



St. Margaret's
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term Three, Week 1
July 18th, 2019

From Brian's Desk

Dear Parents, Friends and Students,

While our School Vision 'Living our Catholic Faith' is integrated in our actions and responses to those we encounter on a daily basis, it will also be reinforced by many school events and celebrations that are planned for this term. Once again we welcome our school families to partake in the many school activities that further enhance St Margaret School's Catholic identity.



Our students have provided an invitation to their grandparents to celebrate the Eucharist with our school community in Week Two. This year there will once again be two Masses, the first on Thursday, July 25th (Red and Blue House families) and Friday, July 26th (Gold and Green House families). Both celebrations will be held in the school's Multi-purpose Room commencing at 10.00 am. A morning tea and get together will be held in the I-Centre after each Mass for grandparents, parents and students. We ask that parents pack a play lunch and a special treat for children on this day and we would appreciate if participating families could provide a small plate to share with adults. We hope to see a great turn up of families at these Masses.

Of particular importance to fostering the faith life of our students is the celebration of the sacraments. This term our Year Three students will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on either Tuesday, August 6th or Wednesday, August 7th. A parent – child faith evening will be facilitated by Denise Arnel next Tuesday, July 23rd for our Year Three families.

The life of Jesus was totally dedicated to Reconciliation. To reconcile is to re-unite, to bring back to harmony, to heal division, separation and disagreements. The Christian perspective seeks reconciliation with God, with one another, between nations and with our environment. All which are integral to the Christian development of the family and school life of our children.



This year the Parish has put together a program to celebrate St Mary's Feast Day on Sunday, August 4th as a significant Parish event. A flier is included with today's newsletter inviting St Margaret's families to celebrate the 11.00 am Parish Mass which will be followed by sporting challenges, face painting, a talent show and BBQ lunch.

The Spirit of St Margaret Parish Pantry Appeal will also be held this term. Our student leadership teams will be working with staff members to promote this initiative which supports many families in the Geelong region. This appeal is also central to enacting our vision of 'Living our Catholic Faith' by 'building an awareness of welfare and social justice issues in the community and encouraging all stakeholders to action'.

We are offering a lunch time elective program to all students over the remaining nine weeks of this term. The aim of the elective program is to support the school's focus on a systems approach to wellbeing and engagement, whilst also allowing our children to work in multi-age learning pods. There will be opportunities to promote student leadership, student choice and parent participation.

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The electives will be held during lunchtime on Mondays and Thursdays. Senior students will lead Dance, Technology, Engineering, Board Games, Yoga, Sport Activities and Art and Craft sessions in the Multi-purpose room. Students will be able to enrol for electives by placing their names on elective timetables that will be placed in the corridor outside the Year 1-2 Learning Space. Teachers will assist children with this process. The elective programs were most successful last year with a large number of students participating. Once again we will be encouraging and promoting our students' involvement to the life of our school.

I hope you enjoy the rest of your week.

Regards
Brian

St Margaret's School Advisory Board

The next meeting of the School Advisory Board is scheduled for Tuesday, July 30th commencing at 7.00 pm.

Parents and Friends' Association

Please note that the next meeting of the Parents and Friends' will be a day meeting on August 2nd commencing at 2.00 pm. Day meetings are held to assist those parents who find evening meetings difficult to attend.

Occupational Therapy Students

We are very excited to be partnering with Deakin University again this year and providing work placement opportunities for their third year Occupational Therapy students. Please welcome Kelly Wourfel and Eleanor Rooley to our school for the next seven weeks. During their time at St. Margaret's they may work in year levels from Prep through to grade 6, focusing on areas mainly around fine motor and gross motor skills, sensory integration and social learning.

We also welcome Michelle Savill who will be working with Mari our School Psychologist to complete her 100 hours of internship.

Regards,
Sonja Ginn
Learning Diversity Leader

MS Readathon

Dear Families,

I am very excited to tell you that our school will be taking part in this year's MS Readathon.

Let's embark on an epic adventure together! The MS Readathon inspires kids to read as much as they can, all for an incredible cause. The rules are simple. Read whatever you like, as much as you can, in August. This year's MS Readathon will be a magical quest. The adventure kicks off on August 1st, wrapping up on August 31st. Students can register to join school online. Best of all, by joining our quest, not only will you reawaken a love of reading, you will also be helping kids who have a parent with multiple sclerosis.

