



St. Margaret's
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term One, Week 2
February 9th, 2023

From Susan's Desk

Dear Families,

The students have settled in well to the new school year. I have been impressed with the way they are back into routine, wear their uniform with pride and are displaying many positive behaviours. It has been wonderful to visit classrooms and see the students already engaged in their learning.

Thank you for your patience last week as we worked through the technology issues with PAM. Families should now be able to access the app and be receiving information via email. Please let me know if you are experiencing ongoing issues.

Our social media pages have been updated. We are now on Instagram and have a new Facebook page. Posts will be around important reminders and supporting you with your child's education. Posts will be for view only, commenting will be turned off.

The annual beach picnic will take place on Thursday, February 16th at 5pm. We meet near the Eastern Beach playground. Please bring a chair and a picnic as we gather as a community to celebrate the new school year. It is a great way for you and your child to meet with friends new and old.

One of our students, Qunnie Westwood in Year 3 has been invited to compete in the World Transplant Games (WTG). This international multi-sport event, occurs every two years and is organised by the World Transplant Games Federation (WTGF). The Games promote amateur sport amongst organ transplant recipients, living donors and donor families. This year the games will be held in April in Perth. Further information about how we can support Qunnie raise the much-needed funds she requires to attend will be in future newsletters. On February 14th we will be fundraising by buying a pink donut. Further information about this has been circulated by the P&F. Congratulations Quinnie!

We invite parents that are interested in becoming involved in our school community to attend the P&F AGM on Wednesday February 8th. This will begin at 7pm in the staff room. It is a great opportunity to help out our school community, and your contribution can be large or small depending on your time constraints. We would love to see many new faces at this meeting.

Our numbers in Kelly Club are growing fast! Please ensure you enrol your child for this service through Kelly Club direct. Children cannot just attend before or after school without a booking as staff ratios need to be accurate. Please contact them if you would like further information or to enrol your child. Enrolment forms are also available at the front office.

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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.

Leadership and Management News

Information around our Sacramental Program has been sent home to the appropriate students with the dates of the sign up Masses. It is essential you attend one of these to confirm your commitment of you and your child to this important part of their faith journey. Dates and times of these Masses are listed in the calendar of events below.

A reminder we are a fee-paying school and that term fees are paid in advance. You can also set up a direct debit. Forms for this are available at the front office or please speak to Libby or Anne.

Enjoy the week.
Susan

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 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.

**YOU ARE THE
SPRINKLES ON MY
DONUT**

Tuesday 14th February

**"HELP SEND QUINNIE
TO THE GAMES"**

Quinnie Westwood 3/4 JB has been accepted into team Australia at the world transplant games held in Perth this year. Quinnie was born with end stage kidney failure and received a kidney transplant at the age of 2. This is an incredible once in a life time opportunity for Quinnie to attend the games.

DONUT &
CHOC MILK
**\$2
EACH**

Order forms sent home last week

Calendar of Events

Term 1

February

Wednesday, February 8 th	Prep Rest Day
Wednesday, February 8 th	P&F AGM - 7pm staff room
Saturday, February 11 th	Sacramental Enrolment Mass - 6.30pm
Sunday, February 12 th	Sacramental Enrolment Mass - 7.30am, 9.30am, 11am
Tuesday, February 14 th	Yr 5/6 Excursion Botanical Gardens
Tuesday, February 14 th	Pink Donut Fundraiser for Quinnie
Thursday, February 16 th	Beach Picnic - 5pm Eastern Beach Playground. BYO picnic
Friday, February 17 th	Yr 5/6 Assembly
Saturday, February 18 th	Sacramental Enrolment Mass - 6.30pm
Sunday, February 19 th	Sacramental Enrolment Mass - 7.30am, 9.30am, 11am
Tuesday, February 21 st	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Race 10 am (gold coin donation)
Wednesday, February 22 nd	Prep Rest Day
Wednesday, February 22 nd	Ash Wednesday
Friday, February 24 th	Environmental Saviours Excursion
Tuesday, February 28 th	SEDA Clinics

