



St Margaret Mary's School

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Bulletin

Wednesday, 30th May, 2018

Diary Dates

Thursday, 31st May

- Year Six in Canberra.

Friday, 1st June

- Year Six Return from Canberra.

Monday, 4th June

- 8:40am Whole School Assembly and Prayer.
- P&F Second hand Uniform Shop Open 8:50am—9:30am.

Tuesday, 5th June

Wednesday, 6th June

- Principals Award Morning Tea.
- Year Three Prayer Service 2:15pm in Learning Space.

School Fees

Term Two school fees are due by Wednesday, 6th June unless arrangements have been made.

If you have any queries regarding school fees please contact Maria Pagano in the school office.

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**.



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Students,

There is a number of "Rules for Life" in the media and on the Internet. The following list of ten rules come from a writer who suffered many different challenges at different times during his life. I hope you will find time to write your own 10 Rules for Life.

Take 100% responsibility for your life: Don't make any excuses for why things aren't working out for you. You are the only person who is in charge of your life.

Everyone Deserves a Second Chance: Sometimes, it takes a few times to catch on so don't deny others when they ask for a second chance.

Believe in yourself: If you don't believe in who you are and what you're capable of, no one else will.

Say sorry even if it may not be your fault: Even if it's not your fault, you'll be making the other person feel better when you apologize right away. This can make the world a lot better.

Keep an open mind: Keep an open mind to expand your experiences and enhance your life. Always be open to change because it's the key to self-improvement.

Chase your fear: This is easier said than done. Getting out of your comfort zone is the only way to receive new experiences and reach fulfilment.

Laugh: We are on this earth for a very short time so enjoy it. Laugh and smile as much as possible. It's the best feeling in the world.

Keep positive people around you: Only people who want the best for you should be in your "group".

Above all, love yourself and be kind to others: We all have a choice in how we treat others. That choice should always be to remain calm in all situations.

Be thankful: Be grateful for who you are and what you have. Realize how lucky you are and enjoy everything and everyone in your life.

I hope you will find time to write your own 10 Rules for Life, drawing from your life journey and tapping into parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents and friends.

God bless

Mr. Kevin Mills
Principal

Administration

Enrolment

If your child was born between 1st August, 2013 and 31st July, 2014, please collect an enrolment form from the school office. Enrolment interviews are now taking place. We have over 100 applications for Kindergarten 2019.

Winter Uniform

We can be very proud of the way StMM's students presented themselves in their winter uniform this week. They are a credit to themselves and a credit to their families. A BIG THANK YOU to our parents and carers who ensure their children are following all our uniform requirements.

Attendance Month

Over 500 of our students will be receiving their Personal Growth award for an attendance rate of over 90% during the month of March. This is a very impressive effort for all the students and their families. Well done! These awards will count to the next Principal's Morning Tea. It is important to always remember; Each and every day at school will help all our students to do better in their educational journey.

Semester 1 Interviews

In week 10 this term the whole school will be conducting interviews. Kindergarten, Year One, Two and Three will hold Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews and Years Four, Five and Six will have student-led interviews. More information and dates regarding interviews will follow in week 8.



Excursions and Incursions

It is the policy of St MM's that staff must have the confidence to supervise our students on excursions and incursions (including sporting activities). This enables the staff to look after and care for all students in their care. If the behaviour and/or attitude of any particular student is of concern, the parent/carer will be informed and a process put in place in the hope the student realises the need to address the concerning issues. The principal will make the final decision with regard to the student and attendance.

2017 Yearbook

We have a limited number of the 2017 Yearbooks produced by StMM's P&F. It is a wonderful keepsake if you have been part of our community. Some Year Six students will be selling the Yearbooks on Monday 4th June in the morning and again in the afternoon. They will be \$10 each with a free pen.

Monday Morning Assembly

On Monday morning, Mr Mills announced that on Wednesday Year Six will be going to Canberra for 2 nights. Mr Mills also reminded us that everyone should be wearing their FULL School Winter Uniform (including ties) from now on. Lastly, the 2017 Yearbook has arrived! Some Year Six students will be selling the book from next week for \$10 each. A reminder that the Principals Morning Tea will be held on Wednesday, 6th June.