The MS Readathon is in its 41st year and has contributed to about a gazillion books being read since 1978. You may even remember taking part when you were in school!

The MS Readathon is free, and easy to join. To help your child get started (and start having fun!), can you please help them to set up their profile? All you have to do is click here:

<https://www.msreadathon.org.au/register2019>

and follow the easy instructions.

If you would like to find out more about the MS Readathon, you can read about it here:

<https://www.msreadathon.org.au/>

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,
Kerrie-Anne Philbrick

ST. MARY'S PARISH FEAST DAY - Sunday August 4.

**GOT
★TALENT**

"ST MARY'S GOT TALENT" - 2.00pm in the Pioneer Room.

Young and older! REGISTER TO PERFORM TODAY! If you can sing, dance, play an instrument, do magic tricks, tell a few good jokes - whether you are a solo act or a group, you are invited to register for our afternoon of fun and entertainment in the Pioneer Room.

Gold Coin donation, as entry to watch. Performers are free.

All money raised will be donated to our partner parish in Viqueque.

SOCCER CHALLENGE - Children of all ages are invited to register on the day (August 4) for a short friendly game of soccer in the Primary School grounds. Age group appropriate.



You may bring a Picnic lunch, but there will be a **BBQ SAUSAGE SIZZLE** - \$2 sausages and drinks.

All money raised from this sausage sizzle will be donated to support our Parish Pantry.



CAFÉ LIGHT will be open, and you are most welcome to pop in for coffee/tea or a light lunch.



*Come for a
cuppa*

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For more information, or to register, please email:

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or call the Parish Office 5222 1977 with your questions or details.

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'Earn and Learn' Promotion

Thanks for all the contributions to the 'Earn and Learn' Promotion. We managed to get 23,700 stickers for our community.

We have decided to claim (depending on availability):

- A 3D Printer Kit with Cart
- Virtual Reality Goggles
- Blank Dice
- An iPad projector stand.

Thanks for your support

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Invest in your most precious asset.....Your marriage! Married couples, come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing! This weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

2019 Victorian weekend dates:
23-25 Aug, and 15-17 Nov.

Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. and all meals provided. Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

**Did you hear about
the restaurant
on the moon?**

**Great food,
no atmosphere.**

Upcoming Dates

July

- 22nd Electives program begins
- 23rd Reconciliation Faith Night 6.30pm
- 25th Grandparents Mass Red & Blue teams 10am
- 25th SEDA sports clinic
- 26th Grandparents Mass Gold & Green teams 10am
- 26th Assembly - Yr 5/6 presenting
- 30th School Board meeting 7pm

August

- 1st MS Readathon begins
- 1st SEDA sports clinics
- 2nd P& F Special Lunch
- 2nd Yr 3/4 Excursion to 'Polly Woodside'
- 2nd Yr 6 Group attend GenU Eastern Hub
- 2nd Parents & Friends meeting 2pm
- 4th St. Mary's Parish Feast Day
- 6th Reconciliation evening 1 5.30pm
- 7th Reconciliation evening 2 5.30pm
- 8th SEDA sports clinics
- 9th Yr 6 Group attend GenU Eastern Hub
- 9th Assembly - Yr 3/4 presenting
- 12th Book Week dress up. Book Parade at 9am
Book Fair this week
- 14th Nathan Patterson Indigenous Talks
- 16th Yr 6 Group attend GenU Eastern Hub
- 22nd P&F Pie Drive
- 23rd P& F Special Lunch
- 23rd Yr 6 Group attend GenU Eastern Hub
- 23rd Assembly - Yr 1/2 presenting
- 30th Father's Day stall
- 30th Yr 5 Group attend GenU Eastern Hub

September

- 6th Yr 5 Group attend GenU Eastern Hub
- 6th Assembly - Prep presenting
- 12th Yr 5 'School of Rock' Excursion
- 13th P& F Special Lunch
- 13th Yr 5 Group attend GenU Eastern Hub
- 20th Footy colours day
- 20th End of Term 3



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