



St Margaret Mary's School

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Update

Wednesday, 17th May, 2017

Diary Dates

Thursday, 18th May

- Year Six at Canberra Excursion

Friday, 19th May

- Year Six return from Canberra Excursion.

Monday, 22nd May

- 8:40am Assembly and School Prayer.

Tuesday, 23rd May

Wednesday, 24th May

- NRL Stage Two and Three Rugby League Football Gala Day at Kellyville.
- Cumberland Council visiting Year Three.

Thursday, 25th May

- Cumberland Council visiting Years One and Two.

Canteen

Kafta Roll

Your choice of sauces Garlic, Tomato, BBQ and Salads, Lettuce and Tomato.

\$4.00

Please **pre order** on **Tuesday**, **No orders** will be accepted on **Wednesday**.

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

2018 Enrolments

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2018 are filling up fast. If your child was born between 1st August, 2012, and 31st July, 2013, please collect an enrolment form from the school office. Enrolment interviews will take place during the month of June. If you have collected an enrolment form and not returned it, could you please do so as soon as possible.

Monday Morning Assembly



At our assembly on Monday morning, after our School Prayer and raising of the flag as we sang the National anthem, we were all reminded of the importance of attendance, and following the four pointers. It was also stated that all students are now to be in full winter uniform.



As a school community we acknowledged and congratulated the students who made their First Reconciliation on Wednesday evening. The P&F were also thanked for the tremendous effort they put into the organisation of the Mother's Day Stall and High Tea last Friday. We were also informed that the Year Six students will be going on an excursion to Canberra this week, for three days, beginning on Wednesday.



Faith Community

Mother's Day Liturgy

On Friday, 12th May, our school gathered together with mothers, grandmothers, and carers to celebrate how important mother's are in our lives.



As part of our prayer service we recognised and appreciated that a mother's love for her children

is an amazing thing and truly comes from God. We prayed that all mothers model themselves on Mary our Mother. Mrs Prendergast reflected on the importance of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Miss Laguzza then shared with us how her Mum was her 'best friend' and things that make her Mum special. Ms Veness also gave an account from the perspective of what it is like being a mother and grandmother.



To conclude our Mother's Day Liturgy there was a final Blessing, then students gave a hand symbol to their mother/carer with the words printed on them: "I have written you in the palm of my hand." Isaiah 49:13-23

Media Team



Teaching & Learning

Infants Reading Club

On Monday 15th May, Year Six held a Reading club for students in K-2 at morning tea time in the Year Six classroom. They had the choice of allowing the Year Six students to read to them in small groups or they could read by themselves. About 50 students turned up!



If any student in Kindergarten, Year One or Year Two would like to read on Mondays at recess they are more than welcome to join us. They may bring their own book or Year

Six will provide one for them

By: Jessica El Ghoussain & Eleena Bourizk (Year Six)



Partnership

Mother's Day High Tea



Wow! What a turn out! We enjoyed the company of over 100 mums, grandmothers and carers, who joined us for our Mother's Day High Tea celebration on Friday afternoon.



Thanks so much to the P&F for organising and providing a variety of dainty cakes, sweets, savouries and sandwiches, all of which were delicious! Everyone felt welcomed and special!



Mother's Day Stall

Once again our Mother's Day Stall was a big success due to our wonderful P&F Committee who organised everything and volunteers who helped sell the gifts on the day. Thank you to all who helped and also the students who purchased gifts from the stall, as all proceeds benefit the students at our school.



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School holiday program at UTS

Bright Futures is for primary and early secondary students who are curious about the world, passionate about learning and starting to think about the paths they will take in the years ahead. The program offers a unique combination of eye-opening experiences based around subjects studied at UTS. All workshops are open to Year 4 - 8 students.

10 - 13 July 2017

	Bright Futures workshops	Date	Year groups	Fee	Venue
1	STEM workshop: Exploring the universe	Monday 10 July	Years 5 - 6	\$100	University of Technology Sydney, Broadway Campus
2	Robotics workshop: Maze Runner	Tuesday 11 July	Years 4 - 8		
3	Creativity workshop: Curious Creatives	Wednesday 12 July			
4	Becoming a true detective: Inside the world of forensics	Thursday 13 July			

3 - 6 October 2017

Bright Futures workshops	Date	Year groups	Fee	Venue
5 ABC for young entrepreneurs	Tuesday 3 October	Years 4 - 8	\$100	University of Technology Sydney, Broadway Campus
6 Engineering workshop: Reach for the Skies!	Wednesday 4 October			
7 Music workshop: Composition, Percussion, Creativity	Thursday 5 October			
8 Becoming a master in communication	Friday 6 October			

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Personal Growth

Diocesan Cross Country

On your marks, get set, Go! On Tuesday 2nd May, students from Year Three to Year Six represented St Margaret Mary's at the Diocesan Cross Country Carnival at Eastern Creek.

Our day was filled with cheering, good sportsmanship, food,



excitement and of course running! All students tried their very best and got results that



they were proud of. We would like to thank all students that participated in the Diocesan Cross Country for cooperating with the teachers and trying their hardest.

By Dilara Sarikci and Grace Neculman Year Six



Premier's Reading Challenge 2017

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

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

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

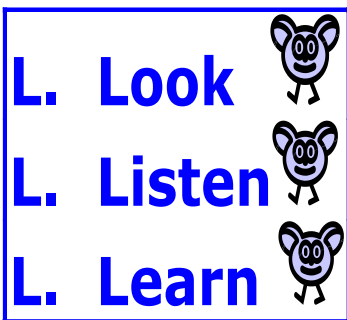
The children at St Margaret Mary's have until Friday, 25th August, to complete the PRC online. You must read a certain number of books to complete the Challenge:

All students in Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two have experienced/read the required number of books to complete the PRC at school, and are welcome to complete the Challenge at home as well.

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: Children who complete the PRC will receive a certificate for their efforts towards the end of the year and their name and school only may appear in the PRC Honour Roll. If you DO NOT WISH your child in Kindergarten, Year One or Year Two to receive a certificate and have their name appear in the PRC Honour Roll please let your child's class teacher know by Friday, 12th May.

If you have any queries or problems, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Balogh-Caristo (Teacher/Librarian)



BIRTHDAYS



Valentia Carrano	Tayla Elias	Chloe Horley
Mary-Grace El Khoury		George El-Hajjeh
Reegan Pine	Patrick Saba	Jack Bedrossian
Tania Younan	Lian Chen	Christian Maj
Jasmine Ezenwa-Ndukaku		Patrick Abou Zeid
Arvin Manalang	Reece Fakhr	Sarah Fakhr
Matthew Fakhr	Amer Deng	Joseph El Rassi
Michael Aoun	Sam El Khoury	Christopher Faddoul
Almah Yaghya	Rian Gardoce	Sienna Perez
Leeroy Tautu	Xavier Tautu	Helin Taze
Patrick Guidone	Tabias Corcoran	

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

