



St Margaret Mary's School

A Dynamic Community of Learners in Action

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Students Return to School on Monday 14th July 2014

School Fees Reminder

School fees are now overdue. All payments need to be paid by Friday 27th June, unless arrangements have been made.

Next Weeks Happenings

Thursday 26th June

Friday 27th June

Feast of the Sacred Heart
Whole School Mass 9:00am in the Church
School Closes 3:00pm for Term 2

Monday 14th July

School Resumes for Term 3

8:40am Morning Assembly and Prayer Service.

Tuesday 15th July

Wednesday 16th July



Dear Parents, Boys and Girls,

I came across a quote from the 'The Old Schoolhouse Magazine', that I would like to share with you.

"Childhood is not a race to see how quickly a child can read, write and count. Childhood is a small window of time to learn and develop at the pace which is right for each individual child."

As you enter this holiday period with your child/children have a look at their styles of playing, of listening, of acting, of being together. Play is one of the most powerful vehicles children have for trying out and mastering new skills, concepts, and experiences. Play can help children develop the knowledge they need to connect in meaningful ways to the challenges they encounter in school. Play also contributes to how children view themselves as learners. As they play, they resolve confusing social, emotional, and intellectual issues by coming up with new solutions and ideas. They experience the sense of power that comes from being in control and figuring things out on their own. This helps them develop a positive attitude toward learning.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our school community for the commitment made to teacher/parent/student interviews. Supporting each other in a collaborative environment allows us to move forward with the student's learning which is at the heart of our Catholic schooling.

Students remember to use your safety awareness that you have all being learning about - be safe around the house, the streets, the car, or on holidays. Hold hands with an adult every time you cross a road. Put your seatbelt on correctly in the car.

Stay safe everyone.

Jennifer Veness
Acting Principal

Congratulations

Congratulations to Georgia Abraham Year 5 Red for coming 2nd in the NAIDOC week 2014 competition.



From the CEO

Protected Action Ballot

As you know we are currently undertaking a consultation process with teachers and support staff for a new Enterprise Agreement.

On 25th and 26th June a ballot will be held in schools in the Diocese of Parramatta to vote on proposed industrial action regarding the agreement.

This does not necessarily mean that teachers and staff will take industrial action, and we will advise you of the outcome of the ballot as soon as it is known.

Farewell

We farewell Mrs Kellie Foley as she awaits the birth of her baby.

Congratulations to Mrs Rosemary Hanna who has been appointed to teach Year 1 for the remainder of the year.

Thank you to Mrs Nicole Austin who has been teaching Year 2 whilst Mrs Mary Chetty was on maternity leave. We welcome Mary back at the beginning of term 3.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR Term 3

Monday 14 th July	School Resumes
Friday 18 th July	Year 5 Assembly
Tuesday 22 nd July	Netball Gala Day at Kellyville
Monday 28 th July	Kindergarten Excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm
Tuesday 29 th July	Year 4 Excursion to The Rocks Walking Tour
Friday 1 st August	Year 1 Assembly
Tuesday 5 th August	Cumberland Zone Sports Carnival
Friday 8 th August	Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop
Tuesday 12 th August	Voice of Youth Cluster Final at Holy Family Granville
Friday 15 th August	Feast of the Assumption Year 3 Assembly
Monday 18 th August	Week Book Years 5 & 6 Visit Merrylands Library
Thursday 21 st August	School Band Presentation Night 7—8pm
Friday 22 nd August	Diocesan Athletics Carnival at Blacktown Olympic Park Kindy, Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 Visit Merrylands
Friday 29 th August	Year 4 Assembly
Friday 5 th September	Father's Day Liturgy 9:00am in the Hall Father's Day Stall
Sunday 7 th September	Father's Day
Monday 8 th September	Blessed Virgin Mary's Birthday
Friday 12 th September	Band/Choir Assembly
Wednesday 17 th September	P&F Meeting 7.00pm in Staffroom
Friday 19 th September	Staff Development Day School closes for Term 3
Tuesday 7 th October	School Resumes for Term 4

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)



Our Best Book Fair Yet!

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair through purchases, selling (Mrs Cheng, Mrs Hitti, Mrs Incognito and staff) and donations of books from the Fair to our school library (O'Brien family, Gadd family and Zoumpoulis family). We sold \$11,635.50 in items which resulted in a fabulous **\$3547** in books for our school! Mrs Balogh-Caristo

Parent to Parent

If you would like to email the school for 2nd hand uniforms, the P&F will return your email with information and prices.

Poems that make you guess Weather Condition

Grey cotton balls clump together,
the wind sweeps up debris from the ground.

As people's nightmares come alive
winds at 140 mph,

The wind circles like a whirlpool
and rises off the ground.

