



St. Margaret's
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term Three, Week 2
July 18th, 2023

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From Susan's Desk

Dear Families,

It was wonderful to see the students settle back into school routine quickly for term 3 and catch up on their adventures from the school holidays! All our students engaged with learning for NAIDOC Week to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth. Our hallway proudly displays many of the learning experienced for NAIDOC Week and the importance of recognising and celebrating our First Nations culture.

We welcome Fr Sijeesh Pullankunnel to the St Margaret's Church where the St Sebastian's Syro-Malabar Mission Geelong is now located. The Syro-Malabar Mission is a Catholic Church, tracing their origins and faith to the missionary efforts of St Thomas the Apostle. The Syro-Malabar Catholic Church is a Major Archiepiscopal Church in full communion with the Apostolic Roman Catholic Church. The Syro-Malabar Church is one of the 23 Eastern Catholic Churches in the Catholic communion. It is the second largest Eastern Catholic Church, the largest being the Ukrainian Catholic Church. The Syro-Malabar Church follows the East-Syrian liturgy which dates back to the 3rd century. The Church Blessing and Holy Qurbana was held last Sunday. We look forward to our continuing partnership with Fr Sijeesh and are fortunate to share the Church with the Syro-Malabar community.



We are excited to announce that St Margaret's has joined the Aussie of the Month civics recognition program. This is delivered by the same network that presents the prestigious [Australian of the Year Awards](https://australianoftheyear.org.au). Aussie of the Month recognises and celebrates personal endeavour, achievement, and contribution to the community and reflects the universal values we share as Australians,

such as fair go, mateship, respect and inclusion. Aussie of the Month has been operating for over 20 years and is endorsed by the Education Department in every State and Territory in Australia. It is a monthly student award in recognition of civic contribution, rewards behaviours that reflect our responsibilities as community citizens, and has the support of the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) as a complementary program aligned to the Primary Years' curriculum. Each month our students and staff will nominate a peer for this award. A panel of staff and student leaders will then discuss and decide on the recipient. At a specified assembly the Aussie of the Month will be presented with their certificate, stationery gift and lapel badge. We hope to also notify the student's family beforehand. The first Aussie of the Month will be announced on Friday August 4th.

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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.

Leadership and Management News

Term 2

I have reminded the students this week about our correct uniform and the importance of wearing navy socks, tying up any hair below the shoulders and to remove nail polish. I do have spare socks and hair ties in my office for those students that require these. I ask families for their support in representing our school with pride.

Please don't forget your special lunch orders are due Friday July 21st and Bogan Bingo tickets are on sale.

Have a wonderful week,
Susan

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools – School Improvement Surveys (MACSSIS): Monday 28 August – Friday 15 September 2023

Throughout each year, we pause to listen to our students, families and staff to gauge how our learning community is travelling. This feedback is invaluable to our progress as effective school communities and is backed by evidence-based research and best practices.

A significant and formal way in which we engage and gather data is through MACSSIS, the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools – School Improvement Surveys.

MACSSIS is a set of surveys that have been built specifically for Catholic schools in Melbourne by the Learning Services team at MACS, in partnership with researchers at Learning First and in wide consultation with principals in our schools.

In 2023, students, families and staff are invited to participate in MACSSIS via our secure and purpose-built online platform. The online platform is where our school leaders will access the summary reports that visualise the results of the student, family and staff surveys.

The MACSSIS survey platform is operated by an independent supplier, ORIMA Research Pty Ltd. The platform meets with the high security and privacy standards for handling student and school data. Participating schools are in the process of updating their privacy policy to ensure school communities are fully informed and protected.

Further information, including student consent forms for our Year 4-6 students will be distributed to families shortly. Secure login details will also be shared with families.

We hope you take the time to complete the survey so we can continually improve our school.



On Thursday 13th July, Tom Higgins and his family travelled to the Yarra Valley Racecourse to compete in the School Sports Victoria State Cross Country Championships. Tom was able to qualify for this event by progressing through events at a school, district, division and regional level.

An amazing effort to just qualify, Tom had a fantastic race and managed to finish 49th place in a field of over 90 elite runners. Congratulations Tom! You have done yourself and your school proud!

