



St. Margaret's  
Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

Term Two, Week 1  
April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022

## From Rosa's Desk

Dear Parents, Friends and Students,

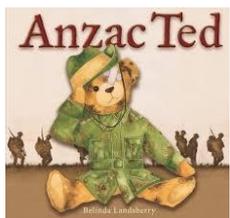
Bravery, friendship, heroism, the human spirit, mateship, suffering, tradition, and war are all-powerful words that conjure up vivid images in our minds on any given day. However, none more so than this week as we commemorate ANZAC Day. We reflect this week on the 107th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings in the context of seeking peace and understanding. We could pray for God's forgiveness and mercy and seek reconciliation with everyone in our prayers.

Although we do not glorify war, it is an opportunity to reflect on those who have given their lives in wars and conflicts so that we may live in freedom and peace. A day when we remember the anniversary of the landings of Australian and New Zealand soldiers, or Anzac's, as we now call them, on beaches far away from Australian shores.

In some classes this week, teachers will explore the meaning behind why we have a national public holiday to celebrate ANZAC Day. The message will be kept very simple, focusing on the collective pride of the country and the spirit of ANZAC through courage, mateship and sacrifice. The need to care for one another and the world so we can live in freedom and feel safe will be highlighted.

There are many books now available that have a younger audience in mind to explain the concept of ANZAC Day. Storytelling is important as it opens up a dialogue that otherwise can be difficult to access and makes sure that the lives of the Anzacs and our history are not forgotten.

Here are some recommended books that you might be interested in sharing with your family or perhaps children will come home talking about:

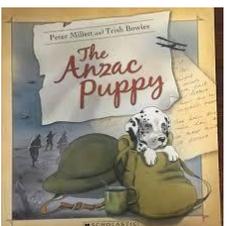
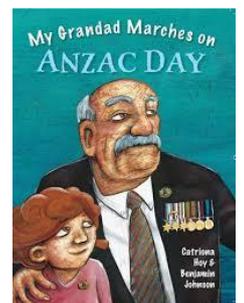


### **ANZAC Ted – Belinda Landsberry**

Written and illustrated for the youngest audience in mind, this book tells the story of a teddy who has seen better (or worse) days, tying together Anzac Ted's life from then and now.

### **My Grandad Marches on Anzac Day – Catriona Hoy**

A simple, moving look at Anzac Day and its significance through the eyes of a little girl. A gentle story about families and the importance of sharing memories and remembering. She goes to the pre-dawn Anzac Day service with her father, where they watch the girl's grandfather march in the parade.

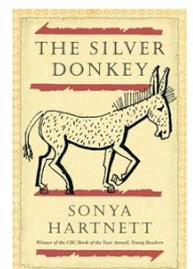


### **The Anzac Puppy - Peter Millet**

'In the middle of the night, in the middle of the winter, a puppy was born in the middle of a war.' This fictional story was inspired by the story of Freda, a Harlequin Great Dane and mascot of the NZ Rifle Brigade during World War 1. *The ANZAC Puppy* is a simple story about the reality of war, hardship, friendship and love.

### **The Silver Donkey Sonja Hartnett**

This is a story about a WWI soldier who has deserted his company and is found by two young sisters in France. He tells them stories about donkeys in return for their help, including the famous Simpson donkey that helped carry the wounded during the Gallipoli campaign. The story explores humanity, courage, and the spirit of mateship that characterised the ANZACs (suitable for senior primary).



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## **School Community News**

### ***Personal Leave***

Fiona Dawson will be on personal leave for the next two weeks. Please respect Fiona's privacy as we keep her in our thoughts and prayers.

### ***Working Bee***

On Saturday, we had some very busy bees in our schoolyard, topping up our softfall in the adventure play area and lovely new sand for the sandpit. The work was very physical and probably required more 'helping hands' than expected. We hope to have all works completed by the end of the week.

Many thanks to the following families who volunteered their Saturday afternoon - **Fitzgerald, Babcock, Coots, Golding, Hanan and Martin.**

### ***Uniforms***

As a SunSmart school, our Policy identifies that in our school hats must be worn outdoors from **September until the end of April**. This means that children are required to wear their school hat until the beginning of next week, Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Winter uniform aligns with our SunSmart Policy, therefore students are expected to wear winter uniforms as of the beginning of next week, Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **Option 1 Winter**

Navy trousers, pale blue polo shirt with school logo or skivvy, navy woollen school jumper with school logo, navy socks, black school shoes

#### **Option 2 Winter**

School kilt/pinafore, navy trousers, pale blue polo shirt with school logo or skivvy, navy school woollen jumper with school logo, navy socks or tights, black school shoes

### ***Sports Uniform***

**Option 1** - Navy blue polo shirt with school logo, navy track pants or shorts, school rugby top, navy socks, runners

**Option 2** - Navy blue polo shirt with school logo, navy track pants, shorts or netball skirt, runners, navy socks, school rugby top

### ***Final Enrolment Reminder for 2023***

Enrolment for the 2023 Year Prep students is well underway. This year, enrolment forms will be available at the school office for both new and current families or can be downloaded from the school's website (under policies and forms).

