



St. Margaret's
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term Four, Week 2
October 13th, 2022

From Susan's Desk

Dear Families,

On Friday we are welcoming our 2023 Prep families for their first orientation session in preparation for starting school next year. We are holding a family information session at 9.15am while the students work with the prep teachers. Our current preps have a buddy activity to look forward to on that morning.

Our year 3 and 4 students are looking forward to their sleepover to be held at school on Thursday November 17th. Please keep an eye out for permission notes and information around this. These students are encouraged to be collected from school at 1.30pm on Friday November 18th to go and enjoy some much needed rest! We are also celebrating St Margaret's Day on Wednesday November 16th with a day of activities around our Patron Saint as well as a special pizza lunch. Please let us know of any dietary requirements.

During Term 4, we will begin planning for 2023 class groupings, a process that takes some time, involves consideration of many factors and for which teachers are experienced. Our goal is to create balanced classes, where all students will have the best opportunity to learn. Some of the many things we take into consideration include:

- academic, social and emotional needs
- specific additional needs
- behavioural information
- gender balance
- compatibility of teaching and learning styles
- the desire to create opportunities for students to experience different social opportunities and a broad circle of friends

Our whole school orientation is being held on Tuesday, December 13th. For those families who will be relocating or changing schools in 2023, please let us know as soon as possible in writing, as we currently have a waiting list for many levels.

At the end of the year we are saying farewell to Mitch and Silvia. Mitch has accepted a position at Iona College for 2023 and Silvia has accepted a classroom teacher position at St Joseph's Primary School in Kununurra (WA). Although they will be greatly missed at St Margaret's, we wish them every success in their new adventures.

We are continuing to organise after school care onsite for 2023. It is a long process which we are working through. We continue to be grateful for those staff and parents that walk twice daily to Tate Street.

Wishing you a lovely end of the week and weekend.
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.

October

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| Friday October 14 th | 2023 Prep Orientation Session 1 |
| Friday October 14 th | Toys Incurion 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 |
| Thursday October 27 th | Bravehearts Incurion Prep |
| Friday October 28 th | 2023 Prep Orientation Session 2 |
| Friday October 28 th | Environmental Saviuors Year 6 Port Lonsdale |
| Monday October 31 st | School Closure Day: Staff professional learning |

November

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| 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 |
| Friday November 25 th | Whole School Advent Liturgy 1 |
| November 28 th – Dec 2 nd | 1/2 Swimming Program |
| Tuesday November 29 th | 5 /6 Golf Clinic Monday |
| Wednesday November 30 th | 3/4 Golf Clinic |

December

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| Friday December 2 nd | Assembly – specialist |
| Friday December 2 nd | Whole School Advent Liturgy 2 |
| 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 |
| Friday December 9 th | Whole School Advent Liturgy 3 |
| Monday December 12 th | Whole School Beach Excursion |
| Monday December 12 th | Reports released too parents |
| 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 | End of Year Assembly & Graduation Liturgy 11.45am |
| Wednesday December 14 th | Yr 6 Graduation LUNCH |
| Thursday December 15 th | Last Day Term 4 Early Finish 1.30pm |

Term 1, 2023 Beginning of the year for students - Monday January 30th

School Community News

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The students enrolled to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year will begin their preparation soon.

The Sacrament on Reconciliation will be held in the multi-purpose room on Thursday, November 10th, at 9.15am. Now that restrictions have eased, we warmly welcome parents to attend their child's First Reconciliation, if you are able.

A preparation night will be held in the multi-purpose room on Tuesday, November 8th at 6.30pm

Feast of St. Margaret



St. Margaret's Day is on November 16th, and we hope you can be a part of the event. We will celebrate our school culture and the positive values the original St. Margaret represented: giving to others, respect for education, and prayer.

Families are invited to attend our whole school prayer liturgy in the morning and / or our shared lunch and afternoon 'relic hunt'. Details to follow in upcoming weeks.

Marg Dunn
Religious Education Leader

I do all my
own stunts,
but never intentionally.

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 Riley

Icy Pole Fridays - 50c each



Money raised goes to help supporting our sister parish in Viqueque, East Timor.



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Year 5/6 Taking Action

For my inquiry task I chose to tackle the issue of the war in Ukraine which is and has been affecting people for years. As part of my investigation, I will be putting seeds of the national flower of Ukraine, which is the sunflower, in the front office next week as part of a fundraising event for Ukraine.

Sunflower seeds are a gold coin donation and all proceeds go to hygiene kits for Ukrainian citizens.

Please give generously.
Jack McIntyre



Upcoming programs the Newcomb Library is running for Mental Health Month

The Mental Health Continuum and Young People: <https://events.grlc.vic.gov.au/event/7122339>

Tuesday 25 October 5:00pm – 6:30pm, Newcomb Library

What is mental health? How do we look after it and how do we talk about it with our young people?

Perinatal Mental Health Week: <https://events.grlc.vic.gov.au/event/7249892>

Tuesday 8 November 10:30am – 12:00pm, Newcomb Library

Heather Gallagher joins us in Perinatal Mental Health week to talk about her picture book:
Happy Pants - Why is Mummy so sad?