



St Margaret Mary's School

A Dynamic Community of Learners in Action

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Notes Sent Home

- Year 6 CSIRO Incursion
- Year 6 Voice of Youth
- Fruit & Veg Month



Next Weeks Happenings

Thursday 21st August

Year One Prayer Service 2:15pm in Learning Space
Year Five & Six visit St Pauls Greystanes for the Creative Arts performance.
School Band Presentation evening 7:00pm—8:00pm

Friday 22nd August

Diocesan Athletics Carnival Blacktown Olympic Park
Book Week visit from Merrylands Library.

Sunday 24th August

First Holy Communion at St Margaret Mary's Parish Church

Monday 25th August

8:40am Morning Assembly and Prayer Service.
Year One Excursion to Taronga Zoo

Tuesday 26th August

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

Wednesday 27th August

Book Club Due Today

The Our Father

Australian Catholics takes a deeper look at some popular prayers in the Catholic tradition.

In the Gospels, Jesus gives the Our Father prayer to his disciples as an example of how to pray. That is why it is called the Lord's Prayer. In Matthew's Gospel Jesus is less interested in telling his disciples what words to use when they pray. He wants to show them how to pray. He tells his disciples not to pray like the self-centred show-offs and motormouths of his day who could put on a great show in the temple or rattle along at a million words a minute, always about me.

The Our Father shows a simple way to pray. It is not tied up with me, but begins with a 'we'. We are to begin by praising God, then pray for the world to become the beautiful, just and peaceful place that God wants. After that we pray for our daily needs; we pray to be forgiving and so to be forgiven, and to be delivered from all our terrors.

So when we pray the Our Father we should turn outwards as well as inwards, filling out the different phrases with our own agenda. If we pray for a just world, we may think of our treatment of asylum seekers.

The daily bread we pray for is both food for the homeless and starving, and my own needs in study and social life. When I pray for forgiveness and to forgive, I remember the difficult and painful relationships in my life. The terrors we pray to be delivered from may remind me of conflict at home or my fear of social embarrassment.

When we pray the Our Father together it is helpful sometimes to leave a pause after each phrase so we can include the things in our lives and world that we want to pray for. In a trusting atmosphere we may be able to share them.

By Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ

The Our Father

Our Father who art in heaven; hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. They will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Book Week

Merrylands Library will visit our school on Friday 22nd August for Story Telling Sessions.



9:45am—10:35am K, 1 & 2

11:20am — 3 & 4

12:10pm

12:10pm — 1:00pm 5 & 6

Year 5 Debating

Last Wednesday the Delany Cup began. This is a Debating competition where Year Five students compete against other Year Five students from other Primary schools.

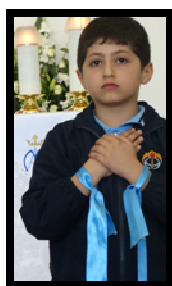
To choose the team Year five students competed against each other in class debates and students were chosen.

The Year Five team is Alaura Lassiter, Alexia Harb and Demi Portelli with Jarrod Dickson as reserve and time keeper. The topic last week was that Students should do more Sport. Our students spoke very well and the decision was very close with Holy Trinity Granville being declared the winners. We wish our team the best of luck for their second debate today.



Feast of the Assumption

On Friday the 15th of August our whole school community celebrated Mass, organised by Year 3, for the Feast of the Assumption. All children sang beautifully in a prayerful reflection to Mary. A group of Year 3 students participated in a lovely liturgical movement.



School Fees

Just a reminder that school fees are now over due. If you have not yet paid please do so as soon as possible, unless prior arrangements have been made. Thank you to all the parents who have already paid fees.

Premier's Reading Challenge



Only **1 weeks** left to complete the **Premier's Reading Challenge**.

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

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.

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Tuckshop

Thursday August 21st

Friday August 22nd

Monday August 25th

Tuesday August 26th

Wednesday August 27th

Roster

L. Saliba

M. Cheng

L. Luccitti, M. Aoun

L. McLeay



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