



**St. Margaret's**  
Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

**Term Four, Week 8**  
**November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

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

Dear Families,

We have had some wonderful community events over the past few weeks. Our whole school celebrated St Margaret's Day with many activities teaching us about our Patron Saint as well as the opportunity to share a meal together with our classmates. Our donations to the Parish Pantry were greatly appreciated and I thank our school community for their overwhelming generosity. Thank you to Marg for taking the time to organise this school event.

Our generosity was again seen through the donations of our Yr 1 / 2 students to Geelong Mums. The Arcade morning was a highlight for many with the games showing true imagination and some real skill needed! Thank you to our 1 / 2 teachers for guiding our students through this inquiry unit.

We also had our Year 3 / 4 sleep over! These students had a great evening of games and movie watching. Although little sleep was had, students and staff enjoyed this night. A huge thank you to our staff who took time away from their families to allow our students to have this experience.

The following weeks continue to be busy as we lead up to the end of the year. Please take the time to read the correspondence from school to ensure you are kept up to date with all that is going on.

Sadly, we farewell Deb Saba in 2023. Deb has played a pivotal role in our literacy intervention this year. Her expertise in this area will be missed by many and we thank her for all she has contributed to St Margaret's and the many students she has supported. We wish Deb well in her next venture.

I am excited to announce that our re-imagined school website is up and running. Please take the time to take a look and share this out to our wider community.

<https://www.smgeelongeast.catholic.edu.au/>

The construction of the outdoor classroom is also due to start. The gates near the playground will be used to access the school once construction begins.

From Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> I will be on leave. I have had this approved before my time at St Margaret's and I am taking some time to celebrate both my daughter's graduations from Year 12 and University. Rosa will be acting in my place so please see her if needed. I look forward to being back on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> ready for our Christmas concert. An outline of this evening is in this newsletter.

Enjoy your 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.



Teach your kids to stand up for the underdog and to protect their friends when they're down. Remind them that it's okay to not always be the cool kid and that being different is a gift. Instill in them that being kind is always better than being cool.

- @mammydearcritic



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

### November

Friday November 25<sup>th</sup>  
November 28<sup>th</sup> – Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Tuesday November 29<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday November 30<sup>th</sup>  
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Whole School Advent Liturgy 1 - 11.40am  
1/2 Swimming Program  
5 /6 Golf Clinic Monday  
3/4 Golf Clinic  
**Last Day for Yr 6 Graduation RSVPs**

### December

Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
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Monday December 5<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup>  
Friday December 9<sup>th</sup>  
Monday December 12<sup>th</sup>  
Monday December 12<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup>  
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Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup>

Whole School Advent Liturgy 2 - 11.40am  
Return of all library books  
Assembly – specialist  
5/6 Excursion Adventure Park  
5/6 Excursion Bounce  
Prep & Yr 6 buddy movie excursion  
Whole School Christmas Concert 5pm sharp  
Whole School Advent Liturgy 3 - 11.40am  
Whole School Beach Excursion  
Reports released to parents  
Whole School Orientation morning  
2023 Prep Orientation Session 3  
Board Christmas Meeting 6.30pm  
End of Year Assembly & Graduation Liturgy 11.45am  
**Yr 6 Graduation LUNCH**  
**Last Day Term 4 Early Finish 1.30pm**

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

Did you know ...

in one year, a running tap can fill over 4 backyard pools?

Please remember to turn off our drinking taps after use.



### COVID Update

As we are seeing an increased number of students presenting with COVID, we are encouraging all students to administer a RAT test each week. If your child is unwell we ask that they stay home from school. Masks are encouraged to be worn by parents onsite if social distancing cannot be maintained.

Thank you for your support as we try to reduce the spread of illness.

### Library Books

Please have a hunt in bedrooms, bags, shelves and common areas for any books belonging to the school. All library books are due to be returned on Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup>.



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## Religious Education News

### Saint Margaret's Day

Thanks to all for a wonderful celebration of Saint Margaret's Day.

The students were:

- Prayerful at our Liturgy in the former church
- Interested and involved in learning about the origins of their Sport House Colours
- Outstanding in their artistic efforts in the Portrait Competition and crown making
- Appreciative of their pizza and icy pole lunch.
- Frenetic in their search for clues in the Relic Hunt!

