



**St. Margaret's**  
Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

*Term Four, Week 4*  
*October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022*

## *From Susan's Desk*

Dear Families,

World Teachers' Day is held internationally on Tuesday October 5<sup>th</sup>. As it falls during the school holidays, in Victoria, we celebrate **World Teachers' Day on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. It is a chance to recognise and celebrate the teachers who are making, or have made, an impact in our lives. On behalf of the St Margaret's community I extended a thank you to all our amazing teaching staff we have at our school. We graciously thank them for their dedication, passion and perseverance, especially over the last few years, in keeping our students on track with their learning.



A reminder that those students receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation have their preparation night on Tuesday November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm. Students are being prepared at school to receive this sacrament, with the evening being an opportunity for families to learn about the sacrament and how this will take place.

The swimming program for our students in years 1-6 will be beginning in mid-November. Please ensure you read the information about this and return the required permission forms. If you would like to help out during this program, especially for our younger students, you must complete the St Margaret's Code of Conduct and return this to the office with a current Working with Childrens Check. We thank those parents who are able to offer assistance to our students during this program.



If you are interested in joining the School Advisory Board for 2023 or know someone who would be good in this role please email me. Positions for Prep, Two, Four & Five are open. We have a representative from each year level on board, and they are asked to advise the principal in the decisions of the school. We usually meet one evening a term. If you would like more information or nominate yourself or another, please contact [sperks@smgeelongeast.com.au](mailto:sperks@smgeelongeast.com.au)

A reminder that Monday October 31<sup>st</sup> is a student free day and Tuesday November 1<sup>st</sup> is the Melbourne Cup public holiday. We hope you enjoy the long weekend with your families.

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**

Thursday October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Bravehearts Incursion Prep
Friday October 28 <sup>th</sup>	2023 Prep Orientation Session 2
Friday October 28 <sup>th</sup>	Environmental Saviours Year 6 Port Lonsdale
Monday October 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>School Closure Day:</b> Staff professional learning

**November**

Tuesday November 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Melbourne Cup Public holiday</b>
Friday November 4 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly – 1/2 presenting
Monday November 7 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 5 & 6 Swimming Program
Tuesday November 8 <sup>th</sup>	Reconciliation Preparation Family Night <b>6.30pm</b>
Wednesday November 9 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 1&2 MOPA Excursion
Thursday November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Sacrament of Reconciliation 9.15am
Monday November 14 <sup>th</sup>	1 /2 Caine's Arcade
Tuesday November 15 <sup>th</sup>	5 /6 Golf Clinics
Tuesday November 15 <sup>th</sup>	School Board 7pm
Wednesday November 16 <sup>th</sup>	St. Margaret's Day with pizza lunch
Thursday November 17 <sup>th</sup> ,	3/4 Sleepover
Friday November 18 <sup>th</sup>	P&F special lunch
Friday November 18 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly – Prep presenting
Monday November 21 <sup>st</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup>	3/4 Swimming Program
Tuesday November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	5 /6 Golf Clinic
Wednesday November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	3 /4 Golf Clinic
Friday November 25 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Advent Liturgy 1 - 9.10am
November 28 <sup>th</sup> – Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1/2 Swimming Program
Tuesday November 29 <sup>th</sup>	5 /6 Golf Clinic Monday
Wednesday November 30 <sup>th</sup>	3/4 Golf Clinic

**December**

Friday December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Assembly – specialist
Friday December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Whole School Advent Liturgy 2 - 9.10am
Monday December 5 <sup>th</sup>	5/6 Excursion Adventure Park
Tuesday December 6 <sup>th</sup>	5/6 Excursion Bounce
Tuesday December 6 <sup>th</sup>	Prep & Yr 6 buddy movie excursion
Thursday December 8 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Christmas Concert 5pm sharp
Friday December 9 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Advent Liturgy 3 - 9.10am
Monday December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Beach Excursion
Monday December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Reports released to parents
Tuesday December 13 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Orientation morning
Tuesday December 13 <sup>th</sup>	2023 Prep Orientation Session 3
Tuesday December 13 <sup>th</sup>	Board Christmas Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday December 14 <sup>th</sup>	End of Year Assembly & Graduation Liturgy 11.45am
Wednesday December 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Yr 6 Graduation LUNCH</b>
Thursday December 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Last Day Term 4 Early Finish 1.30pm</b>

*Term 1, 2023 Beginning of the year for students - Monday January 30<sup>th</sup>*

**Icy Pole Fridays**  
**- 50c each**



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

## School Community News

### **Changes to COVID-19 Isolation Requirements**

The Victorian Government has announced the end of the pandemic declaration and associated pandemic orders. New settings will apply from 11.59 pm on Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Requirements for close contacts, like continually testing negative on a rapid antigen test (RAT), will become strong recommendations – joining the strong recommendation to wear a mask indoors, which will remain in place.

