

NEWSLETTER



St Margaret's
Primary School

Term Three, Week 9
September 9th, 2024
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From Susan's Desk

Leadership and Management News

Dear Families,



Last Friday we celebrated Italian Day with a range of experiences filled with the essence of Italy's rich culture. Our students enjoyed a pizza and gelato lunch with an accordion player setting the mood with lively music, creating an atmosphere of joy and warmth. Everyone had the chance to learn more about Italian customs and traditions, making it both an educational and fun day. Family involvement was at the heart of the celebration, bringing people closer together in a truly memorable way. Thank you to the P&F for organising the special lunch and to Miss Ruffin for her incredible work preparing and running the day. We are so fortunate to have talented and passionate teachers sharing their love of learning with our students!

As we continue to support our students' success, we want to take a moment to emphasise the importance of regular school attendance and the critical role it plays in your child's education. Attending school consistently is one of the most important factors in ensuring academic success. When students are present in the classroom, they have the opportunity to fully engage in lessons, participate in discussions, and stay on top of their assignments. Even a few missed days can create gaps in learning that make it difficult for students to catch up. Consistent attendance is key to maintaining the continuity of learning and helping your child stay on track.

Regular attendance also supports your child's social development. School is where children develop essential social skills, build relationships with their peers, and form connections with their teachers. These interactions are crucial for fostering a sense of belonging and community within the school environment.

We also want to remind you of the importance of notifying the school if your child needs to be absent. Whether due to illness or another reason, it's essential that the school is informed promptly. This communication helps us maintain accurate attendance records and ensure our child safety and duty of care obligations are met. By working together, we can ensure that our students are present and ready to learn each day. Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting your child's education.

As part of our ongoing commitment to student well-being, we will be recognizing **R U OK? Day** this Thursday September 12th, a day dedicated to promoting mental health awareness and encouraging meaningful conversations within our community. **R U OK? Day** is an annual event that reminds us of the importance of checking in with one another, especially those who may be struggling. The simple act of asking "Are you okay?" can make a significant difference in someone's life, opening the door to conversations about mental health and offering support when it's needed most.



This day is not just about asking the question; it's about being prepared to listen, offer support, and guide those in need to the appropriate help. Whether it's a friend, family member, or colleague, taking the time to connect can help prevent feelings of isolation and distress.

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We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land that St Margaret's is located on, the Wathaurong people. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and acknowledge the importance of Aboriginal culture in all the work we do.



All students attending St Margaret's Primary School have the right to feel safe. The care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people is a fundamental responsibility of all within our school. St Margaret's is a culturally safe environment in which the diverse and unique identities and experiences of all children and young people are respected and valued.

Leadership and Management News

At school, we will be encouraging our students to look out for one another and reminding them that it's okay to talk about their feelings. Our teachers and staff will be facilitating age-appropriate discussions about mental health, empathy, and the importance of reaching out. We aim to create an environment where students feel safe and supported, and where asking for help is seen as a sign of strength, not weakness. **Students are able to wear a touch of yellow on this day.**

We encourage you to continue these conversations at home. Ask your child how they're feeling, listen to their concerns, and remind them that it's okay to ask for help when they need it. Sometimes, the smallest gesture can have the biggest impact.

If you or someone you know is struggling, resources are available. Please don't hesitate to reach out to our school mental health leader Rosa O'Beirne, who can provide guidance and support, or suggest a variety of mental health resources. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of those around us by simply asking, "Are you okay?" and showing that we genuinely care. Thank you for being a part of this important conversation.

Our P&F Pie Drive is in full swing! This is a wonderful opportunity to stock up on delicious pies while supporting our school at the same time. Every purchase helps fund the wellbeing pod for 2025. Don't miss out on this chance to enjoy some tasty treats and contribute to a great cause.

But that's not all—we're also gearing up for our Footy Colour Day! This is a day filled with school spirit and friendly competition as students come dressed in their favourite team's colours. To add even more excitement, we're hosting a Footy Colour Day Raffle with some amazing prizes up for grabs. You won't want to miss the chance to win! Raffle tickets are on sale now and all proceeds will go towards supporting our wellbeing pod. This is a fantastic way to get involved, have some fun, and maybe even take home a great prize.

Have a great week.
Susan

Calendar of Events

(new items in bold)

Term 3

September

Monday, September 9 th	PSGs
Tuesday, September 10 th	Division Athletics
Wednesday, Sep 11 th ,	1/2 Excursion to You Yangs
Thursday, September 12 th	R U OK? - Wear a touch of yellow
Wednesday, Sep 18 th	PSGs
Thursday, September 19 th	Footy Colours Day; Gold Coin donation. P&F Pie lunch Longest kick event
Friday, September 20 th	Final day of Term 3; 1.30pm dismissal - Sports uniform

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Calendar of Events

(new items in bold)

Term 4

October

Monday, October 7 th	First Day of Term 4
Tuesday, October 15 th	School Board 7pm
Wednesday, October 16th	2025 Prep Orientation Session 1
Friday, October 18 th	P&F special lunch
Monday, October 21 st	School Closure Day - Staff Professional Learning
Tuesday, October 29th	Year 5/6 ONLY Student Free Day (staff TIL day for camp)
Wednesday, October 30 th	Year 5/6 Camp - Anglesea (until Friday, November 1 st)

November

Monday, November 4 th	School Closure Day
Tuesday, November 5 th	Melbourne Cup public holiday
Wednesday, Nov 6 th -8 th	Prep Swimming Programme
Thursday, November 7 th	Year 3 /4 Sleep Over
Friday, November 8 th	P&F Special lunch
Monday, Nov 11 th -15 th	Year 1/2 Swimming Programme
Wednesday, Nov 13th	2025 Prep Orientation Session 2
Thursday, November 28 th	Sacrament of First Reconciliation: 12 noon (please note change)