March

Wednesday, March 1 st	Prep Rest Day
Wednesday, March 1 st	3/4 group singing at Whitehaven Retirement Home
Friday, March 3 rd	P&F special lunch: Toastie Truck
Friday, March 3 rd	3/4 Assembly
Tuesday, March 7 th	SEDA Clinics
Wednesday, March 8 th	Prep Rest Day
Friday, March 10 th	Confirmation Preparation Day
March 13 th - 17 th	Catholic Education Week
Friday, March 17 th	1/2 Assembly
Friday, March 17 th	Saint Patrick's Day
March 13 th - 23 rd	NAPLAN
Thursday, March 23 rd	Sacrament of Confirmation - 7pm
Friday, March 24 th	School Closure Day Staff PL
Tuesday, March 28 th	School Board Meet - 7pm
Thursday, March 30 th	P&F special lunch
Friday, March 31 st	School Athletics Day (No Assembly)

April

Thursday, April 6 th	Easter Raffle Draw - 1pm
Thursday, April 6 th	Last day of Term 1 - 1.30pm finish . Casual Clothes
Monday, April 24 th	School Closure Day
Wednesday, April 26 th	Term 2 Begins

**Please note start of Term 3 is Monday July 10th: (error in previous newsletter)*



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Education in Faith

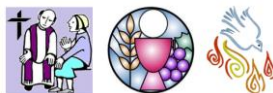
Sacramental Enrolment

As a Catholic School, St. Margaret's provides sacramental preparation programs to support families as they progress their children through their faith journey. The usual progression is:

Reconciliation – Year 3

Eucharist – Year 4

Confirmation – Year 6



(Sometimes things like later grade entry, illness, family choice or holidays can mean children in other years 'catch up' with sacraments and these students are accommodated for once parents enrol them in a sacrament).

Sacramental preparation programs consist of education in faith lessons delivered through classroom programs and special sacrament specific lessons to prepare students for their participation in the celebration of receiving that sacrament. We also provide preparation sessions for parents and students to help families guide their children in their faith journey.

2023 Sacramental Programs

Reconciliation – usually Year 3

Family Preparation Evening – Online session with Maria Forde – October 24th at 7pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation – November (date to be confirmed) Celebration will take place at school.

Eucharist – usually Year 4

Family Preparation Evening – 'The Emmaus Meal' – August 9th, 6.30pm

Sacrament of First Eucharist (also known as First Holy Communion) – Sunday, August 20th

Confirmation – usually Year 6

Preparation Day (this year the students will have a preparation **day** involving attending mass at the Basilica and activities in the parish hall, rather than a night meeting)

Sacrament of Confirmation – Thursday, March 23rd 7pm

Baptism

We also provide preparation for the families of any school-aged students who wish to be baptised. (Preparation program run in Term Two – see Marg)

Enrolment

For your child to participate in Sacramental programs, the parish has set aside 8 masses to choose from, so that you may enrol your child in a sacrament. All parents who wish their child to receive a sacrament this year are **expected** to attend **one** of these masses. Teachers from a parish school will be present to help you fill in an enrolment form at the conclusion of the mass.

Your decision to enrol your child in one of our parish schools is indicative of your desire to have your child educated in the Catholic faith. This is your opportunity to demonstrate your commitment to your child's faith education. It also illustrates your own commitment to your Catholic faith.

St Margaret's School
2023 Sacramental Mass
RSVP for Confirmation

Child's Name: _____ Child's Class: _____

☐ My child is baptized and has celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation and is eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

☐ My child is not baptized and has not celebrated the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist; therefore is not eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. (no further action needed)

We will be attending the following Sacramental Enrolment Mass:

(Tick one)

Sunday the 10th of Feb - 8pm ☐

Sunday the 10th of Feb - 7:30am ☐

Sunday the 10th of Feb - 9:30am ☐

Sunday the 10th of Feb - 11:30am ☐

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Sunday the 10th of Feb - 11:30am ☐

Please return this form by Wednesday the 15th of February 2023.

