



St. Margaret's
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term Two, Week 3
May 9th, 2023

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From Susan's Desk

Dear Families,

We had great success at the District Cross Country event held last Wednesday. Many of our students achieved a placing in their event. Congratulations to those students that now continue on to the combined school cross country event. There is more about this later in the newsletter.

PSG invitations have been sent out via the School Interview App. Please ensure you select a time that is suitable to meet with your child's classroom teacher and Sonja to discuss individual student goals and their progress. These meetings ensure communication between school and home is ongoing and an opportunity to discuss achievements and growth for these students.

This Friday May 12th, we are celebrating the special woman in our lives to say thank you to all they do. We are hosting a 'Muffins with Mum' breakfast on the basketball court from 8am and invite you to join us. All students will be able to have a muffin. **If you would prefer your child not to have one due to dietary requirements, please let your classroom teacher know via email.**

We will also be drawing the Thermomix raffle at our 'Muffins with Mum' breakfast. This week is your final opportunity to purchase a ticket to support our school library and strengthen the reading culture for all our students. Families are encouraged to purchase 2 tickets to help reach our target. We are almost there, but would appreciate one last effort to sell as many tickets as we can! The P&F will also be running the Mother's Day stall on Friday 12th May. **Students are asked to bring in \$5 to choose a gift.**

After the success of Walk to School Week last year, two of our Year 6 students are organising this again; running from May 15th to May 19th. They would like to hand out fruit to the students on Friday, May 19th as a way to encourage a healthy lifestyle. To raise money for the fruit they are asking that students come and watch a Year 6 student vs teacher basketball game on Friday, May 12th and donate a coin. It is wonderful to see our leaders taking action about things they are passionate about and encouraging our community to get involved. They have written further information in this newsletter. Well done on your leadership Riley and Lachlan!

Kelly Club has asked that a coded lock be placed on the back gate during their after school sessions. Those families that attend Kelly Club will be informed of the code. If you have not received this, please ask when you are next using the service.

Enjoy your week.
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 2

May

(New items in bold)

Friday, May 12th

Muffins with Mum 8am.

Thermomix Raffle drawn

Friday, May 12th

Mother's Day Stall

Friday, May 12th

Minibeast Incursion – P-2

Friday, May 12th

Staff vs Yr 6 student Basketball match. Bring a coin to watch. Raising money for walk to school fruit (student initiative)

Monday 15th to Friday 19th

Walk to School Week (student initiative)

Tuesday May 16th

School Board 7pm

Thursday, May 18th

Environmental Savours Peer Teaching Day at Holy Spirit

Friday May 19th

Walk to School Fruit morning (student initiative)

Friday, May 19th

Assembly – 3/4

Tuesday May 23rd

Division Cross Country Championships

Wednesday May 24th

3 / 4 visit to Freedom Aged Care

Thursday, May 25th

RACV Solar Squad Incursion – Years 5/6

Thursday, May 25th

5 / 6 netball & AFL Lightning Premiership

June

Friday, June 2nd

Italian Day & Special lunch

Friday, June 2nd

Assembly – 1/2

Monday, June 12th

King's Birthday Public Holiday

Friday, June 16th

Assembly – Prep

Monday June 19th to Friday 23rd

Anti Bullying Week

Thursday, June 22nd

P&F Special Lunch

Friday, June 23rd

Last day of Term 2. 1.30pm finish.

Dress as your favourite Superhero for Anti Bullying Day!

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

2024 Enrolments

Enrolments are now closed. Tours will continue on a needs basis.

Walk to School Week

May 15th - 19th

This term as Year 6 leaders, we are organising a walk to school week. The walk to school week will be happening from the 15th -19th of May. On the Friday we will give out apples and pears to everyone who has joined in for the week.

To raise money for the fruit we will be having a Year 6 Student verses Staff basketball game on Friday May 12th 1.10-1.30pm. Please bring a coin donation to watch the game.

We hope you enjoy it!

Riley Budge and Lachlan Reynolds

School Community News

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



Name: Gabrielle Costa

Role: Visual Arts & Music

Years at our school: 7

Family: My partner Connor, & 2 Step boys Douglas (7), Oscar (4) & our 2 fur babies Koda & Rocky.

Loves: Fishing, gardening, baking, camping, clay shooting, going to the theatre and anything music or art related!



Name: Libby Fitzgerald

Role: Business Manager

Years at our school: 3

Family: My husband Gavin and two teenage children.

