



# St Margaret Mary's School

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## Update

Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2017

### Diary Dates

#### Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> August

- Book Fair Viewing for students.

#### Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> August

- Book Fair Viewing for students.

#### Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> August

##### **Book Week**

- 8:40am Assembly and School Prayer.
- Book Fair Selling to students only.

#### Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August

- Book Fair Selling to students only.

#### Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August

- Book Fair Selling to students only.

### New School Phone Number

The new St Margaret Mary's School phone number is **8633 8400**.

Telstra has provided CEDP with a new digital phone line upgrade for all schools, which has resulted in a new phone number for our school.

### 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 have now closed. All acceptance letters have been sent out. If you received a letter could you please complete and return the reply to the school office as soon as possible as we have 10 students on our waiting list. If your child had an interview and has not yet received a letter could you please contact the school office as soon as possible.

### Term Three School Fees

Term Three Fees are due by the 21<sup>st</sup> August unless other arrangements have been made. If you have queries regarding school fees please contact Maria Pagano on 8633 8400.

## Thank you Car Pick-up

Thank you to all the families that use the car pick up service it is running very smoothly and no cars are double parking on the other side of Henson street.

### Year Three Mufti Day

On Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> August, Year Three students will be wearing mufti clothes. This is a makeup Mufti Day as Year Three missed the last day of Term Two Mufti Day because they attended a school excursion to Featherdale Wildlife Park.

## Teaching & Learning

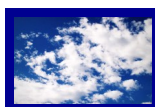
### Year Three I Am Poems

In Year Three, we have been learning about different poetry techniques. We have written poems using free verse, alliteration, onomatopoeia and rhyming couplets. Here are poems that we wrote about ourselves - "I Am Poem".

#### **I Am**

*By Yasmine Abraham*

I am proud and important.  
I wonder if I can do magic tricks.  
I hear Therese laughing.  
I want my family to be happy.  
I am proud and important.  
I pretend to do magic.  
I feel happy.  
I touch my uncle's heart in heaven.  
I worry about pirates.  
I cry to my uncle in heaven.  
I am proud and important.  
I understand my dad is in pain.  
I say I love you to God.  
I dream that I can fly.  
I try to listen.  
I hope that I am a good girl.  
I am proud and important.



#### **I Am**

*By Patrick AbouZeid*

I am smart and nice.  
I wonder why you can't see the wind.  
I hear the wind flow.  
I want my family to be safe and I want a PC.  
I am smart and nice.  
I pretend I can do magic.  
I feel the wind.  
I touch my family's heart.  
I worry why I was the last one to be born in my family.  
I cry when I get hurt.  
I am smart and nice.  
I understand that everyone has their own life.  
I say, "I love my God".  
I dream that I can fly.  
I try to be brave.  
I hope my dad has a good time in Lebanon.  
I am smart and nice.



#### **I Am**

*By Therese Bougoide*

I am funny and silly.  
I wonder why a hot dog is called a hot dog.  
I hear people screaming and shouting.  
I want to be Wonder Woman.  
I am funny and silly.  
I pretend I can fly.  
I feel weak at times.  
I touch Jolene.  
I worry about my family.  
I cry of laughter.  
I am funny and silly.  
I understand English.  
I say, "Ha, ha, ha."  
I dream of it raining lollies.  
I try to work hard.  
I hope I have powers one day.  
I am funny and silly.



# Teaching & Learning

## Year One Science Incursion



On Wednesday morning the Year One students and their teachers went to the hall to learn new things about air and weather. The scientist showed us some experiments.

First we proved that air was stronger than us.

Then we made a cloud with air and tiny water droplets. We made the droplets with heat. Then it turned into



vapour.

Then the vapour went into the air and made a cloud. My favourite experiment was when the scientist made a rocket with the tea bag. The scientist put the fire under the tea bag and then we counted down



from 10. The rocket flew to the top of the hall roof. Afterwards we went back to our classroom and we did some science art and craft activities.

*By Valentine Williams, (One Red)*



## Personal Growth

### Principal's Morning Tea

Congratulations to all of the students who were invited to the Principal's Morning Tea, held on Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of August, for earning their 4 Pillar Awards. Keep up the fantastic work and effort!



### Monday Morning Assembly

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of August we all gathered at our assembly to congratulate the students that participated in the Zone, Stage Three Netball Gala Day and Stage Two Soccer Gala Day. All students received awards and the Girls' Soccer Team also received medals and a trophy for coming first place.

We were also reminded about the Book Fair which is going to arrive on Wednesday for students to view on Thursday and Friday. It was also mentioned that there will be no borrowing for the next two weeks.



# Faith Community

## The Feast of the Assumption



On Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of August, St Margaret Mary's School and the Parish Community attended a whole school Mass for The Feast of the Assumption of Mary. We celebrated when Mary rose up to heaven, both body and soul.

We were reminded that Mary is our Mother and was chosen by God. Father Peter James spoke about how our mother plays an important role in our lives. He reminded all of us that we should be thankful for everything she does for us.



Father Peter James then gave all the students a challenge starting from tomorrow morning - when they wake up each morning make the sign of the cross and pray one Hail Mary then continue to do this for the rest of their lives.

