



**St. Margaret's**  
Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

*Term Four, Week 11*  
*December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021*

## *From Brian's Desk*

## *Leadership and Management News*

Dear Parents, Friends and Students,

What a year it's been. Uncertain, unusual, unexpected and unrelenting. Once again in 2021 we faced unprecedented challenges that were largely overcome through the efforts of our school staff, parents and students. Let's hope and pray that 2022 will provide greater normality and surety.

This year we farewell Miss Stafford, Mr Kerlin and Miss Emma.



Miss Stafford has given an incredible twenty-seven years' service to St Margaret's School. She has been a passionate and caring teacher who has given so much of her time and energy to our school. We will miss her vibrancy and enthusiasm and wish her well as she embarks on a new teaching position at St Vincent's School, Clear Island Waters.

Mr Kerlin is leaving us after four years at St Margaret's. In his relatively short time here Mr Kerlin has made a positive impact at our school and to those he has worked with. He always endeavours to provide the best for his students and presents a caring and supportive manner. He will be a great acquisition to St James, Tweed Heads.

Miss Emma's teaching of performing arts has added another dimension to our specialist program. Our students have thoroughly enjoyed the performing arts program this year due to Emma's enthusiastic, creative and engaging approach. We wish Emma well on the birth of her second child and hopefully we may see her back at St Margaret's in the future.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone in our school community who provided such great support to me during my time as principal at St Margaret's School. My role has been enormously supported by staff that I am indebted to. The many school achievements that we all should be proud reflect the dedicated input of my fellow staff members. I have enjoyed my seven years here immensely. I truly believe I have been blessed to be involved in such a great school community. It has been a privilege to have been your school's principal.



On behalf of all staff members, I wish to say a big ‘thank you’ to you, our parents, for the respect and support you have given our school. It is through this support that your child benefits in their development.

I would like to acknowledge our students on the many gifts that they bring to our school. They continued to display enthusiastic participation in school activities and determination and persistence during remote learning. I would also like to acknowledge them for the respect they displayed towards their teachers and each other.

I trust all have a joyful, hope filled Christmas and a wonderful break over the New Year. At this time of the year we especially remember family, friends, colleagues and also acknowledge those who need our care and support.

I share a blessing with you:

*May the light of God surround you,  
The Love of God enfold you.  
The power of God protect you.  
The presence of God watch over you.  
May God shine his face upon you during this special time in our Christian life.  
Amen.*

I wish all our school families a happy, blest and peace filled Christmas.  
Brian

***School Community Event***  
**Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> commencing 6.15 pm.**

The St Margaret’s School Community Event has been rescheduled to Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. This get-together will give parents and teachers some time to celebrate the end of 2021 and farewell Brian, Fran and Sam. The venue is Limeburners and entry is \$10 per person with finger food provided. This is an adults only evening and all current Covid regulations must be adhered to. It would be great to see a good turn up of parents at this gathering.

***2022 Dates***

Friday, January 28	Teachers commence
Monday, January 31	Students commence
Tuesday, February 8 7pm	Parents and Friends’ Meeting
Tuesday, February 15	School Picnic Eastern Beach
Wed – Thurs March 2-3 (TBC)	Senior level over-night camp Barwon Heads
Monday, March 14	Labour Day Holiday
Tuesday, March 15	School Photo Day
Friday, March 25	School Closure: Professional learning for staff
Friday, April 1	School Sports – Landy Field
Friday, April 8	End of term



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