



# St Margaret Mary's School

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## Bulletin

Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2016

### Diary Dates

#### Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> June

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

#### Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> June

- Dental Visit.

#### Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> June

- 8:40am Assembly and Prayer Service.

#### Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June

- Captivate Choir at Nagle College for Captivate Concert.

#### Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June

- Kindergarten Liturgy 2:15pm in Learning Space.

### 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.

### 2017 Enrolment

Interviews for Kindergarten 2017 have commenced.

If you have not yet received an interview time please contact the school office immediately.

If you have not yet returned your enrolment form please do so immediately.

If you have any queries regarding enrolments for 2017 please contact Kerrie Booth at the school office.

### Term Two School Fees

Term Two fees are now **OVERDUE** unless arrangements have been made. If you have queries regarding school fees please contact Maria Pagano on 9637 4600.

### Reminder

Parents are reminded not to park across drives or stop in driveways. Our neighbours can and will notify police of parents parking across and in driveways.

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Boys and Girls,

The following text is taken from the Bible that Archbishop Fisher gives to young adults. It sums up the purpose and need for the Bible to be an important part of any person's life.

*My young friends,*

*The Bible tells the unfolding story of God's relationship with humanity from the very beginning in the story of Creation, to the high point when God entered human history in the person of Jesus. This was followed by the establishment of the early church and the teaching of the apostles. The stories, laws, letters, prayers, songs, histories, prophecies, wisdom sayings and Gospel all reveal in different ways God's saving activity in the story of the people of God.*

*We often refer to the Bible as 'the living Word of God'. When we read and reflect on its texts we deepen our relationship with God, as we come to recognise God's saving presence in our own lives. The Word of God is not simply about the past, but it speaks to us today and enables us to interpret the experiences of our lives. We find our own story in the great story.*

*We must remember too that the Church's sacred tradition is an essential part of the Word of God. Church teaching from the apostles onwards, inspired by the Spirit, guides us in an understanding of the Bible.*

*It is my hope that this Bible will help you develop your relationship with God as you read, study and ponder the sacred texts and seek meaning from them in Church teaching and in reflection on your own experiences. May this Bible truly be for you, the living Word of God!*

*Anthony Fisher OP Archbishop of Sydney*

**These words of wisdom ring true for me each day. It is important we use the Bible as a guide for journey in this life and as a companion to our day to day existence.**

God Bless

Kevin Mills  
Principal

# Administration

## Semester One Interviews

The bookings opened on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> June, at 8:00am. Year Six will be conducting interviews differently this semester and a separate letter was sent home explaining the process before the long weekend.

Please bring your child along to the interview in all grades, as well as bringing your child's report – reports will be going home on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> June. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Ms Veness.

Now you can book school interviews for the times that suit your family.

Go to

<http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code>

THE CODE TO BE ENTERED IS: **2qbuw**

 

Simply enter the code and press "Go"



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click **FINISH**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately – Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly

You can return to the website at any time, and change your interviews - until the bookings close on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June.

## Child Protection for Volunteers

Parents wishing to help out at St Margaret Mary's by either, helping on Excursions, sporting activities or P&F Fundraising must complete the following Building Child Safe Communities as part of the CEDP new Child Protection modules for parents.

If you have any questions regarding this please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

### Building Child Safe Communities – New procedures reminder for volunteers

Volunteers make a significant contribution to students and our community. As part of our new 'Building Child Safe Communities' initiatives, we request the following from volunteers:

**Step 1: Complete the 'Building Child Safe Communities - Undertaking for Volunteers' Form for each volunteer location**

[VOLUNTEER FORM](#)

**Step 2: Complete the online training module – required every second year.**

[TRAINING MODULE](#)

These can be accessed by visiting the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta homepage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au> then scrolling down to 'Volunteers and Contractors – click here'.

Please contact your school if you require any assistance. We thank all volunteers for their continued support.

# Faith Community

## Year Four Liturgy

Year Four celebrated our grade Liturgy last Wednesday with the theme of The Eucharist. It was wonderful to see so many parents join us for this celebration. We gathered as a community by singing, responding to prayers, remembering and reflecting on our own celebrations, especially receiving Jesus in The Eucharist at our First Holy Communion. We also looked back at the last World Youth celebration and then Mrs Prendergast shared with us that when she comes back she will have her own experience to share with us.



## A Year of Mercy

### Pope Francis Reflections

[When we put aside our own thinking] the Spirit grows and develops within us and we experience how true the words of Jesus are that are reported in the Gospel of Matthew: "Do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour; for it is not you who speak but the spirit of your Father speaking through you" Matthew(10:19-20).

It is the Spirit who counsels us, but we have to make room for the Spirit, so that he may counsel us. And to give space is to pray, to pray that he come and help us always.

