



St Margaret Mary's School

A Dynamic Community of Learners in Action

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Notes Sent Home

- Kindergarten Excursion Note
- Year 4 Excursion Note
- Book Club

Morning Prayer

We would like to invite all students, Parents, and Teachers to Morning Prayer which will be held in the LARC at 8:15am every second Wednesday (Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8, & 10)

The Prayer Service will be run by students in the Mini Vinnies.

Next Weeks Happenings

Thursday 17th July

Friday 18th July

Year 5 Assembly **cancelled**.

Sunday 20th July

St Margaret Mary's Parish Sacramental Program—First Eucharist classes begin with 10:30am Mass and lessons after in the hall

Monday 21st July

8:40am Morning Assembly and Prayer Service.

Tuesday 22nd July

Netball Gala Day at Kellyville

Wednesday 23rd July

Morning prayer 8:15am for all Students Parents and Teachers. will be held in the LARC

Dear Parents, Boys and Girls,

Prayer of St Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
Where there is hatred, let me bring love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy;

Lord, grant that I may not seek to be
Consoled as to console;
Understood as to understand;
Loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
In pardoning that we are pardoned,
And in dying we are born to
Eternal life.

Amen

The above prayer, "Prayer of St. Francis" reflects the spirit and outlook of the man for whom it is named. The prayer is a petition to God that we might live up to the true way of being-in-the-world that God intends for the human family. To be most authentically human is to be an instrument of peace or, to put it in the sense of the prayer's following lines, one who sows: love, pardon, faith, hope, light and joy in our world.

The "Prayer of St. Francis" offers us a chance to pause, pray and reflect on who it is that we are and what it is that we are created to do.

Let's take time out of our daily lives and pause, pray and reflect on how we can deepen our lives and bring light and joy to each other.

Jennifer Veness
Acting Principal

Grades Assemblies for Term 3

Assemblies are held on Friday afternoons at 2:00pm in the school hall. Please be aware that grades may change days at short notice.

Term 3	Year 5	18th July (Week 1)
Term 3	Year 1	1st August (Week 3)
Term 3	Year 3	15th August (Week 5)
Term 3	Year 4	29th August (Week 7)
Term 3	Choir/Band	12th September (Week 9)



Premier's Reading Challenge

Don't forget students who are participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge will be closing on Friday 22nd August. If you have any queries please contact Mrs Balogh-Caristo



Sacramental Program

St Margaret Mary's Parish Sacramental Program — First Eucharist Classes begin on Sunday 20th July at 10:30am Mass — lessons after in the hall and on Thursday 25th July 6:30pm in the hall.

Dates for First Communion

Sunday 24th August at 10:30am

Sunday 31st August at 10.30am

Sunday 6th September at 6:00pm

IMPORTANT DATES FOR Term 3

Monday 14th July

Friday 18th July

Sunday 20th July

Tuesday 22nd July

Monday 28th July

Tuesday 29th July

Friday 1st August

Tuesday 5th August

Friday 8th August

Tuesday 12th August

Friday 15th August

Monday 18th August

Thursday 21st August

Friday 22nd August

Friday 29th August

Friday 5th September

Sunday 7th September

Monday 8th September

Friday 12th September

Wednesday 17th September

Friday 19th September

Tuesday 7th October

School Resumes

Year 5 Assembly **Cancelled**

St Margaret Mary's Parish Sacramental Classes begin

Netball Gala Day at Kellyville

Kindergarten Excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm

Year 4 Excursion to The Rocks Walking Tour

Year 1 Assembly

Cumberland Zone Sports Carnival

Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Voice of Youth Cluster Final at Holy Family Granville

