



St. Margaret's
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term Three, Week 3
August 1st, 2019

From Brian's Desk

Dear Parents, Friends and Students,



We know 'all good things must come to an end' and so it is in the case of our dedicated and highly regarded school office manager – Anne Miller.

Anne will be retiring from St Margaret's School at year's end after twenty five years of amazing service. Anne's contribution to St Margaret's has been immense. Her role has been much more than that of administrator and finance officer. She has worn many other 'hats' – that of nurse, counsellor, pastoral carer, confidante and friend to many.

She is a much loved figure in our school and we wish her well for her final six months at St Margaret's.

Next week on Tuesday, August 6th and Wednesday, August 7th, our Year Three students will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. They will take place in a communal service at St Mary's Basilica. In this sacrament, they will receive the healing forgiveness of our God for times when they have not 'made the right choice'.

As a school community, we pray that this sacrament will further strengthen their relationship with God and others.

Students Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday August 6th (5:30pm)

Noah Winterton
Levi Hayes
Audrey Golding
Christopher Jennings
Max Dillon
Levi Roberts
Lily Grant
Johannes Coumans
Charlie Van Den Bosch
Abel Foley



Wednesday August 7th (5:30pm)

Lear Dyson
Deegan Bidlo
Ashlyn Forssman
Vincent Lacorte
Henry Vapp
Louisa Rivo
Ally Webb
Eloise Babcock
Hayden Cieciora
Annabelle Harvey
Laoise Tognon
Rose Laing



I hope you enjoy the rest of your week.
Regards
Brian

School Community News

BOOK WEEK

Monday, August 12th to Friday August 16th

A week jam packed with fun and celebrations.

Monday 12th

Costume/dress-up day. Parade at 9.15. Dress up to theme of "Reading is my Secret Power" or as your favourite book character. During the day the students will also have a BookNic which will be sharing of a variety of books with students from other grades in pairs/small groups.

Tuesday 13th

The Book Fair begins. The fair will be open daily from 8.30 till 9.15 am, and again in the afternoon from 3 till 3.30 pm.

Declan Fay is the Author/Writer/Entertainer who will be running two sessions with the students from grades 4/5&6.

Thursday 15th

Ailsa Wild is an Author/Acrobat/Whip Cracker visiting and working with students from Prep/1/2/3.

Friday 16th

The Great Book Swap. This is to raise money for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation



A wonderful start to the MS Readathon by our "St Margaret's Fabulous Readers" with the team already raising \$377 before the month of August has even begun!

Let's see if we can reach our initial goal of \$500 and beyond in the next two weeks. I know that we can do it!!

If you would like to join "St Margaret's Fabulous Team, please register using the following link:

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

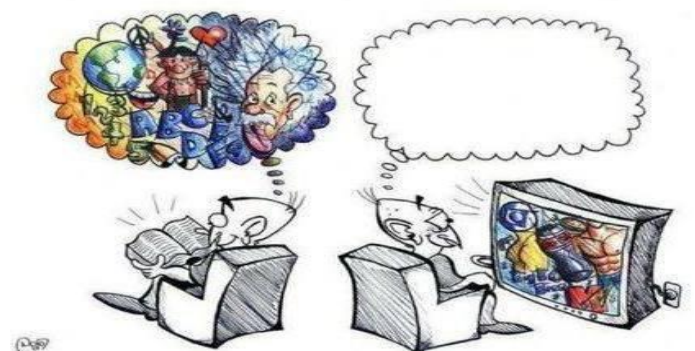
Alternatively, you can collect a sponsorship/donation form from Mrs P in the Library. A wonderful effort so far! Thank you very much to the students who have already registered.

St Margaret's has been linked to the Wamparla House (possum in Arbana SA. The Great Book Swap is to assist with the fund raising to provide books to the children in this remote area.

