



St. Margaret Mary's School

Term 1 Week 1

Friday 29th January 2021

SCHOOL DIARY DATES—February

02 February

Playgroup resumes.
Tuesdays and Fridays 9.00 - 10.30

05 February

9.00am Assembly

10 February

Welcome Evening
AGM & Board Meeting

19 February

9.00am Assembly

Please see the calendar on page 6 for dates later in the term. The calendar will also be available and updated on our website.

SCHOOL TIMES

Front Office	8:30am - 3:45 pm
Supervision	8:30am - 3:20 pm
Classes	8:45am - 3:00 pm

PRESCHOOL

Full Day Sessions	8:45am - 2:45pm
Wednesdays	
Morning Session	8:45am - 11:45am
Afternoon Session	12:15pm - 3:15pm

UNIFORM SHOP

Tuesday	2:30pm - 3:30pm
Friday	8:30am - 10:00am

OSHC HOURS

Phone	1300 105 343
Morning Session	6:30am - 8:30am
Afternoon Session	3:00pm - 6:15pm

STUDENT ABSENTEES

Phone: 8245 5855
(answering service call anytime)
Email:
absent@smms.catholic.edu.au
SMS: 0407 682 137

Dear Parents and Carers,

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to 2021!

It was lovely to see so many familiar faces yesterday and wonderful to meet all of our new students and families joining our community. Things are a little different this year, with access to many of our learning spaces changed, due to the building. We thank you for your flexibility and patience at this time.



We welcome back Ms Gretchen Welch who will be teaching 3/4 this year.

Ryan Lloyd also joins our staff team; he will be supporting various classes on Thursdays and Fridays.



Mathematics

Our staff began last week, spending time working with Lisa-Jane O'Connor from the Primary Maths Association. This year we are focussing on re-setting our maths program across the school – in particular we are working on our whole school approach to number skills and the base-10 number system. St Margaret Mary's School and Preschool is developing creative and innovative mathematicians!

Wellbeing

Starting school can be an exciting time and it can also bring some nervousness and anxiety. We are all here to support your child, so if you have any concerns please see your child's classroom teacher. We are fortunate to have a school counsellor (Deb Mortimer) and a school chaplain (Lucy Centofanti). If you think your child would benefit from some extra support, just speak with your child's teacher.

This website has some excellent tips for parents/caregivers about supporting your child as they start school or begin a new school year.

<https://parenting.sa.gov.au/easy-guides/starting-school-parent-easy-guide>

St Margaret Mary's wellbeing program utilises the resource, Friendly Schools and Families. This is a program taught throughout the year at all year levels and aims to build social/emotional skills and resilience in children. It focuses on the following outcomes:

- Self-Awareness
- Self-Management
- Social Awareness
- Relationship Skills
- Social Decision-Making

Start Times

Classes begin at 8.45am.

In the mornings, students will meet their classroom teacher at their meeting point in the yard at 8.40am and move to their classes ready to begin at 8.45am. Please be on time. A good start to your child's routine is very important in setting them up for success every day.

If your child arrives after 8.45am, they will be required to come through the Front Office and receive a late slip.

Croydon Park Catholic Parish
Parish Priest: Fr. Charles Lukati
Ph: 8346 0944

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional country of the Kurna people of the Adelaide Plains.
We recognise and respect their cultural heritage,
beliefs and relationship with the land.

We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kurna people living today.

Approved by Kurna Elder Uncle Lewis O'Brien 2004

Welcome Evening and AGM

You can find out more about your child's learning program at the **Welcome Evening on Wednesday 10th February**. We invite you to come along for a free sausage or veggie burger and visit your child's classroom and meet their teacher. Due to restrictions of adults in classrooms, this will not be the traditional 'talk' from the teacher, but an opportunity to see your child's classroom, meet the teacher and there will be information available about your child's class routines.

