



St Margaret Mary's School

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Bulletin

Wednesday, 26th October, 2016

Diary Dates

Thursday, 27th October

- Year Three Liturgy 2:15pm in Learning Space.
- Kindergarten 2017 Parent Information Evening 6:00pm in the Hall.
- Year Six Girls MAI Testing for Cerdon.

Friday, 28th October

- World Teachers' Day.

Saturday, 29th October

- St Margaret Mary's Parish International Food Festival.

Monday, 31st October

- 8:40am Whole School Assembly and Prayer.

Tuesday, 1st November

- All Saints' Day.
- Whole School Mass 9:15am to celebrate All Saints' Day.

Wednesday 2nd November

- All Souls' Day.

Leaving

If you know your child/ren will not be returning to this school in 2017, please let the office know as soon as possible.

Kindergarten 2017

Kindergarten 2017 Parent Information Evening will be held tomorrow evening (Thursday, 27th October) at 6:00pm in the Hall.

Library Help

If any parents can help with covering books for the school library, please contact Mrs Balogh-Caristo in the library or the school office. We have hundreds of new books to be covered. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Boys and Girls,

It is great to be back at StMM's and thank you to the many warm wishes and greetings from students and parents over the past three days. I was able to visit my elderly father in Albury before flying out to the United States for a family holiday (15 in the group) visiting all the well-known places of interest. Travel is often more than a holiday, it can be hard work, making all those connecting flights and deadlines. Added to this is missing the comforts of home and the "out of routine" element. It is this last aspect that I want to explore more with you in this bulletin.

Our routines play a vital role in our personal wellbeing and our ability to cope with the challenges of daily life. We need a routine to build a habit and you cannot have good habits without good routines. The StMM's Reading Folder for example. Each student has a Reading Folder and is expected to read each and every day. We can provide the Folder, the books, and the daily log, but reading will not become a habit unless there is a routine that is built into the child's life.

Routines provide sound structures to get things done. Organising the morning routine in the home can be a challenging task for parents. Children can have input into the routine and negotiate elements of what and when things are done, but we must be careful not to have long discussions every day about what and when things are done. Once the routine is settled, life becomes calmer. The more we follow the routine, the easier it becomes. The morning becomes a settled beginning to the day. This great start to the day means we are on time for school and thus ready for learning. We have developed the habit of preparing for our learning.

Holidays are really about taking a break from our routines. Doing things differently. I enjoyed this time but it is great to get back into sound routines and great habits.

God Bless

Mr Kevin Mills
Acting Principal

"MOST OF THE CHOICES WE MAKE EACH DAY MAY FEEL LIKE THE PRODUCTS OF WELL-CONSIDERED DECISION MAKING BUT THEY'RE NOT. THEY'RE **Habits**. AND THOUGH EACH HABIT MEANS RELATIVELY LITTLE ON ITS OWN, OVER TIME, THE MEALS WE ORDER, WHETHER WE SAVE OR SPEND, HOW OFTEN WE EXERCISE, AND THE WAY WE ORGANIZE OUR THOUGHTS AND WORK ROUTINES HAVE **enormous impacts** ON OUR HEALTH, PRODUCTIVITY, FINANCIAL SECURITY AND HAPPINESS."

Administration

STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY FRIDAY, 25th NOVEMBER *THIS IS A PUPIL FREE DAY*

Thank You

I would like to say a very big thank you to Ms Veness and Ms Tripp for looking after the school and to the staff for their professionalism whilst I was on leave.

Who can I go home with?

Dear Parents,

If the occasion arises that you are unable to pick up your child/ren from school, please be aware that we need notification through the school office for this. Also, it is noted that many children are arriving at school after the school day begins. It is important that our students are here by 8:30am. School classes begin at 8:40am.

Also a reminder that there is no supervision in the morning before the 8:15am bell.

Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.

Ms Veness



Skoolbag App

All parents are encouraged to have the Skoolbag App as this will be the main preference for communication to all parents.

Reading Folders

Mr Mills will be visiting all grades over the next 2 weeks to check students reading logs. Parents are to encourage their child/ren to read every day.

