



St. Margaret's
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term Two, Week 7
June 6th, 2023

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From Susan's Desk

Leadership and Management News

Dear Families,

Last Friday we celebrated Italian Day! Our students were engaged in a wide range of activities that immersed them in the language and culture of Italy. Our Prep and 1/ 2 students enjoyed the Cavallo Capers Incursion whilst our 3-6 students rotated through a variety of engaging activities. The weather was a perfectly sunny winter day, and we were able to enjoy sharing our pizza and gelato lunch with the families that attended outside. We also enjoyed listening to the tunes from Phil Carroll on the accordion! Good luck to the senior students who entered the Design a Jersey Competition. We look forward to announcing the winner this week.

The reimagining of the library space is coming together. Jaki and Kerrie-Anne have been working tirelessly to select appropriate furniture and colour scheme. Jaki has outlined how this is progressing later in this newsletter and we are excited that this will be taking place soon! The fairy house outside is also taking shape. We are excited that Miss Costa and her students have been making their design a reality. In the coming weeks the fairy house area will be redesigned with grass being laid and the seating removed for another play space for our students. We are hoping to source a cubby house for this area as well. If you know of anyone that would be willing to assist with this, please let me know. It is exciting to see our areas being reinvigorated for our students to enjoy.

A reminder that, 'Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education' - Every Day Counts, Victorian State Government. Regular student attendance is vital as it affects a student's school work (academic growth and progress) and social adjustment (attitudes to school). Therefore, at St Margaret's School, regular student attendance is expected and encouraged, if your child is not unwell. School attendance rolls are marked twice daily: 9am (morning period) and 2.20pm (afternoon period). Students arriving at school after 9am must be signed in by a parent/guardian using the school's system, located at the front office. In the event where a child is absent for any reason, the school's student absence procedure must be followed. Families are required to contact the school office if their child is unwell. If families intend to take a family holiday during the school term, please email me and their classroom teacher to let us know.

Over the coming weeks we are fortunate to have both Sinead Stevenson and Chris Hansen come to speak to our students about Viqueque. It is important our students continue to learn about the relationship our Parish has with Viqueque and the ongoing benefits of this association. We are looking forward to having Sinead speak to the junior students about Viqueque and to having Chris speak to the 3-6s about his ongoing work in Viqueque and how St Margaret's can continue to support this community.

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

(New items in bold)

June

Monday, June 12 th	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday, June 13 th	Division AFL Championships
Tuesday, June 13 th	Viqueque Talk for Prep & 1/2s
Thursday, June 15 th	Viqueque Talk for 3/4 & 5/6
Wednesday, June 21 st	3/4 students visiting Whitehaven Aged Care
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 – hot dogs
Friday, June 23 rd	Last day of Term 2. 1.30pm finish. Dress as your favourite Superhero for Anti Bullying Day!

Term 3

July

Monday, July 10 th	First day of Term 3
Tuesday, July 25 th	School Board 7pm
Wednesday, July 26 th	Morning Tea for Grandparents
Thursday July 27 th	District Athletics (selected students)

August

Wednesday, August 9 th	Emmaus Meal 6.30pm (First Eucharist preparation evening)
Friday, August 18 th	3/4 Melbourne Symphony Orchestra excursion
Sunday, August 20 th	Sacrament of First Eucharist 2.30pm
Monday August 21 st	Book Week
Monday, August 21 st	Three Way Conversations (parent/teacher interviews) 4pm - 6:30pm
Tuesday, August 22 nd	Students Finish at 1.30pm. Three Way Conversations (parent/teacher interviews) 2pm - 6pm

September

Friday, September 1 st	Father's Day Bake Sale
Monday, September 4 th	School Closure Day - Staff Professional Development
Friday, September 8 th	Maths Comp (Year 6 selected students)
Thursday, September 14 th	Footy Colours / Pie Day
Thursday, September 14 th	R U OK? Day
Friday, September 15 th	Last Day of Term 3. 1.30pm finish. Casual Clothes



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Calendar of Events continued