Loves: The family dog, Coco, holidays to the beach, dinner with friends and Carlton Football Club.



Name: Sonja Ginn

Role: Wellbeing & Learning Diversity Leader

Years at our school: 17

Family: My husband, Scott, and 2 children, Rhys and Anika.

Loves: Renovating. During the holidays I usually paint at least one space, if not two. Recent projects have included the laundry and a new garden bed.



Name: Matt de Jong

Role: 3/4 Teacher
Learning & Teaching Leader

Years at our school: 21

Family: My wife Sara, and two boys at St Ignatius, Jackson and Jude

Loves: Life! Travelling with my family and enjoying nature. Watching and being involved in sport, especially my kids'

Art News

This week, we explore the wonderful work of Maeve Noonan and Lorenzo Manna.

Maeve and Lorenzo are grade 4 students that have been involved in Art classes at our local Eastern Hub where they have been creating sculptures, paintings and collage with children's book illustrator, Katrina Fisher.

For more wonderful Arts and Music workshops and events in and around Geelong and the Surfcoast check out:

www.geelongaustralia.com.au/arts



Keep up the wonderful creations!
Gabrielle Costa



Sport News

Cross Country Champions

On Wednesday, May 3rd we had 44 students from grade 4, 5 & 6, compete in the Troop District Cross Country at Eastern Gardens. St Margaret's students competed extremely well in very wet and cold conditions. There were some excellent results and we have 18 students who finished in the top 8, and have qualified for the Division Cross Country event on May 23rd. There were some terrific individual performances by our students including the 11 year old boys who placed in 6 of the 8 qualifying places! Congratulations to Tom Higgins, Charlotte Butcher and Georgia Lydom who each won their respective age group event.

Fiona Moran
Physical Education Teacher



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School Community News

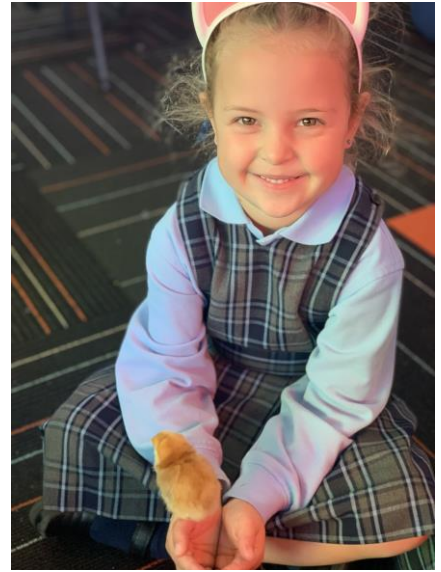
Chicks!

The chickens are ready to find their forever homes! If you are interested in taking chickens home, they must be picked up on this Friday May 12th. As they are social animals you will be required to take 2 chicks. We cannot confirm if they are males or females and unfortunately, roosters cannot be returned!

Care packs can be purchased for \$35 - cash only.

Please email Miss Sarah to register your interest - first in, best dressed!

sbryant@smgeelongeast.com.au



Register your child for a 3 or 4 year old place in 2024 and

Join us on Open Day

Normanby Preschool

Monday 15 May, 4:15pm - 5:45pm

53 Normanby Street, East Geelong

Meli

The new name for BCYF and
Bethany Kindergarten Services



meli.org.au

St Margaret's

PARENTS & FRIENDS

What's Happening

Welcome back for Term 2! The P&F are so excited for our first 'muffins with mum' morning tea coming up this Friday 12th May. For all our mums, grandmas and special people out there please feel free to drop by anytime between 8am - 9am on Friday for a muffin and a tea/coffee and enjoy some time with your children and other parents/caregivers.

Excitement is building as we near closer to the draw of our Mother's Day Thermomix raffle! Valued at \$2359, this is incredible value for your \$20 ticket (or buy a few if you want to increase your chances!). Our literacy team have been working so hard on plans for our library upgrade, it will be fantastic to be able to donate these raffle profits to such a great cause.

Our annual Mother's Day stall will also be held on Friday 12th between 9am-11am, if there are any parents happy to volunteer to help the kids have a little shop at the stall please let Anne/Libby/Georgia know at the office. As a parent community, we are also excited to have the opportunity to catch up with our newly appointed principal Susan Perks for quick 'meet and greet' session on Thursday 11th May at 2.30pm. Now that Susan is officially in the hot seat, it will be fantastic to hear her visions and plans for our school and community into the future. We would love to see lots of parents and caregivers there!