December

Friday, December 6 th	School Closure Day - Staff Professional Learning
Tuesday, December 10th	Whole School Step Up Orientation Day
	2025 Prep Orientation Session 3
Tuesday, December 10 th	School Board 7pm
Thursday, December 12 th	Whole School Carols Evening
Tuesday, December 17 th	Final day of Term 4. 1.30pm dismissal

**Our Father
in Italian**
(most students
in our school
will be familiar
with this
prayer)

*“Padre nostro, che sei nei cieli,
sia santificato il tuo nome,
venga il tuo regno,
sia fatta la tua volontà,
come in cielo così in terra.
Dacci oggi il nostro pane quotidiano,
e rimetti a noi i nostri debiti
come noi li rimettiamo ai nostri debitori,
e non ci indurre in tentazione,
ma liberaci dal male.*

*Tuo è il regno, tua la potenza et la gloria nei secoli.
Amen.”*

Student of the Week Awards

CLASS	STUDENT	AWARDS – Friday, September 6 th , 2024
PREP	Ari Kelly	For trying her best and working hard to learn all her letter-sounds.
PREP	Harley Ballard	For his commitment to nightly reading, you are making great progress Harley!
1 / 2 JB	Brax Jobson	For showing kindness towards others in the classroom.
1 / 2 JB	Fletcher Eslick	For displaying a growth mindset towards your mathematics work.
1 / 2 TB	Koda Sperling	For always displaying our St Margaret's values and setting a great example to others.
1 / 2 PB	Kyrie Lin	For his dedication to learning in our Literacy Block. Well done!
1 / 2 PB	Archie Mactier	For demonstrating an interest in learning new things and asking thoughtful questions.
1 / 2 PB	Mila Ginn	For always listening to others, showing respect and supporting her peers.
3 / 4 HM	Charlotte Nolan	For extending herself in her learning and always contributing to class discussions.
3 / 4 HM	Sarah Smith	For her effort and terrific approach to all learning.
3 / 4 LC	Kartia Mirmilstein	For caring, perceptive comments in class, and for the outstanding effort she gives to all tasks.
3 / 4 LC	Myles Anderson	For extraordinary improvement with engaging in and completing learning tasks.
3 / 4 JK-KB	Aiden Coumans	For his determination and work ethic during set tasks.
3 / 4 JK-KB	Myles Drever	For his effort and positive approach during writing.
5 / 6 KH	Daniel Thomas	For having a great attitude towards his learning and being a great friend.
5 / 6 KH	Isabelle Fitzgerald	For outstanding dedication to her learning.
5 / 6 JW	Seth Stevenson	For having a positive attitude towards all areas of learning.
5 / 6 JW	Archie Turner	For having a positive attitude in the classroom and showing initiative to solve problems.
5 / 6 DJ-FM	Jai Power	Well done on settling back into your learning so well after your holiday!
5 / 6 DJ-FM	Eliana Vaz	Well done on your recent writing task which was fantastic! Well done!
Principal	Molly Jones, Amelia Brown, Maeve Noonan	For taking initiative & showing pride in our school.

School Community News



Aussie of the Month

Isabelle Fitzgerald
has been acknowledged for displaying the values of ...

Respect: Izzie has overall outstanding achievements academically and an amazing inclusive manner. Izzie respects others' opinions, never judges people and always gives them a second chance. She also checks in on you if you aren't having a good day.

Mateship: In and out of school Izzie always shows kindness, team spirit, and she is inclusive.



*Lord God, creator of earth,
'Bestow your wisdom upon me,
Share your life with me,
I will grow with you by my side,
Teach me of unconditional love,
'Help me to understand your
knowledge,
Lead me your way*

Amen

together in faith

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ST MARGARET'S PIE DRIVE

Pie Drive

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

All you need to do is add your desired items to cart, fill out your details at the checkout & most importantly – Select the name [St Margaret's P&F-East Geelong] from the drop down menu.



Family Beef Pie,
Shepherd's Pie,
Lamingtons,
Hedgehog
plus more!

**Orders close
Thursday 12th September**

To place your order

<https://fundraising.routleysbakery.com.au>

25% of all orders go directly back to our school

At checkout, be sure to select [St Margaret's - East Geelong] from the drop-down menu and add your oldest child's classroom code.

Orders will be delivered to the school on Footy Colours Day, Thursday, 19th September 2024.

ORDER HERE



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ST MARGARET'S P&F



Tickets \$15
or purchase
a package



**FOOTY COLOURS
DAY RAFFLE
RAFFLE**



DRAWN
SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

**FIRST PRIZE:
\$1000 BUNNINGS VOUCHER**

**SECOND PRIZE:
\$350 CROWN HOTELS VOUCHER, LUXE BATHROBE & \$150
THE RANGE AT CURLEWIS VALUE \$650**

**THIRD PRIZE:
HEALTH AT THE HEADS GIFT PACK (VALUE \$200)**



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YOU BUY, THE MORE
CHANCES TO WIN!

TWO 'FREE BREAD FOR
A YEAR' PRIZES UP
FOR GRABS

Simply spend \$10 or more in a single transaction in-bakery to enter*

Bakers Delight

*Competition only available at Bakers Delight Newcomb. Competition open 1/05/2024 - 30/09/2024. Spend of \$10 or more to be made in a single transaction in-bakery. One entry per transaction. Prize includes: Free Bread for a year (total 2 winners). This equates to 2 loaves of bread per week for 52 consecutive weeks. If a loaf/loaves from a certain week is not redeemed, that loaf/loaves is voided and cannot be transferred for another week. Prize cannot be redeemed for cash or with any other offer.