



St. Margaret's
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term Four, Week 1
October 6th, 2022

From Susan's Desk

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope you had a restful and enjoyable break and are ready for a busy term! This is a quick newsletter to alert you to what is happening this term. A more detailed newsletter will be out next week.

Our year 5 /6 students have been busy investigating ways they can make a difference and have some amazing ideas to take action on. Later in the newsletter you will find information about a walk to school week to keep us fit and healthy and support the environment as well as buying a sunflower seed to support those in Ukraine. Some amazing ideas that we can all support.

We have a busy term ahead so please keep an eye on the newsletter for updates. Next Thursday the whole school is visiting the Geelong Show. We will be looking at the art work, the animals and other interesting things on offer. We ask that students do not



bring any money as we won't be purchasing show bags or going on the rides. Students will enjoy some hot chips to share when we get back to school. Please pack a healthy lunch and snack for your child for this day.

We had the sad news in the holidays that Brain Everett's mother passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with Brain and his family at this time.

A reminder that we have 2 weeks of uniform transition and term 4 is no hat no play! We ask that you apply sunscreen at home and students bring some to school to reapply as we cannot supply or apply the sun cream.

Enjoy your week and look forward to seeing you at Assembly this Friday 7th October where the Yrs 5/6 are presenting.

Susan

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.

Calendar of Events

Term 4

October

Friday October 7 th	P-2 Parent Morning Tea 9am Staff Room
Friday October 7 th	Assembly – 5/6 presenting
Tuesday October 11 th	SEDA AFL Clinics
Thursday October 13 th	Geelong Show Whole School Excursion
Friday October 14 th	2023 Prep Orientation Session 1
Friday October 14 th	Toys Incursion Yrs 1&2
Friday October 14 th	P&F special lunch
Monday October 17 th	Walk to School Week (Yr 5/6 student initiative)
Tuesday October 18 th	SEDA AFL Clinics
Friday October 21 st	Assembly – 3/4 presenting
Tuesday October 25 th	SEDA AFL Clinics
Tuesday October 25 th	School Board 7pm
Friday October 28 th	2023 Prep Orientation Session 2
Monday October 31 st	School Closure Day: Staff professional learning

November

Tuesday November 1 st	Melbourne Cup Public holiday
Friday November 4 th	Assembly – 1/2 presenting
Monday November 7 th - 11 th	Yr 5 & 6 Swimming Program
Tuesday November 8 th	Reconciliation Preparation Family Night 6.30pm
Wednesday November 9 th	Yr 1&2 MOPA Excursion
Thursday November 10 th	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Monday November 14 th	1 /2 Caine's Arcade
Tuesday November 15 th	5 /6 Golf Clinics
Tuesday November 15 th	School Board 7pm
Wednesday November 16 th	St. Margaret's Day with pizza lunch
Thursday November 17 th ,	3/4 Sleepover
Friday November 18 th	P&F special lunch
Friday November 18 th	Assembly – Prep presenting
Monday November 21 st - 25 th	3/4 Swimming Program
Tuesday November 22 nd	5 /6 Golf Clinic
Wednesday November 23 rd	3 /4 Golf Clinic
November 28 th - 2 nd	1/2 Swimming Program
Tuesday November 29 th	5 /6 Golf Clinic Monday
Wednesday November 30 th	3/4 Golf Clinic

December

Friday December 2 nd	Assembly – specialist
Monday December 5 th	5/6 Excursion Adventure Park
Tuesday December 6 th	5/6 Excursion Bounce
Tuesday December 6 th	Prep & Yr 6 buddy movie excursion
Thursday December 8 th	Whole School Christmas Concert 5pm sharp
Monday December 12 th	Whole School Beach Excursion
Tuesday December 13 th	Whole School Orientation morning
Tuesday December 13 th	2023 Prep Orientation Session 3
Tuesday December 13 th	Board Christmas Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday December 14 th	Graduation Assembly 11.45am
Wednesday December 14 th	Yr 6 Graduation LUNCH
Thursday December 15 th	Last Day Term 4 Early Finish 1.30pm

Lunchtime Activities

This term we are trialing the introduction of clubs at lunch time. You may wish to discuss these with your child and encourage them to attend.

