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Bulletin

Wednesday, 5th April, 2017

Diary Dates

Thursday, 6th April

Friday, 7th April

- Stations of the Cross — Easter Liturgy, 12:30pm in the Church.
- School Closes at 3pm for Term One.

Monday, 24th April

- Staff Professional Learning Day.
- This is a student free day.**

Tuesday, 25th April

- ANZAC Day Holiday.

Wednesday, 26th April

- School Resumes for Term Two.
- Students to return in winter uniform.

Canteen

There will be NO LUNCH ORDERS taken on Friday due to the Stations of the Cross Liturgy.
We will still be taking Recess orders.

2018 Enrolments

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2018 will officially be accepted at the beginning of Term Two. Enrolment forms can be collected from the school office.

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.

Skoolbag App

All parents are encouraged to have the Skoolbag App, as this will be the main preference for communication to all parents. Our **School Name** for Skoolbag App is **SMMPM**.



Administration

Staff Professional Learning Day

Monday, 24th April.

This is a pupil free day for students.

Students Return Wednesday, 26th April

Winter Uniform

Students will be required to return to school in Winter Uniform for Term 2. There will be a 2 week grace period for students. All students must be in full Winter Uniform by Monday, 8th May.

Thank You

Thank you to all the students and parents who read and took notice of the School Photo information sent home with the photo envelope and in last week's newsletter. We had approximately 30 students who turned up for photos in their sports uniform and needed changing. We also had approximately 10 families come to the office asking for change.

Attendance at StMM's

Congratulation to the students of StMM's. We had the third highest attendance rate of all the 52 primary schools in the Parramatta Diocese. Let us keep improving on this rate next term.

Important Dates for Term Two

Monday, 24th April
Tuesday, 25th April
Wednesday, 26th April

Tuesday, 2nd May
Monday, 8th May

Tuesday, 9th May
Wednesday, 10th May
Thursday, 11th May
Friday, 12th May

Sunday, 14th May
Wednesday, 17th May
Thursday, 18th May
Friday, 19th May
Wednesday, 24th May
Thursday, 25th May
Sunday, 28th May
Sunday, 4th June
Sunday, 11th June
Monday, 12th June
Sunday, 18th June
Tuesday, 20th June
Thursday, 22nd June
Friday, 23rd June
Thursday, 29th June
Friday, 30th June
Monday, 17th July

Staff Professional Learning Day

ANZAC Day (Public Holiday)

School Resumes for Term Two

Students Return in Winter Uniform

Zone Cross Country at Eastern Creek

All students must be in Full Winter Uniform

P&F Mother's Day Wrapping

NAPLAN—Spelling for students in Years 3 and 5

NAPLAN—Reading for students in Years 3 and 5

NAPLAN—Numeracy for students in Years 3 and 5

Mother's Day Liturgy

P&F Mother's Day Stall

P&F Mother's Day High Tea

Mother's Day

Year Six Canberra Excursion

Year Six Canberra Excursion

Year Six Canberra Excursion

Our Lady Help of Christians

School Athletics Carnival for students in Years 3-6

Ascension

Pentecost

Holy Trinity

Queen's Birthday (Public Holiday)

Corpus Christi

Year Four Excursion to Elizabeth Farm and Old Government House

Stage Three Boys' Soccer Gala Day

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Stage Two Boys' & Girls' Soccer Gala Day

School Closes for Term Two

School Resumes for Term Three.

Faith Community

Holy Week

As Holy Week falls in the first week of the holidays we will be remembering these important events in Week 11.

We will be celebrating The Stations of the Cross - Friday, 7th April, at 12.30pm in the church.

At the conclusion of the Prayer Services on Friday, the students will process back to their Learning Space where parents will be able to collect their children.

Parents, grandparents, family and friends are welcome to join us to remember these most important events in our Faith journey.



Mini Vinnies

With the money raised from the Mini Vinnies' Cupcake Stall, held on Thursday in Week 9, we made Easter bags for the homeless people who don't get a chance to celebrate Easter with family and friends like we do.



A big thank you to everyone who supported Mini Vinnies and Project Compassion this term, as a school we raised over \$1400 for Caritas Australia.

Kate-Marie and Grazia



Year One Liturgy

On Wednesday in Week 10, Year One held a liturgy with our parents. Our theme was Lent. We talked about how during Lent we grow and change to get ready for Easter. Some of us acted out the story of Jesus and Zacchaeus, and we reflected on how Jesus helped Zacchaeus to change to be a better person. Thank you to all the parents who came to pray with us at our liturgy.



