



# St Margaret Mary's School

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## Bulletin

Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2017

### Diary Dates

**Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> September**

**Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

- Stage Three Touch Football Gala Day.
- Sporting Hero Mufti Day - Gold Coin Donation
- School Closes for Term Three.

**Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> October**

- School Resumes for Term Four.
- Students return in Full Summer Uniform.
- Assembly and School Prayer 8.40am.

**Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October**

- Year Six Boys at St Pauls Catholic College Orientation Day.

**Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October**

- Year Three Fizzics Education Incursion.

### 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.

### Leaving

If you know your child/ren will not be returning to this school in 2018, please let the office know as soon as possible.

## Principal's Message

### StMM's: We need YOUR Support!!!!

Dear Friends, Parents, Boys and Girls,

The focus of this editorial is to seek your ongoing support for our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. These celebrations are well into the planning stages taking a number of forms and occurring early in Term 4.

**Faith Community:** Our **IMPORTANT** celebration will be a Mass on the Feast Day of St Margaret Mary (Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> October). The Mass will start at 9am with a number of guests invited. A morning tea will follow for special guests and parents while the students enjoy their recess in the school playground. At 11am buses will take all of our children to Merrylands Park for a picnic lunch and play. Buses will return the children to school by 2:45pm.

**What can You do?** Come to the Mass, Join us at the Picnic, and Celebrate with your family & friends.

**Partnership:** Our **BIG** celebration will be our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary StMM's Fete. This will begin at 10am on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> October, and conclude at 3pm that afternoon. Its main aim is to provide much needed funds to build a new extended sun-shade for our playground. Our P&F along with a number of wonderful sponsors are working extremely hard to ensure its success. There will be something for everyone and we are looking forward to welcoming back large numbers of ex-students, parents and staff.

**What can You do?** Give generously, Encourage others to attend, and Support our P&F Committee.

**Teaching & Learning:** Our **HISTORICAL** celebration will be the temporary installation of StMM's Museum within the LARC. Mrs Burton has been working hard to gather, interview, copy, and collate a wide range of historical artifacts for display in our museum. She is still collecting old photos, uniforms, equipment and reports. If you have any connections with our past you are encouraged to speak to Mrs Burton (an expert in this field).

**What can You do?** Search your connections with StMM's, Speak to Mrs Burton, and Put people in touch with our School.

**Personal Growth:** Our **COMMEMORATION** celebration will be the publishing of the first StMM's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Yearbook. A small number of parents are working hard at collecting "a moment in time" snap shot of our community in 2017. This book will provide a wonderful collection of insights and reflections from students, staff, parents and other individuals, thus making sure we have a memento of 2017.

**What can You do?** All families Purchase the book and Speak to the office to ensure we have not left anything out.

This is a significant event in the history of St Margaret Mary's Merrylands and it is important that we encourage and support each one of the planned activities. Our children will remember this year as a key moment in their childhood in years to come.

I look forward to your continued generous support and seeing you at all of the events.

