



# St Margaret Mary's School

*A Dynamic Community of Learners in Action*

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## Diary Dates

### Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> August

- Year Five Prayer Service.

### Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> August

- Year Three Prayer Service 9:00am in Learning Space. (*This has been changed from Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> of August*).
- School Disco  
Infants 3:30pm—5:00pm.  
Primary 5:30pm—7:00pm.

### Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> August

- St Margaret Mary's Parish First Communion 10:30am (Group 3).

### Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> August

#### **Numeracy & Literacy Week**

- 8:40am Morning Assembly and Prayer.

### Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September

- Cerdon College Students Coaching Year Five Students at Merrylands Park.
- Year Six Prayer Service 2:15pm in Learning Space.

### Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September

- Student Prayer 8:15am.
- Merrylands Library Staff Visiting St Margaret Mary's Students.  
Primary Students 12:30pm—1:10pm.  
Infants Students 2:00pm—2:40pm.
- Cerdon College Students Coaching Year Five Students at Merrylands Park.

## ***Tuckshop***

Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>

Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>

Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>

Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>

Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>

## ***Roster***

*M.Aoun*

*L.Luccitti*

*L.McLeay*

## From the Principal

Dear Parents, Boys and Girls,

The following passage is written by Fr Michael Fallon MSC whom I had the privilege of studying under a number of years ago. I have simply taken the first part of his homily this week for our community to reflect upon.

### **22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME August 30**

“I would like to begin these reflections by looking at who we are, and to do so by listening to Jesus’ words at the Last Supper. Having just promised to send his disciples the Spirit to dwell with them and in them (John 14:17), he adds: ‘If you love me you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you and make our home in you’ (John 14:23). Of each one of us it can be said that our soul is a temple in which God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, loves to dwell. Of course, since God is love, God will come to us only when invited. As Jesus says in the Book of Revelation: ‘I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me’ (Apocalypse 3:20). Reflecting on this wonderful mystery, Paul writes to the community in Corinth: ‘Do you not know that you are God’s temple, and that God’s Spirit dwells in you?’ (1Corinthians 3:16)

Throughout the 40 years of their journeying through the Sinai desert the people of Israel lived in tents. They knew that God was journeying with them, and so they had a special tent or as we often say a ‘tabernacle’ which they set aside for God. They were very conscious of their own broken, sinful lives and so they made sure that God’s tabernacle, God’s tent, was pitched outside the camp. Moses would speak with God there, but the ordinary people did not dare to come close to God’s dwelling.

When I was a child we were encouraged to pop in to the Church and visit Jesus truly present in the tabernacle. Many of you will remember this in your own childhood. If we find ourselves too busy to do this, and if we are not handing on this practice to our children, we would do well to examine the rest of our lives.

Perhaps we are also too busy to enter our own hearts to be with him there.”

My question to all at StMM’s: Are we too busy for Jesus?

God Bless,

Mr Kevin Mills

Principal

## Administration

### Storm Damage



Parent we would like to advise you that during the recent storms our school has suffered



over \$60,000.00 worth of damage. The main damage has been to the new upstairs staff study and the Primary toilet block (near hall). This area will be closed until all work is completed.



Students may have disruption to classes during this time.



### Enrolments

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2016 have now closed. We now have a waiting list of twenty families.

### Excursions

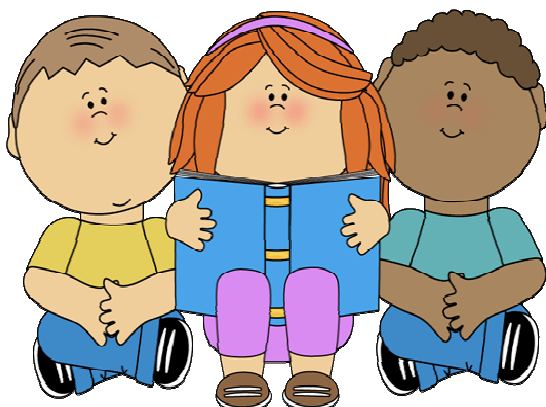
It is important for all students and parents to note that all incursions and excursions are an important part of learning at StMM's, with regards to children attending (including sporting events), the school has a process where children with inappropriate behaviour may be unable to participate in these events.

