



St. Margaret's
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term Two, Week 4
May 16th, 2023

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From Susan's Desk

Dear Families,



Wishing all our mums and special women a very Happy Mother's Day for last Sunday! It was so lovely to celebrate these women on Friday at 'Muffins with Mum'. We saw many families gather on the basketball court for an early morning coffee and a muffin shared with their children. It was wonderful to be able to make time to catch up with many of our families and to gather as a community. Congratulations to the anonymous person who was the winner of our Mother's Day Thermomix Raffle! We are so excited that the raffle was a huge success and thank the families that advertised the raffle and purchased tickets for our library transformation. Our students will have a wonderful space as we continue to build our reading culture. During the day the students were able to choose gifts for their mums. The P&F had arranged some beautiful items and I hope the mums enjoyed receiving these on Sunday. Thank you to the P&F for organising the raffle, their support with the morning tea and for the amazing gifts prepared for our students to purchase.

Last week I was so pleased to have the opportunity to speak with you at the Meet and Greet. It was a great opportunity to speak about the vision for St Margaret's as well as get to know you over afternoon tea. I am looking forward to our continued partnership and thank the P&F for preparing the afternoon tea for this event.

Our Prep to Year 2 students enjoyed the minibeast incursion that took place on Friday. They were able to learn about the mini beats as well as have some hands on experiences with many different minibeasts. Some photos about this event can be seen on our Facebook and Instagram page.

This week is walk to school week organised by two of our Year 6 leaders Riley and Lachlan. They have worked hard at planning the week, including organising a student vs staff basketball game to raise money for fruit on Friday. We encourage you to walk, ride or scooter to school this week and enjoy some fruit as you arrive on Friday. Amazing leadership by these students, encouraging us all to lead a healthy lifestyle.

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.



Congratulations Cardigan family on winning the door prize donated by Wombat Gully



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)

Monday 15th to Friday 19 th	Walk to School Week (student initiative)
Tuesday May 16 th	School Board 7pm
Thursday, May 18 th	Environmental Savours Peer Teaching Day at Holy Spirit
Friday May 19 th	Walk to School Fruit morning (student initiative)
Friday, May 19 th	Assembly – 3/4
Tuesday May 23rd	Combined Cross Country for selected students
Wednesday May 24 th	3 / 4 visit to Freedom Aged Care
Thursday, May 25 th	RACV Solar Squad Incursion – Years 5/6
Thursday, May 25 th	5 / 6 netball & AFL Lightning Premiership

June

Friday, June 2 nd	Italian Day & Special lunch
Friday, June 2 nd	Assembly – 1/2
Monday, June 12 th	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Friday, June 16 th	Assembly – Prep
Monday June 19 th to Friday 23 rd	Anti Bullying Week
Thursday, June 22 nd	P&F Special Lunch
Friday, June 23 rd	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

Are now closed. Tours will continue on a needs basis. Offers will be posted out early next week.

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.

We hope you enjoy it!
Riley Budge and Lachlan Reynolds



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School Community News

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



Name: Jess King

Role: 5/6 Learning Support Officer

Years at our school: First year

Family: Mum, Dad and my older sister Dani.

Loves: Spending time with my friends and family, playing piano at church and going to see musical



Name: Patience Barnes

Role: 1/2 Teacher

Years at our school: 1.5 years

Family: I have 32 in my immediate family. I'm the youngest of 7!

Loves: reading, gardening, travelling, relaxing at the beach and exploring with my dog Teddy.



Name: Tania West

Role: 1/2 Learning Support Officer

Years at our school: 19 years

Family: Husband Mick, children, Steph 28, Jordan 25 and Darcy 21

Loves: my family and my 2 dogs Joey and Hobey, watching the Cats play, movies



Name: Tenielle Buckby

Role: Prep Teacher
Literacy Intervention Teacher

Years at our school: 8

Family: My husband Sam and children - Grace, Hugh and Adelaide. Our dogs Luna, Astro and Zeus are also family!

Loves: Family, caravan holidays by the beach, basketball and live music.

School Community News

Labcoats Learning Mini Beast Incursion Year 1/2



Wellbeing News

eSafety (Express learning for busy families)

Lack of time is often raised when we are wanting to find out more information about technology. Fortunately for families who have devices which can stream videos, the eSafety Commission have developed short videos from their parent and carer webinars.

These short videos, under 10 minutes, can help you to support your child/ren. See below for the topics discussed and the target age of the videos;

Parental Controls

This video helps parents and carers to understand more about the different parental controls available and which settings are best suited to your family. It's designed for parents of kids aged 4 to 13 years old.



Digital Technologies and Mental Health

This video explains how to support a young person's mental wellbeing when they are using social media and apps. It's designed for parents and carers of young people aged 10 to 18 years old.



Cyberbullying and Online Drama

This video provides the tools to support young people to have safe and respectful online relationships and what to do if things go wrong. It's designed for parents and carers of young people aged 11 to 18 years old.



Kind regards

Sonja Ginn

Learning Diversity and Well Being Leader

Recommended Parent Information About Being Safe Online - eSafety Commission



Be safe

Help your child understand the connected world and how they can protect their personal information.

Set up devices safely and ensure they are only used in communal areas

Children need to be protected from exposure to content that is not age appropriate. The best way to do this is to use parental controls and safe search settings on the devices, apps and online accounts they use.

See our advice on how to set up devices safely later on. However, parental controls and filters are not failsafe. Ensure your child only uses devices in communal areas of your home, where their activities can be supervised.

Talk to your child about the connected world

While your child may not understand the internet or data sharing, starting the conversation early helps to build their understanding of how people and technologies connect (or 'talk') to one another online. This means they could be contacted by strangers or people who pose a risk. Identify who 'safe people' are, like family and close friends.

Babies can begin to grow their understanding of the connected world through video calls with grandparents or other family members. For toddlers and preschoolers, using airplane mode on Apple and Android devices is a great way to teach them about what is 'online' and what is 'offline'.

Teach your child about personal information

Make sure your child knows what their 'personal information' is. This includes their full name, date of birth, address, contact information and photos that identify them. Explain that personal information should not be shared with anyone they don't know. Talk with toddlers and preschoolers about what information and images are OK to share and what needs to be kept private.



School Community News

Quinnie at the World Transplant Games

When I went to Perth, I ran in the 50 metre sprint. I was nervous. There were lots of people watching. I came first. The next day I competed in the shot put. I threw it 11 metres and won a gold medal for that too. We stayed in a hotel that had a pool and a gym. Mum helped me get dressed for the running day. Thanks to all the people who help me go to the World Transplant Games!



Muffins with Mum







*We thank you, Lord, for daily bread,
And for your mercy and your grace.
We thank you for the air we breathe
And the blessings that come by faith.*

*We thank you, Lord, for joy and sorrow,
For our tears and for our smiles.
We thank you for family and friends,
And all those you put in our lives.*

*We thank you for what you have kept us from
And for what you have brought us through,
The danger we couldn't even see
And the times we didn't know what to do.*

*We give you praise, oh Lord, our God
And humbly thank you for everything,
For life, and health, and well being,
And all the good the year will bring.*

Amen.

Lenora McWhorter

*It's
Family
Week!*

*You're invited to add
your family photo to
the display at the
front entrance of the
school.*