



St Margaret Mary's School

A Dynamic Community of Learners in Action

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Diary Dates

Thursday 14th May

- NAPLAN testing for Years Three and Five.
Please see Timetable in newsletter.
- Kindergarten Liturgy 2:15pm in Learning Space.

Friday 15th May

- NAPLAN Make up testing for Years Three and Five.
Please see Timetable in newsletter.
- Year One Assembly 2:00pm in the Hall.

Sunday 17th May

Ascension

Monday 18th May

- 8:40am Morning Assembly and Prayer.
- Year Six Canberra Excursion—buses leaving at 6:00am.

Tuesday 19th May

- Year Six Canberra Excursion—buses return at 6:15pm.
- Captivate Cluster Rehearsals for Choir.

Wednesday 20th May

- Parent Education Evening 6:30pm—7:30pm Goal Setting for Students.

School Photos

We have been told by the photographers our school photos should be ready for distribution to students by the end of May.

2016 Enrolment

Enrolment forms for Kindergarten 2016 are available for collection from the school office.

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.

Tuckshop

Roster

Thursday May 14 th	M.Aoun
Friday May 15 th	L McLeay
Monday May 18 th	
Tuesday May 19 th	
Wednesday May 20 th	C.Hitti, A.Essey

Teaching and Learning

NAPLAN Timetable

Year Three & Five

Thursday 14 th May	Numeracy	9:15am
Friday 15 th May	Make up Day	

PDHPE



On Monday Year Six were visited by a dance teacher, Matthew Antonucci, who taught us a really cool dance routine. It was so much fun because it was challenging and the steps were quick. Some of the Year Six students struggled during the dance but Matthew helped us. We were dancing to the rhythm. Everyone was smiling and enjoyed the dance class. We really appreciated Matthew coming and teaching us a great dance routine.

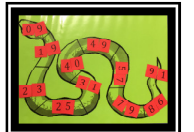
Written by Patryk and Mathew.



Year Six Mathematics



Year Six have really enjoyed learning a new Maths game focused on place value. The game is called Rainbow Serpent. One person turns over two cards and makes a number (e.g. turn over a 1 and a 4. They can either make 41 or 14). They place it in one section on the serpent. The serpent acts as a number line so they can only place their number down in order and if it fits. They take it in turns until someone uses the last section on the serpent. This person is the winner.



Year 6 Write4fun Competition

Last week the Year 6 writing group were informed that our school has been recognised for outstanding writing in the Write4fun Competition. Less than 10% of schools showed this level of achievement. Here is one of our entries.

Once I was little

Once I was little
I was happy and care free
Always running around laughing
Until it was time for tea
I used to play games
And smile all the time
I used to feel on top of the world
I used to feel fine
It's amazing how things change
When people let you down
And how that once happy face
Turns into a solemn frown
I cry myself to sleep
Hugging my pillow tight
Wishing for someone
To hug me through the night.
By Maddison.Laing



The school is so proud of the 28 students who passed through to the next round of judging. Good Luck!!

By Maddison Laing and Anthony Poumale.

Administration

Parent Education Evenings

As mentioned in last weeks newsletter. We will be holding four Parent Education Evenings on the following topics on the following dates:

Wednesday 20th May 6:30pm—7:30pm	Goal Setting for Students
Wednesday 27th May 6:30pm—7:30pm	Literacy All Round
Wednesday 10th June 6:30pm—7:30pm	Numeracy for Our Children

The Religion Literacy will be held in Term Three. Date will be advertised in later bulletins.

Professional Learning Day (Staff Development Day)

We will be having a Professional Learning Day on **Friday, 5th June**. This day is a Pupil Free Day.

Uniforms

Thank you to all the students who are wearing their uniforms correctly. Thank you to parents for ensuring that your child/ren are wearing the correct uniform.

School Fees

All families should have received their statements in the mail. School fees are due by 25th May, 2015, unless arrangement have been made or a flexible payment plan option has been entered into.

If you have not yet received your statement please contact Mrs Maria Pagano at the school office.

Faith Community

Farewell Fr Damian



On Thursday, the 7th of May, staff and students said farewell to Fr Damian from the St Margaret Mary's School Community. The Staff held a Morning Tea for Fr Damian and presented him with a stole. Then, at a brief Assembly after Recess, students presented Fr



Damian with a box of chocolates, a book describing A-Z of Fr Damian and a St Margaret Mary's School Scarf to remember us by. We are sad to see Fr Damian and Lamb Chops leave and hope to see them again in the future.

Personal Growth

Monday Morning Assembly

During our Monday Morning Assembly, Mr Mills congratulated Shania Biber and Emma Cham for outstanding work with their I.T. skills. He also acknowledged the students from Year 6 who have been working on the new Award System for St Margaret Mary's. Mr Mills then commented on how impressed he was with the Year 3 Reading Diaries.



Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country

Cheers everywhere! Runners getting ready to race! What could this place be? The Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country!!!

On the 5th of May children from St Margaret



Mary's represented our school at the Diocesan Cross Country. First, we caught a bus to Eastern Creek Motor Park where the carnival was held. Next, we sat in the stadium and waited for our races to be called. Everyone enjoyed the day and had fun. Some children ran two kilometres while some ran three kilometres. Everyone was tired by the end of day but had a great time. We all slept well that night!

By Vatsal Sharma (Year Five)

Partnership

Mother's Day Liturgy

On Friday, the 8th of May, we celebrated a beautiful Mother's Day Liturgy with many of our parents, grandparents and family members.



We reflected on the many gifts our Mum's have and the way they care for us. Mrs Burton shared her experiences of being a mother with us and we listened to the story: 'Love You Forever' by Robert Munsch, which was read by

some Mums from our school community. Year 5 presented a lovely Liturgical Movement to the song: 'Power of Your Love' and Year 1 sang and danced to: 'Because They're Cute'. As a symbol of how **bright** mothers are all Mums were given a colourful balloon to take home. Thank you to all the staff, students and Mums who helped make our Liturgy special and memorable.



Gift Wrapping & Selling Mother's Day Presents

Last Thursday, the 7th of May, we had wonderful Mums help wrap presents for the Mother's Day Stall organised by the P & F. They seemed to enjoy being able to help and have a chat. They finished very quickly!



On Friday we had more fantastic helpers selling gifts that were for a special person in the students lives. The P & F raised money to help our school community. Thank you to everyone who gave their support.

From the Parents & Friends Committee

On behalf of the Parents & Friends, we would like to thank the staff and students for a beautiful liturgy last Friday. You truly made us feel very special.

I would also like to thank all the wonderful volunteers who helped wrap all our gifts last Thursday and helped sell them at the Mother's Day Stall on Friday. We had a very successful day raising more than \$2800 for the school.

Thank you to all those who kindly donated food that kept us energized for the day.

A big thank you to the fundraising committee who put so much effort into ordering and organizing this year's stall, a great effort and an awesome result.

We hope that you all had a wonderful Mother's Day.