



**St. Margaret's**  
Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

*Term One, Week 2*  
*February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019*

## ***From Brian's Desk***

## ***Leadership and Management News***

Dear Parents, Friends and Students,

The 2019 School Year has made a tremendous start. The teachers are to be commended on their efforts in providing such an easy transition for students into their classes and the students are to be congratulated on the positive manner in which they have commenced this term.

I acknowledge our parents for your effort and support in preparing each child for such a smooth beginning to the school year and I welcome you to our school community, where coming together is a beginning and working together will bring success. We hope that we can all work together to create an open and caring environment, where parents and staff are of one mind to encourage all students to practise positive school habits.

If parents are involved and become committed to school decisions, student achievement will improve and student behaviour will be cooperative; this will lead to the enjoyment of high quality education. Teachers are professionals with training and experience and their conduct is guided by professional codes of conduct. Parents know their children better than anyone and when shared, this knowledge can be an invaluable resource in the progress of children's education.

It is important that parents and teachers have good communication opportunities. Productive communication is about speaking and listening actively and respectfully and about not making assumptions or having minds made up before conversation has commenced.

Conversation is not simply an exchange of words but about listening and hearing. If problems arise, they do not have to be stumbling blocks; they can be opportunities to work together to find positive and creative solutions – solutions that will benefit children.

We hope that throughout the year, our community will come together to participate in and volunteer at a variety of school functions, activities and events, including celebrations of our Christian faith. In this way relationships are formed and positive attitudes developed that give positive input to our children. It is said that a child's life is like a piece of paper, on which every person leaves a mark. Hopefully, all marks left during the year will be indicative of respect, care and encouragement.

Central to the very existence of our school is the integration of faith and culture transmitted in the various subjects that comprise the curriculum. In this way we hope that our students will learn how to follow Christ within national culture. We invite all parents to feel welcome, comfortable and free to contribute to the cultural context of the St Margaret's School community.

*“Lord, as we come together to form our school community for this year, empower us to be generous, confirming and obliging. May the gifts of Your Spirit be alive and practised in every aspect of our school life, as we live it together.*

*Amen*



## ***Leadership and Management News***

We have welcomed 38 new Prep students to St Margaret's and I congratulate them on the positive way they have started their school life. I also acknowledge the work of Miss Anna and Miss Costa (Prep AC-GC) and Mrs Buckby and Miss Rosa (Prep TB-RG) whose thorough preparation has allowed for a smooth transition to school.

Our Year Prep students will attend full-time on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – **Wednesday will be a 'Rest Day'**. They will attend full time after the Labour Day Weekend.

We welcome our 2019 Prep Students

Josie Absolon	Bonni Baker	Chloe Bidloe	Lachlan Cieciora
Asha Clapinski	Miller Clarke	Willow Clarke	Nuwain DeSilva
Emilya Deng	Liam Dillon	Isaak Flannagan	Pearl Foley
Jobe Greenwood	Jack Hearsch	Thomas Hobbs	Timothy Jennings
Dhyani Ka Patel	Karl Kent	Alexander Lacorte	Airlia Likoudis
Harry Lydom	Lorenzo Manna	Xavier Marshall	Elizabeth Mendiola
Evie Miller	Alyssa Neal	Maeve Noonan	Ruby O'Leary
Thomas O'Toole	Ludena Francesca Payne	Jake Poole	Jai Power
Harriet Salkeld	Lenny Spencer-Harmer	Archie Turner	Eliana Vaz
	Ahana Wadhawan	Zac Winterton	

We also welcome the following new students to St Margaret's across Years One – Six

Alex Renda	Yr 5/6SK-MH
Aaron Dean	Yr 3/4MD-MdJ
Lear Dyson	Yr 3/4FS
Gabriella Ienco	Yr 1/2AS
Lily Geoghegan	Yr 1/2AS
Mason King	Yr 1/2KH
Abel Totton	Yr 1/2AS

Last year I reviewed St Margaret's School commitment to assist families who qualify for CEM funding. In 2019 families who qualify for a Health Care Holder (HCH) card and are eligible to claim Camp Sport Excursion Fund (CSEF) will be provided with a rebate. A \$1,000 rebate will be provided towards the Family Fee and \$125 CSEF rebate per student will also be credited towards the Family Fee. The balance of the Family Fee will be determined by Anne Miller (Business Manager) in relation to eligible student/s. All families will be required to pay the Building Levy and Student Curriculum Levy. Further information to Health Care Card recipients will be forwarded home once all details have been received at the office. I encourage school families to inquire about possible eligibility in relation to being a HCH. The relevant forms can be collected from the office.

Once again I look forward to working with all in our school community, where an atmosphere of enthusiasm, support, commitment and spirit can be fostered.

Regards Brian

## **School Community News**

### ***Parents and Friends' Association***

The first meeting of the Parents and Friends' Association will be held on **Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> commencing at 7.00 pm** at St Margaret's School. This will be the Annual General Meeting which will be followed by a normal meeting. The P&F do a tremendous job in our school by assisting at school events and through fund raising. We are seeking more parents to join the P&F and provide support for St Margaret's. If you can contribute to our school in any small way, your attendance at this meeting would be most appreciated.

