



**St. Margaret's**  
Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

**Term Two, Week 5**  
**May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

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

Dear Families,

Last Thursday our Environmental Saviours school leaders attended a peer teaching session at Holy Spirit Primary School. They had an engaging day learning about different ways we can care for and protect our environment before presenting this information to other students and teaching them ways they can be environmentally responsible. Thanks to Ned for taking the students and guiding them through this experience.

Our prep students have been immersed in the life cycle of a chicken, watching them hatch and then grow over the last few weeks. The students have been so excited to share their learning about the chickens and can confidently discuss their life cycle. Other students had the opportunity to visit the chickens and have the preps discuss what they were learning.

## ***Leadership and Management News***



Some of our 3/4 students will be attending Grovedale Freedom retirement village next week. They have been practicing their singing and are looking forward to entertaining some of the residents. Our 3/4 students are making strong community connections this year with several retirement home residents and our students are benefiting immensely from these experiences. Thank you to the 3/4 teachers for supporting our students and for providing an example of lived Catholic values.

Our staff sincerely thank our families for supporting and valuing their preparation time in the mornings by arriving from 8.40am. They have had many kind comments from families expressing their understanding and wish to acknowledge your support. At the School Advisory Board meeting last week, all members continued to advocate for this minor change to start of the day supervision. Many of our families have found ways to accommodate this over the last 4 weeks and these are listed in the Student Voice section of this newsletter. Please remember that it poses a child safety risk for students to be left onsite unsupervised by parents. As stated in previous newsletters, for child safety Kelly Club has placed a coded lock on the back gate. Parents who access Kelly Club will be given the code to drop off and collect their children. This ensures students in this service are kept safe during the morning and afternoon sessions.

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## Leadership and Management News

It is very exciting to see the fairy house and fairy garden take place at the front of the school. Miss Costa and a group of students have been working diligently on the design of the fairy house and it is slowly coming to life! We cannot wait to see the finished product and for fairies to start visiting our school!

We wish those students that are attending the District Cross Country on Tuesday the best of luck. We hope the weather is kind and that students achieve personal best times as well as displaying kindness and sportsmanship.

Enjoy your week.  
Susan



## Calendar of Events

## Term 2

### May

(New items in bold)

Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

Combined Cross Country for selected students  
3 / 4 visit to Freedom Aged Care  
RACV Solar Squad Incursion – Years 5/6  
5 / 6 netball & AFL Lightning Premiership

### June

Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>  
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Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>  
**Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>

Italian Day & Special lunch  
Assembly – 1/2  
King's Birthday Public Holiday  
**3/4 students visiting Whitehaven Aged Care**  
Assembly – Prep  
Anti Bullying Week  
P&F Special Lunch – hot dogs  
Last day of Term 2. 1.30pm finish.  
Dress as your favourite Superhero for Anti Bullying Day!

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.



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## Calendar of Events continued

Term 3

### July

Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday July 27<sup>th</sup>

First day of Term 3  
School Board 7pm  
Morning Tea for Grandparents  
District Athletics (selected students)

### August

Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>  
  
Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

Emmaus Meal  
Sacrament of First Eucharist 2.30pm  
Three Way Conversations  
(parent/teacher interviews) 4pm - 6:30pm  
Students Finish at 1.30pm.  
Three Way Conversations  
(parent/teacher interviews) 2pm - 6pm

### September

Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>  
Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>

Father's Day Bake Sale  
School Closure Day - Staff Professional Development  
Maths Comp (Year 6 selected students)  
Footy Colours / Pie Day  
R U OK? Day  
Last Day of Term 3. 1.30pm finish. Casual Clothes

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Term 4

### October

Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>  
Mon, Oct 30<sup>th</sup> - Wed, Nov 1<sup>st</sup>

First Day of Term 4  
Odd Socks Day for Mental Health  
Art Show  
5/6 Camp Kangaroobie

### November

Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

3/4 Sleep Over  
P&F Special lunch  
Student Free Day  
Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

### December

Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

End Term 4 1:30 finish





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



***Name:*** Annette Thomas

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

***Years at our school:*** 2 years

***Family:*** My husband Bill and 2 daughters Steph and Julia.

***Loves:*** Spending time with family and friends, gardening, holidays and my 2 dogs.



***Name:*** Emma Badr

***Role:*** 1/2 Teacher

***Years at our school:*** Almost 1.5 yrs with a baby break in the middle

***Family:*** My husband Nick and my two girls Nova and Remi.

***Loves:*** Travelling, new adventures, dancing, live performances, yoga, socialising



***Name:*** Ana Clifton

***Role:*** 1/2 Teacher

***Years at our school:*** Lots!

***Family:*** Husband Rob 3 Adult children Mikaela, Paddy and Louis

***Loves:*** Op Shopping Playing tennis, cooking and travelling to enjoy good cooking, walking, good coffee and anything Spanish!



