



**St. Margaret's**  
Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

**Term One, Week 6**  
**March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**#4**

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

Dear Families,

Our students have had many wonderful learning opportunities over the last few weeks. Our Year 1-6 students have participated in the sporting SEDA clinics as well as an AFL clinic run by AFLW player Chloe Scheer. It has been wonderful to see the students learn new skills and have the opportunity to engage with outstanding sporting talent from our community.



The Cheer Toastie Truck was a great success last Friday. It was the perfect weather to share a delicious toastie with some of our families! We thank the P&F for organising this as well as all the parents who donated their time to come and help. The P&F are now organising the Easter Raffle and Hot Cross Bun Drive. Information about these has been distributed to families and are also in this newsletter and on the St Margaret's social media sites. Please hand in any donated Easter eggs to the front office and return the forms for your order of hot cross buns.

A reminder that the portal for parent teacher interview bookings is now open. Information was sent home via PAM and hardcopy on how to access these. Please ensure you take the time to book in to speak with your child's classroom teacher. These will be held on Monday March 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday March 21<sup>st</sup>. Please note the 1.30pm finish on the 21<sup>st</sup> to allow interviews to start at 2pm. Kelly Club is offering care from 1.30pm on this day. You can contact them to make a booking.

2024 Prep enrolments are now open. We are receiving lots of interest for our school tours. If you are a current family with a Prep sibling to start in 2024, please collect your enrolment pack from the front office. Information is available on our website. If you know anyone who would like to apply for a Prep place in 2024 please let them know enrolments are open and close on Friday April 28<sup>th</sup>.

School photos will take place on Tuesday March 14<sup>th</sup>. Please ensure your child is in full dress uniform for this day. Our Year 5 /6 students will be participating in their final SEDA clinic so they need to bring their full dress uniform to change into for their school photos.

Enjoy the week.

Susan



**Wadawurrung**

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land that Saint Margaret's is located on, the Wadawurrung 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.

## Calendar of Events

Term 1

(New items added in bold)

### March

Tuesday, March 7 <sup>th</sup>	SEDA Clinics
Wednesday, March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Prep Rest Day
Wednesday, March 8 <sup>th</sup>	P&F meeting 6.30pm
Thursday, March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Prep Prayers in Pyjamas 5.30pm
Friday, March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Confirmation Preparation Day
March 13 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup>	Catholic Education Week
Monday, March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Labour Day Public holiday
Tuesday, March 14 <sup>th</sup>	School Photos
<b>Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SEDA Clinics Year 5/6 only</b>
<b>Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Division Swimming (family choice)</b>
<b>Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1/2 Botanic Gardens Walk 9-12pm</b>
Friday, March 17 <sup>th</sup>	1/2 Assembly
Friday, March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Saint Patrick's Day
March 13 <sup>th</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup>	NAPLAN
Monday, March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Teacher Interviews 4pm-6pm
Tuesday, March 21 <sup>st</sup>	1.30 FINISH Parent Teacher Interviews 2pm-5.30pm
Thursday, March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sacrament of Confirmation - 7pm
Friday, March 24 <sup>th</sup>	School Closure Day Staff PL
Tuesday, March 28 <sup>th</sup>	School Board Meet - 7pm
Thursday, March 30 <sup>th</sup>	P&F special lunch
Friday, March 31 <sup>st</sup>	School Athletics Day (No Assembly)

### April

Tuesday, April 4 <sup>th</sup>	5/6 Excursion: surfing
Thursday, April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Raffle Draw - 1pm
Thursday, April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Term 1 - <b>1.30pm finish</b> . Casual Clothes (PJs)
Monday, April 24 <sup>th</sup>	School Closure Day
Wednesday, April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Term 2 Begins

## 2024 Enrolments

Monday, February 20 <sup>th</sup>	2024 Enrolments Open
Thursday, March 9 <sup>th</sup>	School tours 9.30 & 4.30
Friday, March 17 <sup>th</sup>	School tours 9.30 & 12.00
Wednesday, April 5 <sup>th</sup>	School tour 9.30
Friday, April 28 <sup>th</sup>	Applications close



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## School Community News

### Working Bee Interest

There has been some interest in the possibility of a working bee. These are only successful if we have a good number of people involved. If you are interested please complete the google form via this link.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfnsEExnwwf6jNf5XKaf-DAYb72wEVyclpMJqwbbQR7cFdE8g/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfnsEExnwwf6jNf5XKaf-DAYb72wEVyclpMJqwbbQR7cFdE8g/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Alternatively, if you know of someone that may be interested in doing some general maintenance around the school please have them contact Susan. We would be able to arrangement payment for the work via invoice.