That same evening we will also hold our Annual General Meeting (AGM) at 7pm in our Library, you are most welcome to attend this meeting. We have two positions available (2 year terms) on the School Board. A nomination form for the School Board is included in this newsletter. Being a member of the School Board gives you an opportunity to shape the direction of St Margaret Mary's School and have responsibility in developing our school community. Some of the School Board responsibilities include:

- Developing policies that nurture the religious dimension and guide the direction of the school;
- Developing the relationship between the school and the local Church;
- Financial stewardship, monitoring buildings and grounds development and maintenance;
- Pastoral care of the school community;
- Supporting the administration of the school

Being a member of the School Board is very rewarding and a great opportunity to develop our community. It is also a good opportunity for personal learning. St Margaret Mary's School Board meets on Week 3 and 8, Wednesdays at 7pm. The first part of our Week 8 meeting is combined with the Boards of other schools within our Parish. If you would like any information about the School Board, please come and have a chat.

Term 3 enrolments

We have a Term 3 enrolment intake for Preschool and Reception.

If your child turns 4 between 1st May and 31st October, they are eligible for Term 3 intake to Preschool.

If your child turns 5 between 1st May and 31st October, they are able to enrol in Term 3 Reception intake (Foundation Class).

We also have some spaces available immediately in Year 2 and limited in Year 1 for this year. All enrolment enquiries are welcome. Please let family and friends know, who may be interested.

We are looking forward to a wonderful term of learning and friendship.

Thank you for your continuing support. **Kelly Campbell - Principal**



We wish the following students who celebrate a birthday in January a very happy and blessed birthday:

Lachlan	PRE2
Layla	3/4MC
Katelyn	2AL
Francis	3/4MC
Nira	2AF
Audrey	3/4GW
Joshua	3/4MK
Raymond	RWB
Rachel	1VE
Ivy	3/4GW
Raymond	RWB
Jeidyn	3/4GW
Ayden	RWB
Giselle	5/6KD
Vincent	5/6GG
Alexis	3/4GW
Jagmeet	PRE1
Athena	RRB
Apuk	3/4MK
Amber	2AL
Mary	PRE2

Please join our Facebook community



Click [here](#) for instructions on how to install the Skoolbag app on your devices.



Welcome and Information Evening

5.30pm Wednesday 10th February

Come along and meet your child/ren's teacher and find out more about their learning.

Free sausage or vegetable patty BBQ

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 10th February at 7pm in the library

2020 reports to be presented and new School Board elected

All invited

Nomination Form – St Margaret Mary's School Board 2021

Please return to the School Office or alternatively email info@smms.catholic.edu.au (re: School Board nomination)

I nominate.....for membership of St Margaret Mary's School Board 2021

Nomination seconded by (a member of the school community)

Signature of person accepting nomination..... Date.....

Please note: all nominated persons must be present on the evening of the AGM (February 10th 7pm) or send in an apology. All School Board members must hold a current Catholic Schools Police Clearance (to be arranged with the school office).

Welcome to everyone!

It is so wonderful to see everyone again! The children are so happy and I enjoy saying a quick 'hello' to all the families! We have many new families in the Preschool and Reception, and other children in different year levels. We are so glad you are here!

No Hat No Play!

Just a reminder that every child must have the school hat and wear it each day. We have a strict 'No Hat, No Play!' rule. At the moment we have limited shade, so it is even more important that the children have their hats each day.

Sacramental Program

If you have enrolled your child in the Sacramental Program with the Parish, there is a Parent Information Meeting next Tuesday, February the 2nd at Whitefriars School. Please be aware that due to COVID regulations, you will be required to sign in on arrival.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the **Parent Information Night on February 10th!**
See you then!

Alicia Boylan Deputy Principal



SCHOOL BASKETBALL 2021

Venue: St Clair Recreation Centre - Woodville Road, Woodville

Age Groups: Year 2/3, 4/5 & Year 6

These may change due to numbers

Cost: The cost is \$650 per team. The cost per player will vary due to the amount of players per team. Roughly \$100 for Terms 1&2. The fee must be paid upfront prior to the start of the season.