Year Two Liturgy

On Friday, Year Two hosted their liturgy

which focused on Lent and how we can prepare for Easter. We learnt that 'Lent' comes from the German word meaning Spring. To represent this we used flowers as the focus to symbolise this special time of renewal in our lives. It was so humbling to have so much parent and family support to share in this special celebration.



Teaching & Learning

Sudoku

Shake, shake, shake as they rolled the die hoping it would land on the number 5. It suddenly halted. During our mathematics warm up Mr Mills came into our classroom and observed 6 Yellow completing a kids Sudoku puzzle. This puzzle involved players inserting numbers into a grid whereby certain rules had to be followed in such a way that every number appeared once in each row, column, and region. Mr Mills decided to connect 4 tables together and then use masking tape to create a Sudoku grid using 16 squares on the tables. After we had intelligently figured out that problem, he then added more masking tape making 32 squares. It was really challenging! We really enjoyed this higher order thinking task and it allowed us to collaboratively solve the puzzle. *By Aluel Juk and Oscar Perez*



What is faith?
Faith is when we believe, hope and have confidence in ourselves and for others. Faith helps us to overcome challenges, to trust each other, believing God and encouraging each other to be the best we can be.

Why is it important to have faith?
Faith is important because faith helps us to be strong and confident. We can trust in each other and encourage each other. Faith makes us believe in Jesus the son of God. Faith makes us catholic.

Faith

By Grace Neculman

Describe the impact on lives:
When we have faith we can make friends because we can trust each other and count on them when you need them. Faith is in sport when we encourage the other team and our teammates. Faith is in our family because your family will always love and help you. You can always count on them and always forgive you.

Activities to help develop faith:

- In church we are building our faith in God and believing in the Gospel.
- In sport we encourage each other also our opposite team to do their best.
- At school when we have faith that our teachers are teaching you the right thing and our friends because you know you can trust them.

Faith!

By Kate-Marie Tannous

Is it very important to have faith because having faith in other people means you believe that they can succeed in anything as long as they put their heart to it. If a person doubts themselves, someone believing in them pushes them to try harder and have confidence to achieve their goals and aspire to great heights. It is important to have faith, especially in God, because he helps us get through difficult times

If you pray with Faith, it will not only happen sooner than you thought, it will be bigger than you imagined!

- A Woman of Faith

I believe faith is having trust and confidence in other people, yourself and in God. Faith is fidelity in God and others.

The impact that faith has to our life is that we are inspired to do the right thing and be better, more faithful people. The impact faith also has to our life is that it reminds us to remember in our minds to always do the right thing.

Activities that help develop Faith:

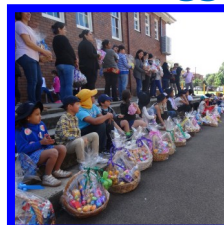
- * Attending Mass
- * Praying
- * Adoration
- * Confession

References:

- *Image: <http://winnerschapelhb.org/ENGAGING-THE-WONDERS-OF-FAITH-nda3-3.html>
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Partnership

Easter Eggs



What a great day!
Wore mufti to school!
Easter eggs brightly coloured.
So many fantastic prizes!
Baskets galore!
So many winners!
Chocolate, chocolate everywhere!



Year Four Liturgy



Last Tuesday Year Four celebrated their first liturgy for the year. Our theme was Lent and we focused on the symbols of fasting, prayer and almsgiving. We listened to the Bible story "A Man Blind from Birth" and reflected on what we are blind to and how we can be the light of the world like Jesus. Thank you to all the parents who attended our liturgy.

By Nevah Shrestha



Thank you to the P&F Committee for organising this event. Thanks to all the parents who helped by wrapping Easter baskets, supplying refreshments for the helpers, donating Easter eggs and selling raffle tickets to benefit StMM's students. Only 3 students forgot their Easter eggs for the raffle. What a great effort!



Student Meditation

Wednesday Morning Meditation

Meditating is talking to God in silent prayer. It is praying to the Lord for all that we need. Meditating is praying quietly and focusing on what you want to tell the Lord. It is repenting and thinking about how to improve.

Every second Wednesday, students and teachers gather together in the library for meditation. A brightly lit candle is centered in the space and everyone sits in a circle around it. They focus on the candle and pray to the Lord. Music is played and everyone closes their eyes and silently prays. These meditations bring you closer to God by allowing you to think about what you have done and repent. God will always forgive us. We encourage you to join us next Wednesday, at 8:15 am in the library. Meditating and praying is very important!