The decisions regarding students attendance is the responsibility of the Principal and Assistant Principal. The school will endeavour to consult and inform parents if there are concerns about a child's attendance.

### Car Pick Up

The Police have asked us to ensure all parents follow and obey all signage with regards to parking and Car Pick up . The police will continue to book parents who are not following the road rules. We regret the school has no control over these infringements. We had a meeting with Police, Local Member and the Rangers. We are waiting on a number of decisions from the Council Traffic Committee after looking into the matter.

This traffic issue has existed for the past 20-30 years around our school.



## Faith Community

### Congratulations

Congratulations to all the students who have received their First Communion over the last couple of weekends and this weekend coming.

### First Holy Communion

On Sunday the second group of children made their First Holy Communion. Father Peter mentioned the importance of being yourself and using the special talents given to us. The StMM's School Choir once again demonstrated their talents by singing during the Mass. The students were praised by Parishioners and Fr Peter James's mother for their reverence and behaviour .



## Teaching and Learning

### Voice Of Youth

On Tuesday the 11th of August, Lilly Antouny, Alaura Lassiter and Elizabeth Lawlache were participants in the Voice of Youth Cluster Final at St Patrick's, Guildford. The schools participating were Holy Family, Holy Trinity and St Patrick's.



In order for us to share our speeches with the other schools we had to go through a long process. Everyone in Year Six was given two weeks to write a speech and present it. After we presented our speeches to our writing teachers they chose the top twenty speeches. Then, it

was narrowed down to the top twelve speeches. Those top twelve students presented their speeches to Year Six and Year Five. Mrs Prendergast, Ms Veness and Mr Tenido were the judges. The day after, it was announced that we were the top Three. Being one of the top three was a great achievement!



Year Six had a great day listening to the other Voice of Youth finalists from different schools. Even though we didn't win, we still received medals. Overall it was an awesome experience.

*Alaura Lassiter and Elizabeth Lawlache*





## Partnership

### Book Fair



The Book Fair is now closed. Anyone who has ordered a book will have it sent to their class as soon as it arrives - probably early next week.

Thank you to everyone who supported our school by purchasing items from our Book Fair. A special "Thank you" to the wonderful Parents, Staff and Year Six students who have given up their time to make our Book Fair a success.



### Book Week – Books Light Up Our World

All teachers will be reading to groups of students this Wednesday to celebrate Book Week.

The librarians from Merrylands Library will visit our school next Wednesday to present some of the Shortlisted Book Week books, to our students, in a fun way.



Share in the enjoyment of Book Week

- Have Fun! Read a book!
- Read a book with your child!

### RSPCA - Cupcake Stall

On Monday 17th of August a small group of Year Six students took part in a Cupcake Day to raise money for the RSPCA. Altogether we raised over five hundred dollars from the cupcakes we sold. Did you know that thirty dollars will shelter and care for a neglected dog and three hundred and fifty will keep an RSPCA inspector on the road fighting animal cruelty?

All of the money raised will be sent to RSPCA to help them fight animal cruelty. We would also like to thank each Year Six student who baked cupcakes for us to sell. We appreciated all the donations and hopefully we can save the poor animals.

By Selina and Lilly



## Parent to Parent

### Thank you

On behalf of the school, the Parents & Friends would like to give a very special "Thank you" to the



very generous team at **Bunnings, Villawood** for donating two gazebos and two sets of weights to our school this year. Thank you for your generosity and support of our school.

### Father's Day Stall

We will be holding our Father's Day Stall on Friday, the 4th of September, and we will be setting up and wrapping on Thursday, 3rd of September. If you are able to help with the stall or the set up and wrapping please complete the form in this newsletter and return to the school office.

