



### Diary Dates

#### Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> August

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#### Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> August

- Sausage Sizzle orders and money due today. No orders will be taken after 3pm today.

#### Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> August

- 8:40am Whole School Assembly and Prayer.

#### Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> August

- Yr 6 Voice of Youth Cluster Finals at St Patricks Guildford 11:30am -1:00pm.

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

- Feast of the Assumption
- Whole school mass for the Feast of the Assumption.
- Scholastic Bookfair arrives today.

### 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**.



## Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Boys and Girls,

During my recent leave I had the time and opportunity to read for leisure and not for school for my professional development. While surfing the internet I came across the following short story about a pencil by Paulo Coelho.

### The Story of the Pencil

A boy was watching his grandmother write a letter. At one point he asked:

‘Are you writing a story about what we’ve done? Is it a story about me?’

His grandmother stopped writing her letter and said to her grandson:

I am writing about you, actually, but more important than the words is the pencil I’m using. I hope you will be like this pencil when you grow up.’

Intrigued, the boy looked at the pencil. It didn’t seem very special.

‘But it’s just like any other pencil I’ve ever seen!’

‘That depends on how you look at things. It has five qualities which, if you manage to hang on them, will make you a person who is always at peace with the world.’

‘First quality: you are capable of great things, but you must never forget that there is a hand guiding your steps. We call that hand God, and He always guides us according to His will.’

‘Second quality: now and then, I have to stop writing and use a sharpener. That makes the pencil suffer a little, but afterwards, he’s much sharper. So you, too, must learn to bear certain pains and sorrows, because they will make you a better person.

‘Third quality: the pencil always allows us to use an eraser to rub out any mistakes. This means that correcting something we did is not necessarily a bad thing; it helps to keep us on the road to justice.’

‘Fourth quality: what really matters in a pencil is not its wooden exterior, but the graphite inside. So always pay attention to what is happening inside you.’

‘Finally, the pencil’s fifth quality: it always leaves a mark. In just the same way, you should know that everything you do in life will leave a mark, so try to be conscious of that in your every action’

Almost everyone understands that there's a reason for etiquette guidelines and rules for good manners. After all, most parents start teaching polite words and phrases to their children early in life. Throughout their lives, people face behaviour rules and the consequences of ignoring them. Schools have written rules that they expect students and teachers to obey. Employee handbooks are loaded with policies of etiquette and showing respect to co-workers.

Yours in Christ

Kevin Mills  
Principal



## Benefits of Good Manners

Having good manners is essential in all aspects of life if you want others to respect you. Here are the Top 5 advantages of having good manners:

1. **Being nice at home sets the stage for better behaviour.** Your children watch how you react to various situations, so parents need to set examples and have good manners. If you are polite to them and consistent in following proper manners guidelines, they are much more likely to do the same.
2. **Manners get positive attention.** Skills on the job are important, but knowing how to do the work isn't the only thing expected of you. Following the etiquette rules will help you earn respect.
3. **Treating other people with respect makes them want to be nice back to you.** Whether you need help at the grocery store or you have a complaint about a product, showing good manners will make the store employees want to work with you. Holding a door for a young mom or older person can make their day much better. Smile at someone, and that just might be the bright spot in his or her day.
4. **Others will listen if you give them a chance to speak.** Being a good conversationalist involves more than knowing the right words or talking all the time. The person you are speaking to will feel that you care if you take a breather and hear what he or she has to say.
5. **Knowing and using proper manners regularly can help with confidence.** If you are in the habit of using good manners all the time, you won't have to worry about whether or not you're doing or saying the right thing. It will come natural to you, and others will respect you more for it.



## Administration

### 2019 Enrolments

Since Mr Mills has returned from leave, he has had 3 interviews taking place for 2019. Parents who know of anyone who wish to attend StMM's in 2019 please advise them that places are filling fast.

### Mini Vinnies Sausage Sizzle Lunch

All orders for the Mini Vinnies' Sausage Sizzle Lunch on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> August, will need to be given to the office by **Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> August**. Please ensure you have placed the correct money in an envelope as no change will be given. Thank you to everyone who has supported the Vinnies' Winter Appeal by already ordering their lunch.

### World Youth Day Raffle Tickets.

Just a reminder that all **sold and unsold** raffle tickets and money is **now overdue**. Please return to the school office asap. Purchasing the tickets will help support Miss Tuma to attend World Youth Day.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS NEEDED;

To complete the school photo albums displayed at the School Museum last year to celebrate our school's 75th Anniversary we require your help to locate missing photos for the years **1975, 1976, 1980 and 1996**.

If you, or anyone you know has photos from these years it would be appreciated if you could contact the school on **8633-8400** or email an image of any photos directly to [stmargaretmarys@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stmargaretmarys@parra.catholic.edu.au)

## School Website

We are currently in the process of upgrading our school website. Our office staff will be training on how to update the website with current information and photos.

If you do not wish for your child's photo to be published on our school website, please advise the school office in writing as soon as possible.

## Zone Carnival

Thank you to Mrs Foley, all the teachers, students and parents from StMM's for organising and helping out at the Zone Carnival. Mr Mills called into the carnival and it was running very smoothly. Congratulations to all the students who participated at the carnival.