It is strongly recommended that **students:**

- who test positive for COVID-19 should stay home and isolate for five days
- should not attend school after five days if still symptomatic
- who are symptomatic but have not tested positive should not attend school.

Where **students** become symptomatic at school, they should:

- be collected by their parents/carers
- undergo testing for COVID-19.
- It is strongly recommended that **staff:**
- who test positive for COVID-19 should stay home and isolate for five days
- should not attend school after five days if still symptomatic
- who are symptomatic but have not tested positive should not attend school.

### **COVID-19 Reporting Requirements**

- The Department of Health recommends that a person who tests positive for COVID-19 should inform those with whom they have recently been in contact, including their workplace, school and household.
- Schools are therefore asked to continue reporting positive COVID-19 cases to Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS).

You no longer have to alert your school communities of positive cases.

#### **Face masks**

- Staff and students who wish to wear a face mask should be supported to do so, and schools should continue to make face masks available for staff, students and visitors.
- The Department of Health recommends that masks should be worn by a person who is a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 when leaving home.

Additionally, the department recommends that masks should be worn by a person who has COVID-19 for 10 days after a positive test when they need to leave home.

## **St. Margaret's Day**

It's time to celebrate our school! St. Margaret's Day is on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 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.

As part of remembering St. Margaret's commitment to giving to others, we have a whole school collection of non-perishable foods that we can pass on. Examples could include cereals, pasta, dried or tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, packets of biscuits, canned goods, beverages like tea or coffee.

***Please send these items along to school on or before Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.***



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**From Molly and Elizabeth's Desk.**

**Student News**

In 3/4 we did not get to go to the Geelong Show so we recreated the Geelong show in 3/4. In JB we made a show bag. In MD MDJ we made a ferris wheel and in LC we made juggling balls and played with ping pong balls and cups.

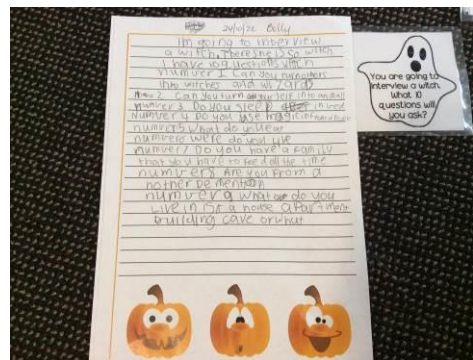
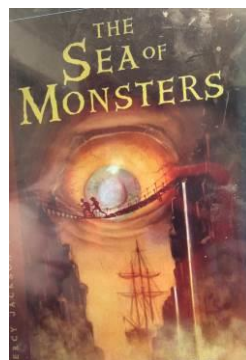
5/6 have been doing inventions. In reading they have been reading Percy Jackson. Percy Jackson is a Greek hero in a book. The 5/6s have been writing Halloween stories. They have to do a lucky dip for what they write about.

In maths 1/2s have been doing fractions and shapes. In writing they have been doing persuasive writing. For some activities they have been doing little learners. They had a toy incursion.

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From Molly Herwynen and Elizabeth Mendiola





# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## ST MARGARET'S P&F

We were so excited to kick off Term 4 with our sausage sizzle special lunch for a great cause - the Feed Geelong Appeal. It was great to see our own community get behind an incredible fundraiser for our wider Geelong community. We raised \$500 on the day which was matched by the Feed Geelong Appeal Giving Partners to create a \$1000 donation! A big thank you to Bakers Delight Newcomb for the donation of all the bread on the day. An amazing supporter of our school this year.

We are looking forward to our next special lunch on Friday, November 18th with Hot Dogs and as always we will be looking for helpers on the day for a couple of hours if you are free.

With the end of term fast approaching planning is well underway for our Christmas concert, with some special surprises in store for the kids. We are hopping to run a sausage sizzle and icy pole stand on the night (in addition to family's BYO picnic) and would love some helpers to man the BBQ etc. We anticipate these will be super short shifts to ensure everyone gets to relax and enjoy the show!

And, in the giving spirit of St Margaret, we are planning on running a reverse advent calendar in each classroom later this term with donations of non-perishable items for those that are able to do so, more details on this to come soon.