P&F CALENDAR

- 11 MAY - MEET & GREET WITH SUSAN 2.30PM
- THERMOMIX RAFFLE - DRAWN 12TH MAY
- MAY 12 - MUFFINS WITH MUM - TEA/COFFEE & A MUFFIN WITH MUM/SPECIAL PERSON
- MAY 12 - MOTHER'S DAY STALL
- JUNE 2 - ITALIAN DAY- PIZZA & GELATO
- JUNE 22 - HOT DOG DAY
- JUNE 22 - DONUT FUNDRAISER
- JULY 28 (TBC) - TRIVIA NIGHT
- SEPTEMBER 1 - FATHER'S DAY BAKE SALE
- SEPTEMBER 14 - FOOTY COLOURS/PIE DAY/RUOK? DAY
- NOVEMBER 24 - THE COLOUR RUN



MOTHER'S DAY MORNING TEA

YOU'RE INVITED

MUFFINS 
with mum

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

All
welcome.

Thermomix
raffle
drawn at
8.30am

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

NO NEED TO
RSVP
PLEASE JOIN US
FROM 8AM



Meet & Greet



St Margaret's
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An afternoon with our principal

SUSAN PERKS

Join us as we officially welcome
St Margaret's newly appointed principal
Mrs Susan Perks

Thursday 11th May 2023

at 2.30pm

In the former Church

Tea & coffee to follow

All welcome

Mother's Day Raffle

RAISING FUNDS TO TRANSFORM OUR
LIBRARY



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

**Win a
Thermomix
valued at
\$2359**

Tickets \$20 each
Only 400 available



Help our community raise funds for our Library Transformation Project. We know that school libraries play an integral role in increasing educational outcomes for all students. Providing an inspiring space that is inclusive, warm, and designed to encourage learning will bolster a strong reading culture at St Margaret's where literacy is valued.

Help us raise funds for this much needed project and go into the draw to win an amazing prize of a brand new Thermomix TM6 valued at \$2359!

Only 400 tickets available.






Tickets are for sale in Victoria only.

Tickets are priced at \$20 each, 2 tickets for \$40, 3 tickets for \$55, 6 tickets for \$110

**TO ENTER SCAN THE QR CODE
OR GO TO THE FOLLOWING
LINK**

[HTTPS://RAFFLELINK.COM.AU/STMARGPSTHERMOMIX](https://rafflelink.com.au/stmargpsthermomix)



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:30 am	Breakfast & Projects	Breakfast & Structured Free Time	Breakfast & Projects	Breakfast & Structured Free Time	Breakfast & Projects
8:30 - 8:40 am	Silent Ball	Brain Break	Heads Down Thumbs Up	Brain Break	Silent Ball
3:20 - 3:50 pm	Sign In & Goals and Values Afternoon Tea (See Menu)	Sign In & Goals and Values Afternoon Tea (See Menu)	Sign In & Goals and Values Afternoon Tea (See Menu)	Sign In & Goals and Values Afternoon Tea (See Menu)	Sign In & Goals and Values Afternoon Tea (See Menu)
3:50 - 4:10pm	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time
4:10 - 4:45pm	SPORTS Kelly Sports/Outdoor Play 	CRAFT Mindfulness Colourings 	DISCOVERY Stressballs 	GAMES Cosmic Kids Yoga 	CRAFT Glitter Jars and Mothers Day Cards 
4:45 - 5:15pm	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
5:15 - 5:30pm	Late Snack Box	Late Snack Box	Late Snack Box	Late Snack Box	Late Snack Box
5:30 - 6:00 pm	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time

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Wk 1 24 April	ANZAC		Engage in some ANZAC themed activities to acknowledge our past
Wk 2 1 May	Fit and Famous		Explore all different aspects of health and fitness
Wk 3 8 May	Mindful in May		Get in touch with our mindful side as we explore lots of mindful themed activities
Wk 4 15 May	All About You		Tell us more about you, your families and all of your favourite things
Wk 5 22 May	Pokemon		We all have been loving Pokemon so let's enjoy some Pokemon themed activities
Wk 6 29 May	Bubbles		This week is all things bubbles! From cooking to craft to discovery, there is something for all
Wk 7 5 June	Lego		Use all of our favourite toy to make sculptures big and small!
Wk 8 12 June	Craft		Lots of different craft activities to enjoy this week! Get your creative hats on
Wk 9 19 June	Staff Choice		Let our Kelly Club Staff decide on a wide variety of activities to enjoy