*Kudos to the Foley family who have supported Quinnie's participation in the Transplant Games by making pom poms that were quickly snapped up by the students with a gold coin donation.*



## Education in Faith

### Confirmation

*Keep in your prayers the following students who are making their Confirmation on Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>*

*Billy O'Kane Estelle Calabrese Gabrielle Mendiola Jack Hagebols  
Izak Littlewood Gabriele Ienco Noah Guarnaccia Lilly Geoghegan  
Dominic Neal Lili Chapman Nash Gladman Riley Budge  
Jazmine Coronado Clementine Murphy Lachlan Werner Isla Eslick  
Jimmy King Eloise Butcher Stella Hayes Georgina Middleton  
Daisy Simonsen Nash O'Leary Miller Young*



### St Patrick's Day March 17<sup>th</sup>

*Everyone is invited to wear 'a touch of green'  
to mark this special day and enter our guess the number of lollies in the jar.*

*This week the Preps are having their special 'Prayers in Pyjamas' night here at school.*

*Do you pray with your children as part of the night-time routine?  
Here are some prayer ideas...*

### God Hear My Prayer

God in heaven hear my prayer,  
keep me in thy loving care.  
Be my guide in all I do,  
Bless all those who love me too.  
Amen.

--- Traditional

### Jesus Blessing at Bedtime

Jesus bless and Jesus keep  
Jesus guard me while I sleep  
Bless my heart and bless my home  
Bless my spirit as I roam  
Guide and guard me through the night  
and wake me with the morning's light.  
Amen

--- Traditional



### Guardian Angel Prayer

Angel of God, my guardian dear,  
to whom God's love commits me here;  
Watch over me throughout the night,  
keep me safe within your sight.

--- Traditional

## School Community News

### ***Meet the Staff of St. Margaret's (a few at a time!)***



**Name:** Ned Aulsebrook

**Role:** 5/6 Teacher

**Years at our school:** 4 years

**Family:** Mum (Fiona), Dad (Alan), siblings Jack, Eve & Elke.

**Loves:** My dog Cosmo, the beach and music



**Name:** Maniah Onekawa

**Role:** 5/6 Learning Support Officer

**Years at our school:** First year

**Family:** Mum, Dad, Brother and little puppy Ashe.

**Loves:** Playing netball, keeping active, fit and healthy. Also love seeing friends and spending quality time with them.



**Name:** Narelle Crowe

**Role:** 3/4 Learning Support Officer & Technology Support

**Years at our school:** I'm lucky enough to say that I'm in my 9th year here

**Family:** My husband, 2 adult sons and our puppy Mintibea

**Loves:** Spending time with my family and friends. Traveling and watching most sports especially Port Adelaide FC



**Name:** Kerrie-Anne Philbrick

**Role:** 3/4 Learning Support Officer & Librarian

**Years at our school:** 6 years

**Family:** Mum to Kaela, Laura and Jordi. Blessed Grammy of Harvey, Ledi, Nate, Vinnie and Billy.

**Loves:** Have always had horses. ♡ Long quiet walks/hikes ... I have done a very long one and cannot wait to return to do it again or something similar. Relaxing with various arts - glass/paint/draw/clay and watching my clown fish. I enjoy a good book or two! 😊 I LOVE the smell of new books! Go Saints!!

## Arts News

### *Tom Moore: Abundant Wonder- Drawing Competition*

Saturday 25 February to Sunday 16 April 2023

@ Geelong gallery

\$ Free entry

Drawing Competition is open for ages 5 to 12 years

Be inspired by the work of Tom Moore. Pick up an entry form from our drawing station and create your own imaginative drawing inspired by Moore's hybridised animal/plant creatures. The winning drawing will be selected and made into two glass artworks by Tom Moore in the Jam Factory's Glass Studio – one for the winner to take home and one to join the national tour of the exhibition! Pick up your entry forms from Miss Costa, online at the Geelong Gallery website or in person at the gallery. **Only hard copies will be accepted. Entries must be delivered to Geelong Gallery before 5pm Sunday 16 April.**