Houses being dragged
into the clutches of the circling mass.

The wind howls to warn the town
of the coming of the spinning funnel.

Plastic bags and leaves join the nightmare
and leap into the funnel.

Dorothy tumbles in her bedroom as the nightmare
transports her to somewhere beyond her own.

By: Charlize D and Vanessa C Yr 6

Tuckshop

Roster

Thursday June 26th	L.Saliba
Friday June 27th	M. Cheng
Monday July 14th	M.Cruz
Tuesday July 15th	M Aoun
Wednesday July 16th	C.Hitti, A.Guarrici, A.Essey



BIRTHDAYS



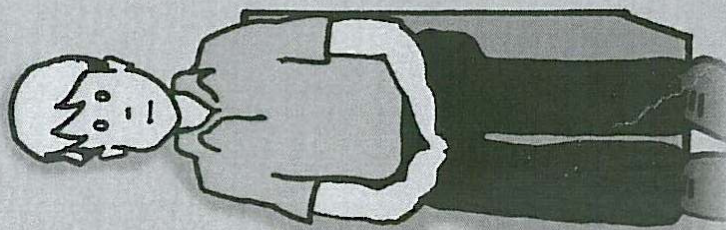
Isabella Nassour	Remon Laoulach	Allira Harrison	Perla Haddad	Krystelle Saliba
Lydia Neculman	Jonathan Gama	Isaiah Cartilla	Marissa Rahme	Fateh Rai
Raymond Daher	George Youssef	Meelad Qadri	Aleks Waesch	Chelsea Kumar
Gerard Bleeker	Nicholas Tan	Tahlia Abram	Jessica Perello	Mya Silva
Radha Medakker	Elizabeth McFarlane	Nicholas Mitry	Chelsea Genares	Fadi Makdessi
Sarah Daoud	Harrison Lin	Jacinta Makdessi	Christian Demian	AJ Fsadni
Sydney Gatluak	Liam Sarkis	Antonias Gerges	Chris Rizk	Lucas Chang
Fatima Caraan	Angelina Georges	Angelina Putrus	Shakira Georges	Antonia Jurisic
Tatiana Elias	Dakota Cunningham	Adut Mayom	Cristiano Schinella	Chris Boulos

Congratulations to all those children who celebrate their birthday around this time and during the holidays.

Asthma First Aid

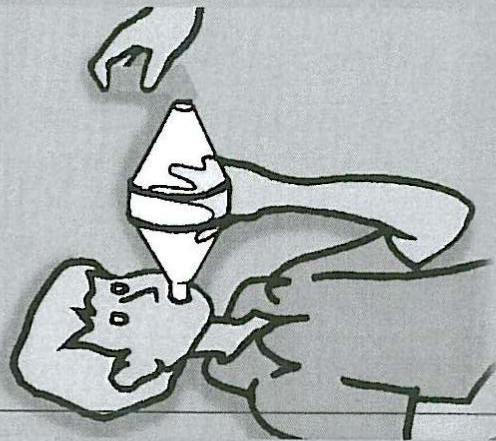
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Do not leave the student alone.



Step 2

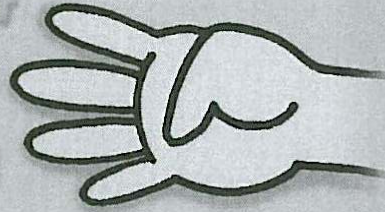
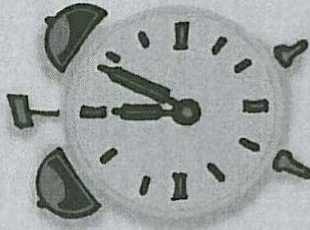
Give 4 puffs of a blue reliever puffer (*Airomir, Asmol, Bricanyl* or *Ventolin*), one puff at a time, preferably through a spacer device*. Ask the student to take 4 breaths from the spacer after each puff.



*Use a blue reliever puffer (*Airomir, Asmol, Bricanyl* or *Ventolin*) on its own if no spacer is available.

Step 3

Wait 4 minutes.

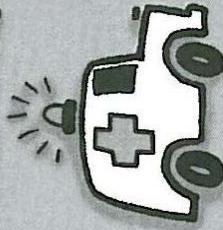


Step 4

If there is little or no improvement, repeat steps 2 and 3.



DIAL 000



If there is still little or no improvement, call an ambulance immediately (Dial 000).
Continue to repeat steps 2 and 3 while waiting for the ambulance.

What if it is a first attack of asthma?

If a student has difficulty breathing, follow the Asthma First Aid plan immediately whether or not the student is known to have asthma.
No harm is likely to result from giving a blue reliever puffer to someone without asthma.

For more information about asthma, contact your local Asthma Foundation on 1800 645 130

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