



St Margaret Mary's School

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Bulletin

Wednesday, 18th October, 2017

Diary Dates

Thursday, 19th October

- P&F Final organising of the School Fete.

Friday, 20th October

- P&F Fete Committee setting up for the School Fete.

Saturday, 21st October

- **P&F FETE DAY**

Sunday, 22nd October

- Confirmation Session Two.

Monday, 23rd October

- 8:40am Assembly and School Prayer.

Tuesday, 24th October

- Year Five at Merrylands Park with Cerdon College Students 11:20pm — 12:20pm.

Wednesday, 25th October

Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Boys and Girls,

At the conclusion of our 75th Anniversary and the Feast of St Margaret Mary Mass on Monday.

“What brings us together is our commitment to St Margaret Mary's Primary School and our Faith. We must remember where we began, and today still remain a strong aspect of our parish at Merrylands and as a school (education institution).

This living picture acknowledges our past, present and future and reflects what makes St Margaret Mary's a great school.

In a recent school bulletin I used the quote “We stand on the shoulders of giants”. We must always remember the individuals who have gone before us and built the solid foundations upon which we stand.

It is all too easy to look superficially at our school and not recognise the hidden fabric of the words and actions that have built St Margaret Mary's.

I would now ask the adults to place their hands on the shoulders of the students in front of them, to bind us together and pass on the commitment to ‘Love the Truth’ and the responsibility to Listen, Share and Act on the Word of God, as we move forward to our 100th Year Celebration in 25 more years. 2042 - (83)”.

Peace and Best Wishes,

Kevin Mills
Principal



Library Borrowing

Due to the school Museum being held in the LARC there will be **NO** library borrowing until Thursday next week.

New School Phone Number

The new St Margaret Mary's School phone number is **8633 8400**.

Change of Details

If you have moved house or changed your contact details, please notify the school office as soon as possible to update your details in case of an emergency.



Administration

Staff Professional Learning Day Friday, 10th November, 2017

This is a Pupil Free Day.

School Hours

Parents are reminded that school commences at 8:40am and finishes at 3:00pm. It is important that students are here by 8:30am to begin classes at 8:40am.



There is no supervision in the mornings before the 8:15am bell. From 8:15am until the 8:30am bell it is a walk and talk time only. Students are reminded that there is to be NO running or ball games in the playground in the mornings. If you are dropping your child/ren off or picking them up from the Parish Car Park please remind your child/ren about the safety around cars and the dangers of running in this area..

Parents are also reminded that they need to collect their child/ren from school at 3:00pm. If you are running late please contact the school office.

The school office is open from 8:15am to 3:15pm every day.

School Uniform

A reminder that all children must wear the correct summer uniform and this includes the school hat. All long hair must be tied back and off the face. If you are unsure of the correct school uniform, please contact the school office for a list including prices.

Leaving

If you know your child/ren will not be returning to this school in 2018, please let the office know as soon as possible in writing. It is a CEDP Policy that **10 weeks notice** is given to the school, otherwise a full term fees will be required to be paid prior to leaving the school.

FETE News

Parish Car Park

The Parish Car Park will be CLOSED on Friday, 20th October, from 2pm and will RE- OPEN on Saturday, 21st October, for the 6:00pm Mass. All of the car park gates will be locked for the safety of the children. Parents are asked to park their cars in the surrounding street and walk to collect their child/ren.

The students who attend the Sherwood Grange OOSH will be picked up in the vans via the car pick up for Friday only.



Wet Sponge Throwing

Mr Mills and some of the teachers have donated their time to be part of the 'Throw a Wet Sponge at the Teacher Competition,' as part of the Fete. This is just one of the many stalls held at the School Fete.



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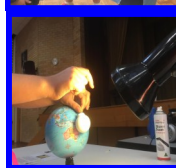
We appreciate the support and sponsorship given to our school fete by the different companies. Parents are reminded to explore all avenues when using these companies.



Teaching & Learning

Year Three Science Incursion

What do you know about Space? Year Three had the opportunity to be part of a Science incursion called "Stars and Planets." We learnt so many new facts relating to The Sun, The Moon and The Seasons. We really enjoyed taking part in the hands - on activities.



Faith Community

Mission Mass 2017

On the 13th of October, 4 people from Mini Vinnies were chosen to represent St Margaret Mary's in the 2017 Mission Mass.

First, we had to set up our exhibition for people to look at while they were walking around. On the table we had posters from our Winter Sleepout, Pyjama Day and other events. We had a book to on display to illustrate to what we



did in Mini Vinnies to raise money throughout the year. We also had bookmarks of Mary Mackillop for people to take home.

