



St Margaret Mary's School

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Bulletin

Wednesday, 24th October, 2018

Diary Dates

Thursday, 25th October

Friday, 26th October

Monday, 29th October

- 8:40am Whole School Assembly and Prayer.
- Year 6 Basketball Gala Day.

Tuesday, 30th October

- Invitational Swimming Carnival at Merrylands Pools 8:30am -11:30am.
- Cerdon and St Pauls MAI testing for Yr 6 Students.

Wednesday, 31st October

- Kindergarten 2019 Parent Information Evening 6pm in the Hall.

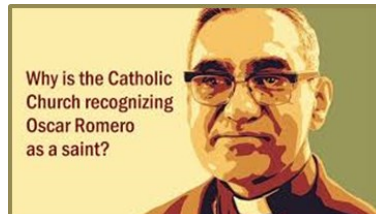
Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Boys and Girls,

Suffering: **Persecuted for My Sake**

(Richard Rhor: Edited by Kevin Mills)

You're blessed when your commitment to God provokes persecution. The persecution drives you even deeper into God's kingdom. . . . And know that you are in good company. My prophets and witnesses have always gotten into this kind of trouble. Matthew 5:10



Óscar Romero (1917–1980) was named a saint by the Catholic Church. Pope Francis canonized seven people, including the late Salvadoran archbishop Óscar Arnulfo Romero, who was shot by an assassin as he celebrated mass in a hospital chapel, on March 24, 1980. He will henceforth be known as Saint Óscar Romero.

As Archbishop of San Salvador for the last four years of his life, Romero was a strong, public voice for the many voiceless and anonymous poor of El Salvador and Latin America. When he preached in the cathedral on Sunday mornings, the streets were empty and all the radios were on full volume, to hear truth and sanity in an insane and corrupt world.

Here was a man who suffered with and for those who suffered. His loving heart shines through clearly in his homilies:

"We . . . don't want to be a plaything of the worldly powers, rather we want to be the Church that carries the authentic, courageous Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, even when it might become necessary to die like he did, on a cross."

In a homily a few weeks before his death, Romero addressed his congregation directly:

I have often been threatened with death. I must tell you, as a Christian, I do not believe in death without resurrection. If I am killed, I shall arise in the Salvadoran people. I say so without boasting, with the greatest humility. . . . A bishop will die, but God's church, which is the people, will never perish.

A few weeks later he was shot through his heart as he stood at the altar.

As a principal, I have always been driven by his words **"A bishop will die, but God's church, which is the people, will never perish."** Some parishes have a beautiful church but no people, some parishes have no church but many people. We have been blessed at Merrylands with dedicated priests, people of strong faith and a building where we gather, worship and go forward to be people of action.

God Bless and keep you safe,

Yours in Christ

Kevin Mills
Principal

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.

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

THANK YOU!

The beginning of Term 4 has been very busy with a range of activities and events for all our school. I would like to publicly pass on my thanks to all the students, staff and parents for their great generosity of spirit. Our Yr 6 & 5 students continue to work hard at being positive role models for the younger children, while our parents are always great examples of people who welcome and care for all in our StMM's community. As we come to the season of Advent let us continue to be the hands and face of Christ for all in our community.

Kevin Mills

School Uniforms

All uniforms must be worn neatly and correctly. All hairstyles should be appropriate to the students age and the schools expectations. Long hair must be tied back. Our Sun Safe program requires students to wear our school cap or hat when outside: **No Hat No Play**. These hats and caps are available at the school office. Sleeper earrings and stud earrings may be worn. Simple signet rings may also be worn. No expensive jewellery is to be worn at school.

Secondary Evacuation Drill

On Tuesday, 23rd October the whole school participated in a Secondary Evacuation Practice. This is a drill where all staff and students leave the premises and go to a nearby park.

We will be reviewing our procedures with this drill and another drill may be practiced later in the year.

