



# St Margaret Mary's School

*A Dynamic Community of Learners in Action*

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## Notes Sent Home

- Year Six Final Reminder Note

## Leaving

We have a large number of students wishing to attend St Margaret Mary's Primary School. If you are moving out of the area or unable to attend in 2015 please let the office know as soon as possible.

## Next Weeks Happenings

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December

Year Two Multi Cultural Day.

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December Movember Wacky Hair Day

Captivate Concert at the Morley Centre Westmead —  
Some of our students will be attending 10:30am.

P & F Movember Disco  
Infants 3:30pm—5:00pm  
Primary 5:30pm—7:00pm

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December

2nd Sunday of Advent

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December

8:40am Advent Prayer Service by Years Three and Four Students.  
School Captains speeches at 11:30am in the hall,

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Art Expo 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> December  
8:15am—8:40am  
3:00pm—3:30pm

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

P&F Annual General Meeting 7pm in the Staffroom.

Dear Parents, Boys and Girls,

The season of Advent is upon us and we are all very busy preparing for the coming of the Lord. Or are we? There is always so much to do and as the year draws to a close we develop a sense of despair *With so much to do and so little time to do it.* I am sure that Mary and Joseph were under similar pressure. So far to travel and no place to stay!

As a catholic community how can we ensure we do not lose the feelings of expectancy and joyful anticipation around the birth of Jesus? It is during the season of Advent that we are able to reflect on a number of powerful statements found in the readings:

Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come

May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.

What I say to you, I say to all: "Watch!"

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.'"

"One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptised you with water; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit."

The readings and image of life during Advent allows us to look back to the first coming of Christ at Bethlehem, and then look to the future when Christ will come again. It is in these messages and preparations that find meaning for our lives as a Christians. The season of Advent gives us a vision and shows us the possibilities of life and how we can make the world a better place.

God Bless and keep you safe

Mr Kevin Mills

Principal



## Reports

Reports are in the process of being checked and signed. They will be going home sometime next week.

## Farewell

Mrs Hanna has finished her work at St Margaret Mary's School and the class will be under the care of Mr Woods.

All administration and students reports have been completed by Mrs Hanna.

If you have any concerns regarding your child please speak with Mr Wood, Miss Fardella or Miss Rafidi.

## School Captain Speeches

Students from Year Five will be presenting speeches for the school captain positions next Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December. It will be held in the hall at 11:30am. All parents and grandparents are welcome to attend.

## Sydney Youth Writing Competition Presentation Night.

Vanessa, Paula, Jonathon, and Victoria from Year Six attended the Sydney Youth Writing Competition Presentation Night on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November at NSW Parliament House. They were all finalists in the short story or poetry sections of the competition. Over 3000 students entered the competition from around Australia and Hong Kong. They were four of the 250 finalists selected.

Vanessa, Paula and Jonathon received commended awards for their short stories and Victoria received a highly commended award for her poem.

They also visited the Catholic Education Office on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November to share their achievements with Mr Greg Whitby.



*Did you know that*

***St. Margaret Mary's School  
students are artists?***

Please come along and visit our

***2014 Visual Arts Exhibition***  
featuring works from Grades K-6.

**When:** Term 4, Week 10

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December

**Time:** 8:15 – 8:40am

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3:00 – 3:30pm

**Where:** LARC



## St Margaret Mary's Parish Christmas Mass Times

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December:

Christmas Vigil 6:00pm

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Day Masses

7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am

No Evening Mass

Second Rite of Reconciliation

22<sup>nd</sup> December 7:00pm

Reconciliation:

Monday—Friday 8:30am—9:00am

Saturday 9:00am—9:30am and 4:30pm—5:30pm



## Parish News

### St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal will take place on 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> December. Your donations help SVDP to minister to those in the community who are struggling and in need that they may have a beautiful and less stressed time at Christmas

We thank you for your generous support.