By: Salome Blandon (Year 6) and Isabella Blandon (Year 3)



Kindergarten Liturgy

On Tuesday, 21st March, Kindergarten gathered together with their families for a Liturgy. The theme was God Loves Me. The students reflected on ways they can care for others just like the Good Shepherd cared for his sheep. The students and parents enjoyed singing and dancing to "God's Love Is."



Monday Morning Assembly

During our Monday Morning Assembly some of the members of Mini Vinnie's



once again read an account of how people's generous donations can help others. We were reminded that even the smallest amount of money can help make a big change to people who are struggling.

We then congratulated the school Sports Captains, Library Monitors and Media Team for 2017 as they received their badges.



To conclude, the students were asked to bring an Easter egg donation on Friday, for the Easter raffle, so they can wear mufti.



Rachael Mansour (Media Team)

Time for you with friends
WESTMEAD GROUP NOW OPEN
Contact Playgroup NSW for details:
Toll Free: 1800 171 882

MyTime is for parents and carers of children with a disability, developmental delay or chronic medical condition.

It is a place for you to meet and talk about your experience. It is a social activity for appointments and therapy. It is support for you. And while you attend your group led by a trained facilitator, a play helper engages your child.

• Skilled guidance from facilitators to help you relate to your child's diagnosis and resources
• Information about local services and resources
• MyTime is free

Find a group mytime.net.au



BIRTHDAYS



Rachel Habib	Grace Geaitani	Eva Shrestha	Pelagia Yakimov
Jasmine Makdessi	William Bazouni	Shwan Khaffaf	Akur Maduk
Jayden Ibrahim	Christina Putrus	Jemma Bazouni	Leonardo Beos
Keene Garcia	Mark Zabala	Chloe Habkoul	Epaphras Owusu
Tiana Gattuso	Richard Maj	Charbel Ghasb	Bennett Saahene
May Derbas	Jeremiah Makdessi	Ella Sallit	Sai Medakker
Christian Portelli	Chisimidi Obiegbu	Henry Yang	Yashi Patel
Dia Maria Layous	Jason Zoumpoulis		

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

Parent to Parent

Easter Egg Donation & Mufti Day

On Friday, 31st March, students are allowed to wear everyday clothes to school. Clothes must be of neat and tidy appearance. In exchange for wearing Mufti clothes they are asked to donate an Easter Egg for the P&F Easter Raffle.

The raffle will be drawn on Friday, the 31st March, and prizes will be sent home with the children on this day.

We will need lots of helpers on Friday to wrap the prizes. If you can spare any time between 9am—1pm (toddlers and babies welcome) your help would be greatly appreciated. We are also still in need of baskets and sweet trays/plates to make up the Easter Raffle prizes. They can be left at the school office.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will be opened this Monday after the Morning Assembly from 9:00am—9:30am. If you have any uniforms you wish to donate to the Uniform Shop, they can be left at the school office. We are in need of girls winter and summer dresses.

MERRYLANDS WEST SCHOOL & WORKWEAR CENTRE

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St Margaret Mary's Primary School – Price List*

As of 1st Sept 2017

GIRLS		BOYS	
Summer Dress	from \$45.99	Grey School trousers	from \$29.99
Winter Tunic	from \$48.99	Sky Blue Short Sleeve Shirt (Logo)	from \$23.99
Sky Blue Long Sleeve Blouse	from \$26.99	Sky Blue Long Sleeve Shirt (Logo)	from \$27.99
Sky Blue School Socks	\$ 4.99	Full Elastic Grey Shorts	from \$20.99
Winter Neck Tie	\$ 7.50	Winter Neck Tie	from \$16.99
Stockings/Tights (Thin)	\$ 9.90	Grey School Socks	from \$ 4.99
Stockings/Tights (Thick Cotton)	\$ 14.50	V-Neck Jumper (Logo)	from \$29.99
V-Neck Jumper (Logo)	from \$29.99		
SPORTS		School Bag with Logo	\$74.99
Navy Microfibre Track Pants	from \$31.99		
Microfibre Zip Jacket (Logo)	from \$44.99		
Navy Microfibre Shorts	\$26.99		
Short Sleeve Polo Shirts	from \$35.99		
Long Sleeve Polo Shirt	from \$39.99		
White Sports Socks	\$ 4.99		

SPECIALS
Buy 3 pairs of socks for only \$12.00
30% off second Pair of shoes**
*All prices subject to change
**Second pair is equal or lesser value. Not to be used in conjunction with any other offer. Single transaction.

...A percentage of sales contribute towards donations made to your school...