## UPCOMING EVENTS AT THOMSON RECREATION OVAL

**EVERYONE WELCOME - YOUNG & OLD!**



### FEBRUARY 28

- Tuesday 5:00pm: Thomson Junior Football Club 2023 **COME & TRY DAY**
- Tuesday 5:30pm: 🏏 Geelong Cats 2022 AFL **PREMIERSHIP TROPHY VISIT** 🏆

### MARCH 14 - MARCH 21

- Tuesday 5:00pm: Thomson Junior Football Club 2023 **COME & TRY DAY**

### MARCH 30 - APRIL 6 - APRIL 13 - APRIL 20

- Thursday 5:00pm: Thomson Junior Football Club 2023 **TRAINING**

### APRIL 21/22 - 2023 JUNIOR FOOTBALL SEASON STARTS

**Follow Thomson Football Juniors 2023 Facebook page**

THE BEST OF LUCK TO YOU.



# Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Friday 17th March



**GUESS HOW MANY  
LOLLIES ARE IN  
THE JAR.**



YOU WILL FIND THE BIG JAR OF  
LOLLIES AT THE FRONT OFFICE  
FROM THE 10TH MARCH



ST MARGARET'S P&F

# HOT CROSS BUN

FUNDRAISER

LET'S RAISE SOME DOUGH

*Bakers Delight*

CHOOSE FROM THE  
FOLLOWING FLAVOURS

- TRADITIONAL
- CHOCOLATE
- APPLE & CINNAMON
- FRUITLESS

**\$9  
six  
pack**



ALL ORDERS WILL BE DELIVERED TO  
STUDENTS ON  
THURSDAY 30TH MARCH



# HOT CROSS BUN

## FUNDRAISER



*Bakers Delight*

FIRST NAME	
SURNAME	
CLASS	

ITEM	QTY	PRICE	AMOUNT
TRADITIONAL 6 PACK		\$9.00	
FRUITLESS 6 PACK		\$9.00	
CHOCOLATE 6 PACK		\$9.00	
APPLE & CINNAMON 6 PACK		\$9.00	
TOTAL			\$

**ORDERS MUST BE IN BY 24TH MARCH**

Bank Deposit

Account Name: St Margaret's P F

BSB: 083 347

Account: 426802879



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THURSDAY 30TH MARCH

# ST MARGARET'S P&F EASTER EGG

## Raffle

DRAWN ON THE  
LAST DAY OF  
TERM  
THURSDAY  
6TH APRIL

The day everyone looks forward to,  
our famous Easter egg raffle.



We are seeking donations of  
Easter eggs and Easter themed  
prizes for our annual Easter  
raffle.

We are hoping all families can  
seek fair trade chocolate or items  
for our Easter fundraiser.



**Please drop all donations to Anne or Libby at the front office.  
We thank you for your ongoing support.**

***Our 3/4 Singing Group entertaining the residents at Whitehaven Aged Care.***



# What's Happening

Toastie truck special lunch last Friday was a great success, lots of families joining in for lunch and a big thank you to all our parent and grandparent volunteers for all their help on the day.

With Easter just around the corner, raffle tickets for our Easter raffle are now available, there are lots more available at the office if you want more entries! And don't forget those hot cross bun order forms, spread the word to family and friends. A portion of profits from each pack sold will go back to the school! And our Mulcahy Green house leaders will have the 'guess the green lollies in the jar' competition ready for guesses this Friday, with the winner announced on St Patrick's day, Friday 17th March. Bring those lucky gold coins along for an entry!

## P&F CALENDAR

- MARCH 8 - P&F MEETING - 6.30PM STAFF ROOM
- MARCH 17 - ST PATRICKS DAY - WEAR A TOUCH OF GREEN/GUESS THE LOLLIES IN THE JAR
- MARCH - HOT CROSS BUN FUNDRAISER
- MARCH 30 - SPECIAL LUNCH - PIZZA DAY
- APRIL 6 - EASTER RAFFLE / PYJAMA DAY

## PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETING

Wednesday 8th March  
6.30pm  
Staff room  
All welcome

THE BEST OF LUCK TO YOU.

Happy  
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Day!

Friday 17th March

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WEAR A  
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Gold coin  
donation  
to enter.

HAVE A SLICE OR TWO.