Calendar of Events

Term 3

(New items in bold)

July

Tuesday, July 18 th	Yrs 3-6 Cybersafety Incursion (Robbie Noggler, Vic Police)
Wednesday, July 19 th	Division Soccer (selected students)
Friday, July 21 st	Assembly Year 5/6
Tuesday, July 25 th	Whole School Wellbeing Incursion Ned's Mindset Mission 2.15-3pm in the MPR. Parents are welcome to attend
Tuesday, July 25 th	School Board 7pm
Wednesday, July 26 th	Morning Tea for Grandparents 10.30am
Thursday July 27 th	District Athletics (selected students)
Monday, July 31 st - August 4 th	Matific Maths Olympiad
Friday, August 4 th	Assembly Year 3/4

August

Wednesday, August 9 th	Emmaus Meal 6.30pm (First Eucharist preparation evening)
August 14th - 18th	Book Week (note change of date)
Friday, August 18 th	3/4 Melbourne Symphony Orchestra excursion
Friday, August 18 th	Environmental Saviours Catchment day
Friday, August 18 th	Assembly Year 1/2
Sunday, August 20 th	Sacrament of First Eucharist 2.30pm St Mary's Basilica
Monday August 14 th	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 23 rd	Virtual Information evening Yrs 5 /6 'Times are Changing' 7-8pm

September

Friday, September 1 st	Father's Day Breakfast: Donuts with Dad & Father's Day Stall
Friday, September 1 st	Assembly Prep
Saturday, September 2 nd	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	Pie Day / Footy Colours - wear your footy colours
Thursday, September 14 th	R U OK? Day - wear a touch of yellow
Friday, September 15th	Kindness Matters Day. Kindness assembly 12.45pm Last Day of Term 3. 1.30pm finish. Casual Clothes
Parent Assistance needed to move furniture in 3/4 area from 12.45pm	



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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
Tuesday, October 24 th	Online Reconciliation Preparation evening 7pm
Friday, October 27 th	Art Show
Mon, Oct 30 th - Wed, Nov 1 st	5/6 Camp Kangaroobie

November

Thursday, November 2 nd	3/4 Sleep Over
Friday, November 3 rd	P&F Special lunch
Monday, November 6th	Student Free Day – No Kelly Club
Tuesday, November 7th	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday – No Kelly Club

December

Thursday, December 14 th	Year 6 Graduation
Friday, December 15th	End Term 4 1:30 finish



*God of love,
We thank you for our
wonderful grandparents.
They bring such joy and
happiness into our lives.
Thank you for all the special
times that we have with them.*

