



St Margaret Mary's School

A Dynamic Community of Learners in Action

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Notes Sent Home

School Fees

Just a reminder that school fees are due by Thursday 19th August, unless prior arrangements have been made.

Thank you to all the parents who have already paid fees.

Next Weeks Happenings

Thursday 14th August

Year Two Excursion to Fairfield City Museum.

Friday 15th August

Feast of the Assumption

Whole School Mass 9:00am in the Church Parents welcome.

Year Three Assembly Cancelled

Monday 18th August

BOOK WEEK

8:40am Morning Assembly and Prayer Service.

Yrs 5&6 Visit Merrylands Library 12:45pm.

Tuesday 19th August

Year Five Prayer Service 2:15pm in Learning Space.

Wednesday 20th August

Students Morning prayer 8:15am in the LARC. Students, Parents & Teachers Welcome.

Dear Parents, Boys and Girls,

I have a strong attachment to "**TIME**". I am lucky enough to own a small number of watches (given to me on special occasions), and even have several of books on "**TIME**". These are written by a number of authors from differing backgrounds including, Religious, Historical, Philosophical and Indigenous. The following extract is taken from a website I recently discovered:

It is strangely empowering to think that the very phenomenon depicted as the unforgiving dictator of life is something we might be able to shape and benefit from. Claudia Hammond from the BBC writes:

"We construct the experience of **TIME** in our minds, so it follows that we are able to change the elements we find troubling – whether it's trying to stop the years racing past, or speeding up time when we're stuck in a queue, trying to live more in the present, or working out how long ago we last saw our old friends. **TIME** can be a friend, but it can also be an enemy. The trick is to harness it, whether at home, at work, or even in social policy, and to work in line with our conception of **TIME**. **TIME** perception matters because it is the experience of time that roots us in our mental reality. **TIME** is not only at the heart of the way we organize life, but the way we experience it."

*My question is "How are you experiencing "**TIME**" at the moment and is your God part of your **TIME**?"*

It was wonderful having **TIME** away from work to visit family and friends in far away places. BUT it is great being back at work and into routine. It settles me and focusses the work I need to do.

My apologies for not being at school for the rest of the week as I am attending the Catholic Education Offices' Principal Masterclass.

I will be able to spend more **TIME** at school next week. I look forward to catching up with Parents and students.

God Bless.

Kevin Mills
Principal

Premier's Reading Challenge



Only **2 weeks** left to complete the **Premier's Reading Challenge**.

Entries must be completed online by the 28th August so they can be validated.

School Leaders Photos



Parents wishing to order the School Leaders, House Captain's and SRC photo's. please go to <http://www.advancedlife.com.au>

1. Submit Code (Please See School Office for code)
2. Select Group Photos option
3. View group photos and select which one you want to purchase. Click on each photo and add to cart.
4. Go to check out—top of page (trolley symbol)
5. Check order is correct
6. Proceed to pay through check out option

If you have any queries or problems please contact our office on 9905 6688.

School Newsletter

Parents please visit our school website. On the website you will find available the School Newsletter, Up and Coming events happening in our school and across the Parramatta Diocesan, School Excursion notes.

As parents you can request to have the newsletter emailed directly to your email account. This also sends a message with up and coming events information.

To access the website go to

www.Stmargaretmarys@parra.catholic.edu.au

Feast of the Assumption

Parents are invited to join us at 9:00am for a Whole School Mass on Friday 15th August to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption.



Tuckshop

Thursday August 14th

Friday August 15th

Monday August 18th

Tuesday August 19th

Wednesday August 20th

Roster

M.Issac

M. Cheng

M.Raftery

L.McLeay



BIRTHDAYS



Michael Boustani

Nicole El-Helo

Daniel Saliba

George Notaras

Suleman Durrani

Ester Geaitani

Zahra Moussa

Jalil Chakti

Aryan Gupta

Celine Onco

Solomon Williams

Adit Ayac

Anthony Lim

Joey Issac

Jaoub Isaac

Charbel Halabi

Claudia Laoulach

Mark Yanga

Wayne Mungai

Kate-Marie Tannous

Lucas Dempsey

Caitlin Habib

Congratulations to all those children who celebrate their birthday around this time.

Year Four Excursion to The Rocks

My Excursion

By Victor Doueihy

I felt good and full of emotion
when the bus was on motion.

I started to imagine what it will be like, to go back in time
and

Find out what I might dislike.

A famous convict named George Cribb, hiding in a neat
and tidy bib.

In his life three woman had a part
but none of them truly won his heart.

He lied and he cheated at the start
but at the end he wasn't that smart.

We did see a lot
Captain Cooks' story hit the spot.
The bay, the dock and the cottage that never rotes
The entire trip simply ROCKS!!!!



"I Didn't Steal it!"

