



# St Margaret Mary's School

*A Dynamic Community of Learners in Action*

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## Diary Dates

### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May

- Parent Education - Literacy Session  
Morning 9:00am—10:00am  
Evening 6:00pm—7:00pm

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May

- Year Two Liturgy 2:15pm in Learning space (*Please note this is a change of date from Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May*)

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May

**Holy Trinity**

### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

- 8:40am Morning Assembly and Prayer.
- Seconded Hand Uniform shop open from 9:00am—9:30am

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

- Parents & Friends Meeting 7:00pm in the Staff room.

## 2016 Enrolment

Enrolment forms for Kindergarten 2016 are available for collection from the school office.

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> August 2010 and 31<sup>st</sup> July 2011 you will need to contact the school office to collect an enrolment form.

## School Fees

Term Two fees are now overdue, unless arrangements have been made, or a flexible payment plan option has been entered into.

If you have any questions regarding your fees please contact Maria Pagano at the school office.

### Tuckshop

Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup>

Friday May 29<sup>th</sup>

Monday June 1<sup>st</sup>

Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Wednesday June 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Roster

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## Administration

### 2016 Enrolment

Interviews for Kindergarten 2016 have commenced. We would like to remind all sibling families who have not yet returned their enrolment forms to return them to the office as soon as possible please. If you have any queries please contact the office.



Teacher/Parent/Student Interviews will occur week ten this term. We will be using an on-line booking system. All parents will receive this information next Monday in a letter. It will have clear explanations and also will display the "EVENT CODE" which you must have in order to log in. It is a reliable, easy way for parents to book. No parents can see any other booking information other than their own. You will receive an email as confirmation of booking.

A computer will be set up at school in the LARC to help any parent from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June onwards who cannot access this from home/work. Our school website already has the logo attached for you to click on to the home page – this will not be operational until Monday June 1<sup>st</sup>. It will remain open until Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June. All teachers will show their availability and you need to select which teacher/s you want to see.

### Australian Government Assistance National Capital Excursion

Students from our school have recently undertaken, an education tour of the National Capital. Students have been given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist you (the parent) in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. This amount was deducted from the overall costing. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

We hope that the excursion was a rewarding experience for all students.

### Athletics Carnival Years Three to Six

Just a reminder about the primary sports carnival to be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June at Gipps Road Athletics Oval Greystanes. Students may wear a t-shirt of the house colour they are in for sport, eg. If your child is in Tosi, they may wear a yellow t-shirt. If they do not have a t-shirt to match their house colour, they must wear their school sports shirt.

Students must also wear school sports short/pants, school HAT and bring SUNSCREEN.

Please remember to **LABEL ALL BELONGINGS**.

Students are advised to bring something to sit on as the grounds are often wet. e.g blanket or towel.

**THERE WILL BE NO CANTEEN AVAILABLE.**

The students will need to bring their morning tea and lunch with them on the day. Students will travel to and from the carnival by bus.

Most activities will be held close to the outer fence to allow better viewing by parents. Only the parents with an official badge will be allowed on the field during the running of the carnival.



## Faith Community

### A Time When Jesus Was With Me

I knew Jesus was with me the first time I rode a quad bike. I felt Jesus would keep me safe. Then after I felt brave so I had a go and I was safe. Jesus did keep me safe. I love Jesus, he made me a brave boy and he makes everybody feel safe. Jesus is the best!

Reece Fakhr Two Red

## Teaching and Learning

### Our trip to Canberra

Year Six went on a two-day excursion to Canberra, we went by bus and it took about three hours to get there. On the way we stopped to have a snack while we were on our break we saw kangaroos in the bush. Our first stop in Canberra was Parliament House and the Australian Electoral Office. On the first day we also visited The War Memorial where we experienced displays, memories and life of soldiers who have fought for Australia in many conflicts around the world. We learnt about The Senate and House of Representatives in Parliament House and had a fantastic time at Questacon.



On the final day in Canberra, we had breakfast and packed our things and headed out in the bus to our final stops for the day. We visited The Institute of Sport and Old Parliament House to learn more about our system of government. Canberra was a great experience, which everyone enjoyed.



By Alice Mitchell and Taylor Edwards

### Canberra, 2015

On Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> May Year Six arrived in the school hall at 5.30am to leave on the buses for our excursion to Canberra. We travelled for an hour and a half before stopping for a break and then travelled the rest of the way to Canberra. Our first place to visit was the Australian Electoral Office where we learnt about Australia's system of voting.

We then visited The War Memorial and saw the rows and rows of red poppy's on the Wall of Remembrance. We then went to explore



The Discovery Zone with

things like flying in a helicopter and life in the trenches. When we went to Parliament House we had a guide who showed us The Senate and House of Representatives. We then left and went to our cabins and had dinner in the large dining room.



After dinner we left and went to Questacon, this was a great adventure for everyone in Year Six.

Questacon had lots of exhibits that were fun, scary and made us think about solutions to problems. On the second day we visited Parliament House and The Institute of Sport. We left Canberra and had a stop off at McDonald's on the way back to Sydney. When we arrived at school our parents were waiting for us and were very pleased to see all of us and we were just as pleased to see them. What a great excursion!

Daniel Ibrahim and Charbel Sahyoun

By

## Personal Growth

### Maths Boxes



A big thankyou to the Year Six students who helped me make up all of the Maths Boxes for our Primary classes. Each box contained a variety of resources for the students to use during their Maths lessons including bead strings, number lines, a variety of dice, unifix cubes, tens frames and a pack of cards. The Year Six students showed initiative and responsibility throughout the process. Well done!

Miss Teulan  
Maths Coordinator



### Rugby League Carnival

On Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> of May, students from St Margaret Mary's were chosen to compete in the rugby League Gala Day for the under11's and under 8's divisions. In our first game the U/11's won three tries to two. As the day continued both of St Margaret Mary's teams made it to the final round with the U/11's won the competition and



will now advance to the Parramatta All Schools Carnival representing our school and the Parramatta South Schools.

Our U/8's lost in a close competition against OLQP - Greystanes. We were all very happy with the way we played.

We would like to thank Mr Fakhr for organising the day and to the coaches on the day, and to all the parents who came and cheered us on.

Christian Karam Year Five



### Stage Three Girls Soccer Gala Day

On Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> of May the girls of St Margaret Mary's went to the Stage Three Girls Soccer Gala day. We played 8 games, we were undefeated till the eight game. Each game lasted for 10 minutes each half. We think we did a pretty good job, coming second on the leader board, considering the amount of soccer games we played and the amount of people we competed against.

We would like to thank the teachers Miss Ashe and Miss O'Brien for coaching us and to all the parents who came and supported us.

By Allannah, Selina, Lilly, Alesandra, Sharaze from Year Six



## Partnership

### Parents and Friends

Just a note for your diary. The next P&F meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd June at 7:00pm in the Staffroom. If you have anything you would like brought up at the meeting please put it in writing and send to the school office.



### Second Hand Uniform Shop

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open on Monday morning only after the assembly from 9:00am to 9:45am.