



St Margaret Mary's School

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Update

Wednesday, 28th June, 2017

Diary Dates

Thursday, 29th June

- Stage 2 Boys & Girls Soccer Gala Day, Penrith.

Friday, 30th June

- Year Three Excursion to Featherdale Wildlife Park, Doonside.
- School Closes at 3:00pm for Term Two.

Monday, 17th July

- School Resumes for Term Three
- 8:40am Assembly and School Prayer.
- P&F Second Hand Uniform Shop open 9:00am—9:30am.

Tuesday, 18th July

Wednesday, 19th July

Canteen

As of Term Three there will be a price increase on Hot Dogs now \$3.00 and Garlic Bread now 40c a piece.

Principal Morning Tea

Mr Mills will hold the Principal's Morning Tea at the beginning of next term.

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, we have had 112 enquires and applications. If your child was born between 1st August, 2012, and 31st July, 2013, please collect an enrolment form from the school office. If you have collected an enrolment form and not returned it to the school office, could you please do so as soon as possible. For any enquires regarding enrolments and interviews please contact the school office.

Old Photos

Parents, if you or anyone you know who attended St Margaret Mary's Primary School, has photo's from your/their era, could you please contact the P&F Committee via the school office, as the P&F are putting together a 75th Anniversary Book.

Mufti Day

Come to School Dressed as Mr Culican or a Groundsman for the Day

This Friday we will be having a Mufti Day and all students are asked to come dressed just like Mr Culican or as a Groundsman. This day is to show just how much we appreciate the time Mr Culican has put into our school over the years. Year Three students going on their excursion must wear their sports uniform. They will get a Mufti Day next term.

Lost Property

All lost clothing not collected by Friday, 30th June, will be sent for washing and donated to the Second Hand Uniform Shop. All food containers not labelled will be thrown in the bin after two weeks. We ask that you please ensure all articles are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Faith Community

Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass



On Friday, the 23rd of July, St Margaret Mary's School and Parish community gathered to celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart. We recognized the love Jesus showed towards us and still has for us. We were also reminded to "love one another." The Mass was a joyful celebration where we celebrated the love of Christ.

By Jacob Mifsud (Year Five)



Year Two Liturgy

On Thursday, 22nd June, we gathered together to celebrate the Holy Spirit through our Pentecost Liturgy. The Year Two space was brought to life with orange and red flames used as decorations for the occasion. A great sense of community was present and it was so humbling to have so many families being able to attend and show their support.



It was a great opportunity for Year Two to share their understanding and work they had been doing throughout the Pentecost unit, which included student reflections on artworks that represented different parts of the Pentecost story.

Important Dates for Term Three



Monday, 17 th July	School Resumes for Term Three
Friday, 21 st July	P&F Disco
Wednesday, 26 th July	Stage 3 Netball Gala Day P&F Meeting 7pm in the Staffroom
Thursday, 27 th July	Kindergarten Excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm
Friday, 28 th July	Grandparents Day
Thursday, 3 rd August	Whole School Photo
Tuesday, 8 th August	St Mary of the Cross Feast Day Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival
Wednesday, 9 th August	Year One Science Incursion
Friday, 11 th August	St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Liturgy 9am in Hall
	Pyjama Day
	Mini Vinnies Winter Sleepout
Wednesday, 16 th August	Book Fair Arrives at St Margaret Mary's
Monday, 21 st - Friday, 25 th August	Book Week
	Book Fair Selling Starts Today
Tuesday, 22 nd August	Book Fair Open to Parents
Friday, 25 th August	Diocesan Athletics Carnival
Monday, 28 th August - Friday, 1 st September	Literacy and Numeracy Week
Wednesday, 30 th August	Book Fair Leaves St Margaret Mary's School
Thursday, 31 st August	P&F Father's Day Wrapping
Friday, 1 st September	Father's Day Breakfast
	Father's Day Liturgy
	P&F Father's Day Stall
Sunday, 3 rd September	Father's Day
Friday, 8 th September	Birthday of Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday, 12 th September	School Band Concert Evening
Thursday, 14 th September	Year Four Science Incursion
Friday, 22 nd September	Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day School Closes for Term 3
Monday, 9 th October	School Resumes for Term 4

Teaching & Learning



Year Four Excursion to Old Government House and Elizabeth Farm

On the 20th June, 2017, Year Four and some teachers went to Elizabeth Farm and Old Government House, to learn about the First Fleet and the early colonies in Australia.

