



St Margaret Mary's School

A Dynamic Community of Learners in Action

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Diary Dates

Friday, 23rd October

- Infants Liturgy 2:15pm in the Hall. Parents welcome to attend.

Monday, 26th October

- 8:40am Morning Assembly and Prayer.

Tuesday, 27th October

- Kindergarten 2016 Parent Information Evening 6:00pm the Hall

Wednesday, 28th October

- Student Prayer 8:15am in the LARC.
- St Margaret Mary's Parish Sacrament of Confirmation 7:00pm in the Church.

Term Four Assembly

We will be having 2 Assemblies this term.

Friday, 30th October (Week Four)

Year Four will present.

Friday 20th November (Week Seven)

Year Two will present.

Attendance

Letters regarding Attendance will be sent home by Friday, 23rd October.

Tuckshop

Thursday, October 22nd

Friday, October 23rd

Monday, October 26th

Tuesday, October 27th

Wednesday, October 28th

Roster

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Administration

2016 Students Return to School Changes

St Margaret Mary's is one of the last schools in the CEDP to implement the MAI program. We will begin this program in 2016, and therefore, there will be an adjustment to the start of the school year for students.

On **Wednesday, 27th and Thursday, 28th January, 2016**, St Margaret Mary's staff will be assessing students in Years 1-6 in the Mathematical Assessment Interview (MAI). Wednesday 27th is the usual Pupil Free Day at the start of a school year and Thursday 28th will be our first Staff Professional Learning Day of Term One. **School will begin for all students in Years 1-6 on Friday, 29th January, 2016.**

The MAI is a one-on-one interview style assessment led by a teacher. Parents will be required to book a time on the online booking system used for student-parent-teacher interviews in Semester One. Students will come to school for their booked interview time only and can wear casual clothes. More details and an interview online booking schedule will be organised for later this term.

Kindergarten students will have a separate testing schedule for Literacy and Numeracy and this will take place from Wednesday, 27th to Friday, 29th January, 2016. **Kindergarten students will all begin school on Monday, 1st February, 2016.**

Term 4 Numeracy Parent Session: MAI

The Term 4 Numeracy Parent Session will focus on explaining the MAI. There will be two repeat sessions. These will be held on Monday, 2nd November, at 9am and Wednesday, 4th November, at 6pm in the Hall. We encourage all parents from K-5 to attend to find out about the MAI and learn some activities based on the four areas of the MAI.

Change of Details

If you have moved house or changed your contact details during the holidays, please notify the school office as soon as possible to update your details in case of an emergency.

Leaving

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

Lost Property

Parents and students you will have noticed jumpers and jackets hanging in the tree on the lower grass area. These items of clothing have no names on them. So if your child has lost any items from the beginning of this term, they may be found under or on the tree. Please remember that if it has a name on it and is brought to the office we will return it to your child.

Faith Community

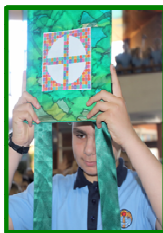
St Margaret Mary's Feast Day



On Friday, the 16th of October, the school community gathered together to celebrate St Margaret Mary's Feast Day with a special Mass.



During the homily Fr. Peter explained St Margaret Mary's devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. He then asked us all to show the love of Christ to others.



Mission Mass

On Friday, the 16th of October, students that attended the Winter Sleepout in the Mini Vinnies went to St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta to attend a Mission Mass to celebrate Catholic



Mission's 175th Anniversary. Our transport was kindly provided by St Paul's with Mr Bourne (the Principal) as the driver. Four students were chosen to create a display about the things we do in Mini Vinnies; they created scrapbooks, banners and many posters.

Students from other schools also attended the Mass with us. Mass was concluded with Julie from Catholic Mission talking to the students about how we can create a 'Better World' by taking part in mission. After that, we ate a delicious lunch and proceeded into the hall to watch a video clip formed by Catholic Mission about less fortunate people in Madagascar.



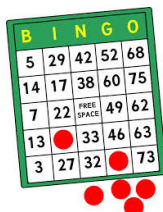
We then had the opportunity to share our work with the other schools. At our table, we explained how Mini Vinnies helps people and gave out bookmarks to people who could answer our questions. When our time was up, we packed away our things and proceeded onto the bus with boys from St. Paul's. Overall, it was a great day and we enjoyed the experience.

By Alaura, Jarrod and Elizabeth L - Year Six

Teaching and Learning

Bingo Practice

Mrs Kubit will be running Bingo lessons during lunch time commencing next week. This will help the students to understand the game of Bingo before our P&F Family Bingo Night to be held on Friday, 6th November, 2015.



Partnership

Parent To Parent

Bingo Night



You will be sent 2 notes regarding our School Bingo Night. Please read these notes and return them to the school office.

Note 1 will be sent home on Thursday the 22nd of October. This note is asking for your support with donations and parent helpers for the Bingo Night. Note 2 will be sent home on Monday the 26th of October. This note is for pre-paying for the night.

We will need help to wrap the prizes on Friday the 30th of October.

We will also require help in making up the raffle tickets on Monday the 2nd of November and also setting up hall on Friday the 6th of November.

Family Portraits

Only 65 Days until Christmas.

Have you thought of all the presents you have to get...?

Struggling for ideas, especially for the grandparents?

Why not get a wonderful family portrait for them? A beautiful one of your own kids or a memorable picture of all the generations in the family together.



For **only \$20 per family**, you can get a professional photo taken by Advanced Life Photography and you get a "10 x 13" photo and a lovely keyring and photo to keep with you every day.

You can discuss different packages including Christmas cards and calendar options on the day with the photographer and have an amazing gift for parents, grandparents, in-laws, aunties, uncles, and everyone. **All delivered in time for Christmas.**

When: Saturday, 21st November, from 9:00 am

Where: School Hall

**If you are interested in securing your appointment*

or have any questions, please leave your name and number at the office ASAP and a member of the Parents & Friends Committee will contact you.

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BOOK NOW AS POPULAR SITTING TIMES FILL UP FAST!!

Our Next Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended the last P&F Meeting.

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on **Wednesday, 25th November, at 7pm** in the Staffroom.

If you would like to know more about our P&F please see one of the Committee or contact the school office.

