



St. Margaret's
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term One, Week 8
March 21st, 2023

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From Susan's Desk

Dear Families,

Last week our Preps enjoyed an evening with their families at school learning about Religious Education in the classroom. The Prayers in Pyjamas was a wonderful evening sharing insights with our families and completing a Lenten promise for a class display. It was great to see so many families sharing this evening with their children.

Leadership and Management News



We are beginning to get a good collection of Easter goodies for our end of term Easter Raffle. Please continue to drop donations to the front office and to sell your raffle tickets. We will draw this raffle at 1pm on the last day of term 1, Thursday, March 6th before our 1.30pm finish. Your hot cross bun order forms can also be dropped at the office.

A reminder that we have a **1.30pm finish** this Tuesday, March 21st to allow our parent teacher interviews to take place. Kelly Club is starting early on this day. Please contact them if you require a place at after school care. We also have a school closure day this Friday, March 24th. Kelly Club is offering care onsite. Please contact them directly if you would like to use this service.

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



This Thursday evening many of our Year 6 students will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. We ask that you keep these students in your thoughts and prayers. Confirmation completes Baptism, by which in the laying on of hands and the anointing with Chrism Oil, which first happened at Baptism, we are confirmed with the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

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 28th.

Due to circumstances beyond our control the **school Athletics Date has been changed** from Friday, March 31st to **Friday, April 28th**. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, but we are looking forward to a great day at Landy Field!

Our morning supervision at the beginning of the day will change slightly at the beginning of Term 2. Our first bell to begin supervision will now be rung at 8.40am. Students are able to enter the main building at **8.40am** and the yard will also be supervised from this time. Kelly Club will extend their hours in the mornings to 8.40am to accommodate this change. This change has been made due to the new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement that aims at reducing teacher workload. This extra time in the morning allows staff to prepare for the day without the need to supervise the students. We encourage all students to quickly drop their bag into the classroom and head outside to catch up with friends before school. We also ask that **students are not left unsupervised in the yard or at the back gate prior to 8.40am**. Kelly Club is available to supervise students until 8.40am. Any student left unsupervised will be taken to Kelly Club until 8.40am at the cost of families.

Term 2 begins on Wednesday April, 26th for all students. Our staff will be participating in Professional Learning on Monday, April 24th before the ANZAC Day public holiday on the 25th. Please be aware that Kelly Club will resume care on Wednesday and will not be onsite on the 24th.

Enjoy the week.
Susan



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Calendar of Events

Term 1

(New items added in bold)

March

March 13 th - 23 rd	NAPLAN
Monday, March 20 th	Parent Teacher Interviews 4pm-6pm
Tuesday, March 21 st	1.30 FINISH Parent Teacher Interviews 2pm-5.30pm
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	Assembly

April

Tuesday, April 4 th ,	5/6 Excursion: surfing
Tuesday, April 4 th ,	Preps visiting Aged Care for an Easter Hunt
Thursday, April 6 th	Easter Raffle Draw - 1pm
Thursday, April 6 th	Last day of Term 1 - 1.30pm finish. Casual Clothes (PJs)

Term 2

April

Monday, April 24th	School Closure Day (No Kelly Club)
Tuesday, April 25th	ANZAC Day Public holiday
Wednesday, April 26th	Term 2 Begins
Thursday, April 27th	Bully No More Incurion P-6
Friday, April 28th	Athletic Day Landy Field

May

Tuesday, May 9 th	School Board 7pm
Friday, May 12 th	Muffins with Mum 8am
Friday, May 12 th	Mother's Day Stall
Friday, May 12 th	Minibeast Incurion P-2

June

Friday, June 2 nd	Italian Day & Special lunch
Thursday, June 22 nd	P&F Special Lunch
Friday, June 23 rd	Last day of Term 2. 1.30pm finish. Casual Clothes