By Rebecca Georges

On the 29th of July 2014, Year 4, teachers and parent helpers went on a shiptastic expedition to The Rocks, starting with a one hour double decker bus ride. After a ravishing morning tea, our energetic guide took us back in time to British Colonisation by dressing us up, giving us descriptive name tags and roles to play. My favourite role was a man named John Freeman (Played by Mufaro) who was about to wear heavy, metal cuffs around his legs but he was promised to be freed as long as he worked as the person who hung people. The first person he hung was Anne Davis (played by my mum). The expedition ended with us becoming our normal selves again and eating lunch.



Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival

On Tuesday 5th August St Margaret Mary's was represented by a team of 38 students from Years 3-6 at the Cumberland Zone Carnival, held at Blacktown Park. We were blessed with a beautiful day and the children performed brilliantly on and off the track. Their behaviour, team spirit and good sportsmanship were, as always, a credit to our school. When our students were not racing or at a field event, you could hear them cheering from the stands for their team mates. Our squad all performed extremely well and we are very proud of them! Special mention to:

Jason Saahene - 2nd in the Under 10's 100m final
Ajuet Deng- 4th in the Junior 800m.

They will both represent the Cumberland Zone at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival on Friday 22nd August.

A big thankyou to Mrs Higgins for volunteering to help on the day.
Miss Teulan



Kindergarten Excursion to the Farm

A very excited group of Kindergarten children went to Calmsley Hill Farm on Monday, the 28th of July.

At the farm, we saw a lot of animals. The best sight was the beautiful peacock that greeted us with his feathers like a fan. There were a lot of chickens, ducks and geese and also some turkeys pecking around in the dirt.

We saw a cow, a bull and a calf. We all took turns to milk the cow. The fat pig was looking at her piglings. We learnt that the mother pig is called a sow and the father pig is called a boar.

We patted the fluffy duckling and the soft rabbit. We also stroked the sheep and saw newborn lambs.

We were so lucky to watch the farm shows. We watched the farm dogs rounding up the sheep. The dogs work really hard at the farm. Some children took turns to crack a whip with Farmer Mac. It seemed easy, but when the children tried, it was very hard. Miss O'Brien said that she knows how to crack a whip.

The last show was the sheep shearing. Farmer Mac took off the sheep's fleece using a machine. We also got to bring some wool back with us.

The farm was a lot of fun.



Fun Photos

On Thursday, 7th of August, fourteen Year 5 students once again worked with Johnny Romeo and Elisa on



elements of photography. This time we were joined by a professional photographer, Melvyn Knipe who also works for News Ltd, to take photos of different aspects of learning taking place in our school. We worked in pairs and had to focus on a particular theme. It was fun working with Melvyn!

Maddison Laing, Media Team

Peek A Boo Lunch Box



Issue 3:

CLASSIC FRUIT SALAD WITH A TWIST

Thanks to Carol Hitti (Yr 4 mum)



4 INGREDIENTS ,EASY & QUICK TO MAKE, SERVES 6 SKEWS

Ingredients: 1 big apple/ pear 250g grapes/berrie
1 banana

Watermelon/rockmelon

Slice 'n ' dice, use a cookie cutter if you want to get some fun shapes. Push fruit through skew-DONE!

Sport with Cerdon



Students from Cerdon College arranged four sessions of sporting activities for Year 5 at Merrylands Park. It was so much fun because we played different types of sports!

By James Bejjani, Media Team

Voice of Youth Cluster Final

On Tuesday, four students from Year Six represented St Margaret Marys in a speech competition - the Voice of Youth, at Holy Family Catholic School. Vanessa, Victoria, Paula and Charlize competed against four other schools with three students from each. Our school had one reserve.

All of our participants did very well and Charlize came first place and will represent us in the semi-final.

It was a great experience!

By Charlize D'Souza, Media Team



Helpful tips this issue:

We all like to pick what we want to eat. kids are no different. They get a kick out of it and it makes your life easier not having to come up with different ideas everyday.

So why not start a menu, simple with only 2/3 choices on breads and fillings. Let them pick the night before and your job is half done for the next day.

Mix up the type of bread you use. For example, Turkish bread is super soft, very filling and you can get 2 – 3 sandwiches out of the one roll, very economical – great for siblings.

Example: Tom & Jerrys this weeks lunch Menu, tick what you'd like to eat plus 2 fruits.

Minnie Vinnie's Prayer



On Wednesday 6th of August Minnie Vinnie's members, Shania and Emma, organised the Wednesday morning prayer in the LARC. The theme was Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand.

Lots of teachers, parents and

students joined us in prayer.

By Shania Biber, Media Team

St Margaret Mary's Celebrates!

On Friday, St Margaret Mary's celebrated the Feast Day of St Mary MacKillop. In the morning everyone gathered in the hall to honour St Mary MacKillop, Australia's first Saint, also known as Mary of the Cross. Mary went all over our country starting schools and orphanages. She founded the Josephite Sisters who dedicated their life to providing education to the poor children. Everyone who attended was respectful and reverent and thoughtful in prayer.



By Sima Gem, Media Team

	TOM	JERRY
BREAD		
slice		
Turkish		
Wrap		
SPREADS		
Butter		
Cheese		
Avacado		
FILLINGS		
Ham		
Chicken		
Beef		
FRUITS		
Apple		
Bananas		
Plums		