



St. Margaret's
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term One, Week 7
March 15th, 2018

Leadership and Management News

Dear Parents, Friends and Students,

Our school bush dance will be held next Monday, March 19th at Thomson Pavilion. Staff members warmly invite our school families to attend this school event and social function. The evening will commence with a family picnic at 5.30 pm. Families will need to bring along their own picnic tea and refreshments as the P&F will not be catering at this year's event. The school will however provide a BBQ at the venue for those who want to cook up their own BBQ tea.

From 6.30 pm students will then present bush dances they have learnt from earlier workshops and practised at school. They will then invite their parents and friends to join them to have their very own school bush dance which will conclude at around 8.15 pm. The Billy Tea Bush band will provide the evening entertainment. I invite students and parents to dress in clothing fitting for an Australian bush dance. These clothing items could include checked shirts, tee shirts, denim jeans, skirts, stockman hats, straw hats, boots (use your imagination!). Students can wear their bush costumes throughout the day at school too.

This is an important school event and we ask that every child attends with their family.

At St Margaret's we have been focussing on our students being a good audience. This means giving attention to those who are speaking or performing. We ask that all students remain in the pavilion and watch fellow student performances and join in with family members and friends during the evening. Students should not be playing on the Thomson Reserve oval during the bush dance and we would appreciate parents supporting this.

An important aspect of the bush dance involves setting up and packing up the site. This requires considerable help in moving tables and chairs from classrooms and decorating tables. Please fill out the attached form and return to school tomorrow (Friday) so that rosters can be organised.

The school received a good response from school families in nominating parents for the St Margaret's School Advisory Board (Years 2, 3 & 5) however, we require more nominations from Year Prep families to confirm a Board Representative. I am asking that Prep parents who haven't attended to this, give some time to nominate a representative for their year level.

All parents who received the highest number of nominations have accepted the position as a School Advisory Board member.

2018 St Margaret's School Advisory Board

YEAR LEVEL	BOARD REPRESENTATIVES
Prep	TBC
One	Sean King
Two	Michelle Lacorte
Three	Caroline Rivo
Four	Steven Guarnaccia
Five	Rebecca Henrickson
Six	Paul Gregor
Parish Priest	Fr Jim Clarke
Principal	Brian Everett
Dep. Principal	Rosa O'Beirne

I would like to thank the following out-going Board Representatives: Renee Hayes, Megan English and Jenny Talbot for their commitment and contribution to the School Board over the past two years.

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Leadership and Management News

The St Margaret's School Advisory Board discusses matters related to the operation of the school. It provides a widespread forum of advice to the principal and the parish. All parents have access to the Board through parent representatives or direct written communication to the Board, raising any positive suggestions or expressions of concern. The St Margaret's School Board is a most valuable organization and it takes on a great significance as we move positively ahead as a school community.

I welcome these parents to the Board and look forward to a positive association in 2018.

The first meeting of the School Board is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 20th** commencing at 7.00 pm.

Enjoy the rest of the week. Regards Brian

Holy Week Paraliturgy

I remind school families that there will be a Holy Week Paraliturgy commencing at 12.30 pm in the Multi – purpose room on Thursday, March 29th. This prayerful reflection will be followed by our Easter Raffle and final dismissal for Term One.

Parents & Friends' Meeting

The next meeting of the P&F is scheduled for Friday, March 23rd commencing at 9am. Please note the early starting time, which may assist those who find it difficult to attend evening meetings.

Easter Raffle

Below are some samples of Free Trade chocolate available at Aldi. (Thanks Megan) Donations can be left with Anne at the office.



Upcoming Dates

March

- 16th Assembly 2.40pm - 1/2 presenting
- 16th Icy Pole for Viqueque Friday
- 16th Casual Clothes Day – gold coin
- 17th St Patrick's Race Club P&F BBQ
- 19th Bush Dance
- 19th Online bookings for Eucharist open at 6pm
- 20th School Advisory Board meeting
- 23rd Cross Country
- 23rd Special Lunch
- 16th Icy Pole for Viqueque Friday
- 23rd Parents & Friends Meeting 9am
- 29th Holy Week Paraliturgy
- 29th Easter Raffle draw
- 29th Last Day of Term 1
- 29th Holy Thursday
- 29th Online bookings for Eucharist close

ST MARGARET'S BUSHDANCE HELPERS' FORM

Monday. March 19th

Name: _____

I am able to assist with:

- Setting up venue (3.00 – 4.00 pm)
- Packing up venue (8.15 – 8.45 pm)