When: Tuesday after school - first game will be Tuesday 16th February.

Games are either 3:50pm, 4:35pm or 5:20pm.



Please return to front office by Wednesday 3rd February

SCHOOL BASKETBALL TERM 1 & 2

STUDENT'S NAME:.....CLASS:.....

DATE OF BIRTH:.....AGE:.....

COACHING – Please indicate if you are able to help with coaching.

I AM able to help with coaching a team.

I am NOT able to help with coaching a team.

PARENTS NAME/S:.....

CONTACT DETAILS:

MOBILE PHONE:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

SIGNED:.....

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope you are settling in to the 2021 school year.

By now everyone should have paid their child's co-curricular fees. If not, please do so in the next day or two. This amount was due for payment on or before Wednesday 20th January 2021. Co-curricular fees this year are \$90 for existing students and \$100 for students new to the school.

If you have a Health Care Card or Pension Card you may be eligible for lower income fees. Please bring your current card with you as you will need to fill in the School Card Application form for 2021 or it can be accessed online at

www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme

This form needs to be filled out every year and we need to send these completed forms to the School Card Department of the State Government next week.

This year we will invoice the 2021 school and preschool fees in full at the beginning of the year. If a payment plan is not in place these fees can be paid – as in previous years – over three terms. The due dates for these fees are:

Friday 26th February 2021

Friday 28th May 2021

Friday 20th August 2021

Please come and see me if you have any questions or would like to set up a payment plan.

Jane Victory

Finance Officer

On behalf of St Margaret Mary's School Board



Please Note: Our Newsletter has been printed and distributed to families this week, however future newsletters shall be distributed via Skoolbag and SMS.

Please see the office if you need any help with this. **Thank you!**

Entry and Exit Reminders

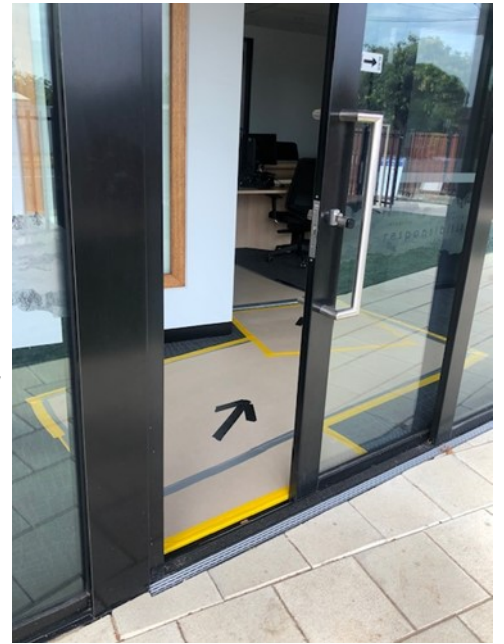
As our building project continues, we ask that you follow the instructions below for entry and exit of the school yard.

The pick up and drop off zones will operate as normal.



The student waiting area for Eldon St is in front of the office.

Students may enter and exit via the front doors and follow the pathway marked on the floor to the school yard/ basketball courts.



Parents (and students accompanying parents) are asked to use the Tungara St entrance during drop off and pick up times.

Parents may access the **office** and **uniform shop** via Eldon St.