***Name:*** Leanne Donovan

***Role:*** 1/2 Learning Support Officer

***Years at our school:*** 8Years

***Family:*** Husband Mick, Children: Twins Samuel & Emily, 2 Step Children Paul & Michelle, 6 grandchildren.

***Loves:*** Cooking, baking and decorating cakes, aqua aerobics and family holidays

# What's Happening

We really have kicked off term 2 with a bang! Our 'muffins with mum' morning was a huge success. It was so lovely to see so many mums and grandparents sharing a muffin with their kids and catching up with friends, such a wonderful community feeling throughout the playground.

A huge thank you to everyone who purchased tickets, shared social media posts, put posters up in workplace tea rooms for our Mother's Day Thermomix raffle.

We sold a massive 390 tickets and raised an incredible \$4820 for our library.

The amazing literacy team are so excited to put these funds into action and start transforming this space into an inspiring environment to nurture a love of reading for our kids.

And of course, a big congratulations to Sarah Poole (mum to Jake 3/4JB and Oscar 1/2KH) our lucky winner of the brand-new Thermomix!

We are looking forward to celebrating Italian day on June 2, please join us in sharing a special pizza lunch with families. If you can help out on the day please let the P&F or the office know.

We also have an exciting donut fundraiser coming up thanks to Daniels Donuts, please keep an eye out for order forms and be sure to share around with friends and family!

## P&F CALENDAR

- JUNE 2 - ITALIAN DAY- PIZZA & GELATO - FAMILIES WELCOME
- JUNE 22 - HOT DOG DAY - SPECIAL LUNCH
- JUNE 22 - DONUT FUNDRAISER
- JULY 28 (TBC) - TRIVIA NIGHT
- SEPTEMBER 1 - DONUTS WITH DAD/SPECIAL PERSON
- SEPTEMBER 1 - FATHER'S DAY BAKE SALE
- SEPTEMBER 14 - FOOTY COLOURS/PIE DAY/RUOK? DAY
- NOVEMBER 3 - SPECIAL LUNCH
- NOVEMBER 24 - THE COLOUR RUN



Friday June 2nd  
**CAN YOU HELP OUT AT  
ITALIAN DAY?**

FROM 12 NOON

Please add your details to the lunch order form.  
Thank you!



## Congratulations!

SARAH POOLE

WINNER OF OUR MOTHER'S DAY THERMOMIX RAFFLE

YOUR DONATIONS AND TICKET SALES HAVE RAISED AN INCREDIBLE

**\$4820**

FOR OUR LIBRARY TRANSFORMATION PROJECT!

WE'RE LOOKING FOR LEMONS



**Do you have any lemons you  
can donate for our  
Italian Day?**

**Please drop them into the office at your  
earliest convenience. Thank you!**



# Thank you



We would like to thank Wombat Gully Plant farm in Moolap for donating a gorgeous Camellia & Pot for our giveaway at our Muffins with Mum morning tea.  
Please continue to support those businesses who support us!

*St Margaret's P&F*



St Margaret's Primary School

## Italian Day

Join us as we celebrate Festa Della Repubblica

**Friday 2nd June  
from 12.30pm**

*Pizza, gelato, limonata  
and Italian music.*

All families are invited to spend the afternoon with their children for lunch.

DANIEL'S DONUTS



St Margaret's PS

## DONUT DRIVE

**Delivered to school  
22nd June**

Thank you for being involved in our Daniel's Donuts FUNDRAISER every six pack you sell \$8 comes back to our school.  
Ask your friends, family, work colleagues and neighbours.