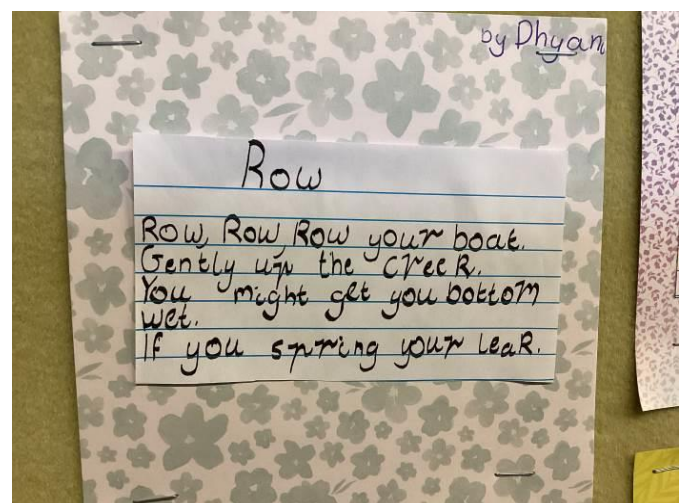
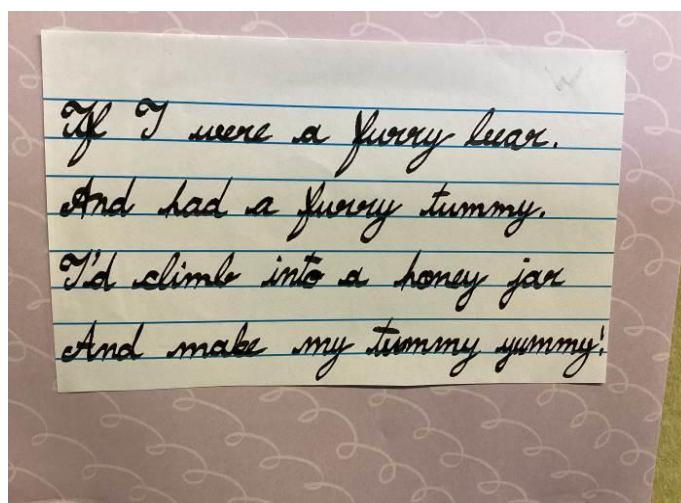
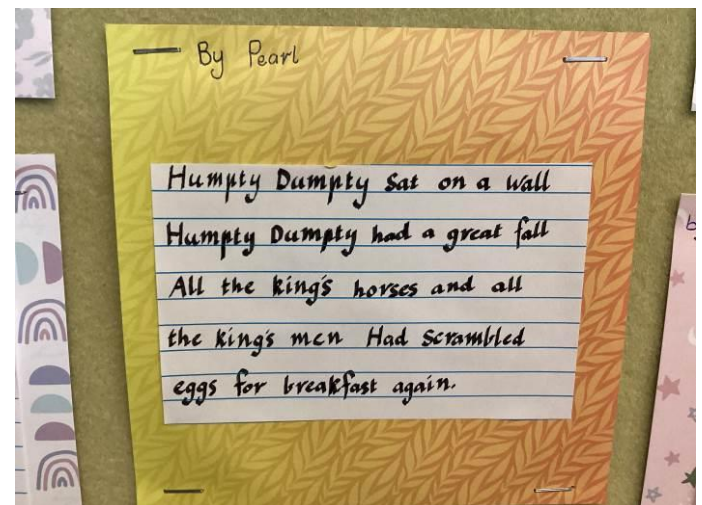
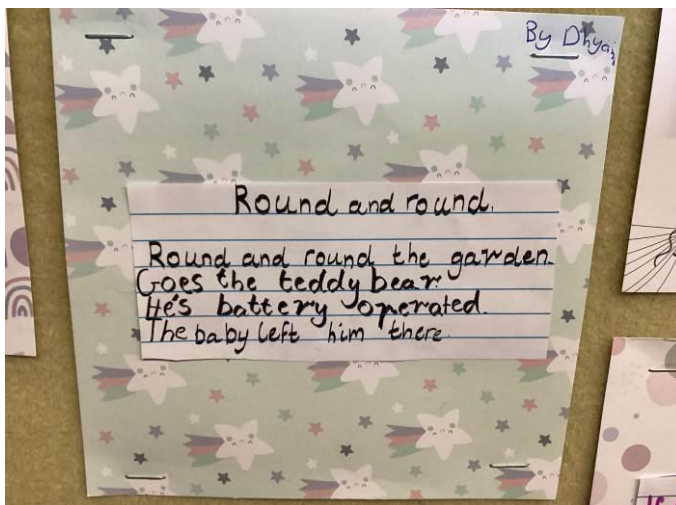
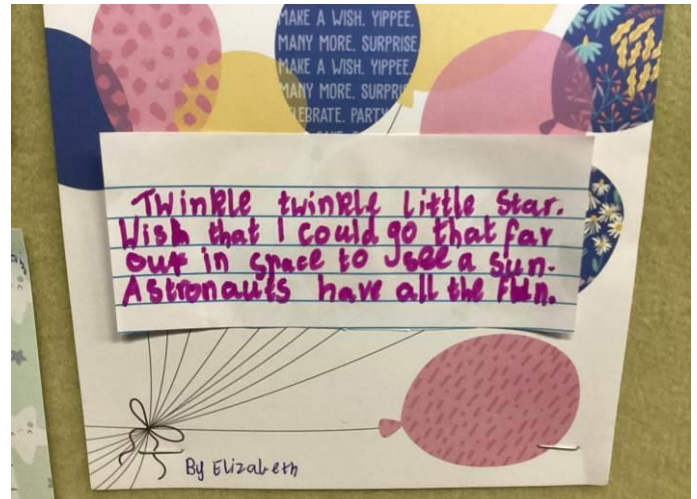
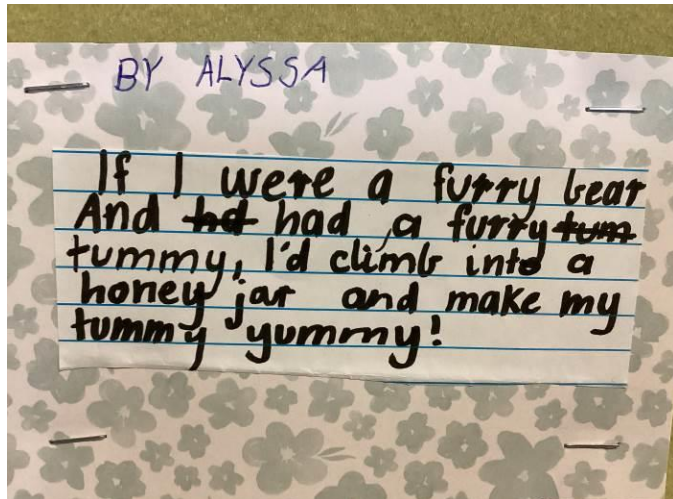
*Please watch over them,
protect them
and care for them now.
May they know your goodness
and love always.*