Student Medical Information

If your child/ren suffer from asthma or have a medical condition, and you have not informed the school office, could you please do so as soon as possible.

For example, if your child suffers from asthma, please supply an updated Asthma Action Plan from your child's doctor.

All medication must be brought to the school office by a parent and a medication form completed.

School Uniforms

All uniforms must be worn neatly and correctly. It is expected that children have suitable hairstyles appropriate to their age and school expectations. Long hair must be tied back. Our Sun Safe program—No Hat No Play requires students to wear our school cap or school hat when outside. These hats and caps are available at the school office. Sleeper earrings and stud earrings may be worn. Please be aware that these can be dangerous during sports time. Simple signet rings may also be worn. No expensive jewellery is to be worn at school.

Parent Reminder

Just a reminder that we do not allow any parent to approach another parent or any other student (s) about problems that may have arisen. We ask that these concerns go directly to the class teacher or to the office. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Important Dates for Term Four

Thursday, 27 th October	Kindergarten 2017 Parent Information evening 6pm. P&F members to attend.
Friday, 28 th October	World Teachers' Day.
Tuesday, 1 st November	All Saints' Day. Whole School Mass 9:15am to celebrate All Saints' Day.
Wednesday, 2 nd November	All Souls' Day.
Friday, 4 th November	Year Five Leadership Day at Narrabeen.
Wednesday, 9 th November	Kindergarten 2017 Orientation Day 9:00am—10:40am. Second Hand Uniform Shop Open 9:00am—10:40am.
Friday, 11 th November	Remembrance Day.
Monday, 14 th November to Thursday, 17 th November	Students to bring in a donation for the Bingo Night.
Wednesday, 16 th November	Kindergarten 2017 Orientation Day 9:00am—10:40am. Second Hand Uniform Shop Open 9:00am—10:40am
Friday, 18 th November	P&F Bingo Night.
Sunday, 20 th November	Feast of Christ the King.
Wednesday, 23 rd November	Kindergarten 2017 Orientation Day 9:00am—10:40am.
Thursday, 24 th November	St Margaret Mary's Year Six Art Exhibition.
Sunday, 27 th November	1 st Sunday of Advent.
Monday, 28 th November	P&F Morning Tea in the LARC at 9:00am.
Wednesday, 30 th November	P&F Annual General Meeting 6:30pm in the Staffroom.
Sunday, 4 th December	2 nd Sunday of Advent.
Thursday, 8 th December	Year Six Graduation Mass.
Friday, 9 th December	Whole School Thanksgiving Mass 9:00am. Year Six Graduation Dinner.
Sunday, 11 th December	3 rd Sunday of Advent.
Monday, 12 th December	Year Six Aquatic Centre Fun Day.
Friday 16 th December	Students finish at 3pm for 2016.
Sunday, 18 th December	4 th Sunday of Advent.
Monday, 19 th December	Staff Professional Learning Day.
Tuesday, 20 th December	Staff Professional Learning Day. School Closes for 2016.
Friday, 25 th November	Staff Professional Learning Day.
Monday, 30 th January 2017	MAI Testing for all grades.
Tuesday, 31 st January 2017	MAI Testing for all grades.
Wednesday, 1 st February	MAI Testing for Kindy 2017 Students in Years 1-6 2017 return to school.
Thursday, 2 nd February	All Kindergarten 2017 start school.

Personal Growth



BIRTHDAYS



Annabelle McAllister	Sara Luccitti	Lisa Shrestha
Princess Obi	Mayullah Lamin	Joseph Doueihi
Gregory Farah	Maya Bazouni	Paea Mataele
Jayden Othman	Angela El-Helo	Gianni Luccitti
Grace Zhang		

Congratulations to all those children who celebrate their birthday around this time.

Upgrading School Zones

The NSW government is funding an upgrade to 85 flashing signs in the Holroyd area as part of the state-wide road and Maritime School Zone network.

New flashing signs will be installed and tested at a time outside school zone operational hours. Once the new signs are working the old signs will be removed. A small number of the signs will need to be relocated.

The existing signs are managed by council and operate on the 2G network.