# THANK YOU

FINLEYVAUGHAN 3/4 JB



Check out more of  
Finley's creations on  
Instagram at



HANDMADEBYFINLEYMAY



**A BIG THANK YOU TO FINLEY VAUGHAN (3/4 JB)  
AND MUM ABBEY WHO KINDLY MADE AND  
DONATED MORE THAN 50 PAIRS OF GORGEOUS  
EARRINGS TO OUR MOTHER'S DAY STALL!**



Friday  
2nd  
June

St Margaret's Primary School

# *Italian Day*

Join us as we celebrate Festa Della Repubblica

*Pizza, gelato, limonata  
and Italian music.*

We have invited  
parents to spend  
lunch with their  
children from  
12.30pm

**Lunch order forms:  
STUDENT form to be given to  
ALL students plus the FAMILY  
form to be given to the eldest  
child.**

**Forms to be returned by end of  
day  
Wednesday 24th May.**

*Order forms for lunch were sent home Friday.*





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**\$25  
6 pack**

Bank Deposit

Account Name: St Margaret's P F

BSB: 083 347

Account: 426802879

**ORDERS MUST BE IN BY**  
**TUESDAY JUNE 6**

FIRST NAME	
SURNAME	
CLASS	

**Don't forget  
to sell to Family,  
Friends & work  
colleagues**

**Please order from the following packs.**  
**All Orders will be delivered to students on Thursday 22nd June**

ITEM	6 PACK INCLUDES;	QTY	PRICE	AMOUNT
PACK ONE: ORIGINALS	ORIGINAL GLAZED, CHOCOLATE ICED, STRAWBERRY M&MS, CINNAMON, CHOC HAZELNUT, JAM		\$25.00	
PACK TWO: NUT FREE	ORIGINAL GLAZED, STRAWBERRY ICED, CHOCOLATE ICED, SALTED CARAMEL CRUNCH, WHITE CHOC RASPBERRY, LEMON COCONUT		\$25.00	
PACK THREE: ADVENTUROUS	CHOC HAZELNUT ROCKY ROAD, WHITE CHOC HAZELNUT, SALTED CARAMEL CRUNCH, CHOC HAZELNUT KITKAT CRUNCH, LOTUS BISCOFF, MARS		\$25.00	
PACK FOUR: VEGAN	VEGAN ORIGINAL GLAZED, VEGAN JAM, VEGAN 100S & 1000S, VEGAN COOKIES & CREAM, VEGAN CINNAMON, VEGAN BUBBLEGUM		\$25.00	
PACK FIVE: GLUTEN FREE	GLUTEN FREE CHOCOLATE ICED, GLUTEN FREE STRAWBERRY ICED, GLUTEN FREE CHOC HAZELNUT, GLUTEN FREE WHITE CHOC RASPBERRY, GLUTEN FREE CINNAMON, GLUTEN FREE JAM		\$25.00	
TOTAL				\$

# St Mary of the Angels Parish Geelong

In December 2009, St Mary's Geelong established a "parish partnership" with Mary Immaculate Viqueque that is now in its 14th year. This enduring partnership is built on love, friendship and respect.

Through the years, the "parish partnership" has supported many different people and projects. Chris Hansen from St Mary's Parish Geelong is in regular contact with local parish priest, Fr Evaristo Antonio Da Costa, and visits Viqueque in East Timor every year.

Here are some of the ways the partnership between Geelong and Viqueque makes a difference in 2023:

		
<p><b>Tuition</b> Joao is studying Nursing (Midwifery) at the University of Peace in Dili.</p>	<p><b>Tuition</b> Olga is studying Nursing (Midwifery) at University Crystal in Dili.</p>	<p><b>Tuition</b> Octaviano is working in Australia under the SEFOPE program which places Timorese workers in labour markets abroad.</p>
		
<p><b>In partnership with GVFS</b> Chris Hansen and Mariano Da Silva (GVFS liaison officer) present local students In Viqueque with their annual 2023 scholarship allocation.</p>	<p><b>In partnership with GVFS</b> The Geelong Viqueque Friendship Schools Committee has supported the development of a science laboratory at a local senior high school in Viqueque.</p>	





### Capital Works

St Mary's Geelong has built a new chapel at Wetali which will be blessed and opened in August 2023. Wetali (village) is about an hour by car from the Viqueque church.



### Capital Works

The chapel at Wetali will be known as St Mary of the Angels. Fr Evaristo and his parish council are looking at the renovation of the chapel at Casu-laran for their next project.



### Maintenance

The "Geelong" cars were purchased for the Viqueque parish with support from St Mary's Geelong. The Viqueque parish has many outlying and isolated Mass Stations.



### Maintenance

The two parish cars require ongoing maintenance due to the poor condition of local roads. The safe condition of cars is essential to the work of the parish. St Mary's recently spent AUD\$1000 on 4 new tyres for one of the cars.