



#### Diary Date

**Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> August**

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**Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> August**

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**Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> August**

• Feast of the Assumption.

**Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> August**

- Year 2 Students and Staff return back to school from 14 day Isolation.
- All Students return back to school from 14 day Isolation.
- 8:40am Whole School Assembly and Prayer Service. (Students Only)

**Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> August**

**Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> August**

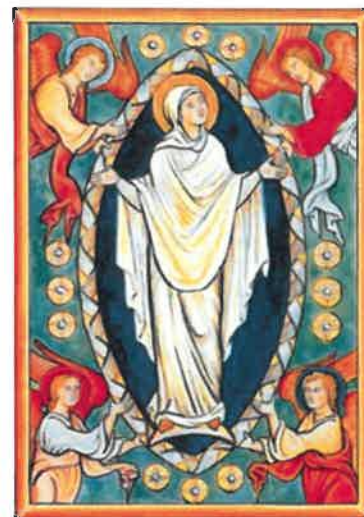
### Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

#### **FEAST of the ASSUMPTION**

This Saturday, 15 August, our Church celebrates the Feast Day of the Assumption of Our Lady when according to our faith, the Holy Mother, "having completed her course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory". There was solid and deep-rooted conviction among the first Christians that something extraordinary happened to Our Lady at the moment of her departure from this life.

This found expression in writings, sermons, devotional practices, and prayers to Mary "assumed into heaven", and was followed by churches, religious orders, cities and nations across the world dedicating or consecrating to her under the title of Assumption.



Defined as an article of faith by Pope Pius XII just over half a century ago, the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven has been accepted from back to the earliest of Christian times. Finally on 1 November 1950 Pope Pius XII solemnly defined the belief of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven. This great event took place in St Peter's Piazza in the presence of 40 Cardinals, 500 bishops, thousands of priests and more than a million of the faithful. (research from the Catholic Weekly)

At this difficult time we pray that we may share Mary's childlike trust in God and to listen to our heart's desires thus committing ourselves to work for the good of our community. May we learn from Mary, to believe, to hope, to love and to deepen our relationship with God.

Take care and look after yourselves

Kevin Mills

Principal

**School is as normal from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August for all Students and Staff at St Margaret Mary's.**

**Thank you for your ongoing support and best wishes.**

#### Drink Bottles

We have made adjustments to our bubblers, so children are able to refill their bottles when needed. It is wonderful to see so many children using their new drink bottles with their names clearly marked.

#### Lunch Orders & Canteen

The school canteen is open to students during the day. All lunch orders MUST be ordered through the Flexischools online ordering and must be ordered by 9am.

#### Skoolbag App



Our School Name for Skoolbag App is SMMPM. The Skoolbag App is our main source of communication to our families. If you do not have this App on your phone you are missing out on a lot of information.

## Administration

### Enrolments

We have had an overwhelming number of students applying for places in Kindergarten 2021. We only have a limited number of places in other grades. If you know of any one interested in a place for these grades, please have them contact the school office as soon as possible.

### Updating our Information

Having accurate, up-to-date information on our students is an important part of maintaining their safety and wellbeing, and supporting their learning. It also assists schools to make good decisions about how best to support and care for all students.

If any of your contact details have changed including emergency contacts, please contact the school office to update these changes.

### Winter Uniform

All uniforms must be worn neatly and correctly **including neck ties** for boys and girls. 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**. Sleeper earrings and stud earrings may be worn. Simple signet rings may also be worn. No expensive jewellery is to be worn at school.

### Standard Collection Notice

Please find attached to this update the CEDP Standard Collection Notice as part of our Census process.

## Faith Community

### Year Six Leaders Playground Program

The Year Six Leaders have started a playground program with the infants students on a Tuesday during recess and lunch. We feel it was important to show leadership for members of the school community. We have set up



some activities around the playground to encourage positive teamwork and good sportsmanship. Some the activities were soccer skills, using the running track, a colouring station, basketball and some others. The infants students were very excited to join in. In the coming weeks the Mini Vinnies students will be joining us and helping to promote these positive experiences for the Infants students.



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## Partnership

### Parent Feedback - Tell Them from Me Survey



Tell Them From Me

We are inviting students, staff and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey called *Tell Them From Me*. You can access the survey from the 17th to the 28th of August.

