



St Margaret Mary's School

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Newsletter No 2

UPDATE

Wednesday, 10th February, 2016

Diary Dates

Monday, 15th February

- 8:40am Assembly and School Prayer.

Tuesday, 16th February

- Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival.

Wednesday, 17th February

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Parking

Parents are asked to consider our neighbours when parking to drop off and pick up their child/ren. It is illegal to park across a driveway. The rangers have been notified and you will be booked for illegal parking especially in Davies Street.

Crossing

Parents are asked to show responsibility to our children by looking before crossing the road and holding your child's/ children's hand whilst crossing roads.

Term One Grade Liturgies

Kindergarten	Wednesday, 6 th April, 2:15pm
Year One	Wednesday, 16 th March, 2:15pm
Year Two	Wednesday, 24 th February, 2:15pm
Year Three	Wednesday 17 th February, 2:15pm
Year Four	Wednesday, 2 nd March, 2:15pm
Year Five	Thursday 3 rd March, 2:15pm
Year Six	Thursday, 25 th February, 2:15pm

Administration

Student Medical Information

If your child/ren suffer from Asthma or has/have medical conditions, could you please contact the office in writing with an update of the medical conditions and any other information that may be helpful to the school in relation to the care of your child's/children's medical conditions. For example, if your child suffers from Asthma, please supply an update of your child's Asthma Plan.

All medical information is required to be updated, and all Action Plans for Anaphylaxis and Asthma need to be current.

Thank you,
Office Staff

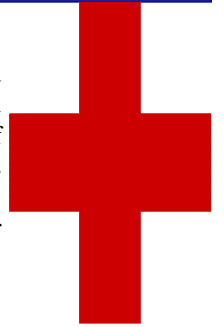
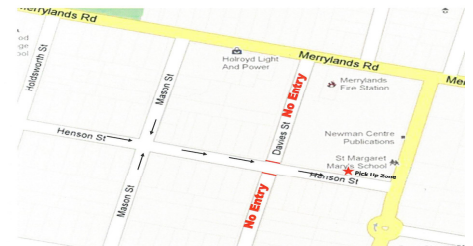


Photo Permission

From time to time photos and/or video footage of your child will be taken at school and school events. These photos and/or video footage may be used at school assemblies, school liturgies and Masses, and in the school newsletter, diocesan newsletter, brochures, advertising, newspapers, websites or publications. If you do not wish for your child/ren's photos to be taken and published, please advise the school office in writing.

Car Pick Up

Any parents wishing to join Car Pick Up will need to see the office to fill out a form and be issued with a number to be displayed on their windscreens. Children will be given a corresponding number to attach to their bag. It is important that all parents involved in this service be attentive to the rules of the road.



Teaching and Learning

Year 6 Science Experiments

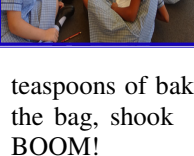
The balloon experiment isn't as easy as it seems! First you put the straw onto the 3 metre piece of string. Then you blow up the balloon. After that you tape the balloon carefully onto the straw. When you let go of the tip of the balloon, the air rushes out and the balloon and the straw will travel to the other end of the string.

By Dominic Elias Six Blue



I dropped the food colouring into the milk and watched it spread. I placed my stick with the dishwashing liquid in the centre and the food colouring quickly moved towards the edge of the plate. I kept putting the stick in to the milk and swirled it around so the food colouring moved into different patterns.

By Eliana Mansour Six Red



My group tried the exploding bag experiment. First we needed a small, zip lock sandwich bag and vinegar. Next we put two teaspoons of baking soda in a tissue, then put it quickly into the bag. We closed the bag, shook it carefully then put it on the ground. We all stood back and BOOM!

By Dib Aoun Six Blue



Year Four Learning

Year Four have been enjoying their start to the school year by taking part in lots of different learning experiences. One of those experiences was to order numbers. We had to get into groups and record numbers. Then we ordered them in ascending and descending order. We had a lot of fun completing the activity.



