



St. Margaret's
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term Two, Week 9
June 20th, 2023

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From Susan's Desk

Leadership and Management News

Dear Families,

It is hard to think that we are already in our last week of term. We have had many exciting learning experiences for our students and I have enjoyed reading each child's school report to see their individual achievements and personal growth. These reports will be released through our online system PAM on Friday. If you require a hard copy or have trouble accessing the report, please let your child's classroom teacher know. Your child's school report is just one way we communicate with you about your child's progress. Our parent teacher interviews in terms 1 and 3 allow an opportunity for a face to face meeting, as well as any other conversations we have with you throughout the year. See Saw also highlights student achievement in a timely manner. Any questions or concerns you have about the report, please make a time to speak with your child's teacher next term.

I am thrilled to let you know that the Gordon Carpentry students have kindly donated one of their cubby houses! After locating them, and letting them know that the cubby would be a fabulous addition to our playground, they have donated it to us! Currently it is getting a quick coat of paint, thanks to Mrs Ginn & her husband Scott) before being delivered to our school. I am hoping that we can have some volunteers to come and help get it off the truck and into our playground. I am anticipating this may be over the last weekend of the holidays or the first week back next term. If you are able to help, please email me your email address and best phone number so I can let you know the exact date and time and coordinate this. Our students will appreciate your support. (sperks@smgeelongeast.com.au)



We look forward to hearing from Tom Higgins about his recent experience representing St Margaret's at the Regional Cross Country event held in Melbourne on Monday. Tom has done extremely well qualifying for this event and we hope that he was happy with his performance.

A reminder that chewing gum, lollipops and lollies in general are not suitable for school. We have also seen some students bringing energy drinks as part of their snack or lunch. These items can be a safety concern as well as not encouraging healthy eating habits. Please ensure your children do not bring these items to school.

School Fees for term 1 and term 2 are now overdue and term 3 fees are due. Please ensure to make these payments before the end of term or contact the office to set up a direct debit for these. Our preferred option is for families to set up a direct debit using the form from the office and make payments weekly, fortnightly, monthly or termly. I encourage you to speak with our friendly office staff to make these arrangements. All fees need to be paid in advance.

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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

The holidays are a great time to check school uniforms and purchase any items that may be needed. This includes the correct navy blue socks, long winter pants and correct hair ties. Raincoats, puffer jackets, beanies etc are encouraged for outside wear, but when students are inside the school jacket or jumper must be the outer layer. When students are representing St Margaret's at external events, please ensure the correct uniform is being worn. Particularly for our senior students at sporting events, the full correct sports uniform needs to be worn.

Please take the time to note new entries into the school calendar, including the date for Year 6 graduation. More information about this will be sent home to families.



Our last day of term is this Friday June 23rd with a 1.30pm finish. Kelly Club will run from 1.30pm. Please contact them if you require care for your children. Friday is a casual dress day with the theme of dress as a superhero for anti bullying week. Your gold coin donation will go towards this important cause. Our students will be engaged in anti bullying activities throughout the week.



We hope you take the time to rest and relax
ready for a busy term 3. Enjoy the holidays!
Susan

Student Voice: Year 6 Leadership Group

The P&F and Susan have recently met with our Year 6 Leadership 2023 representatives. We discussed different ways they would like to get involved in our school community. They had some amazing ideas that we are hoping to put into place over the second half of the school year. The following are some ideas that these students had:

- Whole School Colour Run. The P&F are hoping to do this in term 4.
- School disco. The P&F and school leaders will organise this for the last day of term 3!
- Student vs Teacher game. We have had one this term and more to follow.
- Cookies replace donuts. We are doing this on Hot Dog Day.
- Other ideas of special lunches that will be implemented.
- Nude Food initiative. Our Environmental Saviours Leaders will begin this & educate our school during term 3.
- Friendship station makeover. The P&F are working with students and staff to how make this happen.

It is exciting to have our students make a difference to our school community!

Regional Cross Country: Tom Higgins

On Monday June 19th, Tom Higgins represented the school and the Bellarine Division at the Western Regional Cross Country Carnival at Keilor. Tom ran amazingly well, finishing 10th in his 3km event with a time of 12:47. This result means Tom will be representing the school at the State Championships in Term 3! Well done Tom and good luck!



