



St. Margaret's
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term Three, Week 9
September 12th, 2019

From Sam's Desk

Dear Parents, Friends and Students

I wanted to reflect on the success of our Cultural Day here at St Margaret's last week. What a great community event that showcased the diverse and rich cultures that currently exist in our school.

What was great to see was the involvement of many of our parents and grandparents volunteering their time and generously providing us with delicious food from around the world. As I walked down the hallway during our shared lunch, I was overcome by the incredible spread of dishes that were kindly prepared by our wonderful school community. A very big thank you to all our families, staff and students who helped out on the day. It was a tremendous effort by all and ran extremely well thanks to everyone pitching in.

The Cultural Day including the strengths and passions of parents and grandparents, was an important way to highlight how we are enacting our vision and mission here at St Margaret's. By 'Engaging Passionately in Learning' we aspire to stimulate parent and community members' skills and talents to promote student learning. It was clear that we are a community full of many things to offer and it was pleasing to see us come together and celebrate the many gifts and talents we have.



Leadership and Management News



Speaking of talents, in my own 5/6 Learning Community this week, the grade five and six students participated in "The 5/6 St Margaret's Got Talent" as part of our music program. The afternoon was special in that it provided our 5/6 students with an opportunity to share their talents that often their peers and teachers are not aware of. It is not always easy to get up in front of a large audience and perform, especially when singing, dancing or acting in front of your peers. So a big congratulations to all our 5/6 students for being courageous and confident in believing in themselves and their abilities.

As we approach the end of Term 3 and look forward to a well deserved rest, it is nice to look back over what has been a very busy but successful term with many wonderful learning experiences in and out of the classroom. Well done to all students for being so enthusiastic in their learning and also to the staff at St Margaret's for all that they do.

I hope the coming holidays will be an opportunity for you to rest and relax and spend time with family and friends.

Kind regards,
Sam

School Community News

NAPLAN Results

Years Three and Five NAPLAN assessment results have been forwarded home to parents with today's newsletter. I advise that parents contact the school if you believe the NAPLAN results are not indicative of your child's academic level. Alternatively you may be contacted by the school which will provide you with further information about your child's results.

I will provide further information about St Margaret's NAPLAN achievements in forthcoming newsletters.

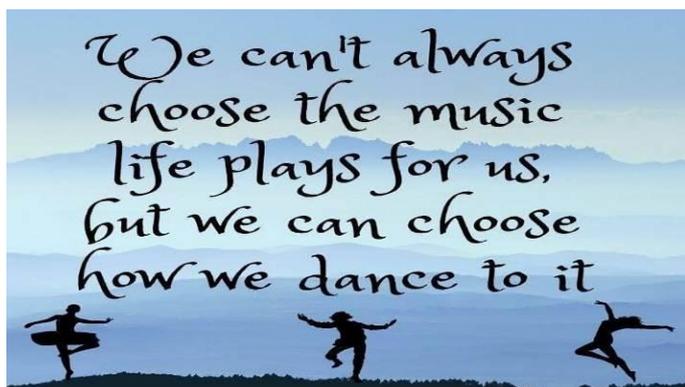
Brian Everett
Principal

CEMSIS Survey

We ask that school parents who were randomly selected to complete the Catholic Education Melbourne School Improvement Survey do so before the end of this term. As St Margaret's School is under CEM Review next year your feedback is important in the process of measuring school performance.

Spirit Of St Margaret Parish Pantry Collection

So far we have had a tremendous response to our Spirit of St Margaret Parish Pantry collection. Any small donation from families to this annual appeal would be most appreciated. We are collecting donations until the end of this term.



Bunnings BBQ

The P&F are seeking additional helpers to assist with the Bunnings BBQ on Saturday, October 19th. They require additional assistance with the first timeslot from 7.30 to 9.00 am. Please complete the attached form if you are able to help.

Parents & Friends' Meeting

The next meeting of the P&F is scheduled for tomorrow (Friday 13th) commencing at 2.00 pm. We hope that this afternoon timeslot will enable more parents to attend.

Final Day Of Term Arrangements

Friday, September 20th will be the final day of Term Three. Children will be dismissed at 1.30 pm on this day. Students (& teachers & parents!) may wear footy colours with a

Gold Coin Donation

All proceeds go to our sister parish
in Viqueque, East Timor



School Closure Days

Monday, October 28th
Monday, November 4th

Please note that there are two scheduled school closure days for Term Four. Teachers will be exploring how the Sustainable Development Goals can be embedded into Inquiry Learning. This school closure day will be held on Monday, October 28th. The second closure day will be held on Monday, November 4th.

Chess Tournament Club

Congratulations to Ranveer Kamba, Tyler and Jack Mcntyre, Ava Guarnaccia, Lua Payne, Hayden Cieciera, Laose Tognon and Louisa Rivo in representing St. Margaret's Primay School at the recent Chess Tournament in Geelong this term. It is fantastic to see the numbers of interest grow towards this challenging board game. Hard work and competitive spirit lead us to place 4th in the competition.

A special mention to Ranveer and Tyler for being our top two competitors for St. Margaret's. I am looking forward to growing a competitive and supportive group of students for next year's competition.

Sonja Ginn
Well Being
Coordinator &
Learning Diversity
Leader



Zone Athletics at Landy Field

Congratulations to our school representatives.



Helpers wanted for Bunnings Waurn Ponds BBQ fundraiser Saturday October 19th

Thank you for your offers of assistance on this day. We have an additional timeslot to staff with volunteers.
A 1½ hour shift between 7.30am and 9am. Please volunteer if you are able:

Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

***please supply your own apron**
Any queries call Joanne Plastini 0413 803 674

Upcoming Dates

September

- 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 1.30pm dismissal

October

- 7th Beginning of Term Four



Bath Bliss Kids Workshop

The ultimate school holiday fun to entertain your kids so that you can enjoy 2 hours to yourself.

Your kids will love making their own natural bath products.

Where - Creative Geelong, Geelong

When - Tuesday 24th September 2019

Time - 10am-12pm

Cost - \$30 per child

They take-home their creations and an activity book with all the recipes.

Book - www.simplyhappy.com.au/kids-workshop/

GEELONG KIDS TRIATHLON
SUN 6 OCT 2019
KARDINIA AQUATIC CENTRE - SOUTH GEELONG

Kids! Want to try a TRI?
Join us for the Geelong Kids Triathlon, a just-for-fun, swim, bike and run. **OPEN TO KIDS AGED 7-15.**

| EVENT | SWIM | BIKE | RUN | PRICE |
|---------------|------|-------|--------|-------|
| 7 - 9 years | 25m | 1.8km | 750m | \$15 |
| 10 - 12 years | 50m | 3.6km | 1.25km | \$20 |
| 13 - 15 years | 75m | 5.4km | 1.25km | \$25 |

FOR AGES 7 TO 15

A FINISHERS MEDAL FOR EVERYONE

JOIN THE FUN OF SWIM BIKE RUN
WWW.TRIATHLONVICTORIA.ORG.AU

FESTIVAL OF SPORT

FREE EVENT
SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER
11AM TO 4PM

The Festival of Sport will open up GMHBA Stadium and Kardinia Park on Sunday 6 October, 11am-4pm. Take part in over 60 sporting experiences including jousting, a giant obstacle course, skateboarding and more. All FREE!



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