God Bless,

Kevin Mills

## Administration

### Important Dates for Term 4

Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day. Sporting Hero Mufti Day - Gold Coin Donation Normal School Day – <b>Not</b> Staff Professional Learning Day. School Closes 3:00pm for Term 3
Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> October	School Resumes for Term 4.
Tuesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Year Six Boys' Orientation Day at St Pauls Catholic College.
Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Year Three Fizzics Education Incursion.
Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Feast of St Margaret Mary</b> Whole School Mass 9am. Whole School Picnic at Holroyd Gardens Park, Pitt Street Merrylands, 11:00am—2:30pm.
Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Whole School Open Day.
Saturday, 21 <sup>st</sup> October	P&F 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary School Fete.
Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Year Six Cumberland Sustainability Expo. Kindergarten 2018 Parent Information Evening 6:00pm—7:30pm.
Tuesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Invitational Swimming Carnival 9:00am—11:00am.
Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> November	All Saints Day.
Thursday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	All Souls Day.
Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Staff Reflection Day. This is a <b>Pupil Free Day</b> .
Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Kindergarten 2018 Orientation Morning 9:00am—10:40am.
Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Year Five Leadership Day at Narrabeen Sport and Recreation.
Saturday, 18 <sup>th</sup> November	P&F Family Portraits Day.
Wednesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Kindergarten 2018 Orientation Morning 9:00am—10:40am. Kindergarten 2018 Parent Numeracy Information Session 9:00—10:40am.
Thursday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Year One Let's Go Walkabout Excursion, Bicentennial Park. Year Six Art Show.
Wednesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Kindergarten 2018 Orientation Morning 9:00am—10:40am. Kindergarten Parent Religious Education and Literacy Information Sessions 9:00am—10:40am.
Sunday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent.
Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Year Six Graduation Mass.
Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Year Six Graduation Dinner.
Sunday, 10 <sup>th</sup> December	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent.
Monday, 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year Six Aquatic Centre Fun Day.
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> December	School Closes for students for 2017.
Sunday, 17 <sup>th</sup> December	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent.
Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Staff Professional Learning Day.
Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Staff Professional Learning Day.
Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff Return for 2018.
Tuesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Years 1—6 Return.
Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Kindergarten Start.

## Personal Growth

### Monday Morning Assembly

On Monday, 18th September, during our Monday Morning Assembly, winners were announced and congratulated for their participation and great skills in the STMM's Bottle Flip Challenge and the two Manga High Competitions. Students were also reminded of the importance of being at school on time.



## Faith Community

### Year One Liturgy

On Wednesday, Year One invited our families to join us for a liturgy. Our theme was 'Baptism'. We reflected on the importance of Baptism as becoming a part of God's family. We sang songs about belonging to families and shared a special video that we made about how the Sacrament of Baptism is performed. Mrs Prendergast spoke to us about what it means to be Baptised and what our job is as members of God's family. Thank you to all of our special guests for joining us in prayer.



### Kindergarten Liturgy

On Friday, 15th of September, Kindergarten invited our family and friends to join us for our liturgy. Our liturgy was about God's creation and we reflected upon how we could look after God's creation. We sang songs about creation and asked our parents and friends to join us in singing the final song. Mrs Prendergast spoke to us about God's love for us. Kindergarten would like to thank all of the parents for coming to our special liturgy.





# Teaching & Learning

## Year 4 Science Incursion

### Year 6 Electrical Creations

Year 6 have been learning about renewable and nonrenewable energy, as well as electrical circuits in Science this term. We have been fortunate enough to have had an engineer working with Year 6, Peter Bach, who is part of a program with the CSIRO and Thales. Peter visited Year 6 and taught them about electrical circuits and built a potato clock with some students. He also shared information about his job which involves designing SONAR software programs for submarines in the Australian Navy.

Using their knowledge of simple and parallel circuits, Year 6 used their creativity to build something incorporating these circuits. Some students made buzzer games, lighthouses, runways, cars, dance floors, ferris wheels and houses. Other electrical creations included: a robot with a pulley system, a boat, a train, a



tunnel with a pressure pad, a scribble box, a helicopter landing pad with helicopter, an ice skating rink and a maths quiz game. Well done to the Year 6 students who built some imaginative and clever creations.



Spin! Spin around like a fidget spinner! On Wednesday, 14th of September, Year 4 had a Science Incursion. We had a special scientist visit us whose name was Mitch. He was an expert in the field of friction and forces. The first thing we learnt about was how to create more friction or less friction. Did you know bearings can remove friction?

We also learned about gyrospheres. A gyrosphere is a spinning object. It is very good at balancing, just like a beyblade and also helps to turn rockets in space!

Did you know that a lever can help create a larger force? Shakira Georges was strong enough to lift Mrs Attard... with the help of a lever of course!