**PIZZA  
DAY**



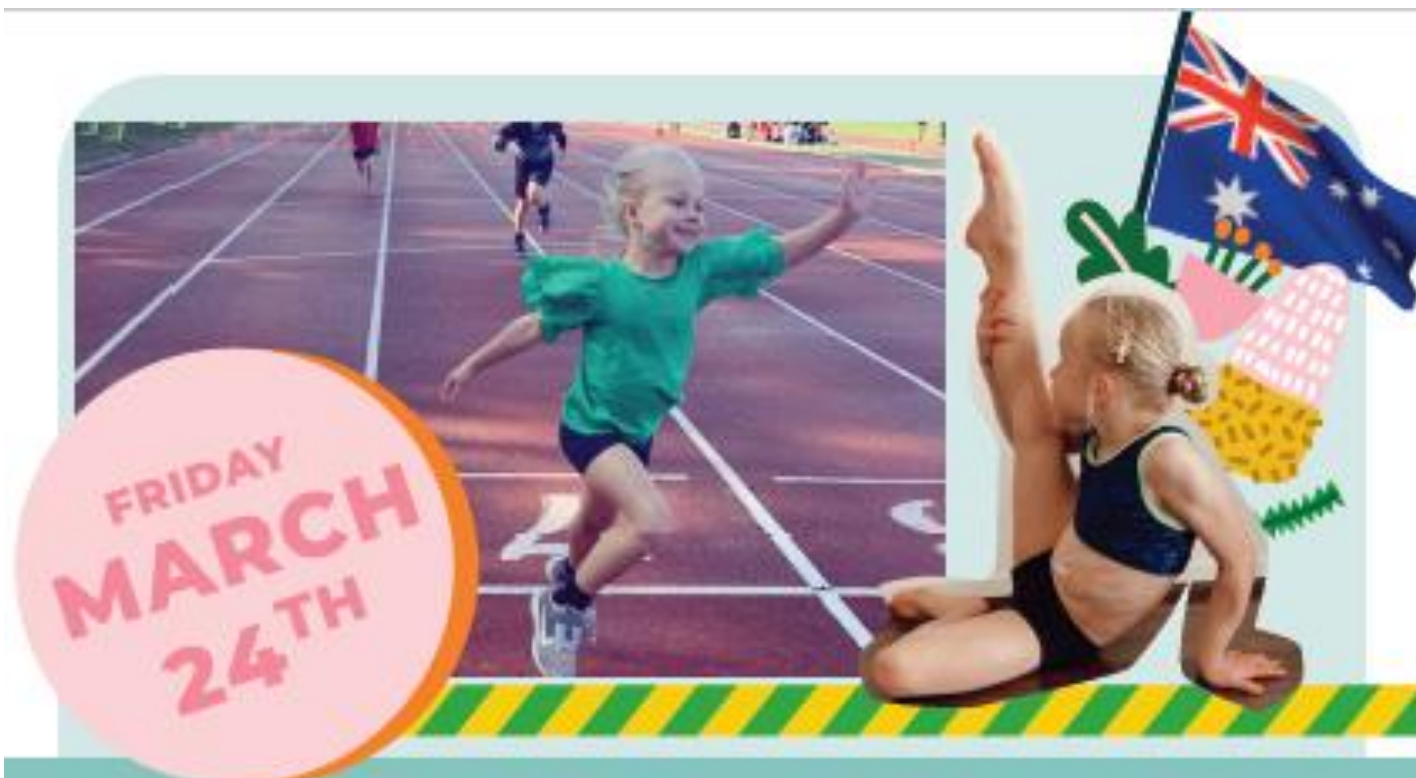
**THURSDAY MARCH 30TH**

**ST MARGARET'S PS  
PIZZA DAY  
SPECIAL LUNCH**

**Look out for  
order forms next  
week!!**

**ORDERS CLOSE  
THURSDAY 23RD MARCH**





# TRIVIA NIGHT

## HELP SEND QUINNIE TO THE WORLD TRANSPLANT GAMES

9 year old Quinnie Westwood was born with end stage kidney failure as a result of the death of her twin sister at birth. After being on dialysis from birth, Quinnie receive a life changing kidney transplant at the age of 2.

We are so excited to share that Quinnie has been selected to represent Australia at the **"World Transplant Games"** which are held in Perth this year.

To help raise funds to get Quinnie to Perth come join us for a Trivia Night.

Friday March 24th.

