



# St Margaret Mary's School

*A Dynamic Community of Learners in Action*

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Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2014

Newsletter No 27

Dear Parents, Boys and Girls,

I attended a Principal Meeting yesterday and was struck by the prayer shared by Sr Venera Nicolosi. I have included aspects for our community to reflect upon.

*A reading from Matthew 16:13-15*

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Phillippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others, Jeremiah or one of the Prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven."

## Reflection

Identity is a frequently explored theme in Catholic schools. We often asked ourselves what is the identity of our Catholic schools? We know that the identity of our school is grounded in a person—the person of Christ. Like the disciples we need to hear the question "Who do you say I am?" leading to "Who is Christ for you?"

The Bishops' Pastoral Letter, "Catholic Schools at a Crossroads", speaks about; "the life and activity in the school as being the context for a personal encounter with Christ".

## Let us pray

O Spirit of life you call us to be more than we can ask or even imagine. Help us to uncover the rich inner life that is ours. Surprise us with the hidden treasures we never knew we had. Give us the courage to uncover the mystic and prophet within ourselves so that we can reveal Christ to others. May we contribute to empowering others, so that each person can respond with the insight of Peter, to the question of Jesus "Who do you say I am?"

We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

God Bless.

Kevin Mills  
Principal

## Next Weeks Happenings

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

Year Six Prayer Service 2:15pm in Learning Space

### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August

Assembly: Year Four 2:00pm in the Hall

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

First Holy Communion at St Margaret Mary's Parish Church

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

8:40am Morning Assembly and Prayer Service.  
Voice of Youth Semi Finals year Six attending.

### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

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

CSIRO incursion for Year Six



## Premier's Reading Challenge



Congratulations to all students who completed the Premier's reading Challenge.

The **Premier's Reading Challenge** is now closed for students.

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014

This is a pupil free day

### School Photos

We will be reviewing the school photos taken this year. We are looking at all aspects and welcome suggestions and/or comments on the purchasing, quality and layout. Please forward all comments and suggestions to the school office by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

### Swimming Program 2015

We are also reviewing the school swimming program for 2015. The cost of the swimming program for 2014 has gone up. Whilst we are committed to the program this year, we feel this is an opportune time to look at the value and effectiveness of the one off program. If you have any comments or suggestions could you please send them in writing to the school office by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

### School Newsletter

Parents please visit our school website. On the website you will find available the School Newsletter, up and coming events happening in our school and across the Parramatta Diocesan, School Excursion notes.

As parents you can request to have the newsletter emailed directly to your email account. This also sends a message about up and coming events information.

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### Tuckshop

Thursday August 28<sup>th</sup>

Friday August 29<sup>th</sup>

Monday September 1<sup>st</sup>

Tuesday September 2<sup>nd</sup>

Wednesday September 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Roster

M.Issac

M. Cheng

L.McLeay

### C.A.R.E.S

Is holding an Open Day on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September from 10am—3pm at Auto Place x Peter Brock Drive, Prospect.

You will need to bring your own helmet and bike. There will be Road Safety information, safety checks, a skills course, and much, much more. For all enquires please email [caresprospect@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:caresprospect@police.nsw.gov.au).

### Statewide Eyesight Pre-Schooler Screening Program.

It is highly recommended that all 4 year old children participate in the vision screening program as many vision problems remain undetected unless a child's vision is screened by a trained vision screener. Children can be brought into specific community health facilities by their parents/carers once an appointment has been arranged.

Vision Screening clinics will be taking bookings until Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2014 or from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 (Monday to Friday 8:30am—12:30pm.)

For further information and/or details of clinics held please phone 9881 1213.



## BIRTHDAYS



Charbel Sahyoun	Elias Othman	Kyna Garcia	Anthony Trentadue	Caleb Neculman
Charbel Elias	Robby Powell	Charbel Bou-Rached	Peter Bou-Rached	Jamelia Youssef
Charlie Tilbrook	Isabella Tilbrook	Davin Leonard	Anthony Baaini	Joshua Salama
Jarrold Dickson	Sebastian Delgado Molina	Angelina Salama	Charbel Haouchab	Aluel Juk
Sameira Imad	Thuraya Dandash	Elie Merhi	Christian Greco	Marcus Greco
Jessica Bahous	John Ishak	Sharaze O'Brien		

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

## Mrs Cook Visits Year 2

Last Thursday Mrs Cook came to visit us in Year 2. She is a teacher who worked at our school for 30 years.