At Elizabeth Farm we saw the vegetable gardens, Elizabeth and John's bedroom, the cellar and the kitchen where we were able to touch objects. It was fun! We learnt that Elizabeth Farm used to be a dairy farm owned by Elizabeth and John Macarthur. They also had no running water or electricity, so they used fires, candles and the water from the river. The Macarthurs also had servants.



By Natalie Falgiatori



On Tuesday, the 20th of June Year Four went on an excursion to Old Government House and Elizabeth Farm. First we went to Old Government House where we ate our recess. Then we lined up in our groups and a teacher came out with a big bell to talk to us. We all went into the classroom and we had a slot to write with chalk. Mrs Johnson, the teacher, asked us to write like we were students from the 1700s. After we finished in the



classroom my group went to the cellar where there were all kinds of barrels and things that coopers had made. We also saw what their new money was like.



At Elizabeth Farm we went to the cellar and we got to act like we were on the First Fleet using musical instruments pretending we were in a storm. Then we went to wash cloth's with soap and the soap made from spices and left over animal fat. We looked around the whole farm. It was so much fun!

By Matthew Fakhr & Billy Russell



Year Two Excursion to The Art Gallery of NSW

On Wednesday, 21st Year Two went on an exciting excursion to the Art Gallery of NSW. They were able to make many connections to things they had learnt about in English, Mathematics, Visual Arts and History and Geography. At the Art Gallery they got the chance to appreciate a range of artworks, some were paintings, some were sculptures and others were installations.



Personal Growth

Wacky Day



Thank you to the students that supported the Mini Vinnies' Team by donating a gold coin on Wacky Day. The funds raised will go towards buying much needed toiletries for the homeless. It was so much fun seeing the variety of colourful, 'Wacky' beanies, scarves and gloves worn by the students and teachers!



Fun With Buddies

On Friday, last week, Year Six had organised a number of sports activities for Kindergarten students to participate in. The Year Six students displayed leadership qualities as they led the activities. They all really enjoyed being with their "Buddies"!



Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day

On Thursday, 22nd of June, Stage 3 Boys represented our school in the Parramatta Diocesan Soccer Gala Day.



They played 7 fast paced 10 minute games and won 3 games, drew 2 and lost 2. They had lots of superstar moments,

great saves and awesome goals! At the end of the Gala Day they came 3rd in their pool of teams. It was a fun day!

A big Thank you to Miss Biviano and Mrs Martino for all their coaching and time spent preparing us for the day.



St Margaret Mary's School Band

This week, very special awards were given to the following students:

Senior Band Members

1st Prize \$25.00 Westfield Voucher
2nd Prize \$15.00 Westfield Voucher
3rd Prize \$10.00 Westfield Voucher

Lydia Neculman
Shirak Yaghya
Grace Neculman

Junior Band Members

1st Prize \$25.00 Westfield voucher
2nd Prize \$15.00 Westfield Voucher
3rd Prize \$10.00 Westfield Voucher

Mark Wang Shi
Niushka Shrestha
Achel Majock

The following students received **Encouragement Awards**

Georgia Draiby	Yak Majock	Keisha Manalansan
Kirpatrick Manalansan		Angelina Salama
Ella Sallit	Rhos Shi Wang	Luke Choi
Shakira Georges	Nevah Shrestha	Mya Silva
Kate Marie Tannous		

These prizes were given to those students who had practised consistently at home and have shown marked improvement in playing their instruments.

Mrs Ciccarelli congratulates all members above and all other band members for their commitment to St Margaret Mary's Band.

Personal Growth

Bring back Pokémon cards!!!!

We want to bring back Pokémon cards because we like to battle each other and get to see some really cool cards. We will promise not to trade.

Pokémon cards entertain us so if there were any chance of getting Pokémon cards back we would take it. What is the point of having Pokémon if you are an only child? You couldn't play it with anyone! So what is the point of paying money for nothing since we're not allowed to bring them?

We will play together and not leave anyone out when we're playing. We think they're fun and cool because they have many cool features such as abilities. Some cards are even shiny while some are EX or GX cards.

Pokémon cards can help us improve our numeracy and literacy skills. When we play with Pokémon cards and battle we learn strategies, for instance when you attack a Pokémon they have to find how much health it has left or how much damage it can do for the attack.

Thank you for listening to our request!!!!