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(New items in bold)

June

Monday, June 19 th to Friday 23 rd	Anti Bullying Week
Wednesday, June 21 st	Selected 3/4 students visiting Whitehaven Aged Care
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 staff and students
Monday, July 10th-14th	NAIDOC Week
Tuesday, July 18th Yrs 3-6	Cybersafety Incursion (Robbie Noggler, Vic Police)
Wednesday, July 19th	Division Soccer (selected students)
Tuesday, July 25 th	School Board 7pm
Wednesday, July 26th	Morning Tea for Grandparents 10.30am
Thursday July 27 th	District Athletics (selected students)
Monday, July 31st-August 4th	Matific Maths Olympiad

August

Wednesday, August 9 th	Emmaus Meal 6.30pm (First Eucharist preparation evening)
Friday, August 18 th	3/4 Melbourne Symphony Orchestra excursion
Friday, August 18 th	Environmental Saviours Catchment day
Sunday, August 20 th	Sacrament of First Eucharist 2.30pm St Mary's Basilica
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
Wednesday, August 23rd	Virtual Information evening Yrs 5 /6 'Times are Changing' (time TBA)

September

Friday, September 1 st	Father's Day Bake Sale
Monday, September 4th	School Closure Day - Staff Professional Development No Kelly Club
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 2nd

Friday, October 13th

Tuesday, October 24th

Friday, October 27th

Mon, Oct 30th - Wed, Nov 1st

First Day of Term 4

Odd Socks Day for Mental Health

Online Reconciliation Preparation evening 7pm

Art Show

5/6 Camp Kangaroobie

November

Thursday, November 2nd

Friday, November 3rd

Monday, November 6th

Tuesday, November 7th

3/4 Sleep Over

P&F Special lunch

Student Free Day – No Kelly Club

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday – No Kelly Club

December

Thursday, December 14th

Friday, December 15th

Year 6 Graduation

End Term 4 1:30 finish

I Wish for You...

*Comfort on difficult days,
Smiles when sadness intrudes,
Rainbows to follow the clouds,
Laughter to kiss your lips,
Sunsets to warm your heart
Gentle hugs when spirits sag,
Friendships to brighten your being,
Beauty for your eyes to see,
Confidence for when you doubt,
Faith so that you can believe,
Courage to know yourself,
Patience to accept the truth,
And love to complete your life.
God Bless you!*



T-Ball

On the 14th of June some girls from the T-ball team went to represent St Margaret's at the Division event. T-ball was really fun. All the girls were getting out on the field and having a good time and trying their best.

In our first game we were against Nazareth Primary School. They were hard to beat but we kept going when the going got really tough. We had fun even though we did not win.

In another game I (Kiana-Lee), Jazmine and Fajr helped compete for Ocean Grove Primary School and that was very fun as well. We lost by one point to Nazareth, that's ok!

A special thanks to Miss Olivia and Mrs Fiona! Such a good job to all the T-ball girls. I hope you had fun! (We came third! Yay!!)

By Kiana-Lee.

We had a break and then got straight back into the fun. Next we played Ocean Grove. Unfortunately for them they only had six players. Thanks to Kiana, Jaz and Fajr they made it possible for Ocean Grove to play by lending them a hand.

It was a great game. We all got lots of runs and good hits. Some people even got a few catches. The final result was in favour of us. We won!

Special thanks to the parents, helpers, teachers and umpires who made this day possible.

By Charlotte.

For our last match we took on Saint Thomas. They were probably our hardest opponents to play against, well, for me it was. There was one girl on their team that could hit the ball really far, so it took a long time for our team to get it back home. The next hit she got, we were prepared, we had spread out far. But she had one last trick up her sleeve, she hit nowhere near where our team had spread out so we all fumbled. Saint Thomas won that game, but, overall it was fantastic fun and we all tried our best.

By Eloise.

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



Name: Laura Doran

Role: 5/6 Teacher

Years at our school: First year

Family: A partner Jordan and a Border Collie called Pippa!

Loves: Travelling anywhere and everywhere, good food, sport, trying new things and being active in the outdoors.



Name: Jess Barjasic

Role: 3/4 Teacher

Years at our school: 4 years

Family: Partner (Olivia) Mum (Corinne) Dad (John) Brother (James) Saku & Sumi (Dogs)

Loves: Running, music, golf, coffee and the beach.



Name: Tori Monaghan

Role: 1/2 Learning Support Officer

Years at our school: First Year

Family: Mum (Deb) and my two older sisters, Heidi and Sacha.