2024 Enrolments

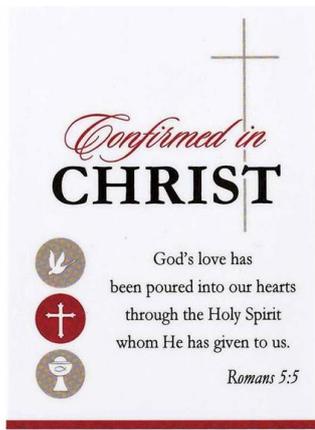
Monday, February 20 th	2024 Enrolments Open
Thursday, March 9 th	School tours 9.30 & 4.30
Friday, March 17 th	School tours 9.30 & 12.00
Wednesday, April 5 th	School tour 9.30
Friday, April 28 th	Applications close

School Community News

Confirmation Candidates 2023

*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.*

Please remember these students as they make their Confirmation on Thursday evening. May they be blessed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.



Ipads for Sale

With the recent purchase of Chromebooks for our senior students, the school has a few i-Pad Minis, Mini 2s, Mini 4s, i-Pad Air, Air 2 and 4th Gen i-Pads that we are no longer using. We are offering them to families for a small donation to the school of \$10. These devices are between 7 and 10 years old and will not come with charging stations or cables. If you are interested please see Narelle or email ncrowe@smgeelongeast.com.



School Maintenance Support

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

District Swimming



On Tuesday, March 14th four of our students represented our school at the district swimming event at Kardinia Pool. Lachlan Reynolds and Mia Mason competed in the 50m freestyle and 50m backstroke events. Georgia Lydom competed in the 50m freestyle and 50m breaststroke. In breaststroke Georgia came 3rd overall. Isla Eslick competed in 50m freestyle and 50m backstroke. In backstroke Isla tied with another student, so competed in a 'swim off' with Isla winning! We wish Isla luck as she continues to the next round. Congratulations to these students for competing and representing our school.



Prep Photo

Last Thursday the Geelong Advertiser took photos of our Prep students for the 'My First Year' lift out. This special edition can be purchased on Wednesday, March 22nd 2023.

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



Name: Jaki Groves

Role: Literacy Leader

Years at our school: My first

Family: Partner Karl, daughters: Elly and Jamieson, Latte the Dog and Honey the cat!

Loves: MY FAMILY! My job, travel, reading, photography, the ocean, good coffee and chocolate



Name: Kellie Barbour

Role: Literacy Intervention Teacher

Years at our school: 8

Family: My daughter Abbie, Rove, our dog and Winnie our Guinea pig.

Loves: Spending time with family and friends, camping, singing, watching AFL football, musicals and coffee!



Name: Josh Wilson

Role: 5/6 Teacher

Years at our school: First Year

Family: Partner Ramona and two dogs Chelsea and Pippa

Loves: Very passionate about sport and being active. Also I have a love for travelling and exploring the world.



Name: Leonie Cann

Role: 3/4 Teacher

Years at our school: Quite a few. I started as a Prep student, then came back as a parent and as a teacher.

Family: My husband Rohan, sons Dave and Will, daughters Esther and Lucy.

Loves: Family celebrations, our exuberant dog, Bailey, the garden, picnics, appreciating nature, curling up with a good book.

School Community News

Wellbeing **Manage Online Privacy and Safety**

Well done St. Margaret's community! Over the last few weeks there has been a focus on *Managing Digital Wellbeing* in an age appropriate way within your child/children's classes. There has been a lot of sharing and discussion about how you are helping to establish healthy ICT practices with your children and yourselves.

Across the school our focus is *Practising Digital Safety and Wellbeing* in an age appropriate way. How to manage online privacy and safety in particular;

- applying digital information security practices and collaborating, and
- sharing and exchanging information

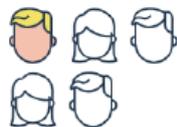
As always, you know your child best, and as a family you make the decisions around how you would like your child or children to engage in technology at home. If you feel like you need some guidance around how to navigate this topic, please see the listed websites. The websites often provide age specific information under similar headings.