~General Audience, May 7 2014

**Reflection:** *To counsel the doubtful is a spiritual work of mercy. What doubts do you have? How can we put aside our own thinking and your own doubts and trust in the counsel of the Lord?*





## Teaching and Learning

### Year Six DANCE

On Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> of June, Matthew Antonucci, Dance Choreographer, came down to the school hall to teach Year Six a hip hop dance choreo featuring the song "What Do You Mean" by Justin Bieber. He taught the Year Six students



a variety of upbeat and active fun moves. Akurdi Akoy Six Blue: "I thought the dance was a lot of fun and physical because Matthew really encouraged Year Six to be active."

Noelle Nakhoul Six Red: "I thought that it was really fun to feel the beat and have an opportunity to have a time to make your moves for the song "What do you

mean." I also loved how we all had a chance to improvise our hip hop skills."

Adut Mayom Six Blue: "The dance was creative, fun and enjoyable."

All of Year Six enjoyed dancing hip hop with Matthew. We hope he can come back again next term!

*By Theara S. and Georgia D. Six Blue*



## Personal Growth



### Pyjama Day - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June

On Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> June, the Mini Vinnie's' Team will be participating in the St Vincent's De Paul Winter Sleepout. In conjunction with the Sleepout, the school will be holding a Pyjama Day where students bring a gold coin if they wear pyjamas. All money collected will go to the St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal.

All funds raised through your participation at the Vinnie's School Sleepout will support people experiencing homelessness.

**What to wear:** Students may wear pyjamas, dressing gown or 'onesie'. For safety reasons students are to wear joggers or closed in shoes.

## Partnership

### Federal Election & Catholic Education

In the coming weeks Very Rev Peter G Williams, Rev Fr Christopher de Souza and Mr Greg Whitby will be meeting with the local candidates who are standing for the upcoming federal election to outline the issues for Catholic Education in the Diocese of Parramatta.

Their key messages will include:

- Sustainable, sector-blind, needs-based funding for schooling K-12
- A permanent commitment to funding universal preschool access for 15 hours per week for three and four year olds
- Support for flexible partnerships and pathways between industry, community, tertiary education and schools
- Support for out of school hours care as part of a continuous schooling experience
- A national focus on collaboration across sectors and sharing good practice rather than competition and test scores
- Government investment for innovative schooling models to respond to growth through capital and seed funding.

It is important that we convey the messages above to all in our wider community and take every opportunity to highlight the value of Catholic Education in Australian society.

Please note that all Catholic schools cannot support a particular party, or ask its parents or staff to vote for a particular party or distribute materials in support of a particular party or candidate.

Thanks  
Kevin Mills  
Principal

## Personal Growth

### LARC Lunchtime Activities

Here a few photos of children enjoying a variety of activities at break time.



## BIRTHDAYS



Celena El Khoury	Lucas Bounassif	Jacob El Rassi
Anthony Bejjani	Christopher Fares	Serena Georges
Lexavier Amankwatia	Joseph Georges	Anthony Chiha
Matthew Lichaa	Mikayla Mekdessi	Jesse Pickering
Grace Fakhr	Leah McLeod	Alyssa Khamis
Isabella Nassour	Alat Juk	Allira Harrison
Krystelle Saliba	Lydia Neculman	Natalie Cinello
Isaiah Cartilla	Marissa Rahme	

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



## SCHOOL HOLIDAY MUSIC WORKSHOPS

### *2-Day Concert Band Workshop*

**Tone, Technique and Timing:** This 2-day intensive workshop is for beginner and intermediate students (up to Grade 3) who play a concert band instrument. The workshop will focus on ensemble and performance technique, culminating in a concert showcasing the pieces developed throughout the two days. Student musicians from Years 3 to 12 (aged 8 to 18) who play one of the following concert band instruments from an approximate standard of AMEB preliminary to Grade 3 are invited to apply: Piccolo, Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Bassoon, French Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba, Timpani and Percussion (including drums).

### *2-Day Strings Workshop*

**All about the Bow:** Calling all beginner and intermediate students who play Violin, Viola, Cello or the Double Bass! These exciting sessions will address bowing techniques, ensemble playing and pitch in a relaxed, fun environment. The focus of the workshop will be ensemble technique and performance technique and will culminate in a concert showcasing the pieces developed throughout the two days. Applications are open to student musicians from Years 3 to 12 (aged 8 to 18) who play an orchestral string instrument from an approximate standard of AMEB preliminary to Grade 3.

Note: It is expected that participants will attend both days of the workshop.

- Dates: Monday July 11 and Tuesday July 12, 9am-3pm  
Venue: Christina Creede Music Centre at Our Lady of Mercy College  
Parramatta, Ross Street, North Parramatta (Enter via Gate 3)  
Ages: Year 3 – Year 12  
Cost: \$150 per workshop (current OLMC students)  
\$180 plus GST per workshop (non OLMC students)

Bookings: Bookings are essential. Book online at: [olmc.nsw.edu.au/the-academy/apply-now](http://olmc.nsw.edu.au/the-academy/apply-now)  
Enquiries: [music@olmc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:music@olmc.nsw.edu.au) or 02 8838 1288