Loves: the beach, family, pets, travel and Collingwood!



Name: Fiona Moran

Role: Physical Education

Years at our school: First

Family: My partner Jayson daughter India and son Jack and Chilli the Spoodle.

Loves: Spending time with family and friends, the beach, Richmond and travelling!

Student of the Week Awards

<i>Class</i>	<i>Student</i>	<i>Award</i>
PREP	Louis Gray	For his great attitude and working hard towards his goals
	Ezra Knight	For showing excellent commitment to improve his writing
1 / 2 KH	Levi Deocampo	For being enthusiastic and engaged in our minibeast Inquiry unit.
	Chester Toohey	For his great attitude and working hard on his information text
1 / 2 JK	Brooklynn McRandall-Jones	For her improved focus during independent reading time.
	Jaxon Chappell	For his improved attitude towards his learning.
1 / 2 PB	Elsie Heather	For her enthusiastic approach to working on her project.
	Harvey Little	For his bubbly personality and his ability to make everyone smile!
1 / 2 AC-EB	Eli Knight	For Identifying many properties of 3D shapes! Well done!
	James Kessler	For his fantastic effort with writing about stick insects.
	George Vappp	For creating a wonderful school poster to support fundraising for Viqueque.
3 / 4 MD-MdJ	Juan Mathew	For the creativity and effort she has put into her writing and illustrations.
	Jack Hearsch	For always being willing to step up, offer suggestions and contribute.
3 / 4 LC	Raffaello Natale	For his curiosity for learning and outstanding mathematical skills.
	Asha Clapinski	For strong reflective thinking during book discussions & word investigations.
	Ruby O'Leary	For her kind-hearted manner towards others and her willingness to take on extra responsibilities.
3 / 4 JB	Thomas O'Toole Ludena	For displaying a growth mindset when faced with challenging learning tasks.
	Ivy Heather	For her positive attitude shown towards her schooling.
5 / 6 NA	Jude Quick	For effort and determination in his learning this week
	Stella Hayes	For her hard work in her writing
5 / 6 LD	Clementine Murphy	For effort and perseverance towards all learning activities!
	Georgina Seaman	For her effort and motivation towards her information report
5 / 6 JW	Jock Golding	For always being organized and proactive towards his learning
	Mia Wootten	For a brilliant effort in Tee-Ball. A star in the making, Go Mia!
Principal Award	Fajr Kamran Kiana-Lee Wilkins Jazmine Coronado	For displaying sportsmanship & kindness at Tee Ball Districts

St Margaret's
PARENTS & FRIENDS
What's Happening

The P&F were thrilled to confirm this week we will be donating \$10,000 towards the library transformation project! To continue to support literacy for our children and after discussions with staff, \$2000 of this amount will be allocated to updating take home readers.

This is an incredible amount, and we are so grateful to our community for their amazing fundraising efforts. From special lunches to easter and thermomix raffle tickets, every little contribution goes towards this great donation. A huge thank you to everyone!

We are also excited to announce we have locked in our community social event for the year with Bogan Bingo on Friday August 4th. Our trivia night last year was such a great event and a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together, we cannot wait to bring everyone together again for a great night of laughs. Also, thank you to everyone who purchased Donuts from our Daniel's Donuts drive, we have raised over \$650. Donuts will be ready for collection this Thursday, 22nd June.

P&F CALENDAR

- JUNE 22 - HOT DOG DAY - SPECIAL LUNCH
- JUNE 22 - DONUT FUNDRAISER
- JUNE 23 - BULLY ZERO - SUPERHERO DRESS
- UP DAY
- AUGUST 4 - BOGAN BINGO - EAST GEELONG FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB ROOMS 7PM
- SEPTEMBER 1 - DONUTS WITH DAD/SPECIAL PERSON
- SEPTEMBER 1 - FATHER'S DAY BAKE SALE DROP OFF
- SEPTEMBER 2 - FATHER'S DAY BAKE SALE - GARDEN ST SHOPS
- SEPTEMBER 14 - FOOTY COLOURS/PIE DAY/RUOK? DAY
- NOVEMBER 3 - SPECIAL LUNCH
- NOVEMBER 24 - THE COLOUR RUN

THANK YOU

We're excited to announce the P&F have donated \$10,000 towards new books & the school library upgrade. We would like to thank you all for making this possible. From buying special lunches to raffle tickets. What an amazing effort!