We were then able to walk around for awhile and look at all the cool things that other schools had done throughout the year. Some schools even had TV's

set up for us to watch! Next we went to Mass in the church and the priest talked about how we can be missionaries in the world like Jesus. When the Mass ended we listened to Rosa, a spokesperson from Catholic Mission and an Ex-Student from our school. She spoke about why she joined Catholic Mission and what she loves about it. The reason she joined was because she knew a 4 year old boy that had cancer and his parents left him. Rosa and her friends looked after him when he was dying, and when he died Rosa held him in her arms. The thing she loves about working at Catholic Mission is that she can help other people and and spread God's love.



After we listened to Rosa's inspiring experiences, Mr Whitby, who is the Executive

Director of Schools in the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta, spoke about the Mass. He liked all the schools' exhibitions and how they came together to celebrate the Mass because, it was a sign that we are willing to help Catholic Mission.

Finally, before we left, we went to the virtual reality station where we got to wear special glasses to see what it would be like living as a homeless person. Overall, it was a great experience and we are thankful that we had the opportunity to go.

By Christina Putrus and Jacob Mifsud



School Museum

After our 75th Anniversary and St Margaret Mary's Feast Day Celebratory Mass the special guests were invited to the LARC for refreshments and to view our School Museum. They were very impressed with all the artefacts and photographs on display beginning from the 1940's until the present day. It brought back many fond memories for our guests, to some... the best years of their lives!



"A beautiful celebration for a beautiful school community. So happy and honoured to be part of it. Blessings for the future."
(Father Peter James Strohmayer OSPPE)

"What a wonderful day and celebration. Thank you for the lovely historical journey through the 75 years of the school."
(Sr Kate McPhee SM)



"I've had a wonderful trip down memory lane. Am amazed at the work and preparation you've done."
(Sr Julia)



"A wonderful celebration. A credit to all. The traditions were evident throughout."
(Sophie Ryan)

"Congratulations on 75 years of great supportive education."
(Julia Finn MP)

"Congratulations St Margaret Mary's on 75 years. Memories made here will never be forgotten. Respected school and teachers that will always hold a place in my heart."
(Monika Ibrahim - Ex-student)



StMM's 75th Anniversary and The Feast of St Margaret Mary Mass

On Monday, 16th of October, our school came together at Mass to celebrate our 75th Anniversary and The Feast of St Margaret Mary. Official guests and members of St



Margaret Mary's Parish also joined us. Our school sang beautifully led by the school choir and cantors. We all enjoyed seeing Mr Mills construct a living picture of St Margaret Mary's School's past,



present and future at the end of Mass. Thank you to Fr Janusz, Fr Peter James, official guests, students, staff and parents who celebrated our 75th Anniversary Mass and St Margaret Mary's Feast Day with us and helped make this special day very memorable.

By Kerubino Benjamin and Costa Zoumpoulis

Partnership



St Margaret Mary's Picnic Day

On Monday, 16th of October, there was a whole school picnic at Holroyd Gardens to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of St Margaret



Mary's School.

Once we reached the park we all settled down under the trees. We were organised into separate areas and then we were



allowed to take some equipment and find our own place to play. Teachers wore a neon yellow vest which was great because it made them easy to spot. Parents were also invited to celebrate with us and have lunch with their children.

The whole school had a spectacular time and we were happy to celebrate their school's 75th birthday!

By Angelina Mouna & Mario Beos



BIRTHDAYS



Angellica Langi	Elissa Maghazli	Mitchell Rigby	Kerubino Benjamin
Summer Powell	Nathan Baralla	Elena Lin	Larissa Giwa
Isabella Roach	Mirabelle Medakker	Claudia Lichaa	Anthony Saba
Tristen Ibrahim	Joey Farah	Jacob Horish	Lisa Shrestha
Juan Londono-Blandon		Monica William	Sara Luccitti
Aarya Syeed			

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

COME CELEBRATE
ST MARGARET MARY'S SCHOOL
75TH ANNIVERSARY FETE



St Margaret Mary's School
7 Chetwynd Rd, Merrylands


Saturday,
21st of October
2017


10am-3pm



The St Margaret Mary's School Fete celebrates the 75th Anniversary of our school and features Amusement Rides, Games, Show Bags, a Chocolate Wheel, Fair Food, the School Museum, Prizes and MUCH MORE!!!



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