Feast of the Assumption

Year 3 Assembly

Week Book

Years 5 & 6 Visit Merrylands Library

School Band Presentation Night 7—8pm

Diocesan Athletics Carnival at Blacktown Olympic Park

Kindy, Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 Visit Merrylands

Year 4 Assembly

Father's Day Liturgy 9:00am in the Hall

Father's Day Stall

Father's Day

Blessed Virgin Mary's Birthday

Band/Choir Assembly

P&F Meeting 7.00pm in Staffroom

Staff Development Day

School closes for Term 3

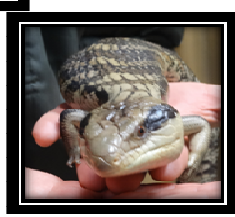
School Resumes for Term 4

NAIDOC Week Celebration & Taronga Zoo Visit

What would you do if a zoo came to your school? On Wednesday the 25th of June Kinders to Year 6 were treated to a show put on by Taronga Zoo in conjunction with NAIDOC Week celebrations. Representatives from the Aboriginal and Islander community played the didgeridoo and guitar to entertain the children and make them aware of Aboriginal culture. A zookeeper, from Taronga Zoo, showed everyone close up some Australian native animals. There was an echidna, a turtle, green tree frog, a snake and a blue - tongued lizard. All children were able to touch the animals, if they were game enough!

Year 6

Media Team



Mangahigh Maths Challenge

We won the Mangahigh June Maths Challenge with 5719 points. This is our highest monthly score yet. Keep it up!



Well done to this months Star Performers for June:

Vatsal Sharma (Yr 4)	Dharm Patel (Yr 4)
John Flanagan (Yr 4)	Vanessa Cheng (Yr6)
Dennis Asante (Yr 4)	Suzanne Mekdessi (Yr6)
Krista Obmasca (Yr 6)	Sharaze O'Brien (Yr 5)
Eric Lin (Yr 4)	Shivam Malhotra (Yr 5)

We encourage all students from Years 2-6 to continue to go on Mangahigh to help their Mathematics. Our school's Mangahigh homepage: <http://www.mangahigh.com/en-au/myschool/stmm1>

National Tree Day



National Tree Day began in 1996 by Planet Ark. Over 2.8 million people have been involved in this event and over 20 million seedlings have been planted. It is a big community event.

This week Year 5 will be preparing the garden on the side of the driveway near Henson Street for the planting of new trees, shrubs and grasses next week.

Andrew Alam
Year 5



Tuckshop

Roster

Thursday July 17th

M. Issac

Friday July 18th

M. Cheng

Monday July 21st

Tuesday July 22nd

M. Raftery

Wednesday July 23rd

L. McLeay

Kindergarten 2015

If you have received an acceptance letter for Kindergarten 2015, please advise the school office as soon as possible if you are accepting the placement as places are filling up very quickly.



Cumberland Zone Athletics Team



Congratulations to the following students who will be representing our school at the Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival at Blacktown International Park Athletics Field, on Tuesday 5th August 2014.

Students are required to be at school by 7:15am as the bus will be leaving the school at 7:30am sharp. Students are required to wear their full sports uniform (including the school tracksuit). Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled with the student's name. Students will need to bring their lunch and recess and ensure they have plenty of water to drink.

If there are any parents who can assist on the day of the carnival, please contact Miss Teulan at the school office.

Akurdit Akoy	Hussein Ali	Dennis Asante	Andre Boustani
Thuraya Dandash	Aguer Deng	Ajuet Deng	Anthony Epenian
Rebecca Georges	Victoria Georges	Thomas Gerrie	Aryan Gupta
Jacinta Hanna	Ashai Hawach	Taya Higgins	Jazmin Isaac
Joey Issac	Aluel Juk	Khoury Elianor	Alek Kouvas
Mufaro Kuhwayarira	Richard Lavroff	Mayual Manyang	Adut Mayom
Radha Medakker	Anthony Moussa	Alesandra Nasr	Grace Othman
Nicholas Perello	Bennett Saahene	Jason Saahene	Charbel Saba
Aarushi Sharma	Isabelle Stipic	Andrew Yanga	Joel Yanga
Antonio Youssef			

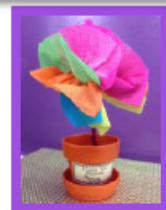
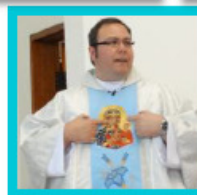
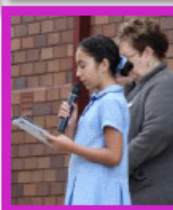
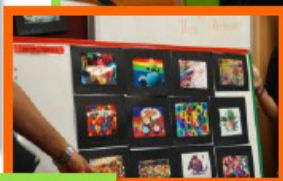
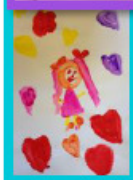
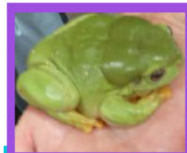