*By Natalie Falgiatori and Janessa Georges (Year Four)*

## Mini Vinnies' - Pyjama Day, Liturgy, CEDP Visit Sausage Sizzle, Picnic and Winter Sleepout.



On Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> August, we celebrated the Feast Day of Mary Mackillop, followed by a sausage sizzle picnic. The



students wore pyjamas, and looked very cozy and relaxed in them. All the money that had been collected went to the St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal. The day finished with our Mini Vinnies' Winter Sleepout. It was so much fun! We learnt how people on the streets suffer with nothing to eat and drink. Then we felt a bit of what it would be like sleeping on the streets. We did not have to eat. We went home with sore backs.

*By Achel Majock (Five Red)*

## Book Week

(21<sup>st</sup> August – 25<sup>th</sup> August)

To celebrate Book Week this year the following activities have been organised:



**Book Fair** (Students can purchase Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> August - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August. Parents/family members can purchase on **Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> August, 8am - 4pm**)

Cumberland Librarians will be visiting our school and entertaining the students on **Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> August**, (in the hall), with a variety of shortlisted books from The Children's Book of the Year Awards.

**Session times:** 9:45am - 10:35am (Years 5 & 6)  
11:30am - 12:20pm (Years 3 & 4)  
12:20pm - 1:10pm (Kinder, Year 1 & Year 2)

**Book Parade on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> August, 8:40am - 9:40am.** Students, staff and parents are invited to dress according to the theme: **Escape to Everywhere**. We are encouraging everyone to be creative, imaginative and have fun celebrating **BOOKS!**

## Premier's Reading Challenge

Only just over one week until the PRC closes!

There is still time to complete the challenge!

**PRC Closes: Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> August.**





# Personal Growth

## PLC Girls

Last week four students from PLC worked with the Kindergarten teachers and students as part of their "Service" to the community. The Kindergarten students were extremely lucky to have them help



with their work. By the end of the week the PLC girls had created an amazing short video of a typical day in Kindergarten at StMM's, which gives a real insight to what happens in Kindergarten. A prayer service was organised as a thank you to the girls for all their effort, care and guidance. The Year Six students also benefited from their visit, as they they composed questions inquiring what it is like being in high school and asked the girls



these questions in a 'Panel' situation. The students and teachers were delighted to be able to work with the PLC girls!



## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Photo



On Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August, all of the students at St Margaret Mary's, along with staff, gathered together for a photo to celebrate the school's 75<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary. This event was well organised. The professional photographer used a cherry picker to get high enough to include all students and staff in the photo. The students were arranged in the shape of 75.



## Working With Year Three

Year Three were fortunate enough to have Danny, a student from Fairfield Patrician Brothers, working with them last week. The students were grateful for his willingness to participate in activities, share his talents and help whenever needed. The students and teachers really appreciated and enjoyed having Danny work with them!



**L. Look**  
**L. Listen**  
**L. Learn**

**K. Keep**  
**O. On**  
**T. Task**

**D. Do**  
**Y. Your**  
**B. Best**

**Q. Quick**  
**Q. Quiet**  
**Q. Quality**



## BIRTHDAYS



Alicia Kyriakos

Eliana Epenian

Nicole Bahi

Joe Azzi

George Notaras

Nicholas Bani Ayoub

Solomon Williams

Anthony Lim

Mikayla Yaacoub

Julian El Khoury

Matteo Luccitti

Daniel Saliba

Esther Geaitani

Giuseppe Molluso

Chanel Hak

Talia Moses

Joshua Farhart

Jacinta Pickering

Isabelle Tawil

Zahra Moussa

Celine Oncu

Helaina Gadd

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

## Partnership

### Premier's Reading Challenge

**Only just over two weeks until the PRC closes!**

There is still time to complete the challenge!

If you still need to complete the PRC, please borrow the books you need during this week, as our library will be closed for borrowing when the Book Fair arrives.

**PRC Closes: Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> August.**



### Book Fair Arrives in 1 Week



A percentage of **ALL** sales will be given back to our school to **purchase new books** for the LARC. This will benefit **ALL** students at our school.

**Place: The LARC**

**Student viewing:** Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> June, Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> June or Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June.

**STUDENTS ONLY** can purchase books/items on:

**Dates:** Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> June – Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> June

**Time:** During class time

**PARENTS & FAMILY MEMBERS** can purchase books/items

**Date:** Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> June

**Time:** 8am - 4pm

**Book Fair closes 2pm Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> June.**

If your child is purchasing something, please send **all money** in an **envelope** marked with your child's name, class and Book Fair on the front.

If you wish to pay by **credit card**, an EFTPOS facility is available at the Book Fair, otherwise, please use the Credit Card option on the flyer or use the online or phone option on the Wish List.

There will be **no** library borrowing during the Book Fair.

