



**St. Margaret's**  
Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

**Term Four, Week 6**  
**November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

## ***From Susan's Desk***

Dear Families,

On Thursday many of our Year 3 students received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. We pray for these students as they reflect on times when they did not live as Jesus asked them and learn the power of forgiveness. Thank you to their teachers for preparing them for this sacrament and to Marg for the organisation of this sacrament.

Marg and I will take our Year 6 leaders to Mass at St Mary's this Friday November 11<sup>th</sup> for the Remembrance Day Mass. Our students will represent our school at this Mass and lay a wreath as we remember the sacrifice so many have made for this country. Those at school will also observe a minute's silence at 11am.

Our staffing for 2023 is almost complete. We will announce a full list of our 2023 staff in the coming weeks. I would like to welcome Jaki Groves to the St Margaret's community. Jaki will be our 2023 Literacy Leader. She brings to our community a wealth of knowledge and expertise in literacy and will work closely with staff and students to enable our literacy results to continually improve. We welcome her to our school and to our leadership team.

We also welcome Emma Badr and Laura Doran to our 2023 teaching team. Emma will be sharing a class with Ana in 2023. We are excited to welcome her back to St Margaret's. Laura will be part of our 5 / 6 team and brings much experience with her to our community. Laura is originally from the UK and has experience teaching overseas and most recently spent time teaching in Point Cook. We are excited to have Laura join us in 2023.

A reminder to our Year 6 families to return their RSVPs for the graduation lunch as soon as possible for catering purposes. Much thought and planning has gone into this event to ensure it is a very special celebration for our students and their families. With the easing of covid restrictions it is wonderful to welcome our families on site to share this event which is solely dedicated to our Year 6 students and their time at St Margaret's. With the current industrial action around the Enterprise Bargaining Agreement we are fortunate that this event can still take place due to the generosity of our staff.

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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.

With hay fever season upon us, a reminder that if your child requires any medication to be administered at school please ensure a **Medical Management Plan** is signed by your child's medical practitioner. Parents/legal guardians must also complete a **Medical Authority Form**. We can no longer administer medication without both of these documents being completed in full - this includes both over the counter or prescription medication. Please note that an 'in date' Anaphylaxis Plan and Asthma Management Plan signed by your child's health practitioner **does** replace a Medical management plan.

Enjoy the sunshine!  
Susan

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*Calendar of Events**Term 4**November*

Friday November 11 <sup>th</sup>	School Leaders at Remembrance Mass at Basilica
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>*



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## Religious Education News

Loving God,

Help us to teach our children that You love us  
all totally and unconditionally.

Guide us to model for them how to grow in  
love each day.

May we lead by example, in our words and  
actions

Showing kindness and forgiveness and teaching  
the value of a genuine 'I'm sorry.'

You always forgive. May we, as parents of our  
precious children.

Be always ready to forgive and offer a fresh  
start.

Remind us to pray with our children and to  
share our faith with them as we journey  
together.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

## RECONCILIATION

We ask your prayers for this year's  
Reconciliation students:



Frankie	Xavier	Thomas	Airlia	Ruby
Jai	Lachy	Liam	Elizabeth	Jonathan
Izak	Lili	Isabelle	Asha	Lenny
Ivy	Chloe	Willow	Miller	Zac W
Rylan	Lylah	Alyssa	Pearl	Lorenzo
Freya	Alex L	Maeve	Jack H	Jake

## St Margaret's Day Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>

We will celebrate our school culture and the positive values the original St. Margaret represented: giving to others, respect for education, and prayer. You're welcome to join us in the former church at 9.10 to begin our day with prayer.

★ All students and attendees are welcome to wear 'a touch of tartan' in recognition of our namesake Saint Margaret, Queen of Scotland. This could be tartan ribbon, bow, beret, socks, scarf or even a kilt (if there's one in the family!)

★ As part of remembering St. Margaret's commitment to giving to others, we will 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>.***

*If you are able to join us for lunch, please return the form below,  
or alternatively email Libby or Anne or ring the office.*

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Please return this on or before November 11<sup>th</sup> to help us with catering

I / we would like to attend the St. Margaret's Day lunch

Name or names .....  
(no need to include the names of the school students)



***Western Metropolitan Region Athletics***

A big congratulations to Mia Mason and Tommy Higgins for participating in the Western Metropolitan Region Athletics last Tuesday, 18th October. We are very proud of your determination and great achievements on the day.