See our school website to view our policies about how we navigate issues that may arise when dealing with managing online privacy and safety.

Kind regards
Sonja Ginn
Learning Diversity and Well Being Leader

According to eSafety research

One in five young Australians
aged 8 to 17 years reported being
socially excluded, threatened or
abused online.



1 in 5 young people
(15% of kids,
24% of teens)
also admitted to behaving
in a negative way to a peer
online – such as name
calling, deliberately
excluding them, or
spreading lies or rumours.



of these had had a
negative online
experience themselves

RECOMMENDED LINKS/FACT SHEETS - eSafety Commission

[Privacy and Your Child](#)

[Good Habits Start Young](#)

[Unwanted Contact](#)

School Community News

We would like to share our support for Max Russell this week.

Max is a Year 5 student who has been creating and selling his space themed spray paint artwork at the Geelong Waterfront Makers and Growers Market.

Max first saw spray paint artwork on social media and was instantly intrigued and wanted to have a go for himself. Since then, Max has created over 100 unique art pieces and has sold close to 30.

You can next check out Max and his amazing artwork on Sunday, April 2nd between 9:30am - 3:30pm at the Geelong Waterfront Makers and Growers Market near the carousel.

Hope to see you all there,
Gabrielle Costa

Art News



JUNIOR NETBALL PLAYERS WANTED

THOMSON NETBALL CLUB ARE LOOKING FOR
PLAYERS FOR OUR JUNIOR AGE GROUPS

UNDER 13'S
BORN 2011/12

UNDER 15'S
BORN 2008/09

TRAINING ON
THURSDAY'S 5PM

WINTER SEASON STARTS APRIL 1ST
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT CJ: 0417 032 214

"Mr Stink stank. He also stunk. And if it was correct English to say he stinked, then he stinked as well..."



It all starts when Chloe, just about the loneliest girl in the world, makes friends with Mr Stink. Sure he smells a bit, but he's the only person who's ever been nice to her. So, when Mr Stink needs a place to stay, Chloe decides to hide him in the garden shed. Now Chloe's got to make sure no one finds out her secret, but she's about to learn that some secrets have a way of leading to disaster. And speaking of secrets, there just might be more to Mr Stink than meets the eye... or the nose...

Mr Stink

SAT 01 - SAT 01 APR 2023

PERFORMANCES

- Sat, 01 Apr 2023 02:00pm
- Sat, 01 Apr 2023 05:00pm

TICKET PRICES

- Adult \$32
- Child (16 years & under) \$22
- Group 8+ \$25

VENUE: Costa Hall - Deakin University Geelong Waterfront [Venue info](#)

VENUE ADDRESS: [Deakin University, 1 Gheringhap St, Geelong VIC 3220](#)
Parking available via Smythe St.

DURATION: 60 minutes, no interval.

RELAXED PERFORMANCE: The 2:00pm performance on Saturday, April 1st will be a Relaxed Performance & AUSLAN interpreted.

AGE RECOMMENDATION Ages 6+ and their adults.

SHOW WARNINGS: Contains a small amount of theatrical haze.

Relaxed Performances welcome audiences who would benefit from a more relaxed environment – this can include but is not limited to people with autism, sensory sensitivities, learning disabilities or dementia, as well as those living with anxiety or who have experienced trauma. The atmosphere is non-judgmental, and we embrace noisy enthusiasm. Audience members can also bring their headphones to reduce noise if they wish. Specifically for relaxed performances, we leave the house lights on (dimmed), the auditorium doors stay open, and some technical elements may be modified, for example, strong lighting or sound effects are moderated.

For young ones who prefer a more supportive environment, Relaxed Performances enhance the theatre experience for all children, while keeping the story on stage completely unchanged.

