



St. Margaret's
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term Three, Week 7
August 29th, 2019

From Brian's Desk

Dear Parents, Friends and Students

Today's newsletter outlines some important upcoming school initiatives that will be taking place.

Learning Conversations

In first term teachers facilitated Learning Conversations that involved the student, parent/s and teacher/s. These conversations are important in our students' development as they provide an opportunity for them to share, reflect and evaluate their academic and social progress. At St Margaret's our children are encouraged to devise learning goals and articulate their level of success and the strategies they are adopting to further improve their learning outcomes.

The semester Learning Conversations have replaced the traditional parent – teacher interview and we aspire to develop a school culture where student and parent attendance at the Learning Conversations are an essential part of your child's education.

Next week St Margaret's School will be holding Learning Conversations. We ask that both the child and the parent/s attend these meetings. There will be some variations on how the Learning Conversations will be implemented across year levels however, the meetings are structured so that students, parents and teachers all have some level of input and voice.

The following provides an outline of meeting times:

Monday, September 2nd	
Year Prep	3.20 – 5.30pm
Tuesday, September 3rd	
Year Prep	3.20 – 6.00pm
Years One – Two	2.00 – 6.30pm
Years Three – Four	3.30 – 7.00pm
Years Five – Six	3.30 – 5.30pm
Wednesday, September 4th	
Years One – Two	3.30 – 5.30pm
Years Three – Four	2.00 – 5.00pm
Years Five – Six	3.30 – 6.30pm

If you haven't already done so appointments for Learning Conversations can be made by logging into: www.schoolinterviews.com.au and entering the code **2pcms** then selecting the time you would like.

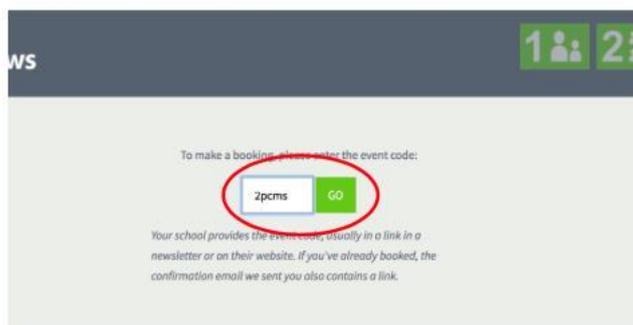
A warm, supportive home atmosphere will influence your child's confidence and motivation to become a successful learner. Our teachers look forward to meeting with you and your child at next week's meeting.

Leadership and Management News

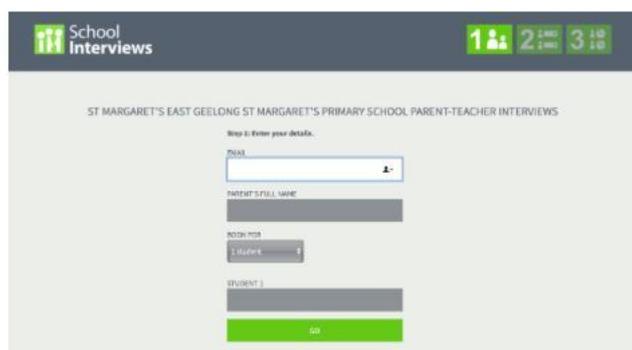
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www.schoolinterviews.com.au
Select "Make a booking"



Step 2: Enter the code "2pcms"



Step 3: Enter parent and student details



School Community News

St Mary's Parish Pantry

St Mary's Parish Pantry is a most valuable service providing free food to refugees, marginalised, low income families and individuals who are experiencing hardship. The majority of food is donated by larger food companies, local bakeries and monetary contributions from benefactors.

During the next three weeks of this term we are inviting you to provide one or two of the following items to the Parish Pantry.

Sugar, cereals, spreads, rice, pasta, spaghetti, pasta sauce, tinned fruit and vegetables, tinned spaghetti, beans, peas, cakes, biscuits, rice crackers, soaps, cleaning products, detergents, hair shampoo and conditioners, tea, coffee, H.T milk, foil, gladwrap, nappies, sauces, cooking oil, blankets and beanies.

Over the past couple of years we have had a most generous response from our school families to the '**Spirit of St Margaret Parish Pantry Collection**'. I believe as a Catholic school it is important that we encourage our school community members to participate in appropriate social justice action and that St Margaret's School continues to support this Parish service.

All donated items can be given to Anne at the office or to class teachers.