### Second Hand Uniform Shop

Our Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open on Monday, 7th of September, after the Monday Morning Assembly until 9:30am.

### P&F Meeting

Our next P&F meeting will be held on Wednesday, 16th of September, at 7:00pm in the Staffroom.

## Personnel Growth

### BIRTHDAYS



Mark Yanga	Wayne Mungai
Sophie Clark	Joshua Khoury
Katie –Marie Tannous	Lucas Dempsey
Caitlin Habib	Youssef Tawfik
Zainab Kamara	Charbel Sahyoun
Elias Othman	Kyna Garcia
Caleb Neculman	Anthony Trentadue
Charbel Elias	Robby Powell
Charbel Bou-Rached	Peter Bou-Rached
Charlie Tilbrook	Isabella Tilbrook
Yagmur Oghan	Davin Leonard
Anthony Baaini	Joshua Salama
Jarrold Dickson	Mabel Sullay
Sebastian Delgado Molina	Angelina Salma
Julian Balkitis	Charbel Haouchab
Aluel Juk	Sameira Imad
Thuraya Dandash	Elie Merhi
Christian Greco	Marcus Greco

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

# School Disco

On Friday 28th August, 2015, Year Six will be holding a School Disco. The disco will run in two separate sessions to provide a more suitable, enjoyable and safer disco for all children with appropriate music organised for each group.



## Parent to Parent

### Father's Day Breakfast

On Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of September, 2015, St Margaret Mary's Primary School will be having a Father's Day Breakfast BBQ, all Father's and Grandfathers are invited to attend. The breakfast will run from 7:30am to 8:30am followed by a Prayer Service in the Assembly Area. Bacon and egg rolls will be provided as well as refreshments. So that we may best cater for the breakfast, please return the slip to school office by Friday, 28th of August, 2015.



**Infants (Years K - 2): 3:30pm – 5:00pm**  
**Primary (Years 3 - 6): 5:30pm – 7:00pm**

Please note that NO SUPERVISION will be provided for Primary children after school. Primary children ARE TO GO HOME after school and return at 5:30pm. All infants students MUST be picked up at 5:00pm. No Infant Students will be able to stay with Primary children.

**Disco Entry Price: \$2.50 per child**

**Entry fee is paid at the door on the day of the disco.**

#### **Available on the night:**

Water- \$1.50

Glow sticks- \$2.00

Chips- \$1.50

There will also be a **Sausage Sizzle** on the night which will cost **\$2.50** per sausage on a roll.

**YOU DO NOT NEED TO ORDER OR PAY FOR A SAUSAGE IN ADVANCE. THE SAUSAGE SIZZLE IS TO BE PAID FOR ON THE NIGHT OF THE DISCO. NO EARLY PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Infants children attending the disco may wear mufti clothes to school on the day. Primary students must wear their school uniform to school.

Infants children may bring their money to school on the day of the disco in an envelope marked with their name and class and give it to their class teacher in the morning.

**Children not attending need to be picked up from school as per usual at 3:00pm.**

### Father's Day Breakfast



☐ Yes I/we will be attending the Father's Day Breakfast.

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child/rens Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending the breakfast: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Father & Child/ren)

### Father's Day Wrapping and Stall

This year we will be wrapping and setting up the stall all on the same day, Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> of September. So we will need as many kind helpers as we can get please. If you can help please complete the form below and return to the school office.



We will also need lots of help on the day of the Stall and BBQ. If you are able to help at any time during this day, please complete the form below and return it to the school office.

Please make sure your Child Protection Module is up to date and Working with Children's Check number has been given to the school office.

P&F Committee



### Father's Day Wrapping and Stall

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Child/ren's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I am able to help with the Wrapping and Setting up:  
Time available: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I am able to help with the Father's Day Stall  
Time available: \_\_\_\_\_