<https://go.greatbookswap.org.au/EventDetail/7011J000000x5XUQAY/st-margaret-s-primary-school-east-geelong-great-book-swap>

St Margaret's children are encouraged to bring in a book to SWAP, leaving in them in the allocated tubs (office and classrooms) then on Friday 16th, each child makes a Gold coin donation and browses the selection of books, choosing one to keep.

WHY WE READ



Book Week 2019

August 12 to 16.

Reading is my SECRET POWER



Author visits.

Tuesday 13th – Grades 4 to 6
– Declan Fay.

Thursday 15th – Preps to
Grade 3 – Ailsa Wild

The Great Book Swap

Friday 16th August
Students can start bringing in a book to 'swap' –
leave in nominated tubs.

Gold Coin Donation – Friday 16th – students
browse and choose a new book to keep.

Donations going to The Indigenous literacy
Foundation to help supply books for the remote
Wamparria region.

Dress-up day Monday 12th August

Dress up as your favourite book character
OR in Theme "Reading is my Secret Power"

Book Fair

Tuesday 13th till Friday 16th
8.30 – 9.30 & 3 – 3.40



National Water Week poster competition 2019

To celebrate National Water Week (21 – 27 October 2019) Barwon Water and Australian Water Association are calling for primary students to enter our annual poster competition.

This year's theme is "It's time to change the world" has been adapted from the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. Goal #6 challenges us all to work towards a world where everyone has access to safe and clean water. Students are encouraged to make a poster reflecting what this world would look like to them.

School prize

- All participating schools go in to a draw to win 1 of 4 \$500 grants to go towards a sustainability project, purchase of water efficient products or educational materials.

*Grant must be utilised by 1 June 2020.

Entry conditions

Entries are invited in four categories:

- Foundation
- Years 1 and 2
- Years 3 and 4
- Years 5 and 6

Any medium, including paper, can be used, as long as it is A3 size.

Any art material can be used, including paint, textas, coloured pencils, collage materials, original photographs and original computer graphics.

Group art work will not be accepted (only one student per artwork), and an official entry form must be securely attached to the back of each poster.

Entries can be posted to:

Fernando Garcia, Education Officer
Barwon Water
PO Box 659
Geelong VIC 3220

Or hand delivered to:

Fernando Garcia, Education Officer
Barwon Water
55-67 Ryrrie St
Geelong VIC 3220

Entries close at 5 pm, Friday 6 September 2019.

Student prizes

- \$70 Officeworks gift card for the winner of each category
- \$50 Officeworks gift card for the runner-up of each category
- Winner and runner-up poster displayed in the Barwon Water pavilion at the Geelong Show (17 – 20 October) and the Colac Show (1 – 3 November)
- Winner, runner-up and third place entries receive a canvas print of their poster.

Entries will be judged locally. Winners in each category will then be submitted for state judging. Additional school and individual prizes will be awarded to the winners and runners-up of the state competition.

Winners and runners-up will be presented with their prizes in time for National Water Week.

Judging criteria

Winners will be chosen by:

- How well the poster conveys water related issues
- How well it promotes the National Water Week theme
- Appearance: attractively displayed in colour
- Effective use of art materials
- Originality of design or innovative concept

School Community News

Upcoming Dates

BREAD TAGS for wheelchairs

The Social Justice Team are collecting Bread Tags for Wheelchairs that go towards creating wheelchairs for those in need in South Africa. Mary and her organisation create 2-3 wheelchairs each month thanks to the donations from those around the world. There are collection points near the art room and at the front office.



The Social Justice Team are collecting Bottle Caps for Prosthetic Limbs. Envision Hands is a not-for-profit community initiative that uses 3D printing to turn plastic waste into mechanical hands and arms for kids, with the products being sent around the world. There are collection points near the art room and at the front office.



August

- 1st MS Readathon begins
- 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 9.15am
- 13th Book Fair this week
- 13th Visiting Author - 4/5/6
- 14th Nathan Patterson Indigenous Talks
- 15th Visiting Author - Prep/1/2/3
- 16th Great Book Swap
- 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

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.



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