



St. Margaret's
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term One, Week 10
April 4th, 2023

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From Susan's Desk

Leadership and Management News

Dear Families,

We are looking forward to our whole school sports day at Landy Field on Friday April 28th. An outline of the day is provided in this newsletter. We ask that all students come to school on this day and be bussed to Landy Field. At the end of the day ALL students will need to travel back to school and be collected as normal. Kelly Club will run after school as well. Although a coffee van with limited food is available, we ask that only parents purchase items from here. Students must bring their own packed lunch and not share food as per our school policy.

From term 2 our morning supervision at the beginning of the day will change slightly. 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. 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 as this poses a child safety risk. Any student left unsupervised will be taken to Kelly Club until 8.40am at the cost of families.



It's hard to believe we are at the end of Term One already. We have had a busy term filled with so many wonderful learning opportunities for our students. 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.

Thank you to those families that have donated to our Easter Raffle. We have some wonderful prizes that will be raffled at 1pm on Thursday. Thank you to the P&F for coordinating this. Please continue to support the school through the Mother's Day Thermomix raffle with the funds raised being used to upgrade our library facilities. The P&F do amazing things for our school, and we encourage anyone who would like to help our school to volunteer.

We hope you have a well deserved break and have a wonderful Easter. We will finish at 1.30 Thursday after the Easter raffle has been drawn at 1pm. Pyjama Day is on Thursday with money raised going to Viqueque.

Stay safe and well. See you all in term 2!

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.



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)

April

Tuesday, April 4th,
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Wednesday, April 5th,
Thursday, April 6th
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Girls' District Footy Competition
Preps visiting Aged Care for an Easter Hunt
5/6 Excursion: surfing
Easter Raffle Draw - 1pm
Last day of Term 1 - 1.30pm finish. Pyjama Day

Term 2

April

Monday, April 24th
Tuesday, April 25th
Wednesday, April 26th
Thursday, April 27th
Friday, April 28th

School Closure Day Staff PL (No Kelly Club)
ANZAC Day Public holiday
Term 2 Begins for all students. (Kelly Club begins)
Bully No More Incursion P-6
Whole School Sports Day at Landy Field

May

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

June

Friday, June 2nd
Thursday, June 22nd
Friday, June 23rd

Italian Day & Special lunch
P&F Special Lunch
Last day of Term 2. 1.30pm finish. Casual Clothes

***Last day of school for the year will be Friday December 15th at 1.30pm.**

2024 Enrolments

Wednesday, April 5th
Friday, April 28th

School tour 9.30
Applications close

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 Community News

Uniform Reminder

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of our school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the dress code.

With the changing weather approaching we are mindful of this impacting which uniform the students will be most comfortable in. For the first 2 weeks of term 2 we don't mind which uniform your child chooses to wear on dress uniform days - they can choose the summer or winter uniform.

However we do ask that whichever uniform is chosen is worn correctly. Eg: all summer or all winter uniform - not a mixture of both.

Other uniform reminders:

- School uniform includes black school shoes
- All hair that sits below a student's collar must be tied up
- Hats must be worn until the end of term 1 and from the beginning of term 4 - but are strongly encouraged all year
- Jewellery is not to be worn apart from a watch (smart watches not preferred) and, for students with pierced ears, a pair of simple studs or sleepers in the ear lobes only
- Makeup, false eyelashes, nail polish or false nails are not permitted.

Attendance

Schooling is compulsory for children from 6–17 years in Victoria unless an exemption from attendance has been granted. Daily school attendance is important for all children to succeed in education and to ensure they don't fall behind both socially and developmentally. Children who regularly attend school and complete year 12 or an equivalent have better health outcomes, better employment outcomes and higher incomes across their lives. It is very important that children develop habits of regular attendance at an early age. Students are expected to attend the school in which they are enrolled, during normal school hours every day of each term, unless:

- there is an approved exemption from school attendance for the student, or
- the student is registered for home schooling and has only a partial enrolment in a school for particular activities.

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day



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Lost and Found

We seem to be getting lots of items of uniform sent to the office that aren't named and the pile is growing. Please clearly label all student's uniform.

Toothbrushes for the Preps

Anyone have contacts in a dental surgery that may have access to some freebies? The Preps need 25 toothbrushes and toothpaste for a sequencing activity next term (intriguing!) If you can help, please let Tienielle or Sarah know.

Art News



We would like to share our support for Finley Vaughan this week. Finley is a year 3 student who has been creating and selling her glamorous glitter resin creations online and at Wye River Market.

Finley first started creating her resin art with her Mum Abby on the weekends for fun, and she soon realised that she loved making earrings, hair clips, keychains and pins. You can check out more of her creations online at her Etsy page or instagram @Handmadebyfinleymay

Wishing her all the very best, Gabrielle Costa



Project Compassion

If all Project Compassion boxes could be returned this week, that would be great!