By Aleksander Waesch and Alexander Fares (Yr 4)

Reading During the Holidays

It's the school holidays and it's time for MOVIES, and to engage in MOVIES all you need is a book. Let me explain.

Reading and Writing are reciprocal. This means that good readers become good writers. Writers pay close attention to the literary devices used in books being read. If you want to read like a writer, and if you want to write what becomes great reading material, you need to pay attention to MOVIES.

What is MOVIES all about? They are the traits of a good writer.

Mechanics: This is the way we use punctuation, spelling and grammar, to make writing easy to read.

Is the writer always capitalising the word 'I' wherever it is in the sentence? Is the writer always using end marks to mark the end of the sentence?

Is the writer using complex punctuation to make the writing more meaningful?

Is the writer keeping spaces between words and a line between paragraphs?

Do the sentences sound right?

Organisation: This is how you sequence your ideas and the techniques used to smoothly move from one to the next.

What hooks us into the writing to make us want to keep reading?

How does the writer end? Does the writing feel finished? Does it give a call for action? How does the writer develop cohesiveness? How does the writer manage transitions? Is the writing well paced?

Voice: This is the way you express your individual personality through words. How does the writer demonstrate passion for the topic? How does the writer reveal emotions? How does the writer's personality reflect in the piece?

Ideas: Ideas are the essence of the writing. It is what the writer is writing about and what the writer chooses to reveal about it.

How does the writer reveal the main idea?

What types of details does the writer use?

How does the writer achieve his purpose?

Effective Word Choice: This refers to the writer's selection of particular words and phrases to express ideas in order to have impact

What techniques such as simile, metaphor, strong verbs, precise nouns does the writer use to make the word choice more specific, more memorable, and more effective?

Sentence Fluency. Sentence Fluency is the rhythm and flow of the language as we read it aloud.

What kinds of sentence constructions does the writer use?

How does the writer vary the beginnings and lengths of sentences?

How does the writer use "sound" effects like alliteration, rhyme, rhythm and power of three?

These school holidays, do not forget MOVIES!

Partnership



PLC Visitors

Four students from PLC (Pymble Ladies' College) visited our school on Tuesday last week. They had a tour of our school and

visited our Kindergarten learning space. The purpose of their visit was to see what it was like working with the Kindergarten students.

They enjoyed helping the Kindergarten students with their activities.



By Media Team

Parent to Parent

Thank you to all the parents who came along to our Fete Meetings, and volunteered to help out at our Fete.

The next **P&F Meeting** will be held in Term Three, on Wednesday, **26th July**, from 7:00-8:00pm.

The **School Disco** will be held on Friday, **21st July, 2017**. Information regarding times for the disco and parent helpers will be sent out in the coming weeks.

We look forward to working as a community and celebrating the 75th Anniversary of our school with you.

P&F President

Tanya Georges



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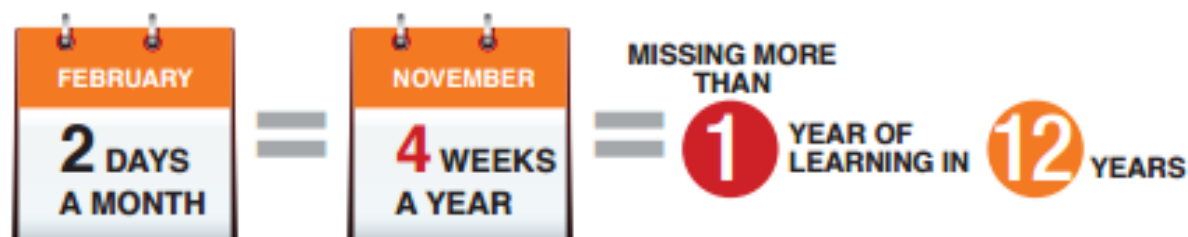
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every learner every day

ABSENCES ADD UP!



DID YOU KNOW



1 IN 6

PRIMARY STUDENTS ARE NOT
ATTENDING SCHOOL REGULARLY!

EACH DAY MISSED:

- ▶ Puts your child behind and makes it harder for them to catch up
- ▶ Can lead to lower achievement in reading, writing and numeracy
- ▶ Can lead to gaps in learning and social connections

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO



GOOD HABITS BEGIN EARLY



Good attendance starts in Kindergarten and sets students up for success in their school life

SCHOOLS ARE THERE TO HELP



If you're having attendance issues with your child, speak to your school about ways to address it.

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