



St. Margaret's
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term Four, Week 9
December 2nd, 2021

From Mr Kerlin's Desk

Leadership and Management News

Dear Parents, Friends and Students,

As we are fast approaching the end of another school year, we must remind ourselves to take time to stop and breathe and think of ways we can be people of hope for the coming of Jesus Christ.

Sunday November 28th marked the beginning of our Advent Season, a time of waiting and a time of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. Advent invites us into a season of transformation and hope. It is the season of the impossible becoming possible. It is the season of longing and light. It paves our way toward celebrating Christ as God-with-us.



During Advent we change our prayer cloth to purple. This colour represents a time of preparation. We are reminded that we are all preparing for the coming of Christ, our saviour. The light from the Advent candles, which grows stronger each week, reminds us that Jesus is the Light of the world. You may see pictures or notice Advent wreaths in the classrooms here at St Margaret's. We are taking time to pray and reflect on the meaning of these candles each week leading up to Christmas and we talk about how the circle shape of the wreath reminds us that God's love for us is never-ending.

Regards
Sam

School Community News

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with Mr Kerlin and his family as they deal with the loss and absence of their father, Michael. May God's love and mercy be with them during this sad time.

Year Six Graduation Monday, December 6th

The Year Six Graduation will be held on Monday, December 6th commencing at 5.30 pm. All information about this evening has been forwarded to Year Six families.

School Community Social Event Thursday, December 9th, 2021 6.30 pm

St Margaret's School is holding a school community event. This get-together will give parents and teachers some time to celebrate the end of 2021 and farewell Brian, Fran and Sam. The school has booked Limeburners for exclusive use. Entry is \$10 per person with finger food provided. This is an adults only evening and all current Covid regulations must be adhered to. Please fill out the attached form to notify us about attendance.

2022 School Fees

Family Fee:	\$1,500.00	per family
Building Levy:	\$ 190.00	per family
Student Levy:	\$ 140.00	per student
Camp Levy	\$ 150.00	(Year 5/6)

Parents who are Health Care Card Holders may be eligible for a rebate. Please contact the office for more information.

Please do not hesitate to make contact with the school if you have concerns regarding payments.

School Reports

Second semester reports will be made available to parents on Friday, December 10th. All parents who have assigned to SIMON can access their child's report from the Parent Access Module. Parents who would like a hard copy of the report are asked to contact the school (prior to December 10th) so that necessary arrangements can be made.

School Beach Picnic Torquay Monday, December 13th

The annual end of year school beach picnic will be held on Monday, December 13th. Information and permission notes will be forwarded home soon. All students will be required to return to St Margaret's School for the end of the day dismissal and parent pick up.

St Margaret's School Community Event

Please include your name/s down for attendance on Dec 9th 6.30 pm

Name: _____

Name: _____

Writers and Illustrators Star at the St. Margaret's Golden Pen Awards

An elegant ceremony decorated with golden balloons and sparkling fairy lights was live streamed to celebrate the St. Margaret's Golden Pen Writing Awards. Prizes were awarded for the Best Story and Best Illustrations for each class. All students who participated received a Golden Pen Honours Award. The ceremony was facilitated by the Arts and Community leadership groups. Lucy, Millie, Xavier, Georgie and Ariella were great entertainers and presenters! John's drum roll added to the enjoyment of the ceremony. All the winners were overjoyed with their awards. All the students are to be commended for their wonderful efforts in publishing their books. Well done, everyone!

Miss Rosa and Mr. Kearney

Here are the winners for each class.

Prep ACGC

Best story: *The Girl & the Bear* **Winnie Timmins**

Best illustrations: *Three Little Bears* **Miles Hope**

Prep TB

Best story: *This is my Home* **Tommy Hearsch**

Best illustrations: *The Princess & the Unicorn* **Hazel Bennet**

1 / 2 SB

Best story: *LEGO Ninjago The Return of Garmodon* **Nuwain**

De Silva

Best illustrations: *The Time Machine* **Chloe Bidlo**

1/ 2 KH

Best story: *Bunnies* **Maeve Noonan**

Best illustrations: *Sports Cars* **Arlo Bakker**

1/ 2 SK

Best story: *The BFG* **Rafi Natale**

Best illustrations: *The Big Adventure* **Aryan Prasad**

3/4 MD/MdJ

Best story: *The Golden Wishing Pen* **Lilly Geoghegan**

Best illustrations: *The Three Koalas* **Chesta Ka Patel**

3/4 LC

Best story: *Halloween Queen* **Georgia Lydom**

Best illustrations: *Alex Potter & the Crystallite Stone* **Alex**

Werner

3 / 4 FS

Best story: *Crystal Clear* **Ivy Timmins**

Best illustrations: *The Muddle Up* **Lachlan Reynolds**

5 / 6 JB

Best story: *Kingdoms* **Henry Vapp**

Best illustrations: **Millie Tognon**

5/ 6 MH

Best story: *The Box* **Eden Sault**

Best illustrations: *The Crystals* **Laoise Tagnon**

5 / 6 JK

Best story: *Jungle Girl* **Makayla Ordner**

Best illustrations: *Stewart Saves the Day* **John Coumans**



School Community News

Transition / Step Up Day

Step Up day will be held on Tuesday, December 7th. Students will work in their 2022 year group with their class teacher/s from 9.15 – 11.00 am on this day. 2022 Year Prep students will be attending from 9.15 – 10.30 am.

We remind families that due to secondary schools Year Seven Orientation, our current Year Six children do not attend St Margaret's School on this day.



You may recognize these faces!

For Sale Iona second hand uniform
(some with tags on)
Unisex – Blazer, Pants/Polo/Jacket (sports)
Male – Pant/Short/Shirt (formal), Shorts (sports)

Please either message or email Amy 0407776818
atootles@inet.net.au and I can give you more detail.
Keeping it simple at half full cost. Please note I rarely pick up calls, so message or email is best.

Upcoming Dates

December

- 6 Year 6 Graduation
(please note change) of date
- 6 Years 1-2 Swimming Program
- 7 Step Up Day P-6 - Year 7 Orientation
- 9 P&F Social Function
- 13 Beach Picnic (Dec 14 back up date)
- 15 Students' Final Day

January 2022

- 31 Students commence 2022 school year

2022 Commencement of School Year

The commencement date for the 2022 School Year will be Monday, January 31st. Please mark this date in your diary.

End of Year Dismissal & Farewells

Dismissal time for students will be 1.30 pm on Wednesday, December 15th. Teachers will be dismissing classes from the school yard. This will provide an opportunity for teachers and parents to say goodbye and wish each other well for the upcoming festive season.

DISMISSAL AREAS

- Years Prep Vegetable Garden Area
- Years 1/2 Adventure Playground
- Years 3/4 Basketball Court
- Years 5/6 Arts Garden (outside Multi-Purpose Room)



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