



St Margaret Mary's School

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Bulletin

Wednesday, 2nd May, 2018

Diary Dates

Thursday, 3rd May

Friday, 4th May

Monday, 7th May

- 8:40am Whole School Assembly and Prayer.
- P&F Second Hand Uniform Shop Open 9:00am—9:30am.

Tuesday, 8th May

Wednesday, 9th May

- Kindy Excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm.
- 12:15pm—1:15pm Johnny Romeo visiting Yrs 5 & 6.

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Students,

I was disappointed that the ANZAC holiday fell during our school break. Usually we are able to celebrate the day closer to a school day and bring the connection this important event has in the life of every Australian. It was wonderful to celebrate with a liturgy on Monday and we have left our flag at half-mast to remind us of the ANZACs. I was in the Year Six learning space and was delighted to observe students examining poems written for this occasion.

For one student, Rian Gardoce in Yr Six Blue the poems below remind him that our past is very important. He also believes that we must remember and continue the kindness of these Australians who fought for their country. I have included the two poems in this bulletin for all our community to read and reflect upon.

Not a Hero by Clyde Hamilton

*The ANZAC Day march was over - the old Digger had done his best.
His body ached from marching - it was time to sit and rest.
He made his way to a park bench and sat with lowered head.
A young boy passing saw him - approached and politely said,
Please sir do you mind if I ask you what the medals you wear are for?
Did you get them for being a hero, when fighting in a war?"*

*Startled, the old Digger moved over and beckoned the boy to sit.
Eagerly the lad accepted - he had not expected this!
First of all I was not a hero," said the old Digger in solemn tone,
But I served with many heroes, the ones that never came home.
So when you talk of heroes, it's important to understand,
The greatest of all heroes gave their lives defending this land.*

*The medals are worn in their honour, as a symbol of respect.
All diggers wear them on ANZAC Day - it shows they don't forget."
The old digger then climbed to his feet and asked the boy to stand.
Carefully he removed the medals and placed them in his hand.
He told him he could keep them - to treasure throughout his life,
A legacy of a kind - left behind - paid for in sacrifice.*

*Overwhelmed the young boy was speechless - he couldn't find words to say.
It was there the old Digger left him - going quietly on his way.
In the distance the young boy glimpsed him - saw him turn and wave goodbye.
Saddened he sat alone on the bench - tears welled in his eyes.
He never again saw him ever - but still remembers with pride,
When the old Digger told him of Heroes and a young boy sat and cried.*

The Soul of Australia by JMH Abbott

*In the light of dawn, the break of day,
Through the waters chill they fought their way;
Like their sires of old, to the Motherland
They came o'er the sea, and they sprang to the strand;
And the blood of the Angles, the Scot, and the Celt
Grew hot in their veins as the war fire they felt.*

*In the light of noon, in the bright sunlight,
They fought up the cliffs from height to height;
And the sun shone down on that scene of strife
Where the 'Soul of Australia' came to life,
As the blood of Australians was shed on the sod,
For Australia, for Britain, Humanity, God.*

*Shall Australia mourn for the sons she has lost-
Should Australians weep? Nay! Great though the cost,
Joy mingles with grief, and pride mingles with pain,
For our boys died like heroes, and died not in vain.
And the 'Soul of Australia', new-born on that day
When her sons died at ANZAC, shall never decay.*



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Leaving

Just a reminder to notify the school in writing if your child will be leaving our school. We require the date of leaving and the new school your child will be attending.

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**.



Yours in Christ

Mr. Kevin Mills
Principal



Administration

Winter Uniform

Students are required to be dressed in winter uniform for Term 2. There will be a 4 week grace period for students. All students must be in full winter uniform by Monday, 28th May.

Enrolment

If your child was born between 1st August, 2013 and 31st July, 2014, or if you know of any family wishing to enrol their child at St Margaret Mary's, please collect an enrolment form from the school office. Enrolment interviews will take place during the month of May.

Attendance Compulsory

Congratulations to all students as our attendance is above the diocesan goals for attendance

School Attendance Information for Parents. When absences are unexplained by parents, or explanations are not accepted by the principal, a process is now in place to monitor and track students who are not attending school.