By Media Team

TTFM Survey Reminder

The Tell Them From Me survey is still open and will be open until the 31st May, 2018. At this point, we have had 17 parents from the St Margaret Mary's community complete the survey.



Tell Them From Me

We would like to invite you to complete the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Margaret Mary's.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

www.tellthemfromme.com/stmms2018

If you are unable to complete the survey at home, please contact the school office and we will make arrangements for you.

What are the signs of your child bullying others?

It is likely that a teacher, parent, or another child will tell you if your child is bullying others.

Your child may be:

- Using verbal or physical aggression to deal with conflict
- Talking about "getting even" with others
- Blaming others for their behaviour
- Being unwilling to accept responsibility for their actions
- Coming home with items or money that don't belong to them
- Hanging around with other children who appear aggressive
- Having a hard time expressing feelings and understanding others' feelings
- Unable to play cooperative games (is an arrogant winner and a sore loser)
- Reacting to questioning with anger or avoidance
- Playing inappropriately with much younger children
- Putting down other children in conversations
- Impulsive
- Fighting often with brothers and sisters



Faith Community

Year Six Religious Education Work.

As part of our Easter unit we explored what faith is and how the creed outlines what we believe as Catholics. Students designed their own creed statements, based on the four pillars.

Here is a sample of some of the students work.

My Creed-

By Christina

I believe in God and the Holy Catholic Church,
That nothing is impossible,
I believe that I was given the gift to follow in Jesus' footsteps
And, to teach the way of the Lord to other people,
I HAVE FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST!

I believe that I was meant to teach people the good news,
Learn more about the Messiah,
To teach people that with God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit nothing
is, impossible,
To teach people to have faith and to believe,
I AM A TEACHER AND A LEARNER!

I believe that I was meant to face new challenges on my own but to
believe that,
Jesus will help me through that Journey,
To extend my faith in Jesus Christ and to believe more and never doubt,
I GROW ON MY OWN!

I believe that if I help someone,
That Jesus and the Holy spirit can help me if I'm struggling,
To teach people to help and love,
To be kind to others and so that Jesus will help us when we are
struggling,
That if we do something kind something good will happen to us,
I HELP OTHERS!

I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT,
THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH,
THE SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST,
AND THE FATHER ALMIGHTY!

The Creed

By Costa

I believe in Jesus and the Holy Catholic Church at StMM's as School Captain. I will always treat others the way I want to be treated. As a Year 6 student I will always have faith in God, and will always follow his footsteps till I get to the light.
I AM FAITHFUL.

I believe as a student at the school that God gave me the gift to spread good news forever and because I am a very fortunate I will go to the needy as a Minnie Vinnies helper and donate food and money.

I believe that helping people is the right thing to do no matter who you are or where you come from. Being a helping hand is a good thing to do because everyone needs help.

I believe that I can grow like a plant every single day by doing my personal best in everything.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The Holy Catholic Church,
The Saviour Jesus Christ,
and
The Father Almighty.
Amen



Year Six Religious Education Work.

Personal Creed

By Dakota

I believe Faith Community show's the good in us, by helping others to believe in God just like me, a Year 6 student.

I believe Partnership shows teamwork and the focus on growing better connections with others, like Jesus and God.

I believe Teaching and Learning shows our abilities to learn from others and to teach others what we have learnt, like the stories from Jesus and the bible.

I believe Personal Growth shows our inner abilities to grow and improve with our own strategies, that lead us to improvement.

The 4 Pillars represents our growth and the importance in our learning with God and Jesus.

My Personal Creed

By Naydeen

I believe in faith, I believe that God will be at my side every day. I believe that God will improve my faith and community through my last year at this school as I make my way into Year 7.

I believe in Saint John-Baptiste de la Salle [Patron of teaching]. I believe that he will give me the strength to learn and then teach the word of God to others in the community and throughout my life.

I believe in change. I believe that everyone has a chance to grow personally and as a personal growth leader I need to live up to my name and with God's help I will help others improve on their learning and understanding.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life, I believe that the Lord will be my partner and make me strive through my last year at school and make me be the role model I have to be for the rest of the school.

My Personal Creed

By Chelsea

I believe in God,
The one who created the heavens and the earth.

I believe that as a St Margaret Mary's Primary School student,
I should be a faithful child to God.
And be a model of Jesus to everybody around me.

