



St. Margaret's  
Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

Term Four, Week 11  
December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

*From Susan's Desk*

*Leadership and Management News*



Dear Families,

This is the final newsletter for 2022, a year that yet again didn't quite go to plan. Despite the challenges of 2022, we have so much to be grateful for.

Thank you to our staff. I feel very fortunate to have become part of the St Margaret's community and be surrounded by teachers and support staff who continually put our students first and commit to providing a welcoming, positive, supportive and engaging learning environment for our students. They continue to embrace every challenge and see it as an opportunity to improve and achieve.

Thank you to the members of the 2022 School Advisory Board; Luke Jackson, Amy Bennett, Bridgitte Burns, Nicole Noonan, Megan English, Anna Maher and Gerard Tagnon. The school community thanks you for your time and dedication to St Margaret's.

Thank you also to the Parents and Friends Committee, who continued to raise an incredible amount of money for our school. The special lunches are always a highlight and the cake stall, Footy Day and Christmas Concert have been successes of 2022. Their constant support and willingness to help out reflects the true spirit of the St Margaret's community.

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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.

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## *Leadership and Management News*

Thank you to those parents that walked our students to and from Tate Street. Your assistance ensured that after school care could continue to be offered to these families. Without your support this may not have been possible. Nicole Noonan, Kate Horton, Lucie Herwynen, Sarah Hanan, Natalie Hearsch, Linda Foley and Rebecca Harpur we are so grateful for your time and your willingness to help out.

Congratulations to the Year 6 students who graduated on Wednesday. They have had the opportunity to celebrate at Adventure Park, Bounce and at the movies with their prep buddies. The Graduation Liturgy and lunch on Wednesday was a wonderful way to reflect on their time here at St Margaret's and a truly special way for these students to farewell our school community. Thank you to the staff for preparing this event and to the P&F support on the day. They are a great group of students and I have enjoyed getting to know them this second half of the year. We wish you all the very best in your adventures next year and look forward to hearing about your future successes!

Goodbye and goodluck to the families who are finishing up at St Margaret's; wherever you are headed next year, we wish you well.

Orientation day was held on Tuesday. All students had the opportunity to meet their new teacher/s, meet new friends and be in their new learning space. This day often brings many big feelings for our students, parents and teachers. Often our students feel excitement, joy, nervousness and worry with the changes they have in front of them. It is extremely important for all of us to acknowledge these feelings but then support and nurture our students to feel hopeful and positive about the changes. Our teachers have worked extremely hard to consider what each student needs to be successful for 2023.

Have an incredible Christmas break and a wonderful summer. Stay safe, stay well and we will see you in 2023.

Susan

*A reminder that on Thursday the students are able to wear casual clothes with a gold coin donation for Viqueque with a 1.30pm finish.*

## *Calendar of Events*

*Term 4*

### *December*

Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup>

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Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup>

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> & Monday 19<sup>th</sup>

End of Year Assembly & Graduation Liturgy 11.45am

Yr 6 Graduation LUNCH

3/4 Carol Singing at Aged Care Residence

**Last Day Term 4 Early Finish 1.30pm**

**Casual clothes**

Staff Days

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



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## School Community News

### Commitment to Child Safety

Here at St Margaret's, we firmly believe all students enrolled, and any child visiting, have a right to feel safe and be safe all of the time. The wellbeing of children in our care will always be our first priority and we have zero tolerance for child abuse. At St Margaret's we strive to maintain a child safe and child friendly environment where children feel safe and are free to enjoy life to the full without any concern for their safety. We are committed to continually reviewing our Child Safe policies and practices to ensure that every effort is made for ongoing improvement of our Child Safe environment. We at St Margaret's recognise that some groups of children are particularly vulnerable, and we are committed to promoting the cultural safety of Aboriginal/linguistically diverse children and also promoting the safety of children with a disability. Please make yourself familiar with our Child Safe Policies and Procedures which can be accessed on the school website.



### Medication

If your child requires any medication to be administered at school in 2023 please ensure the **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.

**NB: An 'in date' Anaphylaxis Plan and Asthma Management Plan signed by your child's health practitioner does replace a Medical management plan.**



**School Community News**

***Congratulations to the 2023 Student Leaders***

School Captains
Estelle Calabrese Nash O'Leary

Iona	Mercy	Rafter	Mulcahy
Nash Gladman	Lachlan Werner	Jude Quick	Miller Young
Georgina Middleton	Lilly Geoghegan	Isla Eslick	Clem Murphy

Environmental Saviours	Sport	Art/Community/Social Justice	ICT
Eloise Butcher	Lilly Geoghegan	Stella Hayes	Riley Budge
Estelle Calabrese	Solomon Grima	Lili Chapman	Lachlan Reynolds
Jazmine Coronado	Jack Hagebols	Georgina Seaman	Lachlan Werner
Isla Eslick	Jimmy King		Noah Guarnaccia
Nash Gladman	Georgia Lydom		Shiah Kirchner
Gabriele Ienco	Gabrielle Mendiola		
Chesta Ka Patel	Georgina Middleton		
Dominic Neale	Clementine Murphy		
Billy O'Kane	Nash O'Leary		
Mia Wootton	Jude Quick		
	Daisy Simonsen		
	Miller Young		