To mark the feast day of Saint Joachim and Anne (Jesus' grandparents), Grandparents are warmly invited to morning tea on Wednesday, July 26th at 10.30 in the 5/6 space. Our Preps and 1/2s will be making invitations, our 5/6s will be serving morning tea and we're asking each 3/4 family to provide a packet of biscuits (sweet or savoury) for morning tea. Our Parents and Friends have kindly offered to organize tea and coffee.

Student Voice

Calligraphy in 3/4

Some of our 3/4s have been extending their handwriting skills into copying poetry using gel and calligraphy pens. We're impressed by their results – well done Alyssa, Dhyani, Elizabeth, Eliana, Pearl





BOOK WEEK

CELEBRATIONS BEGIN MONDAY - AUGUST 14TH



Lucinda Gifford

Visiting Authors

Grade 3-6 Wed August 16th - Lucinda

Prep/1/2 Thursday August 17th - Kim



Kim Kane



Dress Up Day

Tuesday 15th August



Dress up as your favourite book character or
the theme of



"Hats off to Reading"

Get excited for a LOT of fun.....



***BOOKS!!!!**

***Author/illustrator**

***BookNics**

***Competitions**

***Costumes**

***BOOKS!!!!**



BookNics



Students sharing books with other year
levels then eating snack/lunch together

Tuesday 15th

Grades 1/2 with 3/4

Wednesday 17th

Preps with grades 5/6





The state wide National Water Week poster competition is now open for 2023, and we will be taking submission from schools in the Barwon Water region right until the end of Term 3. Local winners in each of five categories then go through to the State competition where additional prizes can be won. Not to mention year-long bragging rights!

The poster competition is a great opportunity for students to consider the importance of this precious resource, and provides a visual and creative avenue to express their individual connection to water.

This year's theme, '*United by water*', highlights the importance of water in bringing individuals and communities together. Students can digitally design, draw or paint a poster that demonstrates how we are all united by water.

Barwon Water region winners and runners up in all categories will win prize packs up to the value of \$100, with five randomly selected schools winning a \$500 voucher to be used for education supplier.

Entries close at **5pm on Friday September 1** and must be submitted through the online web portal, www.nationalwaterweek.com.au

Gabrielle Costa

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Bogan Lightning Bingo™

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FRIDAY 4TH AUGUST 2023, 7PM

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Book your tickets now!!

Get ready to unleash your inner bogan and join us for a ripper night of pure excitement and laughter at our highly anticipated fundraising event of the year: Bogan Bingo! Mate, this ain't your average bingo game. We've got roaming raffles and a captivating silent auction, where you can snag some fair dinkum amazing prizes, including the coveted title of "BEST BOGAN".

Now listen up, you true blue bogan legends! It's time to raid your local op shop for a flanno or dig deep into your wardrobe and rock that iconic mullet hairstyle. And here's the best part. You can bring your own tucker and snacks to keep your belly happy while enjoying drinks at bar prices.

Are you wanting to book a table for Bogan Bingo?

You can do it one of two ways -
Purchase 8-10 tickets in one transaction and we will pop the table under the ticket holders name.

Alternatively

You can all purchase your own individual tickets and ask your Chief Bogan to email us with the names in your group.

Or if you would like to come along as a couple or an individual we will have some great community tables set up.

Any question?? Please email us at
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