#### **Important Enrolment Dates:**

- **Current families** enrol their child by **Friday, April 29th**
- **First-round** enrolment offers will be forwarded home on **Friday, May 6th**
- Enrolments will **close on Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**
- Parents will be notified of **second-round placements on Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**
- **New families** interested in enrolling their child at St Margaret's should notify the school and make an appointment to meet with the principal.

### ***Medication***

As an organisation Catholic Education is reviewing and updating the administration of medication in schools. Our current school practice is if your child requires medication to be administered at school or if medication doses change a Medical Authorisation form needs to be completed by the parent. These can be obtained electronically by either emailing Anne or Libby at the front office, or in the paper form directly from the front office.

### ***Sacrament of Baptism***

This term our school will be offering a program for school aged students who wish to join the Catholic faith but have not yet been baptized. This will take the form of extra classes to deliver the program and involve family commitment to one or two instructional sessions as well. Upon completion of the program, students would be able to receive the Sacrament of Baptism at a Basilica mass (to be negotiated with the parish). This would also enable them to participate in the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation as provided by the school. Please email Marg if you are interested. [mdunn@smgeelongeast.com.au](mailto:mdunn@smgeelongeast.com.au)

Marg Dunn  
Religious Education Leader

## School Community News

### COVID Update (*Information already shared via PAM or Seesaw*)

There are some important changes to COVIDSafe measures for schools that will apply from the start of Term 2.

#### Face masks

From 11:59 pm Friday 22 April, face masks, while recommended, are not required in any school setting. This means students in grades 3 to 6, staff and visitors in primary schools are no longer required to wear face masks. Any student or staff member who wishes to wear a mask may do so, including those who are medically at-risk.

#### Rapid antigen test screening requirements

Students who have tested positive for COVID-19, and have completed their 7-day isolation period, now do not need to undertake rapid antigen test (RAT) screening for 12 weeks after their release from isolation. This was previously 8 weeks.

#### Household contacts

Students who are household contacts of a COVID-19 case are not required to quarantine. They may return to school as long as they undertake rapid antigen tests (RAT) 5 times during their 7-day period. They are required to notify the school that they are a household contact.

Students aged 8 years and above who are household contacts are required to wear face masks when indoors at school unless they have a valid exemption.

If a student household contact returns a positive RAT result, they must isolate for 7 days.

#### Vaccination requirements for visitors to schools

Parents, carers and other adult visitors (not performing work) are no longer required to show evidence of two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.

#### RAT screening program reminder

RATs will continue to be supplied for the first 4 weeks of Term 2 to support the early detection of COVID-19 in our school.

The testing recommendations will remain the same this Term for students and staff with:

- mainstream schools – recommended testing at home twice a week
- specialist schools – recommended testing 5 days a week at home due to the higher risk of severe illness for medically vulnerable children.
- As we approach winter and flu season, the vaccination of children aged 5 to 11 and booster shots for students 16+ remains the best way to ensure protection for students and staff.

If you have any concerns about getting your child vaccinated, please contact your GP or another health professional who can answer your questions.

Thank you for your ongoing support in keeping our school safe.

#### Photos from the school sports



## School Community News

### Mother's Day Stall

Friday, May 6

The Mothers' Day Stall will be held on next Friday, May 6th. We ask students to bring five dollars to purchase a special gift for their mother or special person in their life.

Parent helpers are welcomed to help the P&F hold this much valued annual event.

### Easter Raffle

We had over 30 prizes for the Easter Egg Raffle, and we thank all those who donated easter eggs and goodies, and also thank everyone who purchased tickets. The raffle made \$1096 towards the P & F fundraising for the school.

Congratulations to our first three winners:

- 1st - George Vapp
- 2nd - Elijah Alwright
- 3rd - Zac Harvey

### Wildlife Photographer of the Year

Don't miss your chance to visit the National Wool Museum to be amazed by the Wildlife Photographer of the Year Exhibition. The exhibition is on loan from London and features amazing images from all around the world.