## Parish Car Park

The parish has asked us to remind parents that they are not to park in the priest's parking spaces at any time. The parking spaces outside the parish office are for the Parish Priest and parish office staff.

## School Uniforms

All uniforms must be worn neatly and correctly. It is expected that children wear a tie as this is part of the winter uniform. No extra items that are not part of the school uniform should be worn. 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.

## Thank you

We would like to say a special thank you to Mrs Horley for her ongoing support in covering books for our school library.

## Faith Community

### 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 need to be in at the school office by Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> August.

### St Pauls Students Visit Mini Vinnies



On Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August, two students and a teacher from St Pauls Catholic College came to speak to the Mini Vinnie students from Yr 5 and 6. They spoke about how they run the Mini Vinnies van. They told us about all the homeless people they meet in Mt Druitt and Parramatta Park and the work

they do to serve the homeless. St Pauls students will also be having a Winter sleepout as a fundraiser for the homeless but these older students will sleep outdoors!! We look forward to our winter sleepout but we are lucky as we will be sleeping in the classrooms.

*By Mayullah and Akajeeng Year 5*



### Liturgies for Term Three

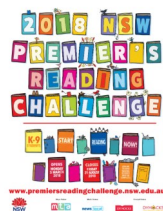
All grade liturgies will commence at 2:15pm, in learning spaces, unless notified by the teachers. Parents are welcome to attend the liturgies.

Kindergarten	Wednesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> September.
Year One	Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup> September.
Year Two	Tuesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> September.
Year Three	Wednesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> September.
Year Four	Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> September.
Year Five	Tuesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> August.
Year Six	Wednesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> August.

## Partnership

### Premier's Reading Challenge

Only just over two weeks until the PRC closes! There is still time to complete the challenge. If you still need to complete the PRC, please borrow the books you need during this week, as our library will be closed for borrowing when the Book Fair arrives. PRC Closes: Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> August



### Book Fair Arrives Soon!

Due to the arrival of our Scholastic Book Fair in Week 4, there will not be any Book Club issued this term.



## Teaching & Learning

### Year 5 New Tables

Normally, Miss Laguzza would not be happy to see us drawing on our tables but, with our new whiteboard tables, she wants us to! On Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> July, Year 5 received new horseshoe shaped whiteboard tables. On the whiteboard tables we can draw and work out things before writing in our books. We really like these new tables because we can work on them individually or in groups with our teachers and discuss our thinking more clearly! It's so easy to try out solutions and change them if we make a mistake. We cannot wait to use the table even more over the next few months. *By Mayom Mayom and Wendy Asante*



## Personal Growth

### Voice of Youth

During the holidays, while many students were enjoying their break from assignments, Year 6 were working hard on their speeches to compete in the Voice of Youth competition when they returned in Term 3. On Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> July, Year 6 held the Voice of Youth finals in the hall. Twelve people from Year 6 were nominated to speak in front of Year 5 and Year 6. Year 6 had a wonderful time presenting their speeches and engaging their audience in a range of topics from Gender Equality, to Animal Cruelty and Homelessness. Three people from the top 12 made it into the cluster finals which will be held at St Patrick's Primary School Guildford on 14th August. We congratulate Christina Putrus, Ajok Kondok and Chelsea Genares, and for our reserve Christopher Fares. *By Charlene Pickering and Ella Sallit*



## BIRTHDAYS



Joshua Farhart	Nicole Bahi	Matteo Luccitti
Jacinta Pickering	Joe Azzi	Gabriel Sahyoun
Daniel Saliba	George Notaras	Isabella Tawil
Zahra Moussa	Nicholas Bani Ayoub	Joey Molluso
Celine Oncu	Solomon Williams	Chanel Hak
Isaac Banks	Zayne Oadd	

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



# Asthma First Aid

## 1 Sit the person upright

- Be calm and reassuring
- Do not leave them alone



## 2 Give 4 separate puffs of blue/grey reliever puffer

- Shake puffer
  - Put 1 puff into spacer
  - Take 4 breaths from spacer
- Repeat until 4 puffs have been taken

Remember: Shake, 1 puff, 4 breaths

OR give 2 separate doses of a Bricanyl inhaler (age 6 & over) or a Symbicort inhaler (over 12)



## 3 Wait 4 minutes

- If there is no improvement, give 4 more separate puffs of blue/grey reliever as above

OR give 1 more dose of Bricanyl or Symbicort inhaler



## 4 If there is still no improvement call emergency assistance - Dial Triple Zero (000)

- Say 'ambulance' and that someone is having an asthma attack
- Keep giving 4 separate puffs every 4 minutes until emergency assistance arrives

OR give 1 dose of a Bricanyl or Symbicort every 4 minutes - up to 3 more doses of Symbicort



### Call emergency assistance immediately - Dial Triple Zero (000)

- If the person is not breathing
- If the person's asthma suddenly becomes worse or is not improving
- If the person is having an asthma attack and a reliever is not available
- If you are not sure if it's asthma
- If the person is known to have Anaphylaxis - follow their Anaphylaxis Action Plan, then give Asthma First Aid

Blue/grey reliever medication is unlikely to harm, even if the person does not have asthma



## Asthma Australia

Contact your local Asthma Foundation

**1800 ASTHMA Helpline** (1800 278 462) [asthmaaustralia.org.au](http://asthmaaustralia.org.au)

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