



St Margaret Mary's School

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Bulletin

Wednesday, 14th September, 2016

Diary Dates

Thursday, 15th September

- Year Five at Merrylands Park with Cerdon Girls.

Monday, 19th September

- 8:40am Assembly and Prayer Service.

Wednesday, 21st September

- Infants Tabloid Sports Carnival at King Park 9:00am—12:00noon. Parents welcome to attend.

Thursday, 22nd September

- School Closes for Students at 3:00pm.

Friday, 23rd September

- Staff Professional Learning Day
This is a Pupil Free Day.
- School closes for Term Three.

Monday, 10th October

- Students Resume for Term Four.
- Students Return in Summer Uniform.

Summer Uniform

There will be a week grace of change over into summer uniform due to the weather changes. It is at the parents discretion as to whether their child wears the full summer uniform during this time.

All students will return to school in full summer uniform for Term Four.

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

Leaving

If you know your child/ren will not be returning to this school in 2016/17, please let the office know as soon as possible.

Term Three School Fees

Term Three fees **are now OVER-DUE** unless arrangements have been made. If you have queries regarding school fees please contact Maria Pagano on 9637 4600.

Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Boys and Girls,

On Sunday 28th August, as well as this Sunday just gone, we helped our children prepare and then receive Holy Communion for the first time. What a joyous occasion that our children are united with God through this Sacrament. Eucharist comes from a Greek word meaning thanksgiving. We thank our God for all of our children throughout the parish that received Holy Communion over these days. We now are getting ready to welcome the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish.

Preparing to receive the sacraments is a unique and spiritually enriching time in a child's life. Full of meaningful moments, the experience creates special opportunities for the entire family to affirm and celebrate their faith.



According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Confirmation establishes us more deeply in our relationship to God as his children, unites us more closely to Jesus Christ, pours out the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit into our soul, strengthens our bond with the Catholic Church, and gives us the power we need to be true soldiers of Christ through living, sharing, and defending our Faith.

We pray for our children as they prepare for Confirmation that they will be strengthened in their Catholic faith and that they will continue to live out their lives with Christ's love and joy, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Jennifer Veness
Acting Principal

Administration

**STAFF PROFESSIONAL
LEARNING DAY
FRIDAY, 23rd SEPTEMBER**
THIS IS A PUPIL FREE DAY

Lost Property

We have a number of jumpers and jackets in lost property with no names on them. These items will be sent to the P&F Second Hand Uniform Shop on the afternoon of Friday, 16th September. All Items sent to lost property that are clearly labelled are returned to the student via their class teacher. When labelling jumpers and jackets please label at the base of the item with a permanent marker. Please check regularly for a readable name as they can fade after washing. All containers, lunchboxes and drink bottles that are not labelled are thrown in the bin after two days.

Faith Community



Father Peter James Visits Year Six

Father Peter James visited Year Six on the 30th of August, to talk to us about the history of the church. Father also spoke about the meaning behind the Alb, Stole, Thurible, Monstrance and Chasuble and showed us these items. Father Peter James let us examine and hold the chalice, which was decorated with images of the 12 apostles at the Last Supper. Father Peter James also spoke about what the Pope wears.



Teaching and Learning

Year Four made Play Dough

What is something that is colourful? Something that you can play with it? Something that can be made from ingredients found in the kitchen?



PLAYDOUGH. Year Four were looking at procedural texts in class and followed the steps involved in one to make play dough. We discovered that if we didn't follow the steps correctly then our play dough was

too runny or too hard. Here are some of our examples of following directions correctly.



Partnership

Thank You

Thank you to Mikayla and the Gadd family for your donation of Premier's Reading Challenge Book Bonus books and new books to our school library.

Who can I go home with?

Dear Parents,

If the occasion arises that you are unable to pick up your child/ren from school, please be aware that we need notification through the school office for this.

Also, it is noted that many children are arriving at school after the school day begins. It is preferable that our students are here by 8.30am. School classes begin at 8.40am.

Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.

Ms Veness



Canteen

Friday, 21st October, the canteen **will not** be opened for **lunch orders**. However, the canteen will be opened for recess and lunch for everything else.

Personal Growth



Voice Of Youth

Congratulations to Deanne Rodrigues in Year 6, who competed in the Semi Final of the Voice of Youth Competition, Eastern Division. Along with 6 other children, they represented 1600 Year Six students across the Diocese.

Although unsuccessful in advancing to the next round, Deanne represented our school and we are proud of her achievement.



Captivate Concert

Wow, Wow, Wow!!!

They are the only words to describe the experience that Year Four had when singing in front of a large audience at the Captivate Concert at



Kingswood last Tuesday night. We had a long day of rehearsals preparing for the songs that we were singing that night and where and how we were to stand on stage. Singing on stage in front of that full audience was something that we will always remember.



BIRTHDAYS



Dominic Caballero	Niushka Shrestha	Alex Fares
Danae Sepulveda Orellana		Cindy Gao
Achol Aleu	Annie Hara	Michaelangelo Manalang
Kelsea Chimanya	Lorenzo Narayan	Angelo Guidone
Crystal Tsang	Dominic Horley	Aluel Manyang
Richard Lavroff	Miles Mataitini	Antonia Kyriakos
Amelie Zabaraz	Paul Hawach	Laura Gittany
Scarlett Neculman	Luke Hitti	Raymond Zhang
Gurleen Kaur	Perica Aspinall	Youssef Toufan
Athieng Aleu	Dilara Sarikci	

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

Head Lice Alert

We have been notified of a number of cases of head lice across the grades. This is a reminder that it is a good time to treat your child/rens hair and wash bed linen & school hats. Head Lice are an ongoing problem within schools which can only be solved with parents support.