We have had a fantastic year of events where our community has been able to come back together again. We are planning on wrapping up our P&F year with a catch up and a drink with parents and staff at Limeburners on Friday December 2nd. We are hoping to plan some more incredible events for next year. If you have any great ideas we would love to see you at our next P&F meeting on Wednesday 9th November at 6.30pm (at school).

### Feed Geelong Appeal raises \$57,000 to go towards G21 food insecurity



St Margaret's Primary School in East Geelong held a sausage sizzle on Friday (October 14) and raised \$500 for the Appeal. Photos: SUPPLIED

BY NATHAN RIVALLAND

THE Give Where You Live Foundation's 2022 Feed Geelong Appeal has raised more than \$65,000 to help fight hunger and food insecurity in the Geelong community.

Beginning on October 10 and culminating on World Food Day on Sunday October 16, the week-long appeal aimed to support the 53,000 families and individuals in the Geelong region who have needed food assistance in the past 12 months.

The theme of this year's World Food Day is 'Leave NO ONE behind' and raised awareness that although the population has made progress towards building a better world, too many people have been left behind.

With the demand for food relief being on the rise, Give Where You Live

Foundation CEO Bill Milten said he was very grateful for the community generosity during the campaign.

"Thank you to everyone who supported the 2022 Feed Geelong Appeal, we're thrilled to share it raised over \$65,000 to support food relief agencies across the region," he said.

"The Feed Geelong Appeal provides the opportunity for everyone to help make sure nobody in our community goes hungry.

"The funds raised will stay in the G21 region to support families and individuals who need help to put food on the table for their family."

Milten said the immense support from individuals and local businesses during the appeal will play a vital role in helping address food security within the region.

"We can't undertake the work we

do without the generous support of our community," Milten said.

"This includes more than 40 local businesses and their employees who participated in Brown Paper Bag Day and donated their lunch or coffee money on October 14 and also included 8-year-old Elena who instead of using her Tooth Fairy money to buy a toy or something for herself, donated it to the Feed Geelong Appeal."

Milten also thanked local appeal partners including Group Digital for donating \$5 for every social media post using the #FeedGeelong hashtag as well as match giving partners The Mulberry Group, Visa Energy and The Golden.

To learn more about the impact of the Feed Geelong Appeal, visit [www.feedgeelong.com.au](http://www.feedgeelong.com.au) or Give Where You Live Foundation [www.givewhereyoulive.com.au](http://www.givewhereyoulive.com.au)

THANK YOU SO MUCH

TERM FOUR  
P&F  
CALENDAR

Friday, Nov 18th- Hot Dog Day

December 1st - Reverse Advent Calendar Boxes Arrive

Friday, December 2nd - P&F & Staff Break up

Thursday, December 8th - Christmas Concert

MEETING

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT  
P&F MEETING  
& HELP PLAN THE  
REMAINING EVENTS FOR  
TERM 4  
WED NOV 9TH 6.30PM  
STAFF ROOM

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

ST MARGARET'S P&F



**SPECIAL LUNCH  
HOT DOG DAY**

Friday 18th  
November

**CAN YOU HELP OUT ON  
THE DAY?  
12-2PM**



Tis the season to be jolly

## REVERSE ADVENT

This year the St Margaret's P&F in conjunction with Reverse Advent Calendar Geelong are delivering boxes to all classrooms to fill with food and Christmas cheer.

We ask that all families who are able to help fill the boxes by sending along some thoughtful items to be included in your classroom reverse advent box.

You can also do your own family box and deliver it to school for us to pass on. Just let us know if you would like a box.

How does it work?

A Reverse Advent Calendar begins as an empty box. For 20 days in the lead up to Christmas you place one item (non-perishable food and toiletries) into the box. After 20 days your filled Reverse Advent Calendar is then taken to the Salvation Army where it is distributed to people in our immediate community who are experiencing food insecurity.



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## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

BUY A SAUSAGE OR BYO PICNIC

9TH DECEMBER

5PM

SPECIAL PERFORMANCES FROM ALL YEAR LEVELS

### MERRY CHRISTMAS

A VISIT FROM SANTA • BBQ • COLOURING STATION • ICY POLES • REINDEER FOOD • PLUS LOTS MORE

CASH ONLY - SAUSAGES \$2.50 • ICY POLES .50C • REINDEER FOOD .50C



SHOP LOCAL

## Bakers Delight

Newcomb Store

Newcomb Central, Bellarine Highway

10% OFF\*

\*POP IN TO SEE NIKKI AND HER TEAM & LET THEM KNOW YOU'RE FROM ST MARGARET'S PS! OFFER VALID THIS NOVEMBER