**SPECIAL LUNCH
HOT DOG DAY**

Thursday 22nd
June

**CAN YOU HELP
OUT ON THE
DAY?
12-2PM**





**CASUAL
DRESS
DAY**



CALLING ALL
SUPERHEROES

GOLD COIN DONATION
RAISING FUNDS FOR
NATIONAL BULLYING
PREVENTION WEEK APPEAL




**FRIDAY 23RD JUNE
LAST DAY OF TERM**

HEAD TO THE FOLLOWING
LINK TO FIND OUT MORE
ABOUT BULLY ZERO

Last day of school
this Friday. Don't
forget your gold
coin donation.

NOT ALL
Heroes
WEAR
CAPIES




DANIEL'S DONUTS



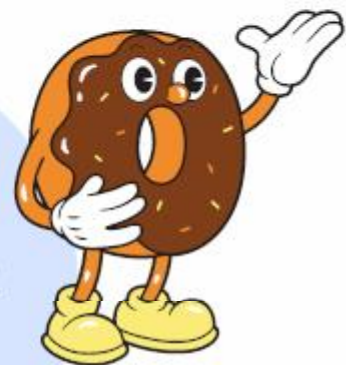
St Margaret's PS

**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.

**Delivered on
Thursday.
Please collect
from the back
gate at 3.15pm**



**We hope you
all have a safe
and restful
school holiday
period.**

Raising funds for...

Bogan Bingo

EST. 2005
WE ROCK. WE KNOW.

**Tickets
\$25
per person**

**SAVE
THE DATE!**

**Friday 4th August
7pm
East Geelong Football & Netball Club**

Thanks to:
WWW.BOGANBINGO.COM *LOCKING IN THE LAUGHS FOR YOU.*
More details to come!

We're looking for donations and sponsorship to help make the night a HUGE success. Can you help us?

Tickets on sale this week!

Book in the babysitter & get ready for a night of laughs.

We're excited to announce our big fundraising event of the year. Bogan Bingo! Where you're assured a night of laughs.

We would love the school community to get involved & book a table.



**KELLY
CLUB**

THEME: Staff Choice

Term 2 Week 9, 19th June 2023

Weekly Activities Plan
Kelly Club St Margaret's

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:30 am	Breakfast & Projects Silent Ball!	Breakfast & Structured Free Time Brain Break!	Breakfast & Projects Heads Down Thumbs Up	Breakfast & Structured Free Time Brain Break	Breakfast & Projects Silent Ball
8:30 - 8:40 am					
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	CRAFT Hama Bead Competition 	EXPERIMENT Skittle Experiment 	COOKING Choc Chip Cookies 	SPORTS Basketball and Netball 	1:30 PM START Kelly Club Party Make Your Own Pizza for Snack Movie! Party Games! 
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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Victoria's Child Safe Standards

Plain language summary

1 Your organisation welcomes Aboriginal children. You support them to express their culture and to enjoy their rights. You don't allow racism.



2 Child safety is important to everyone at all levels in your organisation. You document how you find, avoid, and stop risks of child abuse or harm.



3 Your organisation supports children to know their rights to be safe from abuse, informed, and involved. You help them to talk openly and take part in decisions that affect them.



4 Your organisation tells families and the community about what you do, and how you keep children safe from harm and abuse. You help families to have a say and to take part in decisions that affect their child.



5 Your organisation understands that every child is different and has different needs. You make sure that they can get the information and help that they need.



6 Staff know what they must do to keep children safe from abuse and harm. They record, report, and share information about child safety when they should. Staff who work with children have had the background checks they need.



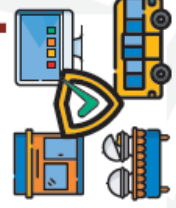
7 Children and their families know how to make a complaint and what happens when a complaint is made. Your staff know how to respond properly to complaints.



8 Your organisation trains and supports staff to keep children safe from abuse and harm. Your staff know the signs of child abuse and harm and what to do if there are issues of abuse and harm.



9 Your organisation makes sure children are safe when they use your services, settings, and activities. This includes when children are online.



10 Your organisation checks and improves the ways you keep children safe from abuse and harm.



11 Your organisation has written policies about how you keep children safe from abuse and harm. They are easy to understand, and all staff follow them.



For more information, contact the Commission for Children and Young People
www.cccyp.vic.gov.au



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