



**St. Margaret's**  
Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

*Term Three, Week 5*  
*August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019*

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

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

Dear Parents, Friends and Students

Over the past three years staff members from St Margaret's School have volunteered their services in preparing and serving breakfast at the Christ Church Breakfast program. Each Friday over the past twenty five years St Mary's Parish have coordinated the running of this most valuable program in supporting the less fortunate, those experiencing hardship and others whose lives have taken a wayward turn, by providing a well prepared nourishing breakfast.

When exploring how best someone can get involved in an issue such as homelessness or any other similar issue, there are five ways to be considered: volunteer, donate, advocate, initiate, pray.

Some people will find it more effective to volunteer for an organisation which helps the poor and disadvantaged in our society, while others are able to financially donate to different causes – whether that is to a charity organisation or to people directly. For some there are many ways to advocate for an issue – through social media or contacting members of parliament, while others may see a need and initiate a new program or system to assist others. In conjunction with all of this, we should regularly be including those who are less fortunate than ourselves in our prayers.

The bottom line is to not ignore these situations but to do something. We must be aware of those around us and the struggles that they are facing. One day it could be one of us who is looking to the generosity of others.

Recently Gary McIlvena informed me that he was stepping down as St Mary's Parish co-ordinator of the Christ Church Breakfast Program. Several other senior parishioners have also announced that they will be taking a well-earned rest after volunteering their services over many years. As a result St Margaret's School will now be responsible for coordinating the Christ Church Breakfast program on a fortnightly basis. This will provide us with an opportunity to carry on the inspiring work of our patron saint, St Margaret and enact our School Vision in 'Living Our Catholic Faith: by building an awareness of welfare and social justice issues in the community and encourage all stakeholders to action'.

Many of our teachers are most familiar with the program and readily volunteer to help. The school has formed a representative group who will be responsible for attending meetings, organising rosters and liaising with parish volunteers. I also see this as an opportunity for our parents to become involved by offering to help out at the breakfast when some time may be available to you. If you are interested in volunteering I ask that you contact me to discuss your level of involvement.

Today our students from Years Four to Six participated in the Feast of Assumption Mass at St Mary's Basilica. Mary's stature in the Catholic Church is paramount and it is important that our students are able to recognize this in Eucharistic celebration and Religious Education classes.

I would like to share a mother's insights about Mary which I recently read:

*"I see the Blessed Virgin not only as Mother of God, but as a leader because she was a strong woman, she was a faithful believer, she lost her own son and for me she is a model of a very strong person and for this I admire her."*

*"I am a mother, therefore, I can identify with her. For me, Mary is the feeling, compassionate mother; the all-embracing mother. I have the experience of having children; in that way I connect with Mary."*



## School Community News

Mary is a sign of hope and comfort to Christians. Mary, through her life, shows us how hope can overcome anguish, inner peace can overcome anxiety and a life lived in a positive manner can overcome fear.



The Assumption of Mary recognises the unique position of her being a superlative human person, who was taken body and soul to heaven. In some way, Mary's Assumption makes her a "hero" figure for us, because she was a participant in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christ followers.

At the Annunciation, Mary's "yes" was the beginning of allowing God into her life. If we join with Mary's "yes", we give ourselves the opportunity, as she did, to be perfected through our union with Christ.

**This week our students have been engaged in many activities and events to celebrate Book Week. Special thanks to Mrs Philbrick for putting a great deal of time and effort into making this a very special week for our children and to the teachers who have provided many exciting and enjoyable literacy activities.**

I hope you enjoy the rest of your week.

Regards Brian

### St Margaret's School Advisory Board

The next meeting of the St Margaret's School Board is scheduled for Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7.00 pm.

### Breakfast Club @ St Margaret's

The Year 6 Community Leadership Group will be coordinating a St Margaret's Breakfast Club. To allow this to run, we are asking for families to donate either a box of cereal or some long life milk to ensure the successful running of the program.

### Our Year 6 Tech Teachers

Our year 6 students presented to staff from other schools on their work using Breakout boxes last night.

This program will be open to students who don't have time for breakfast in the morning or would like to share a meal together with their family. It will be run weekly on a Monday morning between 8:20 and 8:50am.



Dear Families,  
You are warmly invited to  
come and celebrate mass  
with your child/ren at our...

Parish Schools'  
Mass

SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST 2019

11.00AM

ST MARY'S BASILICA, YARRA ST, GEELONG

# CULTURAL DAY

Parents, Friends and Relatives...WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are still looking for support with activities for our Cultural Day (these will be supported by a teacher) **FRIDAY 6th SEPTEMBER**

Activity Suggestions:

MUSIC

DANCE

GAMES

MAKING A NATIONAL ICON OR SYMBOL (eg. Japanese Lantern)

Please contact Matt de Jong if you can help! It is going to be a fantastic day! [mdejong@smgeelongeast.com.au](mailto:mdejong@smgeelongeast.com.au)



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# BOOK WEEK

MS Readathon Update:

32 students registered. 165 books read

**\$1299 raised so far!!!**



Still to come: our Book Swap tomorrow!

## School Community News

### Parents & Friends' Association

#### Fathers' Day Stall Friday September 30<sup>th</sup>

Children will need to bring \$5 to purchase gifts

#### P & F Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup> commencing at 2.00 pm

#### Routley Pie Drive

Final orders for the Routley's Pie Drive will need to be presented to the office by tomorrow morning (Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>) Sorry but the P&F are unable to accept any late orders after this time.

### School Banking

Our School Banking day will be changing from Friday to Monday as of Monday August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Please ensure that Dollarmites deposit wallets are now brought into school on Monday mornings. Any wallets received on any other day will be sent home with a reminder note that the School Banking day has changed to Monday. Please note that this is due to the privacy and security of your child/ren's banking information.

Everything else School Banking remains the same.

If your child has lost their Dollarmites deposit wallet, they can bring their money to school in a sealed envelope with a note including your child's name and School Banking student ID no. on the next School Banking day. We will issue them with a replacement.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at our school.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2019 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)

## Upcoming Dates

### August

- 16<sup>th</sup> Great Book Swap
- 16<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 Group attend GenU Eastern Hub
- 22<sup>nd</sup> P&F Pie Drive
- 23<sup>rd</sup> P&F Special Lunch
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Yr 6 Group attend GenU Eastern Hub
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Assembly - Yr 1/2 presenting
- 30<sup>th</sup> Father's Day stall
- 30<sup>th</sup> Yr 5 Group attend GenU Eastern Hub

### September

- 3<sup>rd</sup> School Advisory Board
- 6<sup>th</sup> Yr 5 Group attend GenU Eastern Hub
- 6<sup>th</sup> Assembly - Prep presenting
- 12<sup>th</sup> Yr 5 'School of Rock' Excursion
- 13<sup>th</sup> P&F Special Lunch
- 13<sup>th</sup> P&F Meeting 2pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> Yr 5 Group attend GenU Eastern Hub
- 20<sup>th</sup> Footy colours day
- 20<sup>th</sup> End of Term 3



NAZARETH CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
GROVEDALE  
LET ALL YOU DO BE DONE IN LOVE

### 40th Anniversary

#### Nazareth Catholic School

14-16 Griffith Street  
Grovedale

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September  
Anniversary Art Show  
Launch  
Wine & Cheese Evening  
7-8pm

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September  
Community Mass  
10.30-11.30

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September  
Art Show & Open School  
11.30-2.00

Come along  
remember...celebrate...laugh



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