Term 4

October

Monday, October 2 nd	First Day of Term 4
Friday, October 13 th	Odd Socks Day for Mental Health
Friday, October 27 th	Art Show
Mon, Oct 30 th - Wed, Nov 1 st	5/6 Camp Kangarooobie

November

Thursday, November 2 nd	3/4 Sleep Over
Friday, November 3 rd	P&F Special lunch
Monday, November 6 th	Student Free Day
Tuesday, November 7 th	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

December

Friday, December 15 th	End Term 4 1:30 finish
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A Very Special Birthday for a Very Special Lady

Anne Miller has been part of our St. Margaret's community for nearly her whole life; first as a student, then a mother of students, then a teacher's aide, then as an administration officer. Anne has the living memory of our school close to her heart and no better person exemplifies our school values of welcome, kindness, consideration, a thankful heart and a willing spirit. We all wish Anne a wonderful birthday this 'special' year and every year!



Literacy

Beyond Words Writing Competition

There is no doubt we will have some budding authors at St Margaret's with titles like: The Magic Book, Dino Time Travellers, and Gymnastics Sabotage. These are some of the narrative pieces the Year 3 and 4 students have submitted to the **Dymocks, Beyond Words**, writing competition. The writing process can be a challenging task for some students. Planning and drafting are important elements when writing a 'story'. However, there are number of other essential steps, such as thinking, editing, revising, and finally publishing. Often, we find that some students want to jump straight in and start writing without going through the writing process, however, when done properly students can produce outstanding results. To see evidence of the incredible work the students have published, please take a walk down the main corridor where you will be immersed in a sea of imaginative narratives.

HAPPY READING!



Italian Day Snapshot Sentences

The gelato was perfect. When I licked it, the Italian flag colours appeared lined up just like the flag.
Lenny

Italian Day looks gorgeous with all the red, white and green. Miller

On Italian day the ice cream was so soft and smooth. When I saw someone eating the ice cream my mouth was drooling. Dhyani

I liked making the pizza with Shae and Juan and the gelato was good.
Ivy

On Italian day the singers were so loud my ears were about to burst.
Dhyani

The pizza tasted delicious. I was enjoying it with my friends.
Elizabeth

My pineapple had pizza in it. It tasted good. James

I liked the planks. Liam

When the classes came out for lunch the air was filled with joy. People were eating, dancing and enjoying the sunshine. Willow

When Holly stuck out her tongue I saw a whole world of blue in her mouth. Lily

The gelato tasted incredible. It was like they were made out of joy!
Miller

I loved when I go to eat my pizza because it tasted delicious and it felt like I was in heaven. Eliana

The accordion player was extremely talented. Miller

I had some gelato. It was sour in a good way. Arlo

I loved the strawberry ice cream because it was delicious. Juan

I liked making the felt pizza with Ivy and Juan. Shae

When the ice cream hit my mouth it felt cold and packed with flavour. I had mixed flavoured ice cream that felt smooth and soft. Pearl

On Italian day I began to lick my ice cream and out of nowhere my tongue turned blue. Holly

The gelatos were awesome. They tasted zingy and sweet and we couldn't get enough. Everybody waited in anticipation for their ice cream. Willow

The singer taught us a dance. It went like Bella Ciao, Bella Ciao, Bella Ciao Ciao Ciao Ciao. Harry

On Italian day I played bocce. It was interesting and fun. Jobe

My friend Miller and I built a curved, hollow, colossal bridge of rectangle planks. Jack R

Finally I was so close to the soft, smooth, tasty gelato. Aiden

The pizza was so deliciously tasty, it was great. Miller



School Community News



Library Re- refurbishment Sneak Peek!

The library refurbishment is coming along nicely; however, it takes a lot of planning and preparation. There are so many decisions to make and things to consider. Not only do we need to think about what is going to look great and be comfortable, we also need to ensure that we choose shelving to house the collection appropriately. Not an easy feat!

Fortunately, we had the expertise of Carmen, our Raeco representative who patiently guided us to choose some fabrics and furniture pieces.

