



St Margaret Mary's School

A Dynamic Community of Learners in Action

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Diary Dates

Thursday, 20th August

- Book Fair Selling Day 7:30am—4:00pm.
- Year Four Excursion to the Rocks.

Friday, 21st August

- Book Fair Open 8:00am—3:30pm.
- Assembly—Kindergarten 2:15pm in the Hall.
- Diocesan Athletics Carnival at Blacktown Olympic Park.

Sunday, 23rd August

- St Margaret Mary's Parish First Communion 10:30am (Group 2)

Monday, 24th August

Book Week

- 8:40am Morning Assembly and Prayer.
- Book Fair Open 8:00am—3:30pm.

Tuesday, 25th August

- Book Fair open 8:00am—3:30pm
This is the last chance to purchase!
- Book Fair Closes at 4:00pm

Wednesday, 26th August

- Year Three Prayer Service 2:15pm in Learning Space.
- Scholastic BookFair leaves our school.
- Book Week—All staff reading to all students during the day.

School Fees

Term Three fees are now overdue, unless arrangements have been made, or a flexible payment plan option has been entered into.

If you have any questions regarding your fees please contact Maria Pagano at the school office.

Tuckshop

Thursday, August 20th

Friday, August 21st

Monday, August 24th

Tuesday, August 25th

Wednesday, August 26th

Roster

M.Aoun, K.Diab

L.McLeay, H.Lin

Administration

Car Pick Up

Thank you to all the families who participate in the Car Pick Up service. This service is running very smoothly thanks to all our parents and students.

NAPLAN

The NAPLAN results for Years Five and Three will be handed out this Friday. Parents are reminded that these results are required for High School enrolments, so please file these in a safe place.

Child Protection

Just a reminder to all parents, guardians and grandparents who wish to volunteer at St Margaret Mary's School, for Excursions, helping in the Classrooms, helping with the P&F, the Canteen and the Library. You must complete the Child Protection Module online <http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au>, and complete the Working with Children Check through the Roads and Maritime. <http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au>

When you have completed the Working with children/s check you will receive a WWC No. This number must be given to the school along with the expiry date.

Monday Morning Assembly

At the Monday Morning Assembly students, teachers and Father Peter were presented with a St Margaret Mary's beanie for participating in the Mini Vinnies Winter Sleepout.



Mini Vinnies Sleepout

The Students of St Margaret Mary's raised \$1,800.00 for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal.

Congratulations and a great effort by all. Thank you to everyone who supported these students.

Faith Community

The Feast of the Assumption



On Friday, the 14th of August, the St Margaret Mary's Community came together to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. Father Peter was impressed by how the students participated in the Mass. He spoke to the children about St Maximilian Kolbe and his great devotion to Mary and asked us all to be like him.



Year 2 Prayer Liturgy



Last Thursday Year 2 had a liturgy in the LARC. The focus of the liturgy was RECONCILIATION. We have learnt that no matter what we do, God will never stop loving us. We shared the stories of Zacchaeus and the Lost Sheep. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who came to pray with us.

By Janessa and Marcus



Teaching and Learning

The Day Father Peter James came to Visit Year Two

Father Peter James came to see us and speak to tell us about reconciliation. This is important to us because we are a Catholic community and prayer and Jesus are important to us. He told us reconciliation is coming together to make peace. We can do this by confessing our sins at church, saying sorry to God and repenting our sins. Father Peter James also showed us his special book that tells him all the things he needs know and what to say to people. It was pretty cool.

By Summer and A.J



Year 2 Excursion to Fairfield Museum



Last Tuesday Year 2 visited Fairfield Museum to learn about life in the past and how hard it was. The teachers were very strict in the past. They used to hit children with the cane if they talked during their lessons. We also learnt that the houses were smaller and very dark because they did not have electricity.



We really enjoyed our visit to this museum and all of the different exhibits we got to see.

Mirabelle Medakker and Alex Hatter



Year Three Excursion to Featherdale Wildlife Park

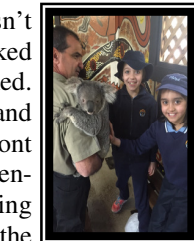
Year Three were lucky enough to go to Featherdale Wildlife Park because we have been learning about Australian animals and their environments.



First, we got into our groups and then we got onto the bus. When we arrived we ate recess and set off exploring. We saw the terrifying ghost bats and giant crocodile. At first some of us thought the crocodile was fake because it wasn't moving. Then, to our surprise the crocodile blinked at us and opened his big jaws. We were shocked. We couldn't believe we saw fairy penguins and Josh, the Park Ranger, came and fed them in front of us. He told us many interesting facts about penguins. We were also very excited to see the amazing dingoes. We even went to the Education Burrow where Louie introduced us to his friends, Captain Feathersword, Mario, Ava and Spots. He taught us about koalas, tawny frogmouths, shingleback lizards and a children's python. We even got to pat each one. Overall, we had an amazing day!

We were all exhausted.!

Christina Putrus and Paul Hanna Year Three 2015



First Holy Communion



Students from St Margaret Mary's School joined others from our Parish to receive Jesus for the first time at Holy Communion. Father Peter reminded us that we receive Jesus as a gift and that we give the very special gift of ourselves to Him in return.

Thank you to Dominic Hak and Year 6 students who helped create the altar banner and the St Margaret Mary's Choir who added their singing talents to this very special occasion.



Partnership

Premier's Reading Challenge – Closes this Friday (21st August at 11:59pm)

A reminder to all students in Years 3-6 to record online by Friday, the 20 books they have read, so as to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge for this year.



Book Fair Begins Tomorrow

Place: LARC

Dates & Times:

Thursday 20 th August	7:30am – 4:00pm
Friday 21 st August	8:00am – 3:30pm
Monday 24 th August	8:00am – 3:30pm
Tuesday 25 th August	8:00am – 3:30pm



Students will be able to purchase items from the Book Fair during school time.

If your child is purchasing something, please send all money in an envelope or snap lock bag marked with your child's name, class and amount on the front.

This is also an opportunity to purchase a book to read with your child during Book Week next week.

If you wish to pay by credit card an EFTPOS facility is available at the Book Fair, otherwise, please use the Credit Card option on the flyer or use the online or phone option on the Wish List.

A percentage of ALL sales will be given back to our school to purchase new books for the LARC. This will benefit ALL students at our school.

There will be no library borrowing due to the Book Fair.

Parent to Parent

P&F Meeting

Our Next P&F meeting will be held on Wednesday, 16th of September, at 7:00pm in the Staffroom. All parents are welcome to attend this meeting. It is a great way to get involved with your child/rens school. More information and agenda to follow.

Father's Day Stall

We will be holding a Father's Day stall on Friday the 4th of September. We will be requiring help on this day. If you are able to help and have completed the Child Protection Module and the Working with Children Check, please contact the school office to leave your name, or see a P&F committee person.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Our Second Hand Uniform Shop will be opened on Monday, 7th of September, after the Monday Morning Assembly until 9:30am.