As a young student,
I should be a good child in school everyday,
Who is willing to learn.

I believe that as a Year 6 student,
I should treat others the way Jesus would treat everyone,
And accept the way God made them.

And as a St Margaret Mary's Primary School student,
I believe that I should strengthen my faith and love to God.
And use the gifts God gave me to be a better person

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The Holy Catholic church.
I believe in the saints,
And the miracles of the earth.

I believe Jesus died on the cross for us,
Gave us everlasting life in Heaven,
And saved us from our sins.

May our school continue to be faithful,
For all the years to come.
That we continue to learn about great things God has done for us,
And that we will always keep it in our hearts.
Amen.

Faith Community

Our Lady Help of Christians

The 24th May was a very special day for our Australian community.



We celebrated a Mass for the feast of Our Lady Help of Christians. A number of students performed a liturgical movement to the song "We Are Australian". We sang hymns about



Mary our Mother and Our Lady Help Of Christians. Father Janusz spoke to us about how everyone in Australia is blessed by Our Lady Help Of Christians and how she is our protector.



By: Jayden Nguyen and Mirabelle Medakker Year Five



Personal Growth

Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day



On 29th May, 28 girls from Year Five and Six were chosen to represent St Margaret Mary's at the Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day. Both teams displayed great teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the whole day. Overall, it was a successful and enjoyable experience with lots of wins and fun. One team



were even undefeated! Thank you for the positive feedback we received from the parents. We really appreciate your support and time. Thank you to Miss Tuma, Miss Laguzza and Mrs Foley for coaching us and organising the day. It was a success!



Personal Growth

Stage 2 and 3 Gala Day

On Thursday, 24th May, we began our day with a training session involving defensive skills and line speed drills. OLQP was our first opponent, we had a tough match and unfortunately we didn't get the victory. We stuck to our training drills, encouraged one another and communicated more. We won the next 4 matches and were into the grand final.



Unfortunately we lost, but we played the best we had all day. Teamwork, individual skill and sportsmanship was definitely on display. We were grateful for all the parents who came out and supported us, they even spoiled the team with 4 boxes of hot chips for lunch. We'd like to give a special thanks to Mr. Epenian for his coaching and guidance before and on the day.



Healthy Eating



Every morning children and teachers participate in Crunch 'n' Sip. This is a time where students are able to eat their fruit and vegetables. These fruits and vegetables contain various amounts of vitamins for the body and keep you well, fit and active. We encourage all students to bring in something to enjoy during this time.

By Mayullah Lamin and Jasmine Ezenwa-Ndukaku



Primary Sports Carnival

The field was a sea of red, blue, green and yellow and the sound of chanting and cheering filled the air! The Primary Sports Carnival was held last Wednesday at Holroyd Sports Ground. Students participated in



activities including 100m sprints, shot put, long jump, relays and tug-of-war. It was an exciting day, and many of us had croaky voices the next day, after cheering on our colour houses. We would like to thank Mrs Foley for her organisation of the event, we

all had a wonderful day in the sunshine!



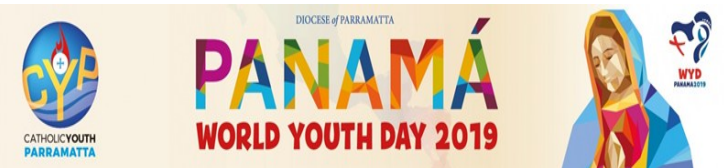
BIRTHDAYS



Angelina Doueihy	Thomas Yu	Tamara Elias	Janette El Bayeh
Samuel Halteh	Jessica Samaan	Yvanna Cartilla	Jonathan Azzi
William Khouri	Anyang Ayac	Levi Serhan	Mariana Oadd
Shania Gerges	Rein Zheng	Gabriel AlGeth	Ameli Passa
Mikayla Gadd	Ajok Kondok	Mikhaelo Santos-Lorenzo	
Alexander Khoury	Sayasa Rai	Mario Beos	Mariam Ghadban

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

Partnership



Raffle Ticket/Clarification

Raffle tickets are \$20.00 for a book of 10 tickets. All sold and unsold tickets need to be returned to the school office by Monday, 2nd July.