***Division Basketball Championships***

We cannot be more proud of our girls! 9 girls from year 5 and 6 went to compete in the Division Basketball Championships Thursday 13th October. I believed that morning we would get through this indoor event despite the weather without any significant dramas, famous last words. Due to the roof leaking and the courts being closed officially, we could only play against 2 schools. I would like to thank the students for being patient and understanding when the event was halted halfway through the program.

Their competitiveness, persistence and sportsmanship was admirable during the games they played. Well done to these fabulous students who proudly represented St Margaret's at the Basketball Championships!

Thank you families for assisting and cheering for all the basketball players.

Silvia Espachs





## School Community News

### Halloween Buddy Fun



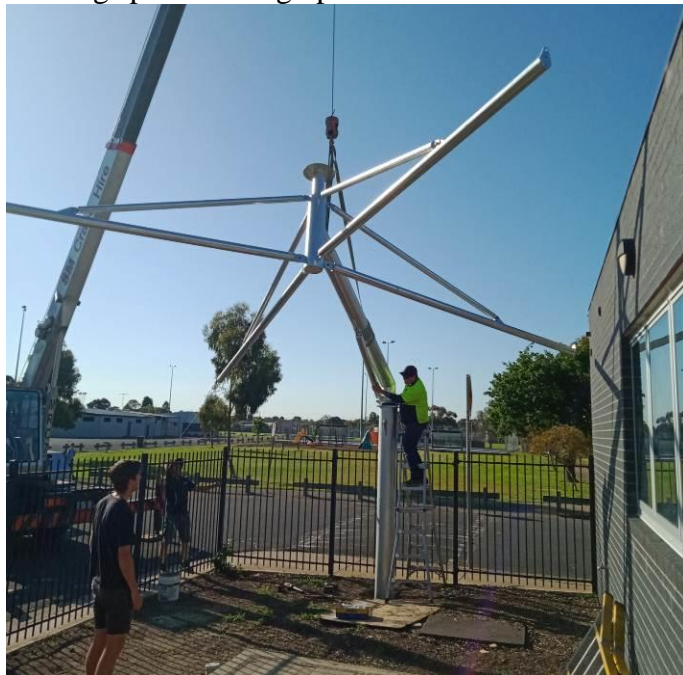
### Icy Pole Fridays - 50c each



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

### At Last!

Our new shade sail is installed. One outdoor learning space coming up!



**FREE**

**JUNIOR FOOTBALL AND  
NETBALL  
MEMBERSHIPS AND  
EQUIPMENT!**

### CONTACT US

Thomson Football and Netball Club

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Thomson Tigers

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## ST MARGARET'S P&F

As we head into our second special lunch for the term, we are excited to get behind Ned's amazing run for mens mental health. Such an incredible effort for a worthwhile cause!

Just a reminder our next meeting has been rescheduled to Monday 14th November (at school), if anyone has any ideas for some great initiatives in 2023 please come along and let us know.

And as always, we love seeing lots of new faces helping out heading into the busy part of term 4. We have some great volunteering opportunities with the Christ church breakfast and would appreciate any help that can be provided for our hot dog special lunch on Friday 18th November(12-2pm).

We have some great activities and food options planned for the Christmas concert, any help that can be provided on the night would be fantastic!

### TERM FOUR P&F CALENDAR

**Friday 18th Nov - Hot Dog Day (HELPERS NEEDED)**

**December 1st - Reverse Advent Calendar  
Boxes Arrive - Information will be headed home soon.**

**Friday 2nd December- Join parents and staff for a Christmas get together. Limeburners 6.30pm**

**Thursday 8th December - Christmas Concert**

- We are looking for helpers to cook the BBQ, sell icy poles etc. If you can offer some assistance please put your name down at the office. Many hands make light work.