We have based the colour scheme around a beautiful indigenous fabric print titled, Our Story Tellers and the Knowledge Holders.

The mood board below showcases the print that will be used for the 'teacher' chair alongside complementary blues, greys, and greens for the ottomans and bench seats.

It has been exciting to see it coming together.

Stay tuned for more library refurb updates coming soon....

Student of the Week Awards

<i>Class</i>	<i>Student</i>	<i>Award</i>
PREP	Jonah Smith	For working hard on his organisation this week.
	Jane Mathew	For her excellent effort in writing her information report.
1 / 2 KH	Olive Spencer Harmer	For always being a great friend to others.
1 / 2 JK	Kartia Mirmilstein	For always demonstrating wonderful learning habits and being a positive role model.
	Sarah Smith	For her kind and friendly nature. Sarah always looks out for others.
1 / 2 PB	Caity Budge	For her diligent work efforts.
	Izzy Porter	For her kindness and positive attitude.
1 / 2 AC-EB	Jonathan Reid	For his improved effort and persistence with classroom activities.
	Annie Butcher	For being a responsible and helpful class member.
3 / 4 MD-MdJ	Lily Bell	For always being willing to support others with kindness and generosity.
	Dhyani Ka Patel	For the thought and consideration she gives to completing her very best work.
3 / 4 LC	Aliza Cole	For the awesome effort she gives to her Maths work.
	Lorenzo Manna	For the encouragement and learning support he gives to his classmates.
3 / 4 JB	Madison Ballard	For her enthusiasm shown towards all learning tasks.
	Jake Poole	For displaying a growth mindset and always trying his best when faced with new learning tasks.
5 / 6 NA	Adriel Sibi	For creating an exemplary information report in writing.
5 / 6 NA	Miller Young	For an outstanding maths result.
5 / 6 LD	Tom McGuane	For his continued persistence and creativity in your work, particularly in his writing.
5 / 6 LD	Jackson Spark	For his knowledgeable contributions and effort towards the inquiry topic.
5 / 6 JW	Billy O'Kane	For contributing to class discussions.
5 / 6 JW	Max Russell	For always being helpful and positive in the classroom.

Speak up – it's your right

Victoria's Child Safe Standards are designed to keep you safe.

Why the standards came about

In 2013, the Victorian Government looked at how safe organisations are for children and young people.

It found that sometimes children and young people have not been kept safe by organisations and the adults who work in them.

More needed to be done to keep children and young people safe in the future.



What are they for?



Out of home care providers, schools, churches, sports clubs, dance schools and other organisations have to keep you safe.

This means:

- Only choosing adults who are safe to work with you.
- Listening to you about what makes you feel safe.
- Acting to protect you if someone hurts you or makes you feel unsafe.

What they mean for you

You can expect to be safe and to feel safe, wherever you go and whatever you do.

You can expect that adults that work with you know how to keep you safe.

You can tell an adult if you don't feel safe and they have to help you.



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PARENT EDUCATION EVENTS

GEELONG and BARWON
SOUTHWEST REGION



TERM 3, 2023

All Regional Parenting Service programs along with MELI (*formerly Barwon Child Youth & Family (BCYF) and Bethany*), Family Relationship Centre, Drummond St Services and Barwon Southwest Region programs will be offered face to face or online. Bookings are essential. For details of dates, times and venues please see below.

BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS

The First 1000 Days

The first 1,000 days of life is a program for parents with children aged under two years and designed to nurture parents as they embark on their journey. It provides parents with knowledge about brain development and an understanding of how children grow and what they need. The centrality of family relationships and opportunities for parents to reflect on their own childhood and how to connect with their children are all explored.

BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS

Bringing up Great Kids is a six-week supportive program for parents of children aged 12 months to 9 years.

The program aims to:

- develop parents' skills to enhance communication with their children;
- promote positive interactions between parents and their child/ren;
- encourage the development of a child's positive self-identity.