Chewing Gum

Chewing gum is not permitted on school property. Please ensure that your child is not chewing gum or brings gum to school.

Lost Property

We have had a number of parents concerned that students are wearing other students clothing ie jumpers/jackets. Can you please check your child/rens jumpers, jackets, hats and caps to ensure that they have the correct name. If it does not belong to your child **please return to the school office**.

Car Pick Up

We are reaching our limit for Car Pick Up. If you wish to be part of this service please contact the office. We thank our parents for following all our processes and thus ensuring a smooth operation each afternoon. The police and council have **NOT** contacted us for over four months!!!

Thank You

Thank you to the Lions Club of Holroyd City for their involvement in the 201N2 District Governor's "Reading Action Program 2018" and their kind donation of books, to our school library, for all students to enjoy.

Morning Assembly

During Monday mornings assembly we were reminded about the Pointers and some events that will be happening during the week. We also welcomed Ms Veness back to school for Term 4.

On Tuesday, Year 5 will be having their final prayer service and on Wednesday, Year 6 will be going to Central Gardens for a sustainability excursion. We also thanked Mrs Foley, Mrs Yenco and the P&F for organising the really fun Colour Run for us last Tuesday.

By Media Team



Teaching & Learning

Information Technology and Communication

The CEDP provides a range of services to support the learning of all students in our school. Our children's access to the internet and a number of ICT devices are key in bring the outside world into Merrylands. It is important to understand and follow security policies and procedures to lessen the risks of accidental or inappropriate actions both at home and at school. Everyone has a role to play in helping to detect and report security incidents early, this can reduce the effect across our school.

The most important thing to remember in regards to maintaining security is that you are the first line of defence. You can help prevent ICT security incidents by being watchful for:

- Your computer crashing
- Unusual error messages or your computer running at a slower speed.
- Unusual/suspicious emails
- Anyone installing and or using unauthorised software
- Inappropriate social media and website requests

StMM's will follow the protocols of all organisations in regard to reporting any concerns or breaches of guidelines. If appropriate we will inform authorities, including the Federal Office of the Australian Information Commissioner, software companies and Police.

Year One Bicentennial Park

On Thursday, 18th October the Year One students and their teachers went on an excursion to Bicentennial Park in Homebush. We travelled by bus and arrived at the beautiful park to learn about



the traditional Aboriginal life and the local natural environment. The students explored Bicentennial Park through the eyes of the traditional local Aboriginal people The Wangal People.

We explored the wetlands and the forest, participated in boomerang throwing and sang and danced to Aboriginal music. The Dreamtime stories of the Wangal People were told to us and the students also met and patted a blue tongue lizard. After a busy day of fun and learning the students arrived back at school, tired and excited to share their



adventures with their families.



Faith Community

St Margaret Mary's Feast Day

Look out, it's a massive colour cloud! On Tuesday, 16th October, St Margaret Mary's celebrated it's feast day. We had a whole day of celebrations planned, and we couldn't wait for it to begin! In the morning, we joined as a community to celebrate Mass and pray to St Margaret Mary to guide us and protect us. During the Mass, we reflected using words, song and



dance. After the Mass, we were invited to have recess with our families before the most exciting part of the day - the Colour Run! Lots of the P&F and parents helped splash colour and water on us as we ran around the winding course. Lots of people wore wacky accessories and everyone had



so much fun getting covered in colour, especially Mr Mills who looked like a walking rainbow! In the last hour of the day, Year 5 raced the colourful billy carts that they have been making over the last term. Everyone was cheering



and it was really fun. We would like to thank the P&F for all of their planning and organisation of the day and thank you to all the children who raised money for the new shade structure that will be built. We will remember this day for a very long time!