**H. Hats**  
**O. On**  
**H. Hands**  
**O. Off**

**B. Be**  
**F. Friendly**  
**G. Gentle**

**R. Right**  
**P. Place**  
**R. Right**  
**T. Time**

**R. Rubbish**  
**I. In**  
**B. Bin**

## Monsignor McGovern Art Competition

As our eyes met the bright colours, we were stunned by all the artworks that had been presented around the room. On Tuesday, 8th August, students who had entered the Monsignor McGovern Art Competition, went to Delany College in Granville, to enjoy looking at the amazing masterpieces. A number of primary schools from our area had entered the competition. We would like to thank Australian Pop Artist, Johnny Romeo, and Delany Principal, Mr Muscat, for hosting the competition. Congratulations to all the students who attended and received a certificate. The overall winners for all the schools in 2017 were from St Margaret Mary's! Congratulations to Isabella Nas-sour (Year Five) and Jessie Gao (Year Six)!

*By Jemma Bazouni, Jessie Gao and Dilara Sarikci (Year Six)*



## Partnership

### Book Week

(21<sup>st</sup> August – 25<sup>th</sup> August)

To celebrate Book Week this year we will be holding a Book Parade on **Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> August**. Students, staff and parents are invited to dress according to the theme:

#### Escape to Everywhere.

For **example**, you might like to escape...

- to the sea (and dress as a pirate, mermaid or Nemo).
- with a comic book (Wonder Woman or Spiderman).
- to the farm (Old MacDonald, Belinda the cow or the Green Sheep).
- with Dr Seuss (The Cat in the Hat, Thing 1 or Thing 2).
- with Roald Dahl (Matilda or the BFG).
- the past (Captain Cook, Caroline Chisholm, Albert Einstein).

We are encouraging you to be creative, imaginative and have fun celebrating **BOOKS!**

### Parent to Parent

On Behalf of the 2017 P&F Association, we would like to thank all the parents who helped us at the School Disco on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2017. On the night, we also invited a Coffee Truck for the first time as a treat for the teachers and volunteers. This Disco would have to have been the most rewarding event this year so far. We raised over \$3,000. Seeing the students' excitement throughout the night was priceless. We hope the children and parents enjoyed themselves.

#### Father's Day Stall and Wrapping

On Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> August, we will need parent helpers for the Father's Day Stall Wrapping.

The Father's Day Stall will be held on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> September. We will also need helpers for this day.

A letter will be sent home requesting helpers. If you are available on both or either of these days, please complete and return the slip at the bottom of the letter to the office.



#### 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Yearbook

Just a reminder, we are still taking pre-orders for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Yearbook.

The Yearbook will contain the history and milestones of the 75 Years of the school.

The Yearbook will be on pre-sale for \$10 each. Payment is to be placed in an envelope, clearly marked, and handed in to the office.

## FETE WEEK - Term 3, Week 8

We have decided to dedicate a week this term as **FETE WEEK**.

(4<sup>th</sup> September—8<sup>th</sup> September).

During this week, each year group will be allocated items needed to be donated towards the Fete. All items donated will be used on the day of the Fete, either as prizes or in the food stalls. Items **MUST** be brand new and a minimum value of approximately \$10.



**Monday:** YEAR 6 - Cartons of Soft Drink Cans

**Tuesday:** YEAR 5 - Cartons of Soft Drink Cans

**Wednesday:** YEAR 4 - Sporting Equipment, Balls, Rackets etc.

**Thursday:** YEARS 2 & 3 - Toys, Board Games, Books etc.

**Friday:** KINDY & YEAR 1 - Gift Vouchers (iTunes, Rebel, Coles etc.)



During FETE WEEK, we will also be **PRE-SELLING UNLIMITED RIDES BANDS** for 9 different Amusement Rides at our Fete for the **special price of \$25 each**. The cost for rides on the day will be \$5 each or \$35 for an Unlimited Rides Band (5 hours of Unlimited Rides - 10am - 3pm). YES, you can purchase as many Bands as you wish! We will be PRE-SELLING the bands during FETE WEEK in the LARC at 8am - 9am and 3pm - 3.30pm (Monday - Friday). These bands will be allocated to the name of the eldest child that attends StMM's and will be available for collection from 9.30am on the day of the Fete.



Thank you to all the volunteers who have registered themselves to be a Stall Coordinator at the Fete or have offered to help on the day. We are still in need of more **volunteers** for the day to help it run smoothly! A note will be sent home in the next few weeks with time slots for individual stalls that still require people to help on the day.



In addition to volunteers, we are looking for any parents who work for a banner/printing company and may be able to supply the banners to promote our fete.

As the funds raised will contribute to a much needed **Covered Play Area**, in anticipation, we are also seeking an architect to help us design and put together plans for council. If any parents are able to assist us with this, it would be greatly appreciated. Please email the P&F at: [smmpmfete@gmail.com](mailto:smmpmfete@gmail.com)

We look forward to working as a community and celebrating the 75-year anniversary of the school and at the same time raise funds for a very well needed Covered Play Area on the school grounds.

Thank you all for your assistance.

P&F President,  
Tanya Georges

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# every learner every day

## ABSENCES ADD UP!



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MISSING MORE  
THAN**1**YEAR OF  
LEARNING IN**12**

YEARS

## 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.

every learner  
every day 



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