"I'm running 60m for every  
\$1 donated around the  
school cross country track"

**SCAN  
ME**

**TO DONATE**



[www.movember.com](http://www.movember.com)



THE P&F ARE IN NEED OF SOME

# Glitter

IF YOU HAVE SOME YOU CAN DONATE PLEASE DROP IT  
INTO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

*Thank you!*

MEETING

**CHANGE OF DATE  
MONDAY 14TH NOVEMBER  
6.30PM  
SCHOOL STAFF ROOM**



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

ST MARGARET'S P&F

**SPECIAL LUNCH  
HOT DOG DAY**

**ORDERS DUE  
FRIDAY 11TH**

Friday 18th  
November

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



*The parents & friends have been lucky enough to be invited along to help out St Margaret's staff and teachers serve coffee and breakfast to people in need.*

*What's involved?*

*Fortnightly Friday Shifts 7am -9am*

- Make coffee/tea/milo in take away cups*
- Offer a toasted sandwich/ piece of fruit/ pastry or cake*
- Say "Have a good day"*

*If you would like to pop your name on the roster please text Bethany on 0468916215*

*If you wish to bring along one of your older children with you to come help you are more than welcome.*

*Last week Miller Young joined LSO's Annette & Marie.*



ST MARGARET'S  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

**CHRISTMAS  
CONCERT**

BUY A  
SAUSAGE  
OR  
BYO PICNIC

5PM

**8TH DECEMBER**

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

# School Fees

In accepting enrolment at St Margaret's it is an expectation that families pay school fees. These contributions help to supplement funding the school receives from State and Federal Government Grants.

## School Fees for 2023

The Family Fee:	\$1,550.00	per family
Building Levy:	\$ 200.00	per family
Student Levy:	\$ 200.00	per Student
Camp Levy:	\$ 180.00	Year 5 & 6 Students
ICT Levy	\$ 50.00	Year 3 – 6 Students

Payment due dates and amounts are as follows.

Term	Due Date	1 child	2 children	3children	4 Children
1	24 <sup>th</sup> February	487.50	537.50	587.50	637.50
2	26 <sup>th</sup> May	487.50	537.50	587.50	637.50
3	25 <sup>th</sup> August	487.50	537.50	587.50	637.50
4	27 <sup>th</sup> October	487.50	537.50	587.50	637.50

## The above amounts do not include the Camp or ICT Levies

A statement will be sent out each term and we ask that all fees be finalised by

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October.**

Fees can be paid by the following methods:

- Internet banking: BSB: 083347 Account: 658335261  
Reference: Family name & Initial or Account Code
- At the school office by EFTPOS

Parents who are Health Care Card Holders may be eligible for a rebate. Please contact the office for more information.

Please do not hesitate to make contact with the school if you have any concerns regarding payments.





9<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents of St Margaret's Primary School,

### **KELLY CLUB OSHC AT ST MARGARET'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Kelly Club is very excited to announce we will start operating a Before School Care and After School Care program at St Margaret's Primary School in Term 1 2023.

Kelly Club provides OSHC before and after-school care programmes throughout Victoria. Our aim is to provide not just 'a childcare facility', but to create a safe environment where children can have fun and benefit from in a number of ways.

Kelly Club is closely aligned with Kelly Sports. Kelly Sports has been providing a range of curricular and extra-curricular sporting programmes for children in Australia since 1994.

Our OSHC programmes are focused on sports, cooking, art and craft activities as well as structured 'free-time' around a busy day at school. These activities are incorporated into themed subjects each week that give children the opportunity to extend their learning outside of the school classroom. We believe it is important that children get the opportunity to enjoy play and engage with friends, while being under the supervision of quality staff, during out of school care programmes.

### **Typical Day at Kelly Club After-School Care Programme**

**3.20pm** Children arrive and find a small activity to do before afternoon tea

**3.30pm** Daily plan explained to the children

**3.35pm** Afternoon Tea

**3.45pm - 4.45pm** Structured themed activity; craft, cooking, or sports based

**4.45pm** Structured Free Play

**5.00pm** Snack time

**5.10 - 6.00pm** Structured free time (e.g. homework, read a book, board games, play outside)

We are thrilled about this new opportunity, attached is an information brochure about the Kelly Club Program. We look forward to working with the parents, children, and community of St Margaret's Primary School.

If you would like to register you can contact us directly on the details below or if you would like further information about Kelly Club you can refer to our website [www.kellyclub.com.au](http://www.kellyclub.com.au).

### **Kelly Club Contact Details**

Email - [stmargarets@kellycluboshc.com.au](mailto:stmargarets@kellycluboshc.com.au)

To Enrol please call - (03) 9384 2204

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Managing Director  
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### Staff qualifications, certifications & responsibilities:

- Studying towards or have completed a Diploma or higher qualification in the education sector
- Hold a right to work with children check such as WWCC
- Enthusiastic and passionate about providing engaging activities
- Planning and preparation of innovative activities, so kids want to come back for more
- Excellent supervision and safety of the kids in our care

### Staff are also required to obtain:

- Level Two first aid training
- Anaphylaxis training
- Aulima training



## BOOKING

### Beforecare

**Per child, 7:00am - 8:30am**

**\$19.00 Permanent \$21.00 Casual**

### Aftercare

**Per child, 3:20pm - 6:00pm**

**\$25.00 Permanent \$27.00 Casual**

A form must be completed for each child. You can do this online.