By: Niki Oates and



Claudia Ghosn Year 5



The Rosary

On Wednesday, 18th October, St Margaret Mary's Primary School joined with 1 million other children around the world to pray the rosary. The whole school joined in the hall after lunch so they could partic-



ipate in this event. About 60 children were arranged around the hall in a set of giant rosary beads, with each child to lead 1 prayer each, acting as one whole Rosary. We heard about each event in The Joyful Mysteries which



include, The Annunciation, The Visitation, The Birth of Jesus, The Presentation and The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple. This was a very important event for our school and for all children to pray to God for peace and unity in our world.

Personal Growth

Year 5 Crunch and Sip Day



Last term, on Thursday 27th September, Year 5 had a CRUNCH 'N' SIP day. On that day, children from Year 5 brought in different fruit and veggies for everyone to share and



try. The teachers cut up all the fruit before we ate it and we challenged ourselves to try something new! We had such a fun time eating all those yummy fruits and vegetables and we even found some new favourites!

By Mayullah Lamin and Mya Silva



Fred Hollows Humanitarian Award

On Monday, 22nd October, I was given the amazing opportunity to be nominated for the Fred Hollows Humanitarian Award for 2018. Fred Hollows was an Ophthalmologist from Australia/New Zealand who helped people recover their eyesight all over the world. The Fred Hollows foundation has



restored the eyesight of over 2.5 million people. There were 72 students around NSW including myself who won the award. When I went up to receive my award in Parliament House in Sydney, a photo was taken with the NSW Minister for Education and Gabi Hollows the widow of Fred Hollows. Thank you to the Year 6 teachers for nominating me.

By: Naydeen Poumale Yr 6



BIRTHDAYS



Nathan Baralla	Larissa Giwa	Elena Lin
Isabella Roach	Mirabelle Medakker	Claudia Lichaa
Anthony Saba	Tristen Ibrahim	Joey Farah
Jacob Horish	Maxine Kwansah-Aidoo	Marcus Poumale
Sara Luccitti	Filipa Londono Blandon	Lisa Shrestha
Thomas Saleh	Rozaly Alashkar	Aarya Syeed
Nicolas Scale	Shalom Cherinet Dorcha	Mayullah Lamin
Joseph Doueihy	Mary Notaras	Maya Bazouni
Luke Zhang	Adam Ton	Paea Mataele
Edison Lin	Jayden Othman	Angela El-Helo

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

Partnership

Parent to Parent



SCHOOL FUN RUN

On behalf of the P&F Association, we would like to thank all the Staff, Students and Families of St Margaret Mary's for their wonderful support for this years Major Fundraiser.

Thanks so much to everyone for participating in the *School Colour Fun-Run!*

We are still yet to finalise the total amount raised as the students have continued to send in cash donations for sponsorship. The event proved to be a great day and it was

fantastic to see all of our students getting involved. The students had a very exciting day and once all the prizes have been finalized and ordered we will be sending the certificates and prizes out once we receive them. Thanks again for supporting your child and our school!

A special thanks goes out to Mrs. Domenica Yenco and Mrs. Kellie Foley for your assistance on making this day happen. The school grounds were full of Colour, Water and Big Smiles from all involved. The student's faces were full of excitement and joy and it was wonderful seeing the staff and parents all getting involved. It was a wonderful experience.

Thank you all once again, on behalf of St Margaret Mary's P&F 2018 Association.



MyTime D.A.D.S

Next session is Tuesday 30th October please. A member will be reporting back about a new movie which premiered last Friday 19th October. 12 male Aussie celebrities talk about their challenges as dad with children who have Autism. Group starts at 7pm in parish centre.

Come join our D.A.D.S Group and their families for our first picnic, sponsored by Carers NSW and Playgroup NSW

When: Sunday November 4th, 2018

**Where: Central Gardens, YARRABEE Picnic area.
Cnr Merrylands Rd & Cumberland Highway.
(entry off Merrylands Rd)**

Time: From 10:00am

RSVP: By Monday 29th October to M: 0438 878 355**

***Please let me know of any dietary requirements ASAP**

Bring your children's water bottles & sunhats.

**** RSVP necessary for catering.**