Important Dates for Term Two



Wednesday, 9 th May	Kindergarten Excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm.
Thursday, 10 th May	P&F Mother's Day Wrapping 9:00am—1:00pm P&F Mother's Day High Tea 2pm in LARC
Friday, 11 th May	Mother's Day Liturgy 9:00am P&F Mother's Day Stall 9:00am—1:00pm
Sunday, 13 th May	Ascension Mother's Day
Tuesday, 15 th May	NAPLAN - Spelling, Writing & Grammar
Wednesday, 16 th May	NAPLAN - Reading
Thursday, 17 th May	NAPLAN - Numeracy
Sunday, 20 th May	Pentecost
Wednesday, 23 rd May	Primary Athletics Carnival at Holroyd Sporting Complex
Thursday, 24 th May	Our Lady Help of Christians
Sunday, 27 th May	Holy Trinity
Monday, 28 th May	All students must be in Full Winter Uniform
Tuesday, 29 th May	Stage Three Girls Soccer Gala Day Year Five Prayer Service 2:15pm
Wednesday, 30 th May	Year Six Canberra Excursion Year Three Prayer Service 2:15pm
Thursday, 31 st May	Year Six in Canberra Year One Prayer Service 2:15pm
Friday, 1 st June	Year Six return from Canberra
Tuesday, 5 th June	Year Four Prayer Service 2:15pm
Friday, 8 th June	Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Wednesday, 13 th June	Year Four Excursion to Elizabeth Farm and Old Government House.
Thursday, 14 th June	Year Six Prayer Service 2:15pm
Tuesday, 19 th June	Stage Three Boys Soccer Gala Day
Wednesday, 20 th June	Kindergarten Prayer Service 2:15pm
Tuesday, 26 th June	Year Two Prayer Service 2:15pm
Friday, 29 th June	Year Three Excursion to Featherdale Wildlife Park
Friday, 6 th July	School Closes for Term Two
Monday, 23 rd July	School Resumes for Term Three

Car Pick Up

Thank you to all the families that use our car-pick up service, it is running very smoothly. Just a reminder that this is a voluntary service which is run by the staff at StMM's.

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.

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.

Student Medical Information

It is the parents responsibility to inform the school of any changes or updates to their child's medical conditions. For example if your child/ren suffer from asthma or have a medical condition, or have been diagnosed with a condition and you have not informed the school office, could you please do so as soon as possible.

Thank you

We would like to thank the P&F for the donation of running singlets for our students to wear when competing at the Diocesan Cross Country and Zone Athletics Carnivals.



Teaching & Learning

Architect Meeting

Towards the end of Term 1 a group from Year Five were selected to measure the area of the middle grass. Mr. Mills then asked this group to meet an architect



named Peter. We had talk to Peter about how Mr. Mills had requested a proposal for extra shelter for the school. The group had discussed how much it would cost and if it was safe to

build. Peter came up with an idea. His idea was to not get too much shelter because during the winter it would be cold and we have to get as much heat as possible. The middle grass length was



2307cm. We needed the shelter to go over the middle grass and the top grass which would be 3614cm in total. It was really fun to see how maths is used in the real world!

By Matthew Fakhr and Shirak Yaghya

Crochet Club



During Term 1, Year Five have been learning how to crochet with Mrs Antonucci. At our crochet club we do crocheting during recess and lunch and we are interested to see what our crochet turns into. This club is available for Year Five and a few Year Six students will join us this term.

By Reece Fakhr and Shakira Georges Year Five



Personal Growth

Monday Morning Assembly

On Monday the 30th April we held our first assembly for Term 2. The following events were discussed. After recess on Monday we have a prayer service for ANZAC day at 11:30am. The cross country will be held on the 1st of May, congratulations to all the people that made it and we all wish you good luck. We have 4 weeks to wear either summer or winter uniform, but in Week 5 all students must wear winter uniform. Also, at this point in time there are not enough people to have a Principal's Morning Tea so all students must try their best and follow the pointers to earn a Principal's Award.

ANZAC Ceremony



On Monday the 30th April, we gathered together to remember the men and women who have fought and given their lives so that we can enjoy freedom in Australia. We listened to the Last Post and lowered the flag to half mast so that we could reflect on their sacrifice.