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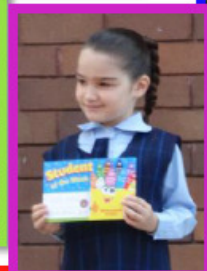
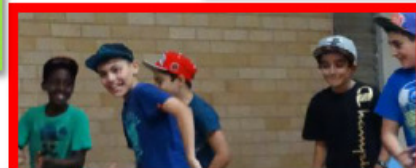
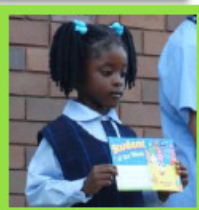
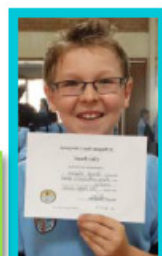


Steven Abosh	Eloise Garcia	Aarushi Sharma	Jazmin Isaac	Piath Makuer
Akuol Mayom	Atong Deng	Taya Higgins	Sarah Albazouni	Dominic Elias
Nana Saahene	Joseph El Khoury	Charbel Chehab	Marcus Bounassif	Kaylii Jara
Oscar Perez	Malachi Daniels	Georgia Draiby	Jacob Ibrahim	Mufaro Kuhwayarira
James Bejjani	Thomas Miraziz	Catalina Guerrero-Candia		

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



Term Two In Review



Child Protection

Parents wishing to help out on school excursions, in classrooms, in the canteen, at sporting activities, P&F activities or any activity that involves contact with students other than your own **MUST** complete the Child Protection Module.

This is a requirement as part of the child protection within schools. If you completed the child protection module in 2012, you are required to re do the module in 2014.

To access the module go to

<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au> Completing this module you must renew every 2 years.

It is a system requirement that child protection training be completed by all volunteers commencing work in our school and for existing volunteers.

To use the module.

1. Open the module by clicking start
2. Read through the presentation
3. Complete and submit quiz questions. This will take approximately 45 minutes.
4. After successful completion of the module, fill out the form by typing your name, email address, contact number, contact address and the school you intend to volunteer at.
5. A notification of your successful completion of the module will be sent via e-mail to the school and also to your email address.

You can also <http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au> and follow the all the instructions. You then must register through the Roads and Maritime Services. This is also free and allows you to help out at any voluntary activity where children are concerned This is a 5 year certificate.

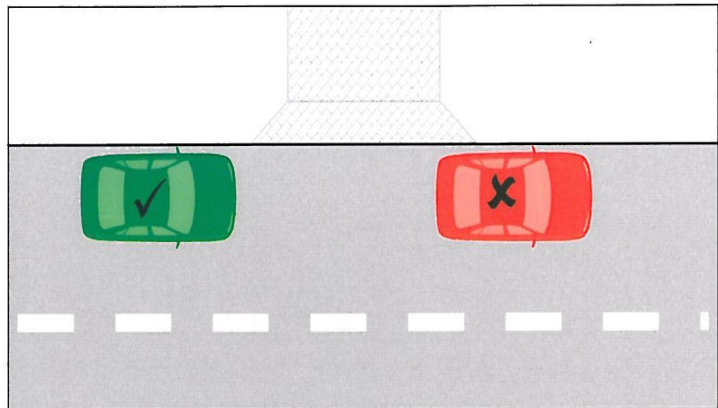
A Road Safety Message from Holroyd City Council

Parking near driveways....

A driver must not stop across a driveway restricting access to a persons residence (even your own) or business unless:

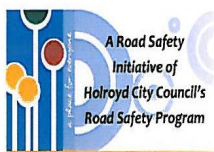
(a) the driver:

- (i) is dropping off, or picking up passengers, and
- (ii) does not leave the vehicle unattended, and
- (iii) drives on, as soon as possible and, within 2 minutes after stopping.



Parking illegally is unsafe and can put peoples lives at risk and inconvenience others.

Penalty exceeds **\$101**
and **\$169** in
School Zones



Take your time when parking:

- Be Safe
- Be Considerate
- Be Aware

For more information on Road Safety contact Council's Road Safety Officer Ph: 9840 9880