Ouch, ouch, ouch! If you sit on one nail it would really hurt! But if you sit on 1000 nails, guess what? Noah Elias was sitting on 1000 nails and he didn't even know it! It didn't hurt one bit.

Year 4 had so much fun learning about forces!

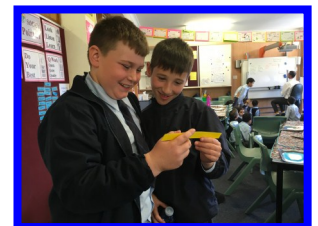
By Tamara Elias, Atong Deng and Keisha Chua



### Year 4 Scavenger Hunt

Found it! Found it! On Friday, the 8th of September, Year 4 had a fun scavenger hunt, that involved very hard clues! This was a part of our integrated History and Geography unit on China and Australia and became a fun way to learn about a Chinese animal, Australian plant and Chinese landmark. We needed to find clues that would lead us to the next pair of clues and give us another hint towards the animal, plant or landmark that we were trying to guess. Some people even had a puzzle to figure out! One of the clues we had was 'Have a rest at recess or lunch BUT if you stay here too long you might get hit on the head with a nut.' Can you guess where that would be? The clues could be found both outside or inside our class. We loved all of the clues and surprises! We had so much fun with our whole class! Everyone cheered each other on and we learnt a lot about China and Australia! Thank you to all of the teachers that created the Year 4 scavenger hunt!

By Matthew Fakhr and Jayden Nguyen



## School Band Concert

At 7:00 pm on Tuesday, the 12th of September, the StMM band showcased their skills at the annual Band Concert. 52 students played instruments at the concert. Some played in groups and some played solo. The Junior Band played three songs in one! It was called Hot Clair Bells. The seniors played three songs; This Old Dude, Stadium Rock and Gallant March. We had a wonderful time performing for our families!



Lydia Neculman and  
Aleksandar Waesch

## Partnership

## P & F News

### Donations for the FETE

If you have not yet donated an item from the list for each grade it is not too late. All items must be brought in by Friday, 15th September. Students names will be marked off when they bring in their item by their class teacher. Alternatively, items can be left at the school office.



### FETE Flyer

All families will be receiving an envelope this week containing 10 Fete Flyers. Parents please assist StMM's School by distributing these flyers to neighbours, family and friends.

P&F



## BIRTHDAYS



Angelo Guidone	Crystal Tsang	Aluel Manyang
Dominic Horley	Jayda Saahene	Adryan AlYoussef
Laura Gittany	Paul Hawach	Scarlett Neculman
Isabella Haddad	Rui Zhang	Kayla Mifsud
Perica Aspinall	Dilara Sarikic	Yousef Toufan
Thandeka Dube	Georgia Aoun	Cristina Tran
Raymond Bazouni	Sophia Ghasb	Tausinga Langi
Thalia Kovacevic	Jacob Mifsud	Sophia Khamis
Sarea Yatoma	David Choi	Mischa Krayssi
Ashleigh Baini	Wang Chen	

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

## Delany College

Delaney College invites all prospective families to our Open Day on Wednesday, 25 October, 10:00am to 11:00am and 2:30pm to 5:00pm.

Come along and see why we have been recognised as an Innovative Schools winner in 2017. Tour our wonderful school, meet our Principal, Robert Muscat, and staff and see learning in action. Enrolment packs will also be available. Please contact the College office on 8633 8100 for further information.

## School Uniform Shop

Just a reminder that school uniforms are available from Merrylands West School & Workwear Centre, 455-457 Merrylands Rd, Merrylands.

Ph: 9637 4502

Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm and  
Saturday 10am - 3pm.

## St Margaret Mary's School Sporting HERO Mufti-Day Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September GOLD COIN DONATION

To support the Cadman Family  
In memory of Julian Cadman  
Year 2 student, from St Bernadette's Lalor  
Park, who was tragically killed in the  
attack on Barcelona.



# JULIAN CADMAN!