



St Margaret Mary's School

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Update

Wednesday, 24th August, 2016

Diary Dates

Thursday, 25th August

- Book Fair 8am—2pm.
- 8:30am Year Six Art Lesson with Artist in Residence.
- 2:15pm Year Four Display of RE Assessments.
- Year Three Liturgy 2:15pm in Learning Space.

Friday, 26th August

- Diocesan Athletics Carnival at Blacktown International Sports Park.
- 8:50am K-6 Book Character Parade.
- 9:00am Year Six Electrical Display.
- 11:30am Year Four Captivate Singing.

Monday, 29th August

Literacy & Numeracy Week STMM Top 10 Days Continues

- 8:40am Assembly and Prayer Service.
- 9:00am Robotics in LARC.

Wednesday, 31st August

- 8:30am Parents 4 So Energetic.
- 9:00am Year Three PDH Design & Make.
- Year Five Debating Team at Delany College.
- 2:00pm Open Learning Space—Children Tour Guides.
- 6:00pm—7:00pm Parent Education Evening Numeracy.

Thursday, 1st September

- 8:30am P&F Wrapping for Father's Day Stall.
- 2:00pm Open Learning Space – Children Tour Guide.
- 6:00pm Band Performance.

Friday, 2nd September

- 7:30am Father's Day Breakfast.
- 8:40am Father's Day Liturgy.
- P&F Father's Day Stall.
- Infant's Mufti Day
- Infant's Disco 3:30pm—5:00pm
- Primary Disco 5:30pm—7:00pm

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.

Administration

Parent Literacy Meeting

Just a reminder that the Parent Literacy Evening will take place in the Staff Study this evening. This session will be on 6 Tips for Writing K-6. Mrs Rodricks will be our session presenter where she will empower us all with ideas to support our students, both at home and at school.

Numeracy Meeting

We will also be hosting a Mathematics session next Wednesday evening the 31st August. A letter will be sent home on Monday, 29th August.

NAPLAN

The NAPLAN results for Years Five and Three were handed out on Tuesday, 23rd August. Parents are reminded that these results are required for High School enrolments, so please file these in a safe place.

ICT Outage

On Wednesday, 31st August, our school office will have no telephones or internet services. We ask that all calls to the school and early pick ups from the school be kept to a minimum. If you have any queries regarding this outage please contact the school office before Tuesday, 30th August.

Term Three School Fees

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

Students Attendance

As published in previous newsletters, parents are now well aware of the Catholic Education Parramatta Diocesan's processes regarding students lack of attendance at school.

There have been two groups identified:

Absenteeism	Attendance Rate	Educational Risk	Days absent per year	Long term Absence (over 10 years)
Emerging	80%-89%	Medium	Between 20 and 40	1-2 years
Chronic	70%-79%	High	Between 40 and 60	2-3 years
Complex	69% or less	Severe	60 days or more	3 years plus

Letters have been sent home to students who fall into one of these groups.

Year Six Graduation Dinner

Due to unforeseen circumstances the cost of the Year Six Graduation Dinner, to be held at the Grand Royale at the end of the year, will be \$50.00 per adult and \$40.00 per student.

Year Six parents will receive a note regarding the Graduation later this week.

Skoolbag App

Parents just a reminder about the Skoolbag App. Download the App now for all the up to date information from the school. For example: Excursions updates, Co Curricular Activities, School Newsletters and Important parent information. This app is free for parents to download to their phones or iPads.

Book Fair

Our Book Fair is still open tomorrow 8am until 4pm and has now been extended until Friday 3:15pm due to more stock arriving. Thank you to everyone who has supported this event.



Fruit and Vegetable Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Fruit and Veg Competition. You showed a lot of creativity and imagination. Enjoy your prizes and remember to stay fit and active!

Mr Mills On Leave

Mr Mills will be on leave from Monday, 5th September to Monday 31st October 2016.



Teaching and Learning



22nd August – 4th September

The 10 schools with the top points at the end of the competition will win prizes including:

1st Prize \$3000 JB HI-FI Voucher

2nd Prize \$1500 Officeworks Voucher

3rd Prize \$750 Officeworks Voucher

4th - 10th Prize \$250 Officeworks Voucher

Mangahigh is also giving medallions to students with over 100 points.

Gold Medal- 200+ points

Silver Medallion- 150+ points

Bronze Medallion- 100+ points

St Margaret Mary's will also be running our own competition for the top 3 point scorers in Infants and Primary. Infants will receive Smiggle Gift Cards and Primary winners will receive JB HI-FI Gift Cards.

We encourage all students to go on Mangahigh throughout the competition to get as many points as they can for themselves and our school.

