



St Margaret Mary's School

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Update

Wednesday, 22nd November, 2017

Diary Dates

Thursday, 23rd November

- Year One Excursion to Bicentennial Park.
- Year Six Art Exhibition 6pm—7pm.

Friday, 24th November

- Infants Prayer Service 2:15pm - 3:00pm in the Hall.

Sunday 26th November

- Feast of Christ the King.

Monday, 27th November

- 8:40am Assembly and School Prayer.

Tuesday, 28th November

- Year Four Prayer Service 2:15pm - 3:00pm in Learning Space.

Wednesday, 29th November

- Kindy 2018 Orientation Morning 9:00am - 10:40am.
- Kindy 2018 Parent Information Session: Religious Education and Literacy 9:00am—10:40am.
- P&F Annual General Meeting 6:30pm - 8:30pm in the Staffroom

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.

New School Phone Number

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

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

November

The Men of St Margaret Mary's will be participating in the Movember Foundation Grow a Mo for Men's Health. This includes men's cancer foundations. Please support our male staff in this event by going to the following link <https://moteam.co/>



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 in writing.

It is a CEDP Policy that **10 weeks notice** is given to the school, otherwise a full term of fees will be required to be paid prior to leaving the school.

Important Dates for the End of 2017

Sunday, 3 rd December	1st Sunday of Advent.
Monday, 4 th December	Monday Morning Advent Prayer Service and Assembly.
Wednesday 6 th December	P&F Family Portrait Pick Up.
Thursday, 7 th December	Year Six Graduation Mass.
Friday, 8 th December	Whole School Thanks Giving Mass. Year Six Graduation Dinner.
Sunday, 10 th December	2nd Sunday Advent.
Monday, 11 th December	Monday Morning Advent Prayer Service and Assembly. Year Six Aquatic Centre Fun Day.
Wednesday, 13 th December	Whole School Christmas Concert.
Friday, 15 th December	School Closes for Students.

Important Dates for 2018

Monday, 29 th January	Staff return to school.
Tuesday, 30 th January	Years 1-6 MAI Testing. Kindergarten 2018 Best Start Assessment.
Wednesday, 31 st January	Years 1-6 MAI Testing. Kindergarten 2018 Best Start Assessment.
Thursday, 1 st February	Years 1-6 return to school. Kindergarten 2018 Best Start Assessment.
Friday, 2 nd February	Kindergarten 2018 start.

Faith Community

Year Three Liturgy

Year Three celebrated their grade liturgy last week with the theme of 'Celebrating Our Year Together'. It was a liturgy where we reflected on our time together in Year Three and celebrated all of our successes. It was wonderful to see so many family members join us for our liturgy.



Teaching & Learning

Library News

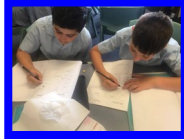
The library is **closed** from Wednesday, 22nd November until and including Friday, 24th November due to the Year Six Art Exhibition.

Returns only from Monday, 27th of November, until the end of the year.

Thank you to Mrs Horley, Mrs Raftery, Mrs Ndaira, Mrs Aoun and all of the wonderful parents who have covered books or helped in the library this year.

The Life Cycle of a Plant

Year 4 have been learning about plants and plant life cycles. We conducted an experiment to investigate what's inside a seed. As a whole



grade we discussed whether a seed is living or not. Some thought it's living, some thought it's non-living and others were not too sure. What do you think? *By Mirabelle Medakker and Janessa Georges*

Kindy Sport

Walking into the hall Kindergarten were speechless, their faces gleamed with joy. On Wednesday, 15th November, Year Six taught Kindergarten five different sporting activities. Kindergarten were tremendously enthusiastic to be involved in the fun activities. Year Six were delighted to be able to demonstrate and guide the Kindergarten students during this time.



By Abuka Ayac, Aluel Juk & Athok Mayom

Personal Growth

Year Five Leadership Day at Narrabeen



On the 17th of November, Year Five went to Narrabeen for Leadership Day. It took us around an hour to get there by bus.



When we arrived there we met our three leaders, Matt, Ben and Matt who talked to us about our responsibilities, rules and leadership skills. 5 Red, 5 Yellow and 5 Blue were separated into different areas and went to do activities like canoeing,



archery and team building skills. 5 Blue did canoeing first. Most of the time everyone fell out of or tipped over their canoes. It was so much fun!! 5 Yellow did the team building activities first, such as mazes and stacking milk crates where they had to work together as a team. 5 Red did archery which was pretty exciting. Most of the arrows landed around the bullseye target, however, some landed on the stand! And yes, they were REAL bows and arrows! After lunch, the classes rotated and did the other activities. Overall, our Narrabeen trip was the best thing we've ever done!!



By: Naydeen Poumale 5Y and Tayla Jammal 5B.



Partnership

Mini Vinnies

A big thank you to all the families of the students in Mini Vinnies who donated treats for our "Treats for Toys" stall. We raised over \$840



which we will be using to buy toys for the sick children in The Westmead Children's Hospital this Christmas.



Congratulations to the winners of the lolly guessing competition; Crystal Tsang in Year Two and Summer Shrestha in Year Four.

P & F News

Family Portraits

Family Portrait Photos were held last Saturday, 18th November. All families who had portraits taken on the day received a ticket into a draw to win a complimentary portrait package from the photographers. We would like to congratulate the Faber family on winning this package. Thank you to Mrs Pauline Poumale for organising and coordinating this event with the families and the photographer.

Christmas Raffle

Tickets need to be returned by Monday, 27th November, 2017. The raffle will be drawn on Friday, 1st December, 2017.

P&F Annual General Meeting

Nominations for the following positions will be taken at the meeting: President, Secretary, Treasurer and Fundraising Committee. Please join us for our 2017 AGM (Annual General Meeting).

Time: Wednesday, 29th November, 6:30pm.

Place: The School Staffroom.

Agenda:

- Opening Prayer
- Minutes from previous Meeting
- President's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Fundraising Report
- Election of New Committee for 2018
- General Business
- Meeting Close

If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to be nominated for a position on our committee, please complete the form below and return it to the school office in an envelope marked: Attention P&F Committee. If you would like more information about our committee please contact the school office or any member of our current committee.

P&F Committee



P&F Annual General Meeting Nomination Form

I would like to be nominated for the following position:

- ☐ President ☐ Secretary ☐ Treasurer
☐ Fundraising Committee

Name: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Signature: _____