP The P&F Easter Raffle tickets have been sent home today with the eldest child. If you do not wish to sell these tickets please return them to the school office in an envelope. We are waiting for formal clarification regarding the sending home of raffle tickets from the CEDP.

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta Schooling Survey

Watch this space for more information regarding the Schooling Survey. 60 families from our school will be selected to participate in the survey. If you wish to participate please contact the office by Monday 16th March.

2016 Enrolment

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

Teaching and Learning

Catholic School Week

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Friday 14th March

We will Celebrate Harmony Day.

Everyone Belongs

Students are to wear something 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 after recess

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

Faith and Community

Project Compassion

Fundraiser for Project Compassion

Don't forget to order your tea towels.

Order forms and information were sent home last Friday with the eldest child. Please complete the form and return to the school office by Friday 20th March. No late orders will be accepted.

Great Job

On Saturday 7th March Jackson Raftery, Anthony Baaini and Angelique Baaini from Years Two and One, participated in the St Margaret Marys Church Car Boot Sale. They raised a total of \$126. Many items were donated like kitchen utensils, Christmas tree, children's toys, they even donated some of their own toys. The kids had a microphone and encouraged selling and set prices for their customers. Each child decided that they are donating \$42.00 each to project compassion today and helping contribute to their class total.



Personal Growth

Schools Physical Activity and Nutrition Survey (SPANS)

We are delighted to announce that our school has been invited to participate in the Schools Physical Activity and Nutrition Survey which involves over 100 schools in NSW.

The survey is being managed by a research team from the University of Sydney and will involve students in K, 2, 4 and 6.

The survey will take place at our school on Thursday 26th March.

Tuckshop

Thursday March 12th

Friday March 13th

Monday March 16th

Tuesday March 17th

Wednesday March 18th

Roster

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M. Gong

M. Raftery

L. McLeay

Partnership

Parent Helpers Wanted

On Thursday 19th March we will be having a craft day for parents to make Maths equipment for our students. The day will begin at 8:40am and morning tea will be provided. If you are able to help, even for half an hour or an hour, this would be appreciated. Please let the office know ahead of time if you are able to help. We will be working in the LARC and we welcome your support.

Thankyou

Miss Teulan

PARENT TO PARENT

Today you will have received your raffle tickets for Our annual Easter Raffle.

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.

Please note there has been a change of date for the raffle draw it will now be held on Wednesday 1st April.

Pauline Poumale

P&F President

Parish Car Park

Parents are asked to obey the signs when parking in the parish car park. Please enter the car park via the gate closest to the school office area, and exit via the gate closest to Merrylands Road. There is NO RIGHT TURN out of the car park onto Merrylands Road. This allows for a better flowing traffic and safety with in the car park.

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.

Bereavement Support Program

The next Session of CCSS Solo Parent Services Bereavement Support Program for those whose spouse or long term partner has died is on **Tuesday 17th March**, Venue: 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown, **from 10.00am – 12.00pm** Topic: “*The Social Effects of Grief*” Registration: Eileen or Rita Ph. 99330205 or soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

Younger Widowed Support Group

CCSS Solo Parent Services' Younger Widowed Support Group is held on the 3rd Tuesday of this month. The Support Group is for men and women widowed at a younger age with or without children. **Next gathering: Tuesday 17th March.** Venue: CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah St Blacktown. **Time: 7pm – 9pm** Cost: \$5.00. Registration: Eileen or Rita Ph. 9933 0205 or Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au