



St. Margaret's
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term Two, Week 5
May 26th, 2022

From Marg's Desk

Leadership and Management News

Dear Parents, Friends and Students,

Having taken on the role of Religious Education Leader (just call me Sister Margaret Mary!), I'm working downstairs more than usual this year, and getting to see a whole lot more of what's happening around the school than when I'm just concerned with my own classroom upstairs.

The place really bustles before the bell in the morning and my admiration for the work of Libby and Anne in managing the myriad of questions, concerns, thoughts, chats and tasks presented to them in the office on a daily basis by parents, students, staff and the odd visiting specialist, knows no bounds. All done with such welcome, kindness and helpful accommodation of peoples' needs.

The music blares, the bell goes and the pace in the corridors increases frenetically as students bustle into classrooms. Teachers attempt to get that one last bit of preparation done while listening to various stories of pets, friends, toys and the 'incredible thing that happened last night'. Learning support officers tie the odd shoe lace and exclaim over some treasure shown to them. Parents hustle out the doors to get on with their own days – trusting their most beloved treasures to our St. Margaret's school community.

After a while things settle down a bit and a nice lull settles over the place as each class gathers for welcome, roll and prayers, sharing all the important upcoming dates, birthdays and events of the day. Each classroom has its own tone, as individual as the characters within it. Peals of laughter burst out of one room as a funny story is shared. A rowdy rendition of 'Happy Birthday' is belted out of another. Some rooms are full of light, and others are darkened as a prayerful reflection takes place. The prep rooms are presently filled with the magic of freshly hatched chickens – almost as cute as the wonderment on the faces of the kids.



Shortly after, the pace shifts gear again and the 'serious' business of learning is gotten down to. Some write, some read, some listen. I pads, laptops, counters, dice, blocks, books and sundry other teaching aids are put to use and the corridor again becomes busy with the much quieter buzz of individuals and small groups 'breaking out' of their classroom confines to complete tasks, under the watchful eyes and guiding hands of learning support officers.

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School Community News

As I get on with my own tasks before heading back upstairs to the wonderful bunch I share with Matt, I can't help thinking how blessed I am to work in such a place of growth and learning, of movement and energy, of humour and optimism, of constant change and challenge. I hope you too share in that spirit of connectedness to community that we try to engender here at St. Margaret's, and can see the positive effects of students who feel they belong and are valued.

Have a lovely rest of the week
Marg.

Division Cross Country



Congratulations to the 19 students who represented St Margaret's in the Division Cross Country event on Tuesday, 24th of May. You all did an awesome job!

The weather was beautiful, the times were great and the cooperation from everyone was excellent. Consequently, the day could not have run any smoother. Thanks to all the families who helped make the day the success that it was and for your involvement in school sport.

Let's congratulate Charlotte Butcher, Louisa Rivo and Pip Johnstone. They have qualified for the Western Metropolitan Region Cross Country Championships. You were star runners. Good luck girls!



Thanks for your support and assistance today and in all the lead up to the event, it is much appreciated!

Silvia Espachs

The Sprout About 2022

cooking classes

learn new cooking tips to impress your family

May 26th: Sweet & Savoury Tarts
June 16th: Curry & Dahl
July 7th: Gnocchi & Sauce
July 29th: Sweet Treats
August 18th: Fresh Pasta & Sauces

\$60 per person book now!

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A PARENT'S PRAYER

Thank You for my children,
LORD; I know they are a gift
from You. Daily I need Your
strength and wisdom to train
them in the way they should go.
Give me patience and a joyful
heart; let me be an example of
Your love and forgiveness.
Thank You, Father, for the honor
of being a parent. Amen.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

ST MARGARET'S P&F

TERM TWO – 26TH APRIL - 24TH JUNE

A big thank you for our P&F committee, Special Lunch coordinators and wonderful parent helpers for pulling together Sushi Special Lunch last Friday, 20th May.

Lots of smiling kids happy with their Sushi and Donuts. Being our first Sushi lunch, there were a few teething problems and a extra thank you to the older children for waiting a little longer for lunch and teachers for their patience!

We are grateful to Routley's for coming on board to offer donuts as a little treat option for our special lunches. We are looking forward to working with them in the future for our Pie drive (see below) and Hot Pie Special Lunch coming up in Term 3. Also, thank you to Hi Sushi for providing a great range of Sushi rolls for the day.

It was also fantastic to see so many great crazy hairstyles around on Friday raising funds for local Geelong charity Zola's Fight. Thanks to everyone for their gold coin donations to support a wonderful local cause fighting for an end to paediatric brain cancer.



ST MARGARET'S P&F PRESENTS

TRIVIA NIGHT

THOMSON FOOTBALL CLUB ROOMS
(behind school)
22nd July
7pm

Tickets available at the school office.
Pay via bank transfer or cash.
Book individual tickets or a table of 8.

