



St. Margaret's
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term One, Week 3
February 14th, 2019

From Brian's Desk

Dear Parents, Friends and Students,

In 2015 the School Wellbeing Core Team led the staff in a collaborative process which resulted in the formation of the following School Wide Positive Behaviour Expectations as a focus on establishing a positive school culture.

At St Margaret's School we aim to be:
Respectful Responsible and Safe

From these School Wide Expectations a Behaviour Matrix was designed which clearly sets out the expected behaviours from our students in designated areas of the school. The School Wide Behaviour Expectations are displayed in visual presentations in classrooms and corridors. At St Margaret's the teaching of behaviour and social skills is a major component of further developing student formation where a common understanding is developed.

The expectation 'Being respectful' focusses on the treatment of our resources, learning environment and each other. A golden rule that has guided people for nearly two thousand years is to, "Treat others as you want to be treated". From a parent's perspective, this means teaching our children to be moral people and, if we are to succeed in raising moral children, we must help our children to not only think morally, but to act morally. This means deliberately teaching our children moral skills such as emphasizing with other people, resolving conflicts, managing anger, using self-control. It means teaching values such as honesty, compassion, integrity, tolerance, loyalty, belief in human worth and dignity; all these values are embedded in the religious and civic fabric of our society. Our children are being steadily bombarded with 'outside' messages that promote behaviour that is contrary to these values. Our children need us to be their first and most powerful moral teachers.

Of course, our ability to assist our children will depend on the quality and consistency of our moral behaviour. "Like mother, like daughter" and "Chip off the old block" can be more passing observations when it comes to influence that parents can have on their children. Usually, children who act morally have parents who expect them to and who set standards by their own behaviours.

If we show that we value others by treating them in a courteous and considerate way, if we demonstrate concern about the welfare and feelings of others, if we show respect and dignity for the rights of all people and show an appreciation for diversity and counter stereotyping to help eliminate prejudice, then, we will certainly be living examples to our children of, "treat others as you want to be treated".

Enjoy the rest of your week
Regards Brian

Leadership and Management News

**The St Margaret's Eastern Beach
family Picnic is:**
Tuesday 19th February
5pm - 7.30pm, on the grass by the
large playground.
B. Y. O picnic mat and picnic dinner.
We look forward to seeing you there.



Also an adjustment to the date:
The St Margaret's Parents & Friends AGM
meeting is Monday 18th February @ 7pm.
Come along and support and/or join our
wonderful group of parent helpers.

School Community News

Morning Recess & Lunch Time

This year St Margaret's School has increased the morning recess period from thirty minutes to forty minutes (from 11.00 am – 11.40 am) and reduced the time of the lunch break from fifty minutes to forty minutes (commencing at 1.40 pm to 2.20 pm). All students are supervised by teachers in their classroom while eating ten minutes prior to their play breaks.

The amount of food your child consumes at eating times is determined by the parent. For example, some children who have an early breakfast may require a larger meal at recess than they would at lunch time or an equal distribution of food could be provided at both meals. We ask that families give consideration to your child's daily food intake.

School Picnic Tuesday, February 19th

Unfortunately we had to postpone last Tuesday's annual school picnic due to inclement weather. The family picnic will now be held on Tuesday, February 19th (weather permitting) at Eastern Beach. Families are asked to bring their own picnic meal and refreshments.

Ash Wednesday Mass

St Mary's Basilica

Wednesday, March 6th at 12.00 pm

Students from Years 3 -6 will be attending a special Ash Wednesday Mass with students from the three other parish schools at St Mary's Basilica on Wednesday, March 6th at 12.00 pm. Students from Years 1 -2 will participate in an Ash Wednesday Liturgy at St Margaret's School. Further details and permission forms will be forwarded home in the near future.

Sacramental Adult Faith Evenings

This is a preliminary notice to inform parents of children who are making either the sacrament of Reconciliation, First Eucharist or Confirmation this year, that a **Parish Adult Faith and Enrolment Evening** will be held Tuesday, March 12th and Wednesday, March 13th. It is a parish requirement that a parent attends **one** of these information and enrolment sessions. There will be more information about these meetings in upcoming newsletters.