Catholic Education Melbourne School Improvement Surveys (CEMSIS)

Throughout each year, we pause to listen to our students, families and staff to gauge how our learning community is travelling. This feedback is invaluable to our progress as effective school communities and is backed by evidence-based research and best practices.

One of the more important formal ways we engage and gather data is through **CEMSIS**, the Catholic Education Melbourne School Improvement Surveys. CEMSIS is a set of surveys that have been built specifically for Catholic Schools in Melbourne by Learning Services teams at Catholic Education Melbourne in partnership with researchers at Learning First and in wide consultation with school principals.

In 2019, students, families (randomly selected) and staff are invited to participate in CEMSIS using a new, secure and purpose-built online platform. The online platform is where our school leaders will access the summary reports that visualise the results of the student, family and staff surveys.

The CEMSIS survey platform is operated by an independent supplier, ORIMA Research Pty Ltd. The platform meets with the very high security and privacy standards for handling student and school data. St Margaret's School has a privacy policy to ensure school communities are fully informed and protected. Students from Years 3-6 will be provided with supervised sessions where teachers are on hand to help and answer any questions. Families and staff can complete the survey anytime over the three-week window via an emailed link and password.

If you receive notification that you have been randomly selected to participate in the survey we would appreciate your involvement in completing the survey. All participation is invited, welcomed and 100% voluntary. The surveys are not a test; they are an inclusive way to feed the work we are already doing to improve our school. Everyone has the right to refuse to participate, or withdraw from the survey at any point before, during, or after completion of the survey. Please notify the school if your child does not wish to participate. If you would like more information, please contact the school.

Enjoy the rest of your week
Brian

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St Margaret's School Advisory Board

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



**HAPPY FATHER'S
DAY TO ALL OUR
DADS, STEPDADS
AND GRANDADS**

Breakfast Club @ St Margaret's Mondays, 8.20 – 8.50am

No Breakfast Club this Monday due to the excursions happening but will resume Monday September 9th. Donations of cereal or long life milk welcome.



This program is open to students who don't have time for breakfast in the morning or would like to share a meal together with their family.

St Margaret's Cultural Day

Wednesday, September 4th

Come and celebrate the wonderful multi cultural backgrounds we have at St Margaret's with a session of fun and learning around our diverse family stories.

We will begin at 11:40am on the basketball court, followed by activities, run by family members until a shared lunch at around 1:10pm.

Children/Families are encouraged to dress up and bring a shared plate for lunch, both representing their cultural background.

Families are encouraged to come along with a picnic rug and join us for the activities and lunch. It should be a great session! Hopefully we'll see many of you there.



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Parents & Friends' Association

An afternoon meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 13th commencing at 2.00pm. Currently the P&F are reviewing their fundraising events with the aim to fund a **new adventure playground** in 2020. Your participation at this meeting is most welcome.

Fathers' Day Stall

The Fathers' Day stall will be held **TOMORROW**. Each child can bring along their \$5 to buy their special person a gift. And if any parents are free to help on the day of the stall or the afternoon before to help set up (after school) that would be greatly appreciated.

Pie Drive Thanks

The P&F would like to thank everyone for their support of our Annual Pie drive. We raised \$930 and we are thrilled.

Routley's have given us 2x \$35 voucher's to reward the families with the largest orders. A big thank you to Kirby Reynold's family and the Golding family. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. We hope you all enjoyed your pastries.

Upcoming Dates

August

- 30th Father's Day stall
- 30th Yr 5 Group attend GenU Eastern Hub

September

- 2nd 3/4 You Yangs excursion
- 2nd 5/6 Sovereign Hill excursion
- 3rd School Advisory Board
- 4th Cultural Day Celebration
- 6th Yr 5 Group attend GenU Eastern Hub
- 6th Assembly - Prep presenting
- 9th Breakfast Club 8.20am
- 12th Yr 5 'School of Rock' Excursion
- 13th P&F Special Lunch
- 13th P&F Meeting 2pm
- 13th Yr 5 Group attend GenU Eastern Hub
- 16th Breakfast Club 8.20am
- 20th Footy colours day
- 20th End of Term 3

My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it.

Clarence Budington Kelland



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Helpers wanted for St Margaret's Primary School

Bunnings Waurn Ponds BBQ fundraiser

Saturday October 19th

Your assistance with this great fundraiser would be appreciated as without helpers it won't proceed.

Please tick available time where you can help:

8.30am - 10.30am

12.30pm - 2.30pm

10.30am - 12.30pm

2.30pm - 4.30pm

Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

***please supply your own apron**

Any queries call Joanne Plastini 0413 803 674

Regards

Parents & Friends Committee