What's Happening

Our Mulcahy Green house leaders did an amazing job with the 'guess the green lollies in the jar' competition last week, lots of great guesses and lots of gold coins raised for Project Compassion.

Congratulations to our winner Zac!

A big thank you to those who have donated chocolate, games and more for our Easter Raffle, we have some wonderful volunteers who will be bundling up these prizes in the next few weeks ready for the draw on Thursday 6th April, still plenty of time to donate for anyone who wishes to do so.

There are also still plenty of Easter Raffle tickets available at the office for anyone wanting more chances to win some easter treats!

Don't forget those Hot Cross Bun order forms! Orders close this Friday. Once again, Bakers Delight Newcomb supporting our school community, with \$2 from every pack coming back to the school as fundraising profit.

We are excited to wrap up our special lunches for Term 1 with Pizza Day, Thursday 30th March. Please let the P&F or Anne/Georgia/Libby know if you can help out on the day.

P&F CALENDAR

- MARCH -HOT CROSS BUN FUNDRAISER DUE 24TH MARCH
- MARCH 30 -SPECIAL LUNCH - PIZZA DAY
- APRIL 6 -EASTER RAFFLE / PYJAMA DAY
- P & F MEETING - LIMEBURNERS FROM 6.30PM
- THERMOMIX RAFFLE - DRAWN 12TH MAY
- MAY 12 - MUFFINS WITH MUM - TEA/COFFEE & A MUFFIN WITH MUM/SPECIAL PERSON
- MAY 12 - MOTHER'S DAY STALL
- FRIDAY 2ND JUNE - ITALIAN DAY - PIZZA & GELATO
- THURSDAY 22ND JUNE - HOT DOG DAY

P&F Meeting

Thursday 4th May

Dinner from 6.30pm with meeting to start at 7pm
Limeburners, Myers Street. East Geelong.

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.

ST MARGARET'S P&F



Easter
Raffle

Tickets

\$1 each or 3 for \$2

PLEASE RETURN TICKETS BY FRIDAY 31ST MARCH

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Congratulations Zac Harvey

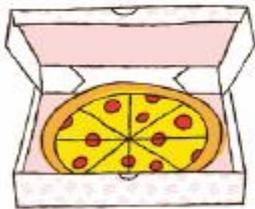
Zac guessed 2036 lollies in the jar!

All proceeds will go towards Project Compassion
Thank you for your ongoing support.



HAVE A SLICE OR TWO.

PIZZA DAY



THURSDAY MARCH 30TH

ST MARGARET'S PS
PIZZA DAY
SPECIAL LUNCH

Orders close this
Thursday
23rd
March



Win a Thermomix valued at \$2359

Tickets \$20 each
Only 400 available



RAISING FUNDS TO TRANSFORM OUR LIBRARY

Mother's Day Online raffle more details to come.

Casual Dress

Pyjama Day



Last day of term.
Thursday 6th April

GOLD COIN DONATION - RASING FUNDS FOR VIQUEQUE

ST MARGARET'S P&F

HOT CROSS BUN

FUNDRAISER



Bakers Delight

CHOOSE FROM THE FOLLOWING FLAVOURS

- TRADITIONAL
- CHOCOLATE
- APPLE & CINNAMON
- FRUITLESS

\$9 six pack

ORDERS DUE 24TH MARCH

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





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Programmes run weekly on one day a week for one hour.

This term we will focus on the following sports:

- ✓ Soccer
- ✓ AFL
- ✓ Basketball
- ✓ Rugby
- ✓ Tennis

This weekly programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings – giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

For Prep – Year 6 students.

\$ 112 FOR 7 WEEKS!

Sign up anytime, and only pay for the weeks remaining in the term

School: St Margarets Primary School

Day: Monday's

Start Date: 1st May

End Date: 19th June

Time: 3:30pm - 4:30pm



BOOK EARLY & SAVE

Sign up online before April 7th to receive a 10% discount

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