BIRTHDAYS



Laura Nursoo	Grace Saab	Eden Khairallah
Jessica Ogbuehi	Wendy Wu	Lakkari Harrison
Jackson Raftery	Ella Moses	Roycelin Amankwatia
Royce Amankwatia	Nicole Koroma	Chadi Haouchab
Isaac Aboosleiman	Kobby Kwansah-Aidoo	
Patrick Nguyen	Claudia Ghosn	Michael Aoun
Enzo Martin	Christopher Faddoul	Patrick Abou Zeid
Jack Bedrossian	Sam El Khoury	Joseph El Rassi

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

Thank you

We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you once again for the wonderful support you give The Children's Hospital at Westmead and all our seriously ill children.

Your fundraising from last year raised \$927.40.

On behalf of all the children and families who will visit the children's Hospital at Westmead, thank you again for your kind generosity, you really are making an enormous difference to the children and their families lives.

Warm regards

Mark Stewart

Head of Fundraising

The Children's Hospital Westmead.



Partnership

Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) 2018

Any child, K-6, wishing to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) this year, may begin to do so online, by going to the PRC website:

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Any new students, who have not previously participated in the PRC or students who have forgotten their Username and/or Password please see your class teacher or Mrs Balogh-Caristo in the LARC.

The students at St Margaret Mary's have until **Friday, 31st August**, to complete the PRC online. If you have any queries or problems, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Balogh-Caristo (Teacher/Librarian)



P&F News

Second Hand Uniform Shop

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will open on Monday 7th May from 8:50am - 9:30am after the Morning Assembly.

We are in urgent need of larger sizes in boys and girls winter uniforms. These items can be left at the school office.

Mother's Day High Tea

Mother's and Grandmother's are invited to our High Tea for Mother's Day, to be held on Thursday 10th May in the LARC from 2:00pm—3:00pm. For further information and RSVP please see note sent home with eldest child today.



Mother's Day Stall and Wrapping.

With Mother's Day just around the corner, we need helpers to wrap and sell our beautiful Mother's Day gifts on Thursday, 10th and Friday 11th May.

The gifts will range in price from \$1.00—\$8.00 with a huge variety of gifts.

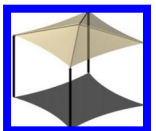
If you are unable to help on either day, but would like to send in a plate of food for the workers they can be left at the school office.

For more information, please see the notes send home to every family with the eldest child today.

Update for Shade Structure over the grass area

Dear Parents/Carers

In 2018 all large building projects for schools, must consult with CEDP for approval. And as such, we have had to consult with an Architect due to the nature of the shade structure. This will involve going out to tender and financially, this might be out of our reach. We will keep all our families informed.



Mother's Day Gifts

Friday 11th. May

\$1 Table

Document Holder
GIFT BAGS Pocket M Treasures
Nail File
Mum Pen
Mum Fridge Magnet

\$2 Table

Sports Towel
Body Lotion Pack
Hair Accessories
Wooden Scented Roses

\$3 Table

Jewellery
Small Tote
Ear Muffs
Compact Mirror
Heart Keyring
Sewing Kit
Solar Dancing Flowers
Eye Mask
Mum Melamine Tray
Mum Mini Purse
Wooden Spoon Holder
Gold Notebook & Pen
Magnetic Wboard & Marker

\$5 Table

Sunglasses
Cross Sideway Bracelet
Jewellery Stand
Jewellery Box
Apron
Tea Towel
Pot Holder & Oven Mitt Set
Silicone Spatula
Mum Is Love Votive Candle
Dreamy Blue Candle Tin
Cosmetic Bag
Insulated Tote Bags
Mum Travel Mug
Mum Mugs
Wooden Chopping Board

\$8 Table

Recipe Book
Water Bottle Infuser
Daisy Mum Photo Frame
Friday Night Takeaway Cookbook
Teapot & Teacup
LED Orchids
Mum Your Beautiful Wine Glass
Love, Family, Laugh Photo Frame

Grandma Table

Grandma Pen
\$1
Grandma Notebook
\$3
Grandmother Votive Candle
\$4
Grandma Mug
\$5
Grandmother Photo Frame
\$6
Grandma Loves Me Story Book
\$8