### SVDP Christmas Tree

We will be visiting some less fortunate families in Merrylands before Christmas. If you wish to donate some gifts, please take home a gift tag and bring your gifts with the gift tag attached, to this tree latest by 14<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

## The Writing Workshop

The Writing Workshop helps young writers build confidence, take pride in work, develop creativity, improve literacy, increase general braininess and have a lot of fun.

They are held every school holidays at Bicentennial park (Sydney Olympic Park).

For More information go to:

[www.writingworkshop.com.au](http://www.writingworkshop.com.au) or

for bookings please call 0468 543 933 or

[booking@writingworkshop.com.au](mailto:booking@writingworkshop.com.au)



# Parent to Parent



## MOVEMBER MO DISCO

It is the last newsletter before our Mo Disco. Check out the latest progress or our brave 'Mo Bros'.

Mr Maunick  
Mr Tenido  
Mr Poumale  
Mr Eid



Between our on line donations and cash donations at the office, we have now reached \$246.00 we are so close!

Mr Eid will cut off his plait if we reach \$300.00. Please dig deep and help us reach our target.

Mr Tenido will be shaved at 3:45pm during the Infants disco followed by Mr Poumale's shave at 4pm. Mr Eid's plait will be cut off at the Primary disco and Mr Maunick will be shaved during the primary disco.

Mo Packs can still be ordered and paid for on the night. There are only 300 available.

Mo Packs include:

Sausage Sizzle  
600ml bottle of Water  
Mo lollipop  
Funky stick-on Mo to wear for the night.  
Bag of chips

On the night, you can also purchase:

Glow sticks	\$2.00
600mls Water	\$2.00
Chips	\$1.50
Funky stick-on moustaches	\$1.00
Sausage Sizzle	\$3.00

Thank you for your support,  
Parent and Friends Association on behalf of Movember Foundation

## Annual General Meeting

Reminder: 2014 AGM is set for Next Wednesday 10th December, at 7:00pm in the staffroom.

Everyone is welcome to join us for the meeting. More importantly, everyone is welcome to join the new committee for 2015.

All positions are open for nomination or you can just join the fundraising committee and be part of the organisation for future events in the new year. There are loads of fun things in the pipe line, you don't want to miss the fun. There's a great sense of satisfaction when you're part of something great. Any time and any way you can help is very much appreciated.

Please, if you have any questions or comments you can always leave a note at the school office.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 10th December, at 7:00pm in the Staffroom.

Pauline Poumale  
President

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## P&F Nomination

I would like to nominate for the following positions:

<input type="checkbox"/> President	<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising Committee

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

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_





# 'H' Day



## Tuckshop

Thursday December 4<sup>th</sup>

Friday December 5<sup>th</sup>

Monday December 8<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday December 9<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday December 10<sup>th</sup>

## Roster

*M. Cheng*

*M. Raftery*

*L. McLeay*



# BIRTHDAYS



Achel Majock	Kiana Loncar	Michaela Robledo	Anabelle Mika	Cristian Houchab
Elizabeth Pobee	Amol Akoy	Miki Pan	Ilige Ghasb	Alesandra Nasr
Kristian Farah	Sophia Lin	Alicia Shrestha	David Curkovic	Isabella Anderson
Samantha Georges	Summer Shrestha	Isabella Blandon—Cano	Sophia Tannous	Kevin Elias
Luke Choi	Charbel Saba	Georgia—Lee McLeay	Natalie Falgiatori	Ekam Lidhar
Grace Neculman	Naydeen Poumale	Evan Kouvas	Kout Deng	Soham Gupta
Srushti Darji	Jolyne Vien	Tayla Jammal	Janessa Georges	Yak Majock
Andrew Yanga	Alana Curkovic	Charlene Pickering	Agiun Deng	Mayom Mayom
Rhos Shi Wan	Christopher Alsaad	Malek Ghadban	Arnav Khurana	Christian Mika
Sebastian Mika	Shania Biber			

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