Partnership

Parent-Teacher-Student Meeting

To support the implementation of the MAI Interviews we will be holding a Parent-Teacher-Student meeting this term. These meetings are planned for early March and details about times and bookings will follow shortly. At this meeting the class teacher will also share some class procedures and expectations with the student and parent/parents. We wish to continue to develop our pillar of partnership with parents and students.

School Communication

As of Term Two our update newsletter (which is our small newsletter) will only be accessed via the School Website. We will only be copying 20 copies and they will be available in the school library. To access our school newsletters please go to www.stmmerrylands.catholic.edu.au then go to news and events.

Parent to Parent

If anyone has baskets or sweets platters they no longer need please donate them to the school so we can make up Easter baskets. They can be left at the school office. All donations are greatly appreciated.

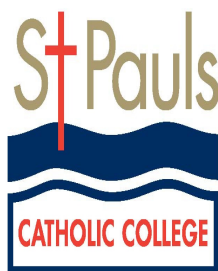


Upcoming Dates to Remember Term One

24 th February	Easter Raffle Tickets go home.
7 th March	Preloved Uniform Shop Open 9am—9:30am.
9 th March	The First P&F Meeting for 2016.
14 th March	Raffle Tickets due back.
18 th March	Easter Basket Wrapping and Raffle Draw.
4 th April	Preloved Uniform Shop Open 9am—9:30am.

St Pauls Catholic College, Greystanes

St Pauls Catholic College, Greystanes, invites you to our OPEN DAY: Sunday, March 13th, from 11.30am-2.30pm. The College is situated at 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes. Come along to experience what our College can offer young men during their secondary schooling years.



Merrylands Maulers

JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE Football Club

2016 Registrations and Kickoff

REGISTRATIONS will be held on the first 3 Sundays of February 2016 -

- Week 1 – Registrations Sunday, 7th February 2016 - 11am to 2pm
- Week 2 – Registrations Sunday, 14th February 2016 - 11am to 2pm
- Week 3 – Registrations Sunday, 21st February 2016 - 11am to 2pm

** Nemesia St Park, Nemesia Street Greystanes NSW 2145 **

TRAINING will begin officially from Friday 12th February 2016

For registration enquiries please contact:

- ◆ Karen Mardini 0416 211 490
- ◆ Joseph Fakhr 0412 145 000



Child Protection

Parents wishing to help out on school excursions, in classrooms, in the canteen, at sporting activities, P&F activities, or any activity that involves contact with students other than your own, **MUST** complete the Child Protection Module and Working with Children Check.

This is a requirement as part of the child protection within schools. If you completed the child protection module in 2014, you are required to redo the module in 2016. If you completed the module last year, 2015, you do not need to redo the module until next year.

To access the module go to
<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au>

(Completing this module you must renew every 2 years).

It is a system requirement that child protection training be completed by all volunteers commencing work in our school and for existing volunteers.

To use the module:

1. Open the module by clicking start.
2. Read through the presentation.
3. Complete and submit quiz questions. This will take approximately 45 minutes.
4. After successful completion of the module, fill out the form by typing your name, email address, contact number, contact address and the school you intend to volunteer at.
5. A notification of your successful completion of the module will be sent via e-mail to the school and also to your email address.

You also need to complete the Working with Children Check. This can be obtained by visiting the following website. <http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au> and follow all the instructions. You then must register through the Roads and Maritime Services. This is also free and allows you to help out at any voluntary activity where children are concerned. This is a 5 year certificate.

Canteen Helpers

Do you enjoy conversation with your lunch? Would you like to see your children occasionally during school hours? Are you looking for a way to become involved at school, in a social relaxed way and you have completed the Child Protection Module? Then the canteen is the answer you've been looking for. We require some new faces to join our wonderful team of canteen ladies. If you can spare a day in a week, fortnight, month or even occasionally, please fill out the form and return it to the school office.

We really do need the help! Many hands do make light work and your child would love to see you in the canteen. Mums, Dads, Nans, or Pops are all welcome. Lunch is provided. If you would like any more information please see Georgina in the Canteen.

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Canteen Helper

Name: _____

Contact No: _____

Child's
Name: _____

Child's Class: _____

Please circle when you are able to help.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Weekly	Fortnightly	Monthly	Emergency	