



St. Margaret's
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term One, Week 2
February 3rd, 2022

From Fiona's Desk

Leadership and Management News

Dear Parents, Friends and Students,

I would like to welcome everyone to the 2022 school year. I would also like to thank the community of St Margaret's who have welcomed me so warmly, especially the staff and students who have been very inclusive.

I am looking forward with positivity to our students attending every day, every week of every term this year. After enduring a bumpy couple of days, I am optimistic that the year will be full of engaging, fun learning activities and a chance to reconnect and establish positive relationships within the St Margaret's community.

This year we will focus on Optimism, Spirituality and Relationships. At St Margaret's our teaching and learning is based on authenticity, meaning and purpose through rich learning opportunities. Wellbeing is permeated in a culture where everyone feels Seen, Heard and Valued.

I would like to extend a warm welcome this week to every child from St Margaret's School and wish them a happy and successful year of learning. In particular, I welcome new students and their families to our school, our Year Prep children who begin their first year of their primary school, and also their buddies, the Year Six children who are completing their final year.

Welcome to our 2022 Prep Students

<i>Elijah Allwright</i>	<i>Charles Brown</i>	<i>Annie Butcher.</i>	
<i>Mason Chappell</i>	<i>Jack Conn</i>	<i>Boston Coots</i>	<i>Kiwain De Silva</i>
<i>Levi Deocampo</i>	<i>Fletcher Eslick</i>	<i>William Ferguson</i>	
<i>Mila Ghin</i>	<i>Xavier Hanan</i>	<i>Georgia Harpur</i>	<i>Elsie Heather</i>
<i>Peter Jackson</i>	<i>Brax Jobson</i>	<i>Rosie Kerr</i>	
<i>James Kessler</i>	<i>Harvey Little</i>	<i>Hazel Lodewick</i>	<i>Aurelia Martin</i>
<i>Bonnie Martini</i>	<i>Georgia McGennissen</i>	<i>Brooklynn McRandall-Jones</i>	
<i>River Munn</i>	<i>Luca Natale</i>	<i>Patrick Noonan</i>	<i>Gus O'Kane</i>
<i>Izzy Porter</i>	<i>Jonathon Reid</i>	<i>Archer Robinson</i>	
<i>Jayda Sperling</i>	<i>Koda Sperling</i>	<i>Pearl Timmins</i>	<i>Chester Toohey</i>
<i>Rafferty Vaughan</i>	<i>Claudia Walker</i>	<i>Luella Young</i>	

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I would also like to welcome the following new students to St Margaret's School across Years One to Five

Loyola Jackson (Year 2)

Molly Herwynen (Year 3)

Lily-Rose Stafford (Year 6)

I firmly believe in the positive partnerships that we develop between parents, home and the school contribute greatly to our students' sense of self-worth, enhance wellbeing and create positive, nurturing learning experiences.

Education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students and enthusiastic parents – all with high expectations.

Dorothy Cohen

I hope you have a wonderful weekend
Fiona Dawson

St Margaret's Community

'Beach Picnic'

Eastern Beach

Tuesday, February 15th

5.30 – 7.30 pm ,

The Beach Picnic is a wonderful opportunity to gather as a school community, reconnect with other school families and staff, and welcome our new families into the school. Families are asked to bring their own picnic meal and refreshments. This can range from a BBQ meal, pizza, fish and chips or anything you fancy. Bring a picnic rug, and enjoy a relaxed evening, while adhering to physical distancing measures.



School Community News

School Operations Guide - COVID 19 Restrictions

We will continue to follow the advice in regard to visitors on site.

The use of Service Victoria QR codes for electronic record keeping is mandatory in all schools to enable the effective contact tracing of any COVID-19 cases.

Visitors are required to check in with a QR code when entering school buildings, but not school grounds.

For this week, we ask that **only Prep parents** enter buildings on site for student pick-up and drop-off, using the QR code locations that are available to check in.

We also ask that Prep parents only enter the building **using the side door opposite the Prep classroom** as many of you would have been doing. This is because we are still drying out the carpets after the storms last week.

It is hoped this will not be an issue next week and entering via the front and back entrance will resume next week for all parents.

If you are picking up (after school) or dropping off your child (before school), you can enter the school grounds. Visitors to school grounds must also comply with physical distancing, face mask compliance and practise good hand hygiene.

St Margaret's School will continue to focus on cleaning of high touch areas, and undertake a process of regular hand hygiene and sanitizing.

Financial Assistance For Health Care Card Holders

If you hold a Health Care Card you may be eligible to claim the Government Camp Sport Excursion Fund. The annual CSEF amount for primary school students is \$125.00

In addition to the \$125.00 the school will provide an additional \$1,050.00 rebate for families with one child, \$774.00 for families with two children and \$550.00 for those who have three children at the school.

We encourage school families to inquire about possible eligibility in relation to being a Health Card Holder. The relevant forms can be collected from the school office. It would be helpful to do this as soon as possible. Thank you.

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Upcoming Dates

February

- 7 Year 5/6 Leadership incursion with Daniel Merza
- 9 Year 3/4 Botanical Gardens walk
- 11 Assembly in the Church
Yr 5/6 presenting
- 15 Beach Picnic 5.30-7.30pm
- 23 Year 6 Leaders' Day with Geelong Football Club
- 25 Year 6 Environmental Saviours' Trip to Queenscliff

St Albans Football Netball Club



U15 & U12 Girls Football

Recruiting Now for 2022 Season
Training Wednesday's 4:30pm - 5:30pm
Starting Wednesday 2nd February



Come along, have a kick & meet the coach, Ben.

Currently have an U15's team & wanting to start an U12's team.

A Come & Try Day with AFLW players also coming up on 2nd March at 4:30pm.

For enquiries, contact Female

Football Co-ordinator:
Cindy 0438 562 259

St Albans Reserve
St Albans Rd, Thomson



QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR KIDS AFTER SCHOOL INSTEAD OF "HOW WAS YOUR DAY?"

- What made you smile today?
- Can you tell me an example of kindness you saw/showed?
- What did you do that was creative?
- Who did you sit with at lunch?
- Was anyone in your class gone today?
- Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.
- Did you like your lunch?
- What was the hardest rule to follow today?
- If you could change one thing about your day, what would it be?
- What made your teacher smile?
What made her frown?
- If you could switch seats with anyone in class, who would it be? And why?
- What kind of person were you today?



JUNIOR NETBALL AUTUMN 2022 SEASON

TEAM ENTRIES
NOW OPEN



COMPETITIONS

MONDAY GRADE 3/4 & 5/6
THURSDAY PREP - GRADE 2
SATURDAY JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT, 9 & UNDER, 11 & UNDER, 13 & UNDER, 15 & UNDER AND 17 & UNDER

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