So many wonderful entries were produced for the portrait competition it was an excruciating task to choose winners! All portraits have been placed in a slide show featured on screen in the school office as well as a Prep gallery outside their classrooms. Winning portraits will be featured in frames at the front of the school and rotated over time.



Mia Wootten's Saint Margaret Portrait

*Dear Saint Margaret of Scotland*

*pray for us.*

*May we always care for those around us.*

*May we be generous with our time and our talents.*

*May we always treasure our families.*

*May we pray often for ourselves and for others.*

*May we value our education and make the most of our time at school.*

*We ask that the spirit of Saint Margaret be always a presence and influence in our lives.*

*Amen*

### Advent Liturgy

Each week on the Friday before the Sundays of Advent, our school will gather for a short prayer to reflect on the coming of Jesus at Christmas. These will be held under the playground tree (weather permitting) at **11.40am** on Fridays (previously advertised as being at 9.10 – sorry for the necessary change of time)



## *School Community News*

### *Program for the Christmas Concert*

Please note times are approximate only and may change.

Please arrive at 5pm for a 5.15 SHARP starting time.

5.15 pm  
Prep

5.30 pm  
Years 1 / 2

5.55 pm  
Year 3 / 4

6.20 pm  
Years 5 / 6

6.45 pm  
Arrival of special guest

\*Please note - the  
playground is not to be  
accessed during the  
evening.

\*Some food items for  
sale from the P&F.  
Information below.

\*BYO picnic.



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

### *Little Malop Street Christmas Tree*

Once again St Margaret's students have been busy designing a wonderful Christmas tree to brighten up Little Malop Street mall in central Geelong.

The final 4 design winners were:

- \* Mia Mason - Pop Art
- \* Jai Power – Fireworks
- \* Archer McIntouch - Spongebob Squarepants
- \* Philly Coumans - National Flags

Thank you to all the students that helped make this year's tree AMAZING!  
It is on display in Little Malop Street Geelong CBD from November until January.





# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## ST MARGARET'S P&F

With the end of the year fast approaching, the P&F are in full swing planning some fun activities and stalls for the Christmas Concert, and a great wrap up to the year for the grown ups with our P&F Drinks/Catchup.

We are also pleased to announce that as a result of our community's amazing fundraising efforts this year through the Trivia night, special lunches, bake sale and more, we have donated \$7000 to the development and fit-out of our outdoor classroom! It is anticipated this space will be completed by the end of the year. Make sure to pop by the back gate and have a look at this great space for the children to use in 2023.

As always, we are looking for a few volunteers for the concert to help with set up, pack up, manning the BBQ/Drinks station, selling icy poles/reindeer food, and for the creative helpers - creating a super fun balloon backdrop for some great Christmas pics on the night. Please see the volunteer sheet attached and contact Anne/Libby in the office to pop your name in an allocated spot.

We will also have a very special guest popping by at the end of the night to surprise the children. One you don't want to miss!

We are so excited to wrap up a cracking P&F year, full of amazing community catch ups and fundraising with our P&F drinks at Limeburner's on Friday 2nd December, please see RSVP details below. Lots of grown ups looking forward to a drink and a catch up to celebrate all being together in 2022.

### CLASS OF 2022



#### HELPERS NEEDED

CAN YOU HELP OUT?

WEDNESDAY 14TH  
DECEMBER

GRADE 6 GRADUATION  
PLEASE POP YOUR NAME DOWN  
AT THE OFFICE.

### OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

*THE P&F HAVE  
CONTRIBUTED  
\$7000 TOWARDS  
OUR NEW  
OUTDOOR  
CLASSROOM*

*Thank  
you*



### **HOT DOG DAY!**

A huge thank you to everyone involved in putting together another successful special lunch.

We are proud to have been able raise funds to go towards Ned's Movember run for men's mental health. Stay tuned for the final tally.



### Christmas Raffle



### COMING SOON!

★ Raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Concert.

★ TICKETS WILL BE SENT HOME ASAP!

*IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE AN  
AMAZING YEAR!*



### *END OF YEAR DRINKS @ LIMEBURNERS*

**Friday 2nd December  
6.30pm**

PLEASE RSVP 29TH NOVEMBER  
NICOLE: 0412557233



Tis the season to be jolly

# **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

## Reverse Advent Calendar

**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 want to help families throughout Geelong feel compassion and kindness this Christmas.**

**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.**

### **How can you help?**

**Send along items/s to put in the box to help another family this Christmas. Please see suggestions below.**

**Jar fruit, canned meals, dried fruit, nuts, crackers, biscuits, juice, tea, coffee, milo, peanut butter, Vegemite, jam, rice, pasta, noodles, pasta sauce, cereal, pancake mix, maple syrup, muesli bars, shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, tissues, toilet paper, treat food, chips, chocolate & Christmas items.**

**WARM GREETINGS  
FROM THE P&F COMMITTEE.**



**ST MARGARETS P&F**  
*Christmas concert volunteers*

4-5pm (setup)	5-6pm	6-7pm	7-7.30pm (pack up)
<b>BBQ/Drinks</b> Cooking BBQ from approx. 4.30pm 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____	<b>BBQ/Drinks</b> 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____	<b>BBQ/Drinks</b> 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____	<b>BBQ/Drinks</b> 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____
<b>Icy Poles/Treats</b> 1 _____ 2 _____	<b>Icy Poles/Treats</b> 1 _____ 2 _____	<b>Icy Poles/Treats</b> 1 _____ 2 _____	<b>Icy Poles/Treats</b> 1 _____ 2 _____
<b>Colouring Station</b> 1 _____ 2 _____	We are also looking for some crafty volunteers to help create a fun photo back drop during the school day on Thursday 8th.		<b>Colouring Station</b> 1 _____ 2 _____

Dear St Margaret's Primary School,  
I am pleased to announce the Big Summer Read is taking place at Newcomb Library these summer holidays!

The Big Summer Read aims to arrest the 'summer slide' by engaging children and their families in a fun and dynamic campaign through public libraries, supported with resources such as a user-friendly website, posters, reading logs and milestone incentives. A competitive element with a statewide prize provides added incentive for participation. Distinctive state-wide branding encourages participation in the program, whether children are at home or on holidays elsewhere in Victoria.

The Big Summer Read runs from 1 December 2022 until 31 January 2023. To register and for terms and conditions please see

<https://www.grlc.vic.gov.au/big-summer-read>

Or <https://www.plv.org.au/projects/big-summer-read/>

**Laura Farrington**  
Children's & Youth Services Librarian

**JOIN.  
BORROW.  
READ. WIN!**

Register at <https://plv.beanstack.org>  
or visit your local public library  
to find out more...

Public Libraries Victoria  
slay  
Borrow Box  
VICTORIA State Government





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

Jeff Fleming  
Managing Director  
Kelly Club Australia  
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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
- Asthma 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

**Email:** [stmargarets@kellyclubboshc.com.au](mailto:stmargarets@kellyclubboshc.com.au)

**Phone:** 03 9384 2204

**Facebook:** @KellyClubAustralia



**KELLY CLUB**

**CCS**  
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)



# 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)

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

**SCAN  
ME**   
**TO DONATE**





## An Advent Reflection with Maria Forde

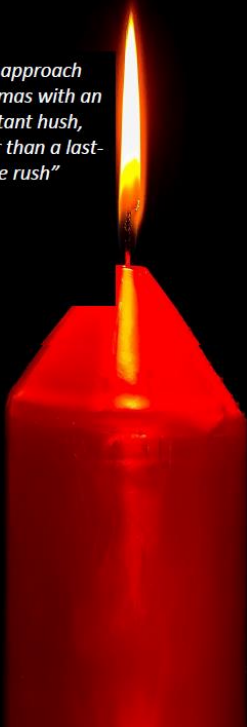


*"Let's approach Christmas with an expectant hush, rather than a last-minute rush"*

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.

# *Certificate of Appreciation*

## **St Margaret's Primary School**

For Outstanding Service to St Mary's Parish Pantry



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Allan Reeve'.

Allan Reeve  
Pantry Co-ordinator