Login page: www.mangahigh.com/myschool/stmm1

Miss Teulan

Numeracy Coordinator

Kids Hack Day

On Tuesday, the 16th of August, 14 children in Year Five went to the 'Kids Hack Day' at Parramatta Marist. It involved using science,

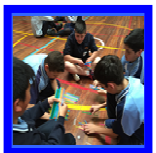


technology, engineering and Mathematics.

There were 6 activities altogether; making and testing model F1 racing cars to see how fast they could go, using a Makey Makey kit and computer to control gaming control keys, building bridges out of straws using specific amounts of materials to see which one

could hold the most weight, using Quirkbots connected to straws and motors to perform different tasks, using an iPad and a Sphero to learn basic programming skills and completing electrical circuits by connecting LED lights.

The first activity we participated in was using the Quirkbots. We had to use a computer, which was a MacBook Pro, to access a website designed for using the



Quirkbots. First we had to connect the USB cable for the Quirkbot to plug into the computer. Next we had to wait for the computer to detect the Quirkbot. Once it was detected we could program things, such as lights and straws, telling them which way to move using the motor!

The next activity, which everyone liked, was when we got to build our own small

cardboard F1 car. When everyone had made their cars, the Marist staff and students set up a track that had its own little countdown timer with a light! Next a little gas bottle was added to it, which when hit, boosted the car! We also got to race against other groups' cars! My group's car went the distance in 1.342 seconds! There was even a real Formula 1 car in the playground!

We also made bridges out of straws! Our bridge needed to hold more than 7.3kg! It also had to hold the weights on it for 30 seconds! We were only allowed to use 2 metres of tape and 100 straws! Our group made many layers and sticky taped them all together. Our bridge only held 5kg and collapsed while another group held 7.35kg for 30 seconds and broke the record for the day!

They were all great activities and everyone enjoyed them! There were also students from other primary schools participating in these fun activities. The 14 students from our school who went to the 'Kids Hack Day' all had a great and marvellous time!

By Fadi Makedessi (Year Five)



Personal Growth

St Margaret Mary's Olympic Day

On the 18th of August, there were two Olympic Games Competition, Infants and Primary. A country was allocated to each class group. The students dressed up in the colours of their country. There were different



sports that teams competed in to win their medals. Some of the students commented on how the day turned out to be:

Emilee Essey (Year Six): "I thought it was awesome!"

Anthony Chiha (Year Six): "I thought it was the best day I have ever experienced."

Alex Fares (Year Three): "I thought Ping Pong was fun and it was a great day."

Sophia Caraan (Kindy): "I thought it was fun!"

Angelique Baaini (Year Two): "My favourite sport was the relay. I loved how we won lots of gold medals and came second."



Patrick Nguyen (Year One): "I thought the ping pong game was fun!"

Keisha Manalansan (Year Two): "It was fun because I loved the soccer shooting."



Greece won in the Infants Games and South Africa won in the Primary Games.

A huge thank you to Miss Swanson and all her helpers for organising the day.

By Kate-Marie Tannous and Grazia Carrano



Everything Art

Visit to NSW Art Gallery



Seventeen Year Six students who entered the Delany Art Competition were rewarded with the trip of a lifetime to the NSW Art Gallery. We observed different artworks and looked at the Archibald Prize for the Juniors (aged 5-18 years) and Adults. We also got to see the European Artworks that were created by famous artists like Vincent Van Gogh and Pablo Picasso. Year Six really enjoyed this amazing trip and wish to visit the NSW Art Gallery again.

By Antonia Kyriakos and Rebecca Georges Six Red



Fabulous Crunch and Sip

On the 22nd of August, 2016, almost every child in Year Six donated a piece of fruit so that we could have a fabulous Crunch and Sip fruit salad. The purpose being the awareness of the importance of eating fresh fruit and vegetables and it marks the beginning of Fruit and Vegetable Month. Mr Mills was also invited to taste our wonderful creation. We give credit to Mrs Antonucci for bringing a watermelon, cutting all the fruit and creating our salad. We also thank all parents who sent their child with a piece of fruit.

by Christian Karam and Mikayla Issac Six Red



Year Two Excursion

On Friday, the 19th August, Year Two caught a bus to Darling Harbour to visit Sydney Aquarium. We saw lots of marine life, and animals including lots of terrifying sharks. We saw almost all of the characters from Finding Nemo including the Tank Gang, Crush and little Baby Squirt.



We enjoyed recess and lunch by the harbour and were joined by some uninvited guests (seagulls!)

By the end of the day, we were exhausted! It was a great learning adventure.

By Keisha Manalansan, Mikayla Gadd & Year Two