School Community News

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



Name: Sarah Bryant

Role: Prep Teacher, Literacy Intervention Teacher

Years at our school: 4

Family: Husband Jono, Children Olivia 17, Chloe 16 and Xavier 13

Loves: the beach, a good book, walks, ALL sport and spending time with the family.



Name: Marie McBride

Role: 1/2 Learning Support Officer

Years at our school: 1 year

Family: My husband Paul, sons Josh, Sean, Adam and my daughter Emily. I also have two beautiful daughters -in-law Brittany and Jaci. We love and cherish our granddaughter Jupiter and our King Charles Cavalier...Bailey.

Loves: Being out in my garden and nature, catching up with family and friends, a cup of tea, watching movies and our weekly whole family dinner together.



Name: Kellie Hanley

Role: 1/2 Teacher

Years at our school: 10

Family: I have 7 siblings - Mum and Dad still with us. Husband Craig and son Angus-Oaka our rottiie who is 6 yrs old.

Loves: My family, beautiful dog Oaka and the Tigers. I love holidays, reading, gardening watching my son play footy and spending time in the pool.



Name: Joel Kearney

Role: 1/2 Teacher

Years at our school: 5

Family: My wife Lucy. I grew up with Mum, Dad and my three brothers.

Loves: I enjoy anything sport related. I enjoy travelling the world with my wife and spending time at the beach

What's Happening

What an amazing Term 1 we have had! Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and carers who have helped this term and volunteered their time (both at school and behind the scenes), popped into meetings, purchased raffle tickets, hot cross buns etc. We are so fortunate to have such a great community and we are so excited for what the rest of the year holds!

We are excited to kick off Term 2 with our first 'Muffins with Mum' morning tea to celebrate all our special people in the lead up to Mother's Day on Friday 12th May. Please feel free to pop in any time from 8am and enjoy a muffin and cuppa with your child/children. RSVP details for catering purposes will be sent home soon.

We will also be drawing our Thermomix raffle during our morning tea, don't forget to grab a ticket and share with friends and family. Such a fantastic fundraiser to kick off our Library transformation project and a great chance to win an amazing prize with only limited tickets available.

And don't forget for a bit of a change, our next P&F meeting will be held on Thursday, 4th May at Limeburners Bar, East Geelong. We will be having dinner from 6.30pm and meeting from 7pm, a great excuse for a catch up and a bite to eat!

Wishing you all a lovely Easter break – The P&F

P&F CALENDAR

- 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
- JUNE/JULY - KRISPY KREME FUNDRAISER

Term one wrap up! What an amazing first term.

- SHROVE TUESDAY
- DONUT DAY
- CHEER TRUCK
- PIZZA DAY
- ST PATRICK'S DAY - LOLLY JAR
- HOT CROSS BUN FUNDRAISER
- EASTER RAFFLE

THANK YOU
SO MUCH!

Casual Dress

Pyjama Day

Last day of term.

Thursday 6th April



GOLD COIN DONATION - RAISING FUNDS FOR VIQUEQUE

P&F Meeting

Thursday 4th May

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



Win a Thermomix valued at \$2359

Tickets \$20 each
Only 400 available

Mother's Day
Online raffle.
Drawn 12th
May
8.30am



<https://rafflelink.com.au/stmargpsthermomix>

Please continue
to share
throughout
social media
and by
collecting an A4
poster from the
office. To pop
up in your staff
room or
sporting clubs.

MOTHER'S DAY MORNING TEA

MUFFINS

with mum

Join us for coffee & a muffin to
celebrate the special women in our
life.

Friday 12th May
8am-9am
on the basketball
court.



All welcome.
Please RSVP
by 5th May for
catering purposes

Thermomix
raffle
drawn at
8.30am



St Margaret's PS

Mother's Day Stall

Students to
bring a bag
\$5.00
to purchase



Friday 12th May

*Stall helpers needed

We wish you
a happy &
safe
Easter
break



together in faith

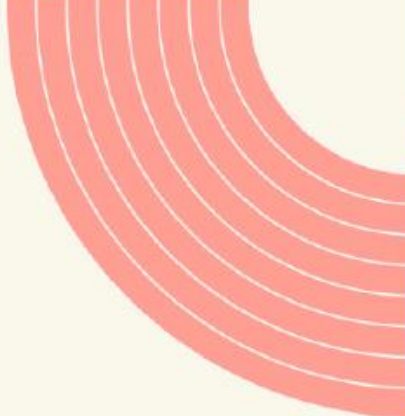


ATHLETICS DAY

FRIDAY
28TH APRIL



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St Margaret's PS
Athletics Day
28th April
9.30am
Landy Field

**Come & see
our future
Olympians
take the
track.**



Coffee Van available on site.

together in faith

COFFEE VAN

Pies -\$5.50

Pasties - \$5.50

Sausage Rolls - \$4.50

Hot Dog - \$6.00

Salad Roll - \$8.00

Sandwiches - \$6.00

Focaccia- \$9.00



Coffee/Hot Chocolate

Regular \$5.00

Large \$6.00

Tea \$4.00

Espresso Alfresco