Any questions please don't hesitate to contact Mary Dunn
mduffy@stmaryscatholic.com.au

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on
Thursday the 23rd of March 2023 at 7:00pm.

St Margaret's School
2023 Sacramental Mass
RSVP for Eucharist

Child's Name: _____ Child's Class: _____

☐ My child is baptized and has celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation and is eligible to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time.

☐ My child is not baptized and has not celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation and therefore is not eligible to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist. (no further action needed)

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The Sacrament of Eucharist will be celebrated on Sunday
the 20th of August 2023.

St Margaret's School
2023 Sacramental Mass
RSVP for Reconciliation

Child's Name: _____ Child's Class: _____

☐ My child is baptized and is eligible to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

☐ My child is not baptized and is not eligible to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. (no further action needed)

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The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated in the month
of November; a date yet to be confirmed.

Please return the Sacramental Mass RSVP as soon as possible, if you haven't already done so.

With thanks,
Margaret Dunn
Education in Faith Leader

School Community News

Uniform Days

Prep
Dress Uniform -
Monday
Wednesday
Friday

Sport Uniform -
Tuesday
Thursday



Year 1/ 2 AC-EB
Dress Uniform -
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

Sport Uniform-
Monday

Year 1-2 KH
Dress Uniform -
Monday
Tuesday
Thursday

Sport Uniform -
Wednesday
Friday

Year 1/ 2 JK
Dress Uniform -
Monday
Tuesday
Thursday

Sport Uniform-
Wednesday
Friday

Year 1/ 2 PB
Dress Uniform -
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday

Sport Uniform-
Monday
Friday

Year 3 /4 JB
Dress Uniform -
Monday
Wednesday
Thursday

Sport Uniform -
Tuesday
Friday

Year 3 /4 LC
Dress Uniform -
Monday
Wednesday
Thursday

Sport Uniform-
Tuesday
Friday

Year 3 /4 Md-Mdj
Dress Uniform -
Monday
Wednesday
Thursday

Sport Uniform-
Tuesday
Friday

Year 5/6 NA
Dress Uniform -
Monday
Tuesday
Thursday

Sport Uniform -
Wednesday
Friday

Year 5/6 JW
Dress Uniform -
Monday
Tuesday
Thursday

Sport Uniform -
Wednesday
Friday

Year 5/6 LD
Dress Uniform -
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday

Sport Uniform -
Monday
Friday

Summer Dress
Uniform



Summer Sports
Uniform



School Community News

Our School Prayer

God, our Father bless our school St Margaret's
and our parish of St Mary of the Angels, Geelong.

Help the parents and teachers to be a good example to the students,
and our youth to grow in strength as good Christians.

Encircle our families with your loving care.
To the sick grant health, to the aged bring peace
and to those in sorrow, joy.

May we grow strong in faith and may our love for one another
grow deeper in our daily living.

Amen



Our Parish has a Junior Choir!

It is open to children from Prep to Grade 6, and even to those in secondary school, if the students wish to stay on.

Practices for our St Mary's Parish Junior Choir resume on Friday, February 10th at 3.30pm.
Practices will be held up in the Pioneer Room at the Parish Centre: 150 Yarra St, Geelong.

NEW MEMBERS ARE MOST WELCOME

Call Rebecca at the Parish Office: 52 221 977 or email: rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au

Junior Choir was established (by me) in 2003 and this year we are 20!! It is a place where children in our Parish can come and learn the songs we sing at Mass; where children can safely mingle with others who have a connection to God and the Holy Spirit. It was initially started because there was an obvious lack of somewhere for children to sing, and be a part of our faith community. Practices are held each Friday during the school term. There are no practices held in the school holidays. Mass commitment is: 11am Mass on the 4th Sunday of the month (just one Sunday a month) and they also sing at some other special events within the Parish.