WHEN: Now- until 15 May 2022 10am-3pm

WHERE: National Wool Museum Wadawurrung Country, 26-32 Moorabool Street Geelong 3220

COST:

Adult: \$10.00

Child: \$6.00

Concession: \$8.00

Family: \$30.00 (two adults and up to four children)

## Upcoming Dates

### May

- 2 Begin wearing winter uniform
- 2 Preps Werribee Zoo excursion
- 2 Year 3/4 'Healthy Heroes' with Cats players
- 5 Cross Country District Sports
- 6 Mothers' Day Stall
- 6 Assembly – Yr 5/6 presenting
- 10 – 16 NAPLAN (Years 3 & 5)
- 11 Bravehearts (anti-bullying) session for Prep/1/2
- 12 Parents and Friends' Meeting 7pm
- 19 Year 3/4 Excursion to the Otway Fly
- 20 Sushi Special Lunch
- 20 'Zoe's Fight' fundraiser
- 20 Assembly – Yr 3/4 presenting
- 23 – 26 Year 5/6 Anglesea Camp

### June

- 3 Assembly Yr 1/2 presenting
- 9 School Closure Day
- 23 Hot dog special lunch

### Pre-Service Teachers in Training

If you see some new faces in the classrooms, they may be our visiting pre-service teachers in training. We welcome Bridget Hyland (Ned's room), James Chappell (Kellie H's room), Chloe Vieth (Joel's room), Emma D'ath (Ana and Patience's room), and hope their days with us are instructional and rewarding.

Easter  
Journey –  
learning  
about the  
Last Supper



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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## ST MARGARET'S P&F

### TERM TWO - 26TH APRIL - 24TH JUNE

The P&F committee are putting together a year full of wonderful activities & opportunities.

Our goal is to not only support your child's experience at St Margaret's in 2022 but to bring a sense of community back to our school with lots of fun and thoughtful activities for all families to be involved in.

We have also been working along side our class representatives to keep our Facebook groups active and full of information. We hope this has been helpful to your family. If you are yet to join your class group, please find our main page [St Margaret's Primary P&F] where you will also find links to each year level page.

We hope you enjoyed term one's events - pancake day, pizza day, the athletics day sausage sizzle - (We would like to thank Coles Leopold & Bakers Delight Newcomb for their sponsorship) hot cross bun fundraiser and of course the famous Easter egg raffle.

We have lots in store for term two.

Please refer to the calendar below for all that's happening!

We will keep you up to date here in our NEW newsletter spot and throughout our Facebook groups!

The P&F are also excited to announce that we are now able to accept payment via bank transfer for all special lunch days. Hopefully this makes life a little easier for families.

We recently held our annual general meeting and voted in our committee for 2022, we would like to thank them for their contribution.

President- Nicole Noonan  
Vice President Bethany Young  
Treasurer - Sherry Babcock & Libby Fitzgerald  
Secretary - Bridgitte Burns/Virginia Salkeld  
Special Lunch coordinators - Narelle Bell/Sarah Hill

We hope to see you at our next meeting.

### TERM TWO P&F CALENDER



**1-30th May** - Winter Blankets for homeless drive - more info to be announced.

**6th May** - Mother's Day Stall - Parent helpers requested.

**12th May** TBC- P&F Meeting 7pm - St Margaret's Staff Room.

**20th May** - Sushi Day/Casual Dress - Go Grey for May. Proceeds to Zoe's Fight. Parent helpers requested.

**23rd June** - Hot Dog Day - Parent helpers requested.

**June** - Routley's Pie Drive Fundraiser

### HELLO! CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

Your class representative will be the 'go to' person & will make communication easier between P&F and families around school events and activities. They will ensure all information is available on the class Facebook pages. Please reach out to your representative if you need any assistance regarding communications.

Prep TB - Nicole Noonan  
Prep SB - Bethany Young

1/2 AC/PB - Sarah Poole  
1/2 JK - Natalie Hearsch  
1/2 KH - Bridgitte Burns

3/4 LC - Virginia Salkeld  
3/4 MD/MDJ - Stella Servello  
3/4 JB - Rachael Coumans

5/6 NA - Brooke O'Leary  
5/6 AS/SS - Emma Hynes  
5/6 MH - Vacant

### TERM ONE - FUNDRAISING ROUND UP

Pizza Day - \$717

Athletics Day Sausage Sizzle - \$174

Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser - \$336

Easter Raffle - \$1096



### FRIDAY 6TH MAY

# The Famous Mother's Day Stall



**ALL CHILDREN TO PLEASE BRING  
ALONG \$5 TO PURCHASE A GIFT  
FROM THE STALL ON 6TH MAY.**

**The P&F have once again done a wonderful job  
sourcing our beautiful gifts.  
We thank you for your support.**

**Are you available to help out on the day?  
We are looking for helpers to set up the stall &  
help pack up at the end of the day.**

### SPECIAL LUNCH

# SUSHI DAY

## 20TH MAY



Look out  
for lunch  
order forms  
week 2

IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
CASUAL DRESS DAY WE  
WILL BE SUPPORTING LOCAL  
CHARITY ZOE'S FIGHT FOR  
BRAIN CANCER - GO GREY  
FOR MAY!

Great news! We can now offer bank transfer as a form of payment, as well as cash. Hopefully this will make putting in your order a little bit easier. Please ensure you add your children's names in reference.