### ***2019 School Assemblies***

This year's General School Assemblies will be held on a Friday afternoon commencing at 2.40 pm. The assemblies will continue to be held in the Multi-purpose Room on a fortnightly basis. The first afternoon assembly is scheduled for Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.

### ***St Margaret's Family Picnic***

***Eastern Beach***

***Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> 5.30-7.30 pm***

This year's annual family picnic will be held Tuesday, February 12 at Eastern Beach. Families are asked to bring their own picnic meal and refreshments. This can range from a BBQ meal, pizza, fish and chips or anything you fancy. The whole objective is to gather together as a school community and have an enjoyable time.

### ***School Closure Days***

Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> has been set aside as a school closure day in first term. There will be a closure day in on Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> in second term. Once again the school will be closed on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> (gazetted school holiday). Please note these dates in your diary.



### ***Head Lice Detected!!***

Already a couple of cases have been reported in the school. Please check your child's head and if needed, use a treatment. It is **IMPORTANT** that we **ALL** take a responsible approach in this matter to avoid further outbreaks. This includes all students keeping shoulder length hair tied back.

We really thank the parents who take the time to notify us as this benefits everybody.

### ***School Banking***

School banking will commence on Friday February 8<sup>th</sup>, with the rewards having a 'Polar Adventure' theme this year.

Due to the Royal Commission into Banking, the CBA have made some changes to their school banking guidelines – most importantly, that the schools are no longer to 'hold on' to your child's books and monies for any period of time.

This means that books and money **MUST** be brought to the office on a Friday and will be processed first thing in the morning. Any received outside of this time will be returned unprocessed as soon as possible. Thanks for your understanding

School Banking Co-ordinators.

### ***St Margaret's School Athletics Sports***

The annual St Margaret's School Sports will be held on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. More information regarding the school sports will be forwarded in upcoming newsletters.

### ***School Photos***

School photos are scheduled to be taken on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. An information package regarding school photographs will be forwarded home in the near future.



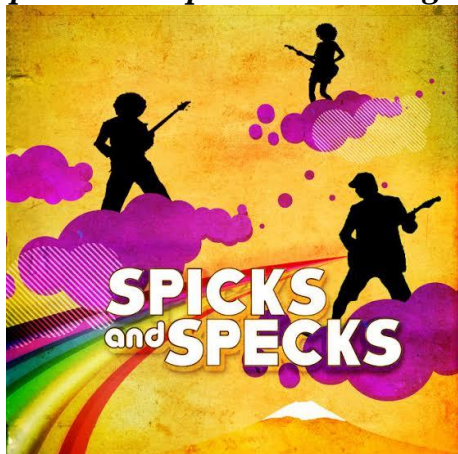


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### World's Greatest Shave

Miss Costa is hosting some events:

### Spicks and Specks Trivia Night



**ADULTS ONLY** (teachers and parents welcome)

**Where:** Multipurpose room (Trivia)  
Silent auction (Art Room)

**Date:** Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup>

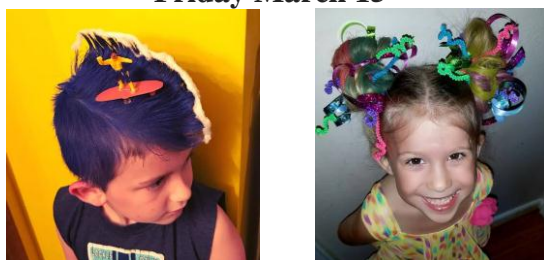
**BYO snacks and drinks**

**Time:** 6:30-8:30pm

**Cost:** \$5 (Cash on door)

(Hosted by Gabrielle Costa, all proceeds go towards the leukaemia foundation)

### Crazy Hair Day Friday March 15<sup>th</sup>



- \* Students colour or style their hair
- \* Gold coin donation

### 'The Shave'

Special presentation in our multipurpose room from 2:20pm. (After our regular assembly which will begin earlier that day.).

## Upcoming Dates

### February

- 12<sup>th</sup> Family Picnic Eastern Beach 5.30 - 7.30 pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> Assembly – 5/6 presenting
- 18<sup>th</sup> P & F Annual General Meeting - 7.00 pm

### March

- 1<sup>st</sup> School Athletics Sports
- 4<sup>th</sup> Closure Day – Staff Professional Learning
- 5<sup>th</sup> Shrove (Pancake) Tuesday
- 6<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday
- 8<sup>th</sup> School Photos
- 11<sup>th</sup> Labour Day Holiday
- 12<sup>th</sup> Sacramental Faith Evening 1
- 13<sup>th</sup> Sacramental Faith Evening 2

## St Mary's Tennis Club



Coaching Programs on Wednesdays and Fridays  
St Mary's Tennis Club, Thomson Reserve.

Group/Private Lessons \* ANZ Hotshot Program \*  
Cardio Tennis Adult Beginners \* Match Play for  
pre Competition \* Squad Training: Fitness and  
Tactical \* Social Night Tennis Adults

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