Rebecca Hay
St Mary's Parish

FOLLOW OUR NEW SCHOOL SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS



Instagram 
@smgeelongeast

Facebook 
@St Margaret's
Primary School



Wk 1
30 Jan

Get to Know You



Spend some time getting to know each other

Wk 2
6 Feb

Mindfulness



Make stressballs, participate in Yoga and bake chocolate chip cookies

Wk 3
13 Feb

Kindness and Friendships



Spend the week highlighting our friendships and kindness with one another

Wk 4
20 Feb

Our Bodies



Sports and healthy food galore this week! Making our bodies feel good!

Wk 5
27 Feb

Games Week



Challenge your friends in all different types of board games

Wk 6
6 Mar

All Things Space



Learn about the moon, star and planets with some ultra fun activities

Wk 7
13 Mar

Sensory



Use your senses in all different ways

Wk 8
20 Mar

Animals



Animals come in all different shapes and sizes, spend some time learning all about them

Wk 9
27 Mar

STEM



Put your thinking caps on for a whole range of STEM activities

Wk 10
3 Apr

Easter Eggstravaganza



Hop on into Kelly Club this week! There's lots of fun to jump into before the holidays!

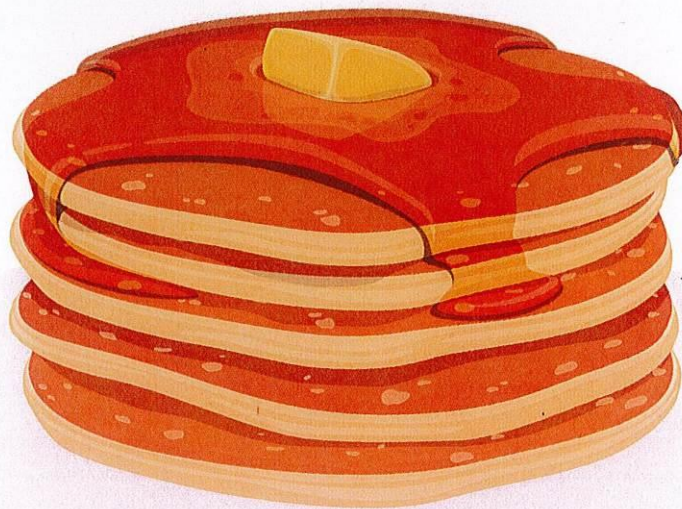
ST MARGARET'S PS

Shrove Tuesday

PANCAKE DAY

**PANCAKE RACES START
AT 10.00AM
ON THE BASKETBALL COURT**

**GOLD
COIN
DONATION**



**21
FEB**

DON'T FORGET TO BRING A PLATE.

**WE'RE LOOKING FOR
VOLUNTEERS**

**Can you help out on the day?
8.45am-10.45am (or anything in between)
to cook & serve pancakes.**

A Lenten Reflection with Maria Forde



"To be free we must be able to give up what is old and so answer God's will today and tomorrow" - *Ernst Käsemann*

We welcome back Maria Forde and we invite you to join the journey as she leads us on a Lenten reflection. Using scripture, ritual, music and conversation we will explore the meaning of Lent and ways in which we can meaningfully enter into this time more fully. We will discuss the meaning of prayer, almsgiving and fasting and its role during Lent.

Maria Forde is an educator, spiritual director, accomplished singer songwriter and liturgist.

Date: Sunday March 5, 2023 Time: 3.00pm

Place: St Mary's Basilica, Geelong Cost: \$5 pp
(followed by a "cuppa" in Café Light (approx. 4pm))





JOIN ST MARY'S SPORTING CLUB
GIRL'S & WOMEN'S FOOTY PRE-SEASON
(U10/U12/U14/U16/U19/SENIORS TEAMS)

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1ST
FRIER RESERVE, NEWTOWN
JUNIORS - 4:30PM • SENIORS 6:00PM

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