



St. Margaret's
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term Two, Week 7
June 6th, 2019

From Brian's Desk

Leadership and Management News

Dear Parents, Friends and Students,

As we are in the midst of the football season and our Year Four children preparing for their First Communion the following article by Fr. Richard Ross presents a good analogy.

If I say the word "Eucharist", chances are you think of a little piece of holy bread. If I say the word "football", do you just think of an oblong leather ball? I expect the word football also conjures up images of having a kick with your mates, watching your favourite team on TV or even watching them at their ground.

Football has colour, special clothes, crowds, rules, specific places where the games take place, it allows you to feel like you are participating whether as a player or spectator, it affects the way you feel about yourself and about life (depending on whether your team wins or not) and it gives you an identity: "I am a Geelong supporter".

Eucharist has all these levels of experience too.

Perhaps if we approached Eucharist like we do our sport, it would have more meaning for us. Try it: look forward to it with a positive attitude of expectancy, take an active part, even if you're only a spectator' and let what happens there change the way you feel about yourself and about life. The only difference is that what happens at Eucharist is not just a game! It is a celebration of God's love for you. That's real, and it makes a difference to who you are and how you live.

Saint Augustine teaches that what happens to the bread and wine at Mass also happens to us. As the priest consecrates the bread and wine so that they become the Body and Blood of Jesus, so we who participate in that Eucharist receive and become the Body and Blood of Jesus. That is, we become the presence of Jesus in the world.

If we are trying to 'Make Jesus Real' in our lives, the Eucharist is the secret ingredient! Jesus lived out values in his life, so we must connect with Jesus if we are going to model ourselves on him. We need to go to training with the greatest coach of all: Jesus himself. Just as Jesus gave his life for us on the cross, so Jesus still gives himself to us in the Eucharist as nourishment, strength and inspiration to win the hard ball and give ourselves for others.

On Sunday June 16th and Sunday, June 23rd students from Year Four will celebrate their First Eucharist. Children will receive this blessed gift at St Mary of the Angels' Basilica at special services dedicated to this sacrament commencing at 2.00pm. I welcome all school families to attend and support these children on these important occasions in their faith journey.



School Community News

We pray for the following students who will be making their First Eucharist this term:

Sunday, June 16th, 2019

*Georgie Robertson
Lucinda Robertson
Mia Meadows
Benjamin Davis
Connor Wright Gratton (Grade 5)
Noah Seiffert
Isabella Talbot
Matilda Ritchie
Samara Plastini-Robbins
Hudson O'Leary
Ariella Rivo
Eden Sault
Caitlyn Thompson (Grade 5)
Lexi Hopkins*



Sunday, June 23rd, 2019

*Jasmin Peachey
Zara Seear
Elli Henriksen
Lucy Arbuthnot
Xavier Cunningham
Micah Broad
Toosje King
Alida Lucas
Levi Guidarelli
James Palermo
Felicity Andrewartha
Millie Tognon
Ewan Sullivan*

I will be commencing some Long Service Leave on Wednesday, June 12 and returning to St Margaret's for the commencement of Term Three. All matters that need to be addressed by the school principal should be referred to Mrs O'Beirne who will be the acting principal in my absence.

Enjoy the rest of your week
Regards Brian

Parents and Friends' Trivia Evening

Due to a lack of numbers the Parents and Friends' Trivia Evening that was proposed to be held on Saturday, June 15th has been cancelled.

The P&F will be seeking feedback from school parents on possible social night suggestions in upcoming newsletters.

The next meeting of the P&F will be a day time meeting on Friday, August 2nd commencing at 2pm.

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Monday, June 10th marks the Queen's Birthday Public Holiday. Please note that St Margaret's School will be closed on this day.



Earn and Learn

We currently have 8000 earn and learn stickers. Please start returning them as they are due back by the end of this term.

We are hoping to get as many as we can to ensure we can obtain as many useful resources as possible.

Thanks, Joel

St Margaret's School Advisory Board

The next meeting of the School Board is scheduled for Tuesday, June 18th commencing at 7.00 pm.

School Reports

Semester One school reports will be forwarded home to parents on Wednesday, June 26th.

Italiāno

Ciao a tutti!

A few parents have expressed interest in helping their children with their Italiano – which is *assolutamente fantastico!*

Allora, lezione ‘numero uno’ k in italiano:

Come ti chiami? (*What’s your name?*)

Mi chiamo ... (*My name is ...*)

Quanti anni hai? (*How old are you?*)

Ho anni. (*I’m ... years old.*)

Dove abiti? (*Where do you live?*)

Abito a Geelong. (*I live in Geelong.*)

Hai fratelli e sorelle? (*Do you have brothers & sisters?*)

Si, ho un fratello e una sorella. / Si, ho due fratelli e tre sorelle.

(*Yes, I have a brother & a sister.*) (*Yes, I have two brothers & three sisters.*)

No, sono una bambina unica. / No, sono un bambino unico.

(*No, I’m an only child (f).* / *No, I’m an only child (m).*)



Syllables in Italiano:

- after vowels; *co-me, do-ve, a-bi-to, u-ni-co*
- between consonants; *quan-ti, fra-tel-li, so-rel-la, bam-bi-na*

Sounds in Italiano:

'ha' is silent; *ho* – pronounced 'o' as in 'olive'
'chi' as in 'Chianti (key-arn-tee)' – a type of Italian dry vino

Saluti
Signora Convery



School Community News

S.T.E.M.

Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics



In STEM, Louisa, Alida, Laoise and Georgie have been building with planks. STEM is where you can do Planks and see who can create the biggest tower or who's spheros goes the farthest. Even though you're learning you're also having fun with it. We built a place called 'Jong Dong'. Alida and Louisa built the middle. Georgie and Laoise build the outside. It was lots of fun. Thank you very much Mr de Jong. Louisa and Georgie.

Head Lice Detected!!

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

Upcoming Dates

June

- 10th Public Holiday
- 13th Junior Years Mass P-2 in the MPR 2.00pm
- 16th First Eucharist Celebration 1 2.00pm
- 18th School Board meeting
- 23rd First Eucharist Celebration 2 2.00pm
- 26th School reports go home
- 28th 5/6 Newcomb Library visit
- 28th End of term 1.30 dismissal



In STEM Fynn and Hayden have been building with planks. They built a bridge. It was three layers. It was so strong, it stayed up even when they threw planks at it. Samara

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TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?
CLYDE: No, sir. It's the same dog.



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