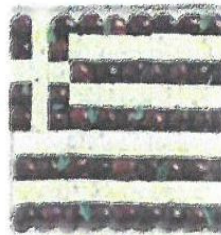
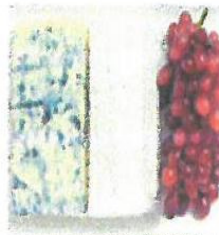
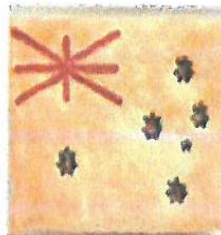
This ensures they work correctly and continue keeping our kids safe.

The Roads and Maritime will carry out the work, which includes removing old posts, flashing signs and equipment and installing new posts, new flashing signs and communications equipment.

Partnership

Parish Car Park

Just a reminder to all parents parking in the parish car park. The parish car park is for parishioners who attend weekday Masses. Parents are also reminded that the parking spaces at the church end of the car-park are for the parish office staff and parishioners, this includes the disabled parking spots near the parish office.



International Food Festival

Date: Saturday, 29th October 2016

Place: St Margaret Mary's Parish Hall

Time: from 7pm

Tickets : \$15 adults,
\$7 children (ages 3 - 12 years old,
under 3 years old are free)
\$45 family (2 adults + up to 4 children)

Food and desserts

Drinks

Prizes

Lucky dip

Raffle

Cultural Music

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So much more

Tickets include entry

into the international

food festival, your

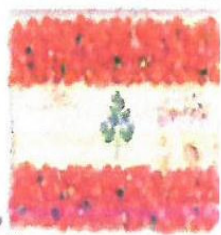
choice of all

international dishes and

entertainment

Raffle prizes to be drawn

on the night



The International Food Festival is back on 29 October 2016 after the Saturday evening mass. Raffle tickets and pre-purchased entry tickets will go on sale after all weekend masses in October. Raffle prizes will be drawn on the Festival night. **To register your country to cook for the event or to help on the night please see members of the fundraising committee after all masses, call Samantha Tawil on 0424 755 311 or email smmfundraising@hotmail.com.au**

We look forward to see you all there



Partnership

Parents and Friends

On Friday, 18th November the P&F are holding a BINGO Night with a sausage sizzle. Last year it was a great success. We are asking for any businesses or companies to donate any major prizes for the raffle, in return, your name and logo will be displayed on the night and printed on the upcoming newsletters. If you can help with this please contact the school office and leave your details. A member of the P&F will then be in touch with you.

Each family will be asked to donate one gift for the BINGO Night prize table during the week from Monday, 14th November to Thursday, 17th November.

On Thursday, 17th November we will need volunteers to help wrap these prizes, even if it is only for 1 hour. Please complete the form below and return it to the school office. All help will be greatly appreciated. Tea, coffee and food will be provided.

Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful teachers for their hard work and dedication to this school. The P&F will be putting on a morning tea to thank our amazing teachers this Friday.

Important Dates

14th November—17th November

Children to bring in a donation for Bingo Night.

Thursday, 17th November

Wrapping of Prizes for Bingo Night.

Friday, 18th November

Family Bingo Night.

Monday, 28th November

P&F Thank You Morning Tea at 9:00am.

Wednesday, 30th November

P&F Annual General Meeting, 6:30pm, in the Staffroom.

Mrs Carol Hitti

&

The P&F Committee



BINGO Wrapping



I am able to help with the wrapping of the BINGO prizes on Thursday, 17th November.

Name: _____

Telephone No: _____

Child's Name: _____

Time Available: _____



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How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "Install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.



For Windows 81 Phone and Windows 81 or 10 device users:


1. Go to the Windows Store on your 81 Windows Phone or Windows 81/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 81 version Windows Phones, or Windows 81 and 10 devices.



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BACK TO McAuley DAY

SUNDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2016,
12 NOON – 4.30PM

All past students, staff, parents and friends of Catherine McAuley Westmead (formerly known as Catherine McAuley Girls High) are invited to return to school to celebrate our 50th anniversary.

Golden Jubilee Mass to commence at 12 noon, Morley Centre, Catherine McAuley Westmead
Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv DD, Bishop of Parramatta

Following Mass enjoy a 'trip down memory lane' with memorabilia, displays, hospitality and performances.

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