Programme fees will not be charged if a child is away from Aftercare as long as you notify us 24 hours prior. We accept casual bookings, so there is no minimum number of days you must book.

### CCS (Childcare Subsidies)

Your family can enjoy up to an 85% reduction in Kelly Club fees – depending on factors like combined family income, activity test, and service type. The subsidy is paid directly to Kelly Club and will be passed on to eligible families as a fee reduction.

Additional subsidies – up to 100% – may also be available depending on your situation, including if you are studying, experiencing financial hardship, starting a new business, or are a grandparent with custody of your grandchild. Visit [www.my.gov.au](http://www.my.gov.au) for further information.

### TO BOOK:

**Contact:** Emma Fleming

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**Phone:** 03 9384 2204

**Facebook:** @KellyClubAustralia



**KELLY CLUB**

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PROGRAMME  
SUBSIDIES  
AVAILABLE!



## ST MARGARET'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

### WE OFFER:

- Onsite programmes
- A safe and supportive environment
- Trained and experienced staff
- Structured activities
- Relaxed chill-out time
- Yummy, healthy food
- Fun, fun and more fun

**SPORTS**

**COOKING**

**ART**

**GAMES**

**+ MORE**



**FOR INFORMATION OR TO BOOK ONLINE**

[www.kellyclub.com.au](http://www.kellyclub.com.au)



## School Community News

# ARCADE FUN 2022

As part of the Yr 1-2 inquiry investigations about toys they will be having an Arcade Fun morning. Students from Prep to Yr 6 are invited to participate with their class and are asked to bring along a gold coin donation to support Geelong Mums.

When: Monday 14th November [Wk7]

Where: Multi Purpose Room

Any pre loved children's clothing donations from families are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the office.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity



## An Advent Reflection with Maria Forde



*"Let's approach Christmas with an expectant hush, rather than a last-minute rush"*

You are invited to join singer-songwriter and presenter Maria Forde for a beautiful evening of musical reflection in preparation for the Holy Season of Advent.

As a community, we will reflect upon the meaning of Advent and how we can prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ.

Join us in prayer, scripture, and conversation. Enjoy reflection, live music, sacred space, and a catch up with parishioners.

## Parish Advent Reflection with Maria Forde

You are invited to join singer-songwriter and presenter Maria Forde for a beautiful evening of musical reflection in preparation for the Holy Season of Advent.

As a community, we will reflect upon the meaning of Advent and how we can prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ. Join us in prayer, scripture, and conversation. Enjoy reflection, live music, sacred space, and a catch up with parishioners.

Date: Wednesday November 30<sup>th</sup>.

We will have a Light Supper and socializing up in the Pioneer Room at 6.00pm (please bring a plate to share) and the Advent Reflection over in the Basilica at 7.00pm.

Cost will be \$5.00pp for the performance.

Absolutely everyone is invited & welcome to attend.

Payments can be made at the Parish Office (150 Yarra St, Geelong), prior to the event, and will be accepted at the door on the night.





# THIS MOVEMBER **RUN NED, RUN!**

"I'm running 60m for every \$1 donated around the school cross country track"



## **MY MOTIVATION**

Globally, the rate of suicide is alarmingly high, particularly in men. We lose 60 men to suicide globally every hour. Too many men are 'toughing it out', keeping their feelings to themselves and struggling in silence.

We need to normalise speaking up when we are struggling for our young people. As 60 is such a significant number (and I already have a questionable moustache), for every \$1 donated I will run 60 metres. This will be done around the cross country track at my school during recess and lunch to encourage discussion and the importance of speaking up within the school community.



**Join the Movember conversation!  
And donate to Ned's Run for Men's  
Mental Health**

[https://au.movember.com/mospace/14824824?mc=1&utm\\_medium=share&utm\\_source=dynamic&utm\\_campaign=copy-clipboard](https://au.movember.com/mospace/14824824?mc=1&utm_medium=share&utm_source=dynamic&utm_campaign=copy-clipboard)

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ME**   
**TO DONATE**