We have also opened up a passive play area outside the multipurpose room. This will be open all of recess and half of lunch on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. There will be a range of quiet activities for students to engage in or they may like to bring their own book, colouring or quiet activity to do. Please let your child know this is an option for them if the general playground area becomes too busy!

LUNCHTIME CLUBS

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1.40-2.00	ART CLUB (GAB) GARDENING (PATIENCE)	COLOURING / CROCHET (ROSA G) ART CLUB (MARG) LIBRARY (KERRIE)	CODING 3-6 (MITCH) CRAFT (NARELLE)		DISNEY KARAOKE (SUSAN) ITALIAN (LAUREN)



St Robert's Newtown

ST ROBERT'S
CELEBRATES
80 YEARS

Past and present - students, teachers and families of our wonderful St Robert's community, please join us to celebrate 80 years of St Robert's.

SUNDAY 16TH | **OPEN AFTERNOON**
OCTOBER 2022 | **2.00-5.00pm**

RSVP - events@srnewtown.catholic.edu.au

St Mary's Parish RCIA

Are you or a friend considering becoming a Catholic? Adults wishing to join the Catholic Church – or considering doing so – begin a journey of faith with others known as the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

A new RCIA group will commence at St Mary's Parish, in central Geelong, this month. To register your interest, or for further information, please contact Kevin Mark via email:

kevin@stmarysgeelong.com.au

or contact the Parish Office on 5222 1977

Thomson Cricket Club

Junior and Master Blasters
Cricket Program (ages 5-9)

Registrations open at playcricket.com.au
Starting date Friday 11th November 5pm-6pm
Godfrey St Reserve, Thomson
Contact Kate Dew on 0416 182 563 with any questions

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Walk to School week

October 17th - 21st

Term 4 Week 3



If you live far away, just get dropped off near school! You can walk the rest!

We also won't expect you to walk on a rainy wet day.



What is walk to school week all about?

Not only does walking or riding to school allow you to be physically active which has many health benefits, it also reduces the carbon emissions produced by cars. This means there is less pollution for our environment.

An initiative from Lachie and Rile



Staying in touch with Viqueque

OCTOBER 2022

The photographs below show progress being made on the new chapel in the village of Wetali (Viqueque Parish). Wetali is a small village about one hour from the main parish church. **Our parish, St Mary's, has provided the money for the construction of the chapel.**

Progress on the chapel was slow due to covid restrictions and the availability of materials but the plan is now to complete the chapel by the end of the year. Fr. Tiago (assistant priest in the Viqueque parish) has taken a "hands-on" approach in the final stages of construction.



The Viqueque parish car can be seen in one of the photographs above. Our parish, St Mary's, purchased the car many years ago. Although the car is well cared for, it now needs some expensive maintenance. **If you are able to help by making a donation, it would be very much appreciated.**

The photos below show the inauguration of the new chapel in Uaimoritula, one of the Mass stations in the Viqueque parish. The inauguration was held last Saturday (1st October). **Once again, St Mary's, helped provide the money for the construction of the chapel.** The chapel was blessed and opened by the archbishop of Dili, His Eminence Virgilio Cardinal Do Carmo da Silva SDB. The inauguration was celebrated with Mass, music, singing and dance!



Our partnership with Mary Immaculate Parish in the district of Viqueque, East Timor, is in its thirteenth year. Envelopes are available in the Narthex if you would like to make a donation. ***Special thanks*** to Sacred Heart College for their support with ***Cafe Light*** opening again on the second Sunday of the month, beginning this weekend (Sunday, 9th October 10.30-12.30pm) Thank you so much for your support.

Chris Hansen