CIRCLE OF SECURITY

Circle of Security is an eight-week supportive program for parents of children aged birth to 5 years.

The program aims to:

- Help parents understand how to build feelings of security for children in their early years;
- Assist parents with skills to build on the positive relationship with their child;
- Develop confidence in parents to respond to their child in a way which builds a secure foundation for children.

BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS

Parenting Adolescents

The program builds on maintaining positive relationships and interactions between parents and adolescents during the ages of 10 to 17 years. This six-week program will look at having a better understanding and being able to support your adolescent.

- Finding meaningful ways to stay connected with you adolescent;
- Understand that all behaviour and interaction have a meaning attached to it;
- Develop an increased understanding about the messages that they communicate to their adolescent through their behaviour, actions and attitudes;
- Develop skills to identify and manage their stress associated with parenting.

STEPPING STONES

Stepping Stones is a 5-week program for families with a child who has a disability. The program aims to help parents use Positive Parenting to acquire new skills and knowledge. Skills are practiced and parents receive constructive feedback about their use of skills.

OUR KIDS – Parenting After Separation

Our Kids is a 6-week course on parenting after separation and the impact of parental conflict on children. The course encourages parents to focus on the needs of their children and develop helpful communication strategies following separation. Courses run weekly for six weeks during school terms. Morning and evening sessions are available.

THE DAD WORKSHOP

This six-week program will focus on giving you the tools you need to create a better life for your entire family.

We will look at simple things you can do to improve:

- your relationship with yourself;
- your relationship with your partner;
- your relationship with your kids.

FLOURISHING FAMILIES

A 5-week program for parents with children of all ages to discover how you can help your family to flourish.

Learn about:

- how you can promote resilience;
- increase awareness of your family's strengths;
- create and nurture positive family relationships;
- give feedback to support individual growth.

NO MORE SCAREDY CATS

Reducing Anxiety and Building Resilience in Children

A 4-week program for parents of children 5 to 12 years to gain an understanding of the increasing levels of anxiety in a child and strategies to help manage the "traps and tripwires" with strengthening sayings, questioning strategies and mindful exercises.

TUNING IN TO KIDS

Tuning in to kids is a 6-week supportive program for parents of children aged 4 to 10 years.

The program aims to:

- help parents teach and support their child/ren to understand and manage their emotions;
- support parents in encouraging children to express emotions appropriately;
- maximise children's social, behavioural and learning outcomes.

TUNING IN TO TEENS

Tuning in to teens is a 6-week supportive program for parents of teens aged 12 to 18 years.

The program aims to:

- support parents to connect and communicate with their teens;
- assist parents with understanding adolescent development;
- help parents to assist their teen to develop emotional intelligence;
- remain empathetic and stay connected.

LIVING WITH TEENS

A model for building strong, secure connections. Living with Teens is a 3-week program.

The program aims to cover:

- What parents need to be able to meet teen's needs;
- What teens need from parents;
- Adolescent development.

BUMPS TO BUBS

Bumps to Bubs brings young mothers and mothers-to-be (up to 23 years) with babies 0 to 1 year, together to support the journey of parenting.

The program aims to:

- Bring young mothers and babies together for fun, learning and friendship in a relaxed setting;
- Enhance parent and child attachment;
- Increase understanding of child development.

BUBS TO TOTS

Bubs to Tots brings mothers (up to 24 years) of children in the 1 to 2 year age group together for support and education.

The program aims to:

- Provide education to enhance children's early development;
- Promote parent and child attachment/relationships through the promotion of play;
- Assist parents with managing and enjoying the toddler years.

DADS TUNING INTO KIDS

Dads Tuning into Kids is a 6-week supportive program specifically for Dads of children aged 3 to 12 years.

The program aims to:

- Help dads to effectively tune in to their child's emotions;
- Encourage dads to strengthen their emotional connection with their child;
- Support dads to build skills in emotion coaching to assist their child's individual needs.


POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM

Available online via the Triple P website

www.triplep-parenting.net.au/vic-ukn/triple-p/

Parent Education Events

Term 3, 2023

Program	Location / Venue	Days / Dates	Time	Bookings
Flourishing Families	Online via Zoom	Tuesdays 18 July – 22 Aug	7.00pm – 9.00pm	 <p>Regional Parenting Service</p> <p>www.geelongaustralia.com.au/parenting</p> <p>Ph: 5272 4741</p> 
Tuning in to Kids	Online via Zoom	Wednesdays 26 July – 30 Aug	7.00pm – 9.00pm	
Circle of Security	Virginia Todd Community Centre 9-15 Clarence St, Geelong West	Wednesdays 12 July – 30 Aug	7.00pm – 9.00pm	
No More Scaredy Cats	Online via Zoom	Thursdays 6 July – 27 July	7.00pm – 9.00pm	
Bringing Up Great Kids	Chilwell Primary School	Tuesdays 25 July – 29 Aug	7.00pm – 9.00pm	
To express your interest for the following programs please scan the QR code				
The Dad Workshop	Stepping Stones			
BUGK First 1000 Days	Tuning in to Teens			
Our Kids – Parenting after Separation	Family Relationship Centre 7 Ryan Place, Geelong	Tuesdays 18 July – 22 Aug Thursdays 20 July – 24 Aug	6.00pm – 8.00pm	 <p>Family Relationship Centre</p> <p>www.catholiccarevic.org.au</p> <p>Ph: 5246 5600</p>
Online parenting programs	Drummond St Services offer a range of online programs, please see their website for further details.	Various dates and times		 <p>Drummond Street Services</p> <p>ds.org.au/events/</p>

Parent Education Events

Term 3, 2023

Program	Location / Venue	Days / Dates	Time	Bookings
Bumps to Bubs	Northern Bay Family Learning Centre Goldsworthy Rd, Corio	Wednesdays 12 July – 13 Sept	1.30pm – 3.00pm	 <p>Meli</p> <p>Meli, the new name for BCYF and Bethany</p> <p>www.bcyf.org.au</p> <p>Ph: 5226 8900</p> 
Bubs to Tots	Northern Bay Family Learning Centre Goldsworthy Rd, Corio	Thursdays 13 July – 14 Sept	10.00am – 11.30am	
Tuning in to Kids	Bellarine Learning and Living Centre 20 Worden Court, Whittington	Thursdays 27 July – 31 Aug	10.30am – 12.30pm	
Circle of Security	Northern Bay Family Learning Centre Goldsworthy Rd, Corio	Tuesdays 25 July – 29 Aug	9.30am – 11.30am	
Bumps to Bubs	Armstrong Creek East Community Hub 46 Central Blvd, Armstrong Creek	Wednesdays 26 July – 13 Sept	1.00pm – 2.30pm	
Dads Tuning in to Kids	Korayn Birralee Family Centre 146 Purnell Rd, Corio	Thursdays 27 July – 31 Aug	5.30pm – 7.30pm	
Bringing up Great Kids	Kurrambee Myaring Community Centre, 12 Merrijig Drive, Torquay	Thursdays 27 July – 31 Aug	12.30pm – 2.30pm	
Tuning in to Teens	Meli 222 Malop Street, Geelong	Thursdays 3 August – 7 Sept	12.30pm – 2.30pm	
Circle of Security	Children's Services Centre 550-600 Raglan Pde, Warrnambool	Wednesdays 26 July – 30 Aug	6.30pm – 8.00pm	 <p>CatholicCare Victoria – Warrnambool</p> <p>www.catholiccarevic.org.au</p> <p>Ph: 4344 4588</p>
Circle of Security	Moyne Shire - Location TBC	Tuesdays 1 Aug – 5 Sept	5.00pm – 7.00pm	
Living with Teens	Online via Zoom	Thursdays 31 Aug – 14 Sept	6.30pm – 8.30pm	



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.



St Margaret's PS

**DONUT
DRIVE**

**\$25
6 pack**

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Account Name: St Margaret's P F

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

FIRST NAME	
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**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				\$