She showed us pictures of our school many years ago. Mrs Cook told us that the students marched around the school. They made a plane and pretended to fly around the world.

We liked learning about our school. It was very interesting.

By Johnny, Sydney and Georgia



## Our Excursion to Fairfield Museum

On Thursday 14th of August Year 2 went on an exciting adventure. We went back in time to visit Fairfield Museum. We travelled by bus and we were all very excited. When we arrived it felt like we were 100 years old. I could definitely see the difference between the olden days and today.

We went to visit the old school. In the olden days there was no electricity. There were not many children in the school. Nobody was allowed to talk at school in the olden days. If they talked, they got a big.....SMACK! I am so glad I wasn't at school in the olden days.

After the school, we visited the Blacksmith. A blacksmith is a person who works with metal. He told us that he was going to make our teacher a naughty children hook. We knew it was really called a butcher's hook.

We saw lots of interesting things at the museum. I really enjoyed everything that we saw and did. I felt sad when the day was over.

By David Fung Year 2



## P&F Second Hand Uniform Shop

The Second Hand Uniform Shop is open on the first Tuesday of the month only from 2:45pm—3:15pm. If you are unable to make these times you can send an email with the uniform requirements and sizing to the school email address. This will then be forwarded to the ladies. Please include your name and contact no in the email.

### SUMMER

GIRLS SUMMER DRESSES: \$10

BOYS SHORT SLEEVES SHIRTS: \$5

BOYS GREY SHORTS \$5

UNISEX MICROFIBRE NAVY SHORTS: \$5

HAT: \$3

### WINTER:

MICROFIBRE ZIP JACKET:\$15

V-NECK JUMPERS:\$10

NAVY LONG TRACK PANTS:\$8

BOYS TIES:\$3

GIRLS WINTER TABS:\$2

GIRLS WINTER TUNICS:\$15

GIRLS LONG SLEEVE SHIRTS:\$5

BOYS LONG SLEEVE SHIRTS:\$5

BOYS LONG GREY TRS:\$8

UNISEX SHORT SLEEVE SPORTS POLO SHIRTS:\$5

UNISEX LONG SLEEVE SPORTS POLO SHIRTS:\$5



## POPCORN DELITE Thanks to N. Livio (P&F Friend)

### Ingredients

**1/2 cup popping corn**

**1 cup dried apricots, chopped**

**1 cup dried apple, chopped**

**1 cup sultanas**



Makes 6 cups.

### Method

Put the popping corn in a microwave safe dish.

Microwave on HIGH (100%) for four minutes or cook in a saucepan or electric frypan according to packet instructions.

Stand popcorn for one minute.

Mix remaining ingredients into the popcorn.

### Helpful tips this issue:

There are so many new flavours and types of 'Sippy yoghurts' on the market today, freeze them the night before, they'll be ready to eat/drink by recess and still be cool.

Use ice packs in lunch boxes to avoid cheese and tomato going soggy.



## **Band Presentation**

On Thursday night the St. Margaret Mary's band held a concert for our parents and friends. We enjoyed presenting our songs to others and showing everyone our solos that we've been practising for a while. The students in the band did a really great job, even though we were all nervous.

The parents were dancing along to the songs and had a really good time. We all had an awesome night and can't wait until we can have another concert.

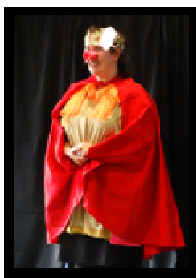
By Jazmin Isaac



## **Holroyd Book Week Visit**

On the 22nd of August, during Book Week, Holroyd Library came to visit our school to act out some of the a shortlisted Book Week books.

Some of these books included: "I am a dirty dinosaur", "King Pig", and "Granny Grommet". While they were acting out the books, they put on costumes to make their character come alive and used many different forms of expression such as facial expression and vocal expression. They also used funny language which made the book a lot more interesting for us to listen to. Overall, St Margaret Mary's is very grateful for all the effort Holroyd Library put in and would like to thank them for making it a joyful experience.



## **St Paul's Creative Arts Visit**

Last Thursday, Year 5 and Year 6 travelled by bus to watch musical performances by St Paul's students. There were a lot of very exciting and very amusing performances by the St Paul's boys. We watched boys from different grades singing and playing musical instruments that they had been learning. It was a great afternoon to see live performances from people that are not much older than ourselves.

## **Year One Liturgy**

On Thursday afternoon Year One prepared a beautiful liturgy focusing on Baptism and belonging to God's family. Many parents joined the Year One students in prayer and praise.