ST MARGARET MARY'S SCHOOL

TERM 1 2021

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
WEEK 1	25/1	26/1	27/1 First day of school	28/1 Newsletter	29/1	30-31
WEEK 2	1/2	2/2	3/2	4/2	5/2 Assembly 9am	6-7
WEEK 3	8/2	9/2	10/2 Welcome Evening – AGM & Board Meeting	11/2 Newsletter	12/2	13-14
WEEK 4	15/2	16/2	17/2	18/2	19/2 Assembly 9am	20-21
WEEK 5	22/2	23/2	24/2	25/2 Newsletter	26/2	27-28
WEEK 6	1/3	2/3	3/3	4/3	5/3 Assembly 9am	6-7
WEEK 7	8/3	9/3	10/3	11/3 Newsletter	12/3	13-14
WEEK 8	15/3	16/3	17/3	18/3	19/3 Assembly 9am	20-21
		Parent Teacher Conversations				
			Board Meeting 7pm			
WEEK 9	22/3	23/3	24/3	25/3 Newsletter	26/3	27-28
WEEK 10	29/3	30/3	31/3	1/4	2/4 Good Friday	3-4
WEEK 11	5/4 Easter Monday	6/4	7/4	8/4	9/4	10-11
		Swimming Week				



Collection Notice for parents/guardians

2021 Student Residential Address and Other Information

The Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment (the department) would like to advise you that a request has been made for your child's school to provide residential address and other information as required under the *Australian Education Regulation 2013* (Cth).

The school is required to provide the department with the following information about each student at the school:

- Names and residential addresses of students' parent(s) and/or guardian(s)
- Student residential address (excluding student names)
- Whether the student is a primary or secondary student (education level)
- Whether the student is boarding or a day student (boarding status).

Your child's school generates a unique and unidentifiable record number for each student record. The number is only used by the school for this collection. It is not allowed to be used for any other purpose. The number indicates to the department that each record provided is for one student.

Purpose of the collection

The Student Residential Address and Other Information Collection (the Collection) informs Australian Government school education policy and helps ensure funding for non-government schools is based on need.

The information collected will be used to inform school funding calculations. It is combined with data held by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) to calculate a non-government school community's anticipated capacity to contribute to the costs of schooling.

From 2020, a new measure of capacity to contribute, the Direct Measure of Income (DMI), was introduced. The DMI is based on the median income of parents or guardians of students at a non-government school using data collected through the Collection. More information about the DMI can be found at

<https://www.education.gov.au/what-direct-measure-income>.

Use and disclosure of personal information

Your personal information is protected by law under the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) (Privacy Act). Personal information is information or an opinion about an identifiable individual. Personal information includes an individual's name and contact details.

Any use or disclosure of your personal information must occur in accordance with Privacy Act and the *Australian Education Act 2013* and *Australian Education Regulation 2013*.

Your personal information provided to the department through the Collection may be:

- disclosed to the ABS for the purposes of capacity to contribute calculations and analysis as a part of the Multi-Agency Data Integration Project (MADIP). Further information about MADIP can be found on the [MADIP page](#) on the ABS website.
- disclosed to a contracted auditor where the department may from time to time, carry out an audit of a school's submission to the Collection. The contracted auditor compares the school's submission with the student enrolment information held by the school and will not use the information for any other purpose
- disclosed to its service providers for the purposes of the provision of information and communications technology support services to the department
- used or disclosed where it is otherwise required or authorised by law.

The department does not intend to disclose your personal information to any overseas recipients.

The department's privacy policy can be found at www.dese.gov.au and includes information on:

- how individuals can access and seek correction of the personal information held by the department;
- how complaints about potential breaches or breaches of the Privacy Act can be made;
- how the department will deal with these complaints.

The department commissioned an independent privacy impact assessment (PIA). The PIA assesses the flows of information under the Collection, compliance with the Privacy Act and measures in place to safeguard the personal information being collected. The report is being updated, and will be available in 2021 on the [SchoolsHUB Address Collection help and support page](#). The current version is available at <https://docs.education.gov.au/node/51436>.

What do you need to do?

You are not required to do anything. Your school is responsible for providing the requested details to the department; however, you may wish to ensure that your school has the most up-to-date and correct details for your family.

Contacts for further information

Your school can provide additional information about the Collection process.

Alternatively, please visit the [SchoolsHUB Address Collection help and support page](#).