PRIZES AWAIT OUR WINNERS!
\$15 per person
BYO FOOD/PLATTER/SNACKS
drinks at bar prices

TERM TWO P&F CALENDER



21st June P&F Meeting 7pm - St Margaret's Staff Room.

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

June/July - Routley's Pie Drive Fundraiser

22nd July - Trivia Night. Book your tickets at the school office.

ST MARGARET'S PIE DRIVE

Pie Drive

The St Margaret's P&F Committee have joined forces with local legends Routley's Pies to give you the night off.



Orders must be place by
11th July for
Delivery 14th July 2022

Head to the following link
<https://fundraising.routleysbakery.com.au/to>
order & 25% of all orders will come directly
back to our school.

Please ensure you add [St Margaret's P&F - East Geelong] from the drop down menu and the classroom code of your oldest child at checkout.

All orders will be delivered to the school ready to take home on Thursday 14th July 2022

SPECIAL LUNCH HOT DOG DAY

Can you help out on the day?

WE WILL NEED LOTS OF PARENT HELPERS PLEASE POP YOUR NAME DOWN AT THE FRONT OFFICE IF YOU CAN HELP.

THURSDAY 23RD JUNE

LOOK OUT FOR ORDER FORMS THE FIRST WEEK OF JUNE

PLEASE CHECK OVER ORDER FORMS BEFORE SUBMITTING

PLEASE ENSURE FORMS ARE FULLY FILLED OUT INCLUDING NAME CLASS ORDER CASH OR BANK TRANSFER THIS WILL MAKE OUR JOBS A LOT EASIER.

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

School Community News

A Budding Columnist!

Animals and Cages Do Not Match

Imagine this. Being locked in a metal cage with hard metal bars locked from civilization and being non-stop laughed at and being stared at with no break! This is how most animals feel. This is the reason why having defenseless animals locked up is a horrible thing to do.

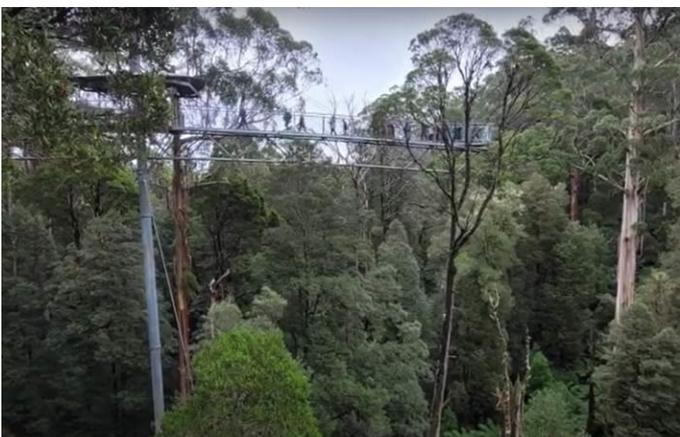
Do you remember the Tasmanian tiger? Haha it's ok that you don't. It's dead if you're wondering. You may be thinking "It died because of the meteorite that hit earth" NOPE! The last one died in 1936 because the stupid humans we are when it comes to the planet we hunted them to extinction. Great job us! The last one who died was named Benjamin. He died in the hot boiling sun and alone. He died with no one to say goodbye.

Animals are creatures that have emotions just like us. They save the planet and help us humans and what do we do? We cut and destroy their houses and pollute their water supply and kill their loved ones everyday. We don't deserve their help at all!

And in the end they are just like us. They feel happy like us. They feel angry just like us. They feel scared just like us. And most of all they love just like us. But you can stop this, Go to a place you know that doesn't treat animals right, Help them Give them a Paw, a talon, a flipper, or just a helping hand. Save them not for me. Not for you. But for everyone. If you see a place where animals are treated right then help it stay that way.

Written by Seth Stevenson a Australian kid at St Margaret's 2022

Year 3/4 Excursion to the Otway Fly



Upcoming Dates

May

- 31 Baptism Group Parent night 7pm

June

- 1 AFL District Sports – Yr 5/6
- 1 Healthy Harold Preps and 1/2 JK
- 2 Netball District Sports – Yr 5/6
- 7 Hockey Clinics – Yr 5/6
- 7 School Representative Board meeting
- 8 Healthy Harold Incursion 5/6 and 1/2 KH
- 8 Hockey Clinics – Yr 3/4
- 8 Police Victoria visit – Yr 5/6
- 9 School Closure Day
- 10 Environmental Saviours Excursion
- 13 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
- 15 Division Soccer – Yr 5/6
- 16 Hockey Clinics – Yr 1/2
- 17 Healthy Harold Incursion 3/4 and 1/2 AC/PB
- 21 Parents and Friends meeting 7pm
- 23 Hot dog special lunch
- 24 End of Term 2 1.30 dismissal



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