



# St Margaret Mary's School

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## Update

Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2018

### Diary Dates

#### Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> August

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

- Mufti Pyjama Day - Gold Coin Donation.
- Family Liturgy and Picnic. As per times indicated.
- Mini Vinnies Winter Sleepout

#### Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> August

- St Margaret Mary's Parish First Communion.

#### Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> August

- Book Week
- 8:40am Whole School Assembly and Prayer.
- Book Fair open for students to purchase.

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

- Year 5 Prayer Service 2.15pm in Learning Space.

#### Wednesday, 22<sup>th</sup> August

- Year 1 Science Incursion.
- Yr 5 Debating Team at Delany College 1pm - 2:30pm.
- Bookfair open to parents 8am—4pm.

### 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

### 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 school weeks notice is given to the principal before the removal of your child from the school, otherwise a full term fees will be required to be paid.

### Student Attendance

At StMM's attendance has dropped to 86% which is below the CEDP's target attendance rate of 90%. Congratulations to Kindy who are currently at 91.5% followed by Yr2 at 88% , Yr 6 87.7%, Yr3 86.5%, Yr 4 86.2%, Yr 5 83.6% and then Yr 1 79.5%. Please remember attendance at school is very important in your child's learning.

### School Fees

Term 3 school fees are now **due** unless arrangements have been made. If you have any queries regarding school fees please contact Maria Pagano in the school office.

### Lost Property

All lost property is now on the silver seats near the canteen. All lost clothing not collected and not clearly labelled 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. As the warmer days are fast approaching us, we ask that you please ensure all articles are clearly labelled with your child's name.

### Pyjama Day and Family Day

Parents are invited to join us at our liturgy to celebrate families, with a picnic lunch on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> August 2018. On this day we will be raising money for Catholic Care and the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. All students may wear their pyjamas to school for a gold coin donation.

Time: 11:40am Liturgy for the whole school.

Infants 12:20pm - 1:00pm Infants Picnic Lunch  
1:00 - 2:00pm Infants Open Classroom.

Primary 12:20 - 1:20pm Primary Open Classroom.  
1:20pm - 2:00pm Primary Picnic Lunch.

Please bring a towel or blanket to sit on for your picnic lunch. All sausage sizzle orders are now overdue and will not be accepted on the day.

### Monday Morning Assembly

At Monday assembly, Mr Mills explained that 60 students in the Mini Vinnies group are going to be sleeping at school for the Winter Sleepout this Friday night. Also on Friday we have Pyjama Day, which means all students can come to school in their pyjamas for a gold coin donation. A huge congratulations to Clara Fetrie in Year 3, who at the Zone Athletics Carnival, broke the record for the 100m, 8 year old girls sprints with a time of 15.55 seconds! Mr Mills also told us about the visitors from Victoria who were to visit our learning spaces to see how we learn and cooperate in the classroom. We would like to thank the P&F parents organising and catering for morning tea and lunch for the Victorian visitors.



# Teaching & Learning

## Year 6 CSIRO



"There will be a submarine at school today" was the announcement Mr Mills made at assembly. Little did we expect it be in the Year Six classroom! On Monday Year Six met a man named Peter who is a



STEM professional who works with the CSIRO; specifically he is a Sonar engineer. He taught us about the different types of Sonar equipment on the Royal Australian Navy fleet. He also helped us to build electrical circuits with switches, buzzers and lights. It was an amazing day and certainly gave us a buzz!

*By Aidan Rigby and Isaiah Cartilla Year 6*



## Faith Community



### Youth Concert

On Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> August, Mrs Attard and Mrs Prendergast and some Yr 6 and Yr 5 students



went to a Youth Concert to learn about the qualities of being a true Christian and connect with God. There were other children from different schools and we listened to Genevieve Bryant who is a great role model.



She told us about her life, she had a tough life but the thing that got her through was having faith in God as well as herself and believing that all your dreams can



come true with the support. She taught us about God through the songs that she sang. These songs each had a message. One message was "To love and have faith in anything or anyone". We had a blast dancing and singing and we are hoping to come again next year.

*By Alicia Kyriakos & Eden Khairallah*



## Personal Growth

### St Bernadette's Netball Gala Day

Congratulations to the students who competed in the St Bernadette's Netball Gala Day on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> August at Kellyville Netball Courts. We had two teams made up of stage 3 boys and girls. The boy's team played 5 games. They had 2



wins, 2 losses and a draw. Overall, the team came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The girl's team also played 5 games. They had 4 wins and a loss. They were the runner up champions of their age group. Thank you to Mrs Foley and Mrs Attard for training these teams and supporting them on the gala day. Well done to all these students who displayed great sportsmanship on the day.



## Zone Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all the students who competed at the Zone Athletics Carnival last Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> August at Blacktown International Sportspark Athletics Centre. It was wonderful to hear all the cheering for each other from the grandstand. A special mention to Clara Fetrie, who broke the old record in 8year girls 100m. Her new record is 15.55! She is also the Junior Girls Age Champion Runner-up!

Thank you to everyone that assisted in helping run the Zone Carnival, the day would not have been such a success without your assistance.

Well done to the following students, who have qualified to represent Cumberland Zone at the 2018 Parramatta Diocesan Athletics Carnival, which will be held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at Blacktown. Good luck to all these students.

Jasmine Ezenwa-Ndukaku – 10years 100m

Reece Fakhr – 10years 200m

Clara Fetrie – 8years 100m and Junior girls long jump

Sydney Gatluak – 12years shot put

Edwin Khairallah – 8years 100m

Mayom Mayom – 11years long jump

Christina Putrus – 11years 800m and 200m

Nana Saahene – 9years 100m

Mabel Sullay – 9years 100m

Junior Boys Relay Team – Reece Fakhr, Nana Saahene, Epaphras Owusu, Matthew Fakhr

Junior Girl Relay Team – Clara Fetrie, Eden Khairallah, Jasmine Ezenwa -Ndukaku, Mabel Sullay

## Partnership

### Library News

#### Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC)

PRC Closes: Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> August.

There is still time to complete the challenge!

#### Book Fair

Our Book Fair has arrived. Students will be able to view items on sale in the LARC, on Thursday or Friday with their class, and write their Wish List.

A percentage of all sales will be given back to our school to purchase new books for our library. This will benefit all students at our school.

**STUDENTS ONLY** can purchase from the Book Fair on **Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> August to Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> August**, during class times.

**PARENTS/FAMILY MEMBERS/CARERS** can purchase from the Book Fair on **Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 8am - 4pm.**

Book Fair closes 2pm Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> August.

If your child is purchasing something, please send all money in an envelope/snap lock bag marked with your child's name and class 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.

Our library will be closed for borrowing during the Book Fair. Borrowing will resume on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> August.

#### Book Week (20<sup>th</sup> August – 24<sup>th</sup> August)

The theme for Book Week this year is Find Your Treasure.

As part of our Book Week celebrations Cumberland Librarians will be visiting our school and entertaining the students on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August, with a variety of shortlisted books from The Children's Book of the Year Awards.



On this day, Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August, students, staff and parents are invited to dress from the neck up as a pirate. (Pirate bandana, pirate hat, eye patch, etc.) Students are to wear full school uniform.

We are encouraging everyone to and have fun celebrating books. Perhaps share a **treasured** book, from your childhood, with your child.