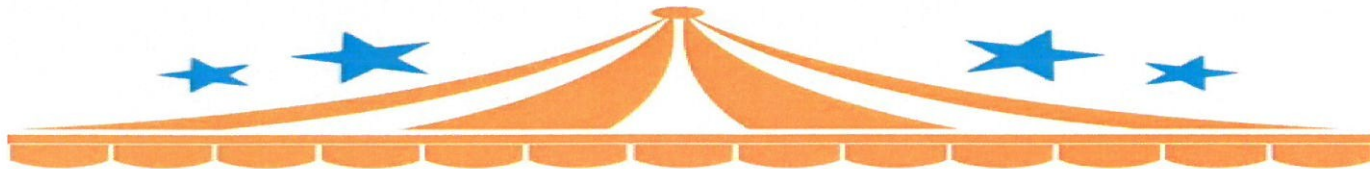
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OPENING HOURS
MON – 9:00 – 5:00
TUES – 9:00 – 5:00
WED – 9:00 – 5:00
THUR – 9:00 – 5:00
FRI – Closed
SAT – 10:00 – 3:00

JANUARY: OPEN 7 DAYS
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
1st week – Closed
2nd week – Open 7 Days



St Margaret Mary's School
A Dynamic Community of Learners in Action



**Help
Wanted**

75th Anniversary Fete

Saturday, 21st October, 2017

The Parents and Friends Association of St Margaret Mary's Primary, Merrylands, would like your help to coordinate a **Fete** to mark the **75th Year Anniversary** of our school. The Fete will be held in Term 4, on **Saturday, 21st October, 2017**.

The St Margaret Mary's Fete will be the school's largest fundraising event that we have held in over a decade. All funds raised will be reinvested back into the school resources which **benefit the students** of our school. Our goal is to raise enough funds to help build a large shelter area in our playground.

How You Can Help...

There are many ways of helping towards the success of the St Margaret Mary's Fete. We are asking for your **IDEAS** for stalls that we could run at the Fete. We would prefer to have most stalls run by the volunteers, instead of outsourcing the stalls.

If you have **services** that you wish to **donate** or run during the fete, please let us know. If you have any **artistic skills** that you can offer on the day e.g. craft, face painting, tattoo art, sketching or even baking, your help would be appreciated.

Can you **donate** your **time** on Fete day? We are seeking **volunteers** during the Fete, as well as setting up and packing up. We will send out a roster during next term so you may nominate a time that you are available to help on the day.

Sponsorship Opportunities...

Do you know of a company we can ask to sponsor, or donate gifts as prizes? If you own, work or are a client of a business/company that might be interested in **sponsoring** our Fete by **donating cash, prizes or goods**, please supply the business or company name and contact details to our Fete Coordinators, Tanya Georges and Wendy Ndaira, at: smmpmfete@gmail.com

Suggestion Box...

A '**Suggestion Box**' will be located in the school office for you to let us know what type of services and donations you are able to assist us with or think would be good to include at the Fete. Please ensure that you leave your name and contact details with your suggestion.

More information will be sent out in following weeks.



Parent to Parent

Easter Basket/Tray Donations

We would like to thank all the parents who have donated baskets and/or trays for our Easter Raffle. We are still in need of baskets/trays. All donations can still be left at the school office.



2016 Winners

Easter Raffle Books

Easter Raffle tickets sold and unsold are to be returned to the school office by Friday, 24th March. Parents please ensure your child's name and class is on every ticket sold by your family, as this will make it easier for distributing the prizes.

Easter Egg Donation & Mufti Day

Friday, 31st of March, will be a Mufti Day where students are asked to donate an Easter egg for the Easter Raffle.

Easter Prize Wrapping

We will need lots of helpers on Friday, 31st of March, 2017, to wrap the prizes. If you can spare any time between 9am-1pm (toddlers and babies welcome) all help will be greatly appreciated. If you are unable to help but can send in a plate of food or drinks for the helpers it would also be appreciated.



Easter Raffle Helper

- ☐ I am able to help with the wrapping of Easter Egg Prizes on Friday, 31st March.
- ☐ I have completed both parts of the Child Protection Module on the CEDP website in the last 2 years.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Time Available: _____

Child's Name & Class: _____



I am unable to help but I am able to provide morning tea e.g. sandwiches, quiche, biscuits etc.

Name: _____

Child's Name & Class: _____



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 8/1 Phone and Windows 8/1 or 10 device users:

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8/1 Windows Phone or Windows 8/1/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8/1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8/1 and 10 devices.