We welcomed Bishop Mark to our school last week. He talked to our students about his role and explained the symbolism behind some of his 'equipment'.

***Parents & Friends' Association
Annual General Meeting
Monday, February 18th 2019***

The next meeting of the Parents and Friends' Association will be held on Monday, February 18th. This will be the Annual General meeting which will be followed by a normal meeting.

We invite all parents to join us for a glass of wine at this year's Parents and Friends' Committee's Annual General meeting. The AGM is designed to inform parents about the 2019 year's activities and reorganise the current committee. Some positions will be re-elected whilst others will be up for election as members are no longer continuing. There is no pressure to take on responsibilities and we welcome all involvement big or small.

There are four principle roles that need filling:

1. President/Chairperson:

The P&F President's main role is to provide leadership to the parent community with regards to parental concerns and expectations. The President is to be an active participant in the school's fundraising planning and priority setting.

Responsibilities:

Responsible for formulating the annual objectives for the P&F and delegating duties in order to achieve this plan. Chairs P&F meetings. Represents the P&F in meetings with the School Principal.

2. Secretary

The Secretary is the administration role of the P&F. They contribute to the smooth running of the P&F and maintain transparent communications within the school community (through accurate minutes etc).

Responsibilities:

Takes, distributes and displays meeting minutes. Keeps a record of the business of the P&F by maintaining the Minutes book. Writes letters as needed. Attends P&F meetings

3. Treasurer

This is a key role on the P&F team. The Treasurer manages the planning and tracking of the finances of the P&F, ensuring the P&F is complying with Australian Accounting standards.

Responsibilities:

Maintains financial records. Prepares regular financial reports. Oversees payment of P&F accounts and invoices (joint signatory). Presents financial reports at P&F meetings. Prepares books and accounts for audit as required.

4. Fete Co-Ordinator

The Fete Co-ordinators main role is to act as a liaison between St Mary's Fete Committee and St. Margaret's P&F Committee.

Responsibilities:

Represents the P&F in monthly meetings with the St Marys Fete Committee. Work with P&F to support each other and communicate with Principal, staff and parents regarding fete needs, issues and queries. Work with and support St Margaret's stall holders.

***In addition to these roles we would also like to continue our
Mother's & Father's Day Stalls and our special lunches, once a term.***

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Special Lunch

Subway special lunch will be delivered on February 22nd. Please send in any remaining orders now.

Welcome!



Thomas Hobbs (Prep) has welcomed a new baby sister 'Elise' this week. We congratulate the Hobbs family and welcome Elise to our community!

Upcoming Dates

February

- 15th Assembly – 5/6 presenting
- 18th P & F Annual General Meeting - 7.00 pm
- 19th Family Picnic Eastern Beach 5.30 - 7.30 pm
- 22nd Special Lunch

March

- 1st School Athletics Sports
- 3rd Parish Mass at the Basilica 11.00am
- 4th Closure Day – Staff Professional Learning
- 5th Shrove (Pancake) Tuesday
- 6th Ash Wednesday
- 8th School Photos
- 9th Spicks and Specks Trivia Night
- 11th Labour Day Holiday
- 12th Sacramental Faith Evening 1
- 13th Sacramental Faith Evening 2
- 15th Assembly (earlier than usual) 3/4s presenting
- 15th Crazy Hair Day



Term 1 update.

School Banking. Helping kids learn the value of saving.

What pocket money can teach your child.

Pocket money can help teach kids about the value of money and how to look after it. However, there's no 'one size fits all' approach and it's important to decide what's right for your family. Research of over 1,000 parents of primary school students revealed that 55% give regular pocket money^ and here's how they manage it:



Over half give less than \$10 per week (\$5 - \$10 is the most common range). There's no right or wrong – the amount should suit your family situation.



Around 4 in 5 parents link pocket money to the completion of a chore or task. This can help children understand that money needs to be earned.



On average, kids save about half of their pocket money each week. Learning to put money aside for a bigger goal is a valuable life skill.



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