



St. Margaret's
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term Two, Week 7
June 4th, 2021

From Brian's Desk

Leadership and Management News

Dear Parents, Friends and Students,

A warm welcome back to our students who recommenced school today. COVID 19 has presented unprecedented challenges to our teachers, students and parents. As a school community we have done extremely well in meeting many of those challenges, and in working in partnership with each other we will continue to do so.

Last Thursday's closure announcement didn't allow teachers with much time to put together a five day remote learning program. With limited release time prior to Friday's closure, it was pleasing to see teaching packs and learning materials distributed to families which enabled an immediate commencement to remote learning. The 1-1 iPad program allowed our senior students to utilize the Google platform as a major resource. As a result, St Margaret's School did not take up the option for a school closure day. If however, the lockdown was to be extended, it was the school's intention to have a closure day to present teachers with greater scope and time to provide opportunities for more on-line teaching and learning experiences for students. This will be looked at further, in the event that another lock down is enforced.

In today's newsletter I would like to alert you to some new protocols, and reinforce others that are a part of our COVID Safe Plan.

Every adult who enters St Margaret's School must scan the QR code. These codes have been set up at the front and back entrance and at the office. The school's QR code has a unique six-character location code that can be entered via the Service Victoria app. If you are unable to register your attendance via QR code, you are required to write down your contact name, phone number, time and date of visit at the school office. These records will help with any future contact tracing that may be necessary in slowing the spread of coronavirus.

Face masks are required indoors and should be worn outside when social distancing is not possible.

We will continue to adhere to the advice provided from the Department of Education and Training in that:

- Attendance on school sites by non-essential visitors and parents should be limited
- Hygiene requirements, including handwashing, should continue to be practised
- Any member of staff or student who is unwell must not attend school onsite.

There are elements of certainty and uncertainty about upcoming school events. The Open Doors, Years Five – Six Value Based Sex Education has been postponed. The Bellarine Division Championships have been rescheduled for June 15, Football and June, 22 Netball.

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Our Years Four – Six swimming program scheduled to commence on Tuesday, June 15 is uncertain at this stage. I do ask however, that parents complete the relevant permission form for this activity in case the swimming program does proceed as planned.

It was disappointing that the dedicated service for our Year Five students' First Eucharist celebration was postponed last Sunday. Hopefully we will be in a position to inform parents of the new date for this celebration in the near future.

Warm Regards
Brian

Parents & Friends' Special Lunch Friday, June 11

Please note that the Subway Special Food day has been rescheduled to Friday, June 11. All existing student orders will be carried over to this date.

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday Monday, June 14

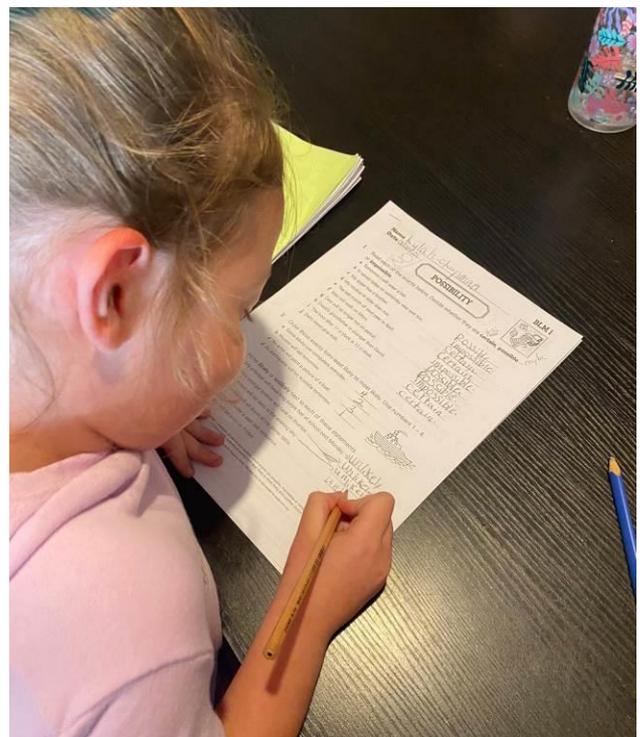
St Margaret's School will be closed on Monday, June 14 due to this being a state public holiday

Welcome Miss Bridget Brady

We welcome Miss Bridget Brady who will be commencing her duties as a speech pathologist at St Margaret's. Miss Brady will be working on a Monday and Tuesday, commencing June 7.

We are hopeful of employing a school counsellor in the near future.

Remote Learning Experiences



School Community News

Division Cross Country

On Tuesday 25th May, 16 students represented St Margaret's at the Bellarine Division Cross Country Championships at Eastern Gardens. In an awesome day of racing in challenging conditions, three students managed to qualify for the Regional Championships, which can hopefully go ahead as scheduled on Thursday 17th June. These three students are Georgia Lydom, Louisa Rivo and Pip Johnstone.

Congratulations to our other runners who competed at this event: Tommy Higgins, Jimmy King, Charlotte Butcher, Paulo Vakarau, Abel Foley, Elli Henriksen, Taya Hunter, Ewan Sullivan, Jess Reynolds, Lexi Hopkins, Ariella Rivo, Toosje King and Makayla Ordner.

Special thanks to Mr de Jong for officiating on the day!



Netball and Football Lightning Premierships



On Thursday 27th May, students from Year Five and Six represented St Margaret's at the Troop District Lightning Premierships for Aussie Rules and Netball. The football team, expertly coached by Mr Herbison, went through their games at South Barwon Reserve undefeated. They will now represent the district at the division championship.

St Margaret's entered two teams in the Netball Lightning Premiership at Kardinia Park, and one of our teams managed to go through undefeated and qualify for the division championship. Massive effort girls!

The dates for the Bellarine Division Championships have been altered due to current restrictions, and at this stage are scheduled for June 15th (football) and June 22nd (netball).

Special thankyou to Ned Foley and Bec Henriksen who volunteered their time to help out on the day. Ned umpired all of our games of football and Bec used her expertise to coach the undefeated netball side. Massive thanks.

Ned Aulsebrook, Physical Education Co-ordinator

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Georgie nice and toasty by the fire with Rufus!

Collecting those stars for the Matific Games!



HAZY TALES
A PLACE FOR BEAUTIFUL THINGS

POTTERY STUDIO-EVENTS & GALLERY

School Holiday's Pottery & Craft Sessions

Tuesday 29th June - 1.30pm - 3.30pm kids pottery class
Wednesday 7th July- 10am - 12pm kids pottery class
Wednesday 7th July - 1.30pm - 3.30pm kids bath bomb class

Additional classes will be listed on these dates and other dates if these book out. Adults may book a spot for themselves to join in and make something as well. You can either stay or drop off.

Fee: \$45 per person for 2 hours. Includes clay, colours, glazes and 2 kiln firings.

To book visit the website <https://hazytales.com/events/events-calendar/>

These are a few of the other things we do at Hazy Tales Studio:
Bespoke Pottery Parties for Adults & Kids. Custom events. Hen parties.
Adult evening 'Clay & Cocktails by Candlelight'. Porcelain products & jewellery for sale.

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