



Term 1 Week 2
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DIARY DATES

TERM 1 2019

Thursday 7th Feb	Parent Information Session Year 1–7:00pm
Friday 8th Feb	Kinder in the Park from 3:30pm
Monday 11th Feb	Parent Information Session Year 4–6:15pm Year 3–7:15pm
Tuesday 12th Feb	Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 12th Feb	Parent Information Session Kinder–6:15pm Year 2–7:15pm
Wednesday 13th Feb	Parent Information Session Year 6–6:15pm Year 5–7:15pm
Thursday 14th Feb	Opening School Mass 9:15am
Tuesday 19th Feb	P&F Meeting 7:00pm (includes Road Safety)
Friday 22nd Feb	Diocesan Swimming Carnival–Blacktown
Friday 1st March	P&F Welcome Family Picnic Party 5:00–7:00pm
Monday 4th March	Catholic Schools Week Commences

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first Newsletter of 2019! The first few days of the school year have been busy and from our perspective very successful. Congratulations to everyone on such a successful start to the year – especially to our amazing staff who were ready for our first arrivals and our fabulous parents who had their children ready for school. Thank you for such a smooth start to the school year.

A special welcome to our new families – you are joining a vibrant community and we trust your time with us will be rewarding.

We have many exciting plans for learning this year and I am looking forward to working with you, your child/ren and the staff. A focus for us is our theme “Be the Best You’ve Ever Been in 2019”. By striving for one’s personal best we can be focused on the continual improvement cycle and ultimately achieve greatness.

If you have any questions or I can assist you in anyway, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to seeing you at the various Parent Information Sessions over the coming week.



Lord Jesus,

*We ask for Your help as we begin this new school year.
Allow us to experience Your presence in the many blessings
You put before us.*

*Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities
that this new school year brings.*

*Open our heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.
Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our studies
and courage to accept new opportunities.*

*Help us to be attentive to one another and let us experience
Your presence in our new friends.*

Jesus, Inspire us to do our best this year! Amen.

Wishing the ‘best’ for 2019.

Richard Blissenden
PRINCIPAL



SCHOOL FEES

School fee statements should be posted to all families by about 18th February 2019 along with options for setting up payment plans for your 2019 fees. Please ensure you have advised the office if you changed address in the holidays.

MOBILE PHONES

Students are not permitted to have mobile phones with them during the day at school. All children who carry a phone to school must drop it at the office once they arrive. It can be collected each afternoon prior to afternoon dismissal.

STUDENT MEDICATION

A reminder that students are not to carry medication with them or in their bags. If a child requires medication during the day, the relevant paperwork must be completed and medication dropped at the office. Office staff will coordinate the dispensing of medication at the appropriate times.

DID YOU KNOW???

One of our families was recently featured on the front page of the **Parramatta Advertiser** Suzanna and Bill Adams now have 6 children attending St Mary's in 6 different grades! Emma (Yr6), Amber (Yr5), Ashley (Yr4), Joshua (Yr3), Renee (Yr2) and Aaron who started Kindergarten this year! See the Advertiser for the full story. Our school was also featured on **Channel 7 News** during the week. The story included our new Kindergarten students on their second day of school. You can view this story on the school website <http://www.stmarysrydalmere.catholic.edu.au/>

**ST MARYS P&F WELCOME
PICNIC NIGHT**

The P&F would like to invite you to attend our first ever Community Picnic Night on Friday 1st March from 5pm till 7pm. Bring your picnic blanket, picnic food and the family and come and share a meal with the St Mary's School Community.

More information will be provided at the Parent Information Sessions or check the SchoolBag App. No RSVP is required, just turn up and join in the fun. We look forward to seeing many St Mary's families there!

**BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATIONS**

January 2	Gianluca A Oscar L
January 3	Kaisei D
January 6	Mia LB
January 7	Alyssa M Luke P Joshua C
January 8	Alyssa T Hope E
January 10	Riley W
January 11	Irene B Cecilia H
January 12	Audrey T Mya C Sara S
January 13	Dylan N Marcus S-G Benjamin L
January 15	Hugh P Isaac V
January 16	William S
January 17	Lucas N
January 19	Heidi W
January 21	Anson Y
January 23	Hayon K
January 26	Misa S
January 27	Anthony S Ryder A
January 28	Jessica B
January 29	Olivia-Rose B
January 30	Maisie T Arsh K Priscilla M Chang Hyun S Oscar G
February 1	Anahita W
February 4	Benjamin R Justin H
February 7	James F Patrick D
February 8	Scarlett S
February 9	Madison C
February 10	Aaron S
February 12	Siyun K
February 13	Hope B
February 14	Hayley G
February 15	Orlando B
February 17	Riley I

We would like to wish all of these children a very happy birthday!!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION...

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

As you know it is very important that children attend school every day. Quite often leave is requested by parents for various reasons. While we understand that this may be necessary sometimes, it is not encouraged as every school day is important for every child. If you intend taking your child out of school for five days or more you must make a formal application in writing to Mr Blissenden and fill out an application for extended leave which is available from the school office. It is important for you to know that, depending on circumstances, this leave may not be granted. Each application will be considered on an individual basis and could depend on circumstances such as the intention for the leave, your child's attendance, and the impact the leave may have on your child's academic progress. These regulations are in place to make sure that your child achieves to his/her full potential and we know you will understand the reasoning behind them.

SPORTS DAYS & LIBRARY DAYS

Please see below the days that each grade are required to wear their Sport Uniform and bring their Library bag to school:

GRADE	WEAR SPORTS UNIFORM	BRING LIBRARY BAG
Kinder	Friday	Wednesday
Year 1	Thursday & Friday	Tuesday
Year 2	Thursday & Friday	Tuesday
Year 3	Wednesday & Friday	Thursday
Year 4	Thursday & Friday	Wednesday
Year 5	Thursday & Friday	Tuesday
Year 6	Wednesday & Thursday	Friday

STAFFING FOR 2019

Kinder Team:	Stephanie Eid & Amanda Stevenson
Yr 1 Team:	Jana Clarkson, Erica Rheinberger & Chris Morgan (Tuesday)
Yr 2 Team:	Laura McFarlane, Emma Atkinson & Kristy Goetz (Tuesday)
Yr 3 Team:	Rachael Menday, Amanda Gierek & Ida Orlandi (Term 1-even Tues, every Wed)
Yr 4 Team:	Maree Elias, Maree Jordan & Chris Morgan (Wed/even Thurs)
Yr 5 Team:	Mike Wheadon, Troy Loudon (Mon, odd Tues, Fri) & Adele Violaris (even Tues, Wed, Thur)
Yr 6 Team:	Deb Egan, Belinda Kirkness (Term 1) & Rebecca Boidin (Terms 2-4)
RFF Team:	Michelle Dennis (Music) and Jenna Boulos (Sport—Term 1) & Belinda Kirkness (Terms 2-4 Dance (CA) / Sport)
Diversity Team:	Trish Waterhouse, Rosie Gosper, Lia Radocchia, Mary Tarfon, Dianne Woods, Dianne Sabat, Helen Lupis and Jeanette Mansour
Library Team:	Lia Radocchia and Angela Karam
Office Team:	Susan Albertini, Stacey Crismale, Angela Karam and Kris Muir
Maintenance Team:	Ben Gately
Leadership Team:	Richard Blissenden (Principal), Rosie Gosper (Assistant Principal), Amanda Gierek (Acting REC—Term 1), Rebecca Boidin (REC—Terms 2-4), Emma Atkinson (Leader of Learning - Numeracy), Erica Rheinberger (Leader of Learning - Literacy), Maree Jordan (Learning Technologies Support Teacher & WHS)

AN A-MAZING DAY FOR STUDENTS YEARS 1-6...

The children are still taking about their first day of school for the year, last week, where there were multiple activities set up by the staff in the playground. The most amazing of which was the MAZE - seen here from a drone that took photos and videos of the Ignition Event. An Ignition Event gives our students a chance to return to school after the holidays without some of the nerves usually felt on the first day. The event is also a stimulus for talking and writing activities that occur in the Learning Spaces. There were some amazing discussions and suggestions for a permanent maze to be installed! There was a great deal of laughter and fun had on the first day and we hope your child/ren came home full of amazing stories from their first day of 2019.