We are asking all parents in our community to take part in the survey as the online tool will become an important part of St Margaret Mary's whole school evaluation and planning process.

The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Margaret Mary's.

This year's survey will include five additional questions relating to the 'At Home Learning' experience as a result of the Covid-19 situation.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer by using the URL below:

<http://tellthemfromme.com/stmms2020>

Please complete the survey between the 17th of August and 28th of August, 2020.

Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 will be completing an anonymous student survey during this period. If parents do not wish their child to participate, please send a request to the school office in writing via the school email

### COVID-19 Health Survey

Dear Parent of Year 2,

NSW Health and the National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance (NCIRS), based at the Children's Hospital at Westmead are conducting enhanced Studies into the transmission of the new Coronavirus (COVID-19) in schools and child-care centres. As part of this Study this NCIRS team will work closely with the NSW Public Health unit to look at case in selected schools and child-care centres.

The aim of the project is to get an understanding of how COVID-19 performs among children and teachers when a case is recognised in a school. The results of this project are very important to inform public health policy and assist the NSW government in developing policies in response to this new virus in school and child-care settings.

This survey is voluntary and if you wish to participate, please contact the school office for further information.

Regards  
Mr Mills





## Standard Collection Notice

1. Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP), its schools, Catholic Early Learning Centres (CELCs) and Catholic Out of School Hours Care services (COSHCs) collect personal information, including sensitive information about pupils and parents or guardians before and during the course of a pupil's enrolment at the School. This may be in writing or in the course of conversations. The primary purpose of collecting this information is to educate pupils, exercise our duty of care, and perform necessary associated administrative activities, which will enable pupils to take part in all relevant activities.
2. Some of the information we collect is to satisfy our legal obligations, particularly to enable us to discharge our duty of care.
3. Laws governing or relating to the operation of schools and child care require certain information to be collected and disclosed. These include relevant education, public health and child protection laws.
4. Health information about pupils is sensitive information within the terms of the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs) under the Commonwealth *Privacy Act 1988*. We may ask you to provide medical reports about pupils from time to time.
5. We may disclose personal and sensitive information for legal, educational, administrative and support purposes. This may include to: other schools; government departments and agencies; Catholic Schools NSW; the local diocese and the parish; medical practitioners; people providing educational, support and health services, including specialist visiting teachers, coaches, volunteers and counsellors; providers of learning and assessment tools; assessment and educational authorities, including the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority and NAPLAN Test Administration Authorities (who will disclose it to the entity that manages the online platform for NAPLAN); people providing administrative and financial services; anyone you authorise us to disclose information to; and anyone to whom we are required or authorised to disclose the information to by law, including child protection laws.
6. Personal information collected from pupils is regularly disclosed to their parents or guardians.
7. We may use third party online or 'cloud' service providers to store personal information and to provide services that involve the use of personal information. Some limited personal information may also be provided to these service providers to enable them to authenticate users that access their services. Further information about our use of third party online or 'cloud' service providers is contained in the CEDP Privacy Policy.

8. The CEDP Privacy Policy, accessible on the CEDP website, sets out how parents or pupils may seek access to and request correction of their personal information which we have collected and hold. However, access may be refused in certain circumstances such as where access would have an unreasonable impact on the privacy of others, where access may result in a breach of our duty of care, or where pupils have provided information in confidence.
9. The CEDP Privacy Policy also sets out what action parents and pupils can take in relation to a breach of privacy laws.
10. We may, from time to time, engage in fundraising activities. Information received from you may be used to make an appeal to you. It may also be disclosed to organisations that assist our fundraising activities solely for that purpose. We will not disclose your personal information to third parties for their own marketing purposes without your consent.
11. Occasionally, information such as academic and sporting achievements, pupil activities and similar news is published in our newsletters, magazines, and on our website. This may include photographs and videos of pupil activities such as sporting events, school camps and school excursions. We will obtain permissions from the pupil's parent or guardian (and from the student if appropriate) if we would like to include such photographs or videos, or other identifying material, in our promotional material or otherwise make this material available to the public, such as on the internet.
12. We may include pupils' and parents' contact details in a class list and in our directories.
13. If you provide us with the personal information of others, such as doctors or emergency contacts, we encourage you to inform them that you are disclosing that information to us and why.
14. You may obtain further information by contacting the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta on (02) 9840 5600 or at [privacy@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:privacy@parra.catholic.edu.au).