



St. Margaret's
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term Three, Week 3
July 25th, 2023

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From Susan's Desk

Dear Families,

Thank you to the families and staff that helped move our cubby Friday afternoon. We had an incredible turn out of helpers and managed to move it into place with ease. I am continually amazed by our school community spirit and am thankful to be apart of this community. The students have certainly enjoyed using it this week and it has been a super popular place to play.

I would like to thank the Gordon Building students for donating this to our school, Scott and Sonja Ginn for painting and transporting the cubby and those that came to help move this. It certainly takes a community to make improvements to our school.

Leadership and Management News



We are aware that some families within our school community are experiencing difficulties accessing speech therapy services for their children within and around the Geelong area. We have been made aware of an outreach program delivered via telehealth from Confidence Speech Pathology Services, who are located in Melbourne. They currently have some availability to assist students through their telehealth service. Please view their website for more information; <http://www.confidencespeechpathology.com.au/speech-for-schools.html>. At this point in time our school does not have the finances to access the Language/Speech Therapy Assistance program.

Our 3-6 students were involved in a cybersafety session with Robbie Nogger from Victoria Police last week. This informative session reminded our students about the ways to keep safe online and how our digital footprint remains on the internet long after we post anything. We encourage our families to continue these conversations with their children throughout their schooling and to access the resources and information we share with you around this very important and serious topic. We hope this session with Robbie started some conversations at home around where and how we use digital technologies.

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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

We continue the conversation around bullying and resilience with an incursion on Tuesday July 25th. All of you students will be involved in a session. The incursion introduces a cartoon boy named NED who is on a very important mission: to find his mindset. Led by clues and memorable characters, he overcomes Mt. Everest's toughest obstacles, uncovers inner-treasures on a Caribbean island, and grows his brain while repairing a sputtering spaceship. Throughout the performance, students discover how to activate their growth mindset to overcome social, emotional and academic challenges.

Never give up - understand the Power of Yet
Encourage others - spark courage in other people
Do your best - always be learning and growing

A reminder that if your child is unwell, or presents with cold / flu type symptoms that we allow them to rest at home. Many of our staff are becoming unwell when working closely with students who are at school and not 100%.

NAPLAN individual student reports will be sent home this week for our Year 3 & 5 students. Please keep an eye out for these in your child's school bag around the middle of the week. There will also be information on how to read these reports as the format has changed from previous years.

Information is being sent home this week about the booking process for our three way conversations held on **Monday 21st August at 4-6pm and Tuesday 22nd August at 2-6.15pm 2023. Please note that students have a 1.30pm finish on Tuesday the 22nd** for these to take place. This early finish is a result of the new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement which asks the school to reduce the amount of out of hours work staff undertake. Kelly Club will be offering care from 1.30pm on this day. Please contact them if you would like to book into this service. These conversions provide an opportunity for your child to share their learning with you and to reflect on the achievements that have been made.

Please don't forget Bogan Bingo tickets are on sale. This is a wonderful way to support our school community.

Have a wonderful week,
Susan

Granparents and 'Grandfolk'
Morning Tea tomorrow,
Wednesday, July 25th
10.30 – 11.30am

Grandparents are cherished members of our family. They bring gifts of wisdom, experience, and love and share with us their life of faith. We thank God for their example and ask that he bless them with happiness and good health.



Lord God almighty,
bless our grandparents with long life,
happiness, and health.
May they remain constant in your love
and be living signs of your presence
to their children and grandchildren.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Calendar of Events

Term 3

(New items in bold)

July

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

Tuesday, August 8 th , Wednesday, August 9 th	Creative Rail Project with artist James Price (P – Yr 6) Emmaus Meal 6.30pm (First Eucharist preparation evening)
August 14th - 18th	Book Week (note change of date)
Tuesday, August 15th	Book Week Dress Up and 'BookNic'
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 8th	St Margaret's Cultural Day
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

St Margaret's Cultural Day



On Friday, September 8th, we see the return of our St Margaret's Cultural Day! The day provides an exciting opportunity to experience different facets of other cultures and to share some of your own. It fits in beautifully with our current Inquiry units, which have a focus on Identity. To support the success of the day, we're asking members of our school community to be prepared to run short workshops with a small group of children. These will be fully supported by a staff member, and in the past have been very rewarding. A note went home on Seesaw and PAM this week with more information.

St Mary's Parish Feast Day and Farewell for Fr Jaycee

The date of this event is: Sunday August 6th (10.30am – 12.30pm)

Come and celebrate at any of our Sunday Masses and afterwards pop over to the Parish Office Centre (150 Yarra St - outside Café Light) for a free BBQ from 10.30am - 12.30pm.

We also have a free entry Raffle.

You have to be there to grab a winning ticket/prize. (Raffle drawn at 12.30pm)

We have free face painting for the kids (and the kids at heart) during that time.

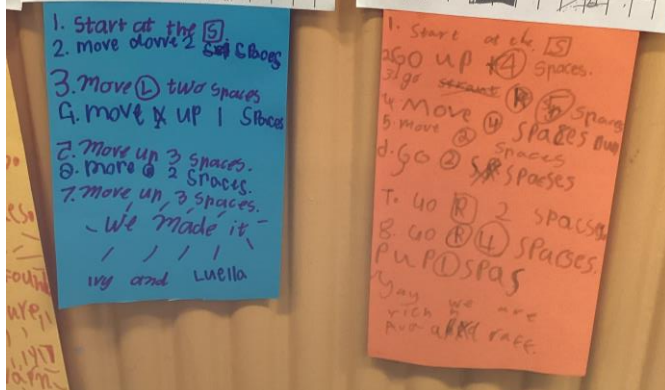