7pm for a 7.30 start | Thompson Football Clubrooms






2A Godfrey St, Thomson VIC 3219

\$15 per person | Tables of 8

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Please contact Tania West for ticket information : [tmwest21@bigpond.com](mailto:tmwest21@bigpond.com)

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7:00 - 8:15 am	Breakfast & Structured Free Time	Breakfast & Structured Free Time	Breakfast & Structured Free Time	Breakfast & Structured Free Time	Breakfast & Structured Free Time
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3:20 - 3:30 pm	Sign In & Goals and Values	Sign In & Goals and Values	Sign In & Goals and Values	Sign In & Goals and Values	Sign In & Goals and Values
3:30 - 3:50 pm	Afternoon Tea See Menu	Afternoon Tea See Menu	Afternoon Tea See Menu	Afternoon Tea See Menu	Afternoon Tea See Menu
3:50 - 4:30 pm	<b>CRAFT</b> Chalk Constellations 	<b>SPORTS</b> Kelly Sports 	<b>COOKING</b> Moon Phase Oreos 	<b>GAMES</b> Hot Moon 	<b>DISCOVERY</b> Galaxy Slime 
4:30 - 5:00 pm	Tidy Up and Free Time	Tidy Up and Free Time	Tidy Up and Free Time	Tidy Up and Free Time	Tidy Up and Free Time
5:00 - 5:15 pm	Late Snack Box	Late Snack Box	Late Snack Box	Late Snack Box	Late Snack Box
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3:50 - 4:30 pm	<b>CRAFT</b> Ziplock Paint Bags 	<b>SPORTS</b> Kelly Sports 	<b>MINDFULNESS</b> Mindfulness Colourings and Modelling Clay 	<b>GAMES</b> Dance Party 	<b>DISCOVERY</b> Stress Balls 
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3:50 - 4:30 pm	<b>GAMES</b> Outdoor Animal Games 	<b>EARLY FINISH</b> Colouring competitions and Board Games  <b>SPORTS</b> Kelly Sports 	<b>CRAFT</b> Finger Puppets 	<b>DISCOVERY</b> World's Easiest Bird Feeder 	<b>FULL DAY AT KELLY CLUB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Biscuit Decorating</li> <li>- Worm Jelly Cups</li> <li>- Animal movie</li> <li>- Animal colourings</li> <li>- Outdoor games</li> </ul>
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**ST. MARY'S TENNIS CLUB**  
**THOMSON RESERVE**  
**TENNIS HOTSHOTS PLACEMENTS AVAILABLE**  
**WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY AFTERNOON**  
**CARDIO TENNIS for ADULTS**  
**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS.**  
**CONTACT MARK**  
**0416 288 956**





## 2023 Basketball Under-14 Country Skills Days Registrations Open!



The Under-14 Country Skills Days are back!

Held on **Saturday 25 March** and **Sunday 26 March 2023** at 10 regional centres across Victoria, the 2023 Under-14 Country Skills Days are part of a development program for players of all abilities and standards born in either 2010 or 2011 from all associations located in regional Victoria.

The program concentrates on the individual and team skills necessary for players to excel in the Under-14 age group and beyond.

**Each Under-14 Skills Day participant will receive:**

- Coaching and development
- Official Skills Day T-Shirt
- Official Skills Day Drink Bottle
- Official Skills Day Basketball
- Participation Certificate

Under-14 Skills Days events run from 10am-4pm each day and your child must attend the Skills Day in their local academy region and we ask that all participants should please bring their own lunch.

Participants who are registered before **Tuesday 14 March at 9am** will receive our **Early Registration Rate of \$99** (including GST), so make sure you register quickly! Registrations made after that time will be \$120 (including GST), with all registrations closing on **Thursday 16 March at 1 pm**.

For further information on Basketball Victoria's Under-14 Skills Days, please contact **Craig Hockley** – [craig.hockley@basketballvictoria.com.au](mailto:craig.hockley@basketballvictoria.com.au).

### **South Central**

Bellarine, Camperdown, Cobden, Colac, Corio Bay, Geelong, Lorne, Mortlake, Lara

**Location:** Bellarine Sports Centre, Peninsula Dr, Drysdale

**Boys:** Saturday 25 March

**Girls:** Sunday 26 March

Link to register: <https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/541458>

**Administrator: Cate Johnson:** [cate.johnson@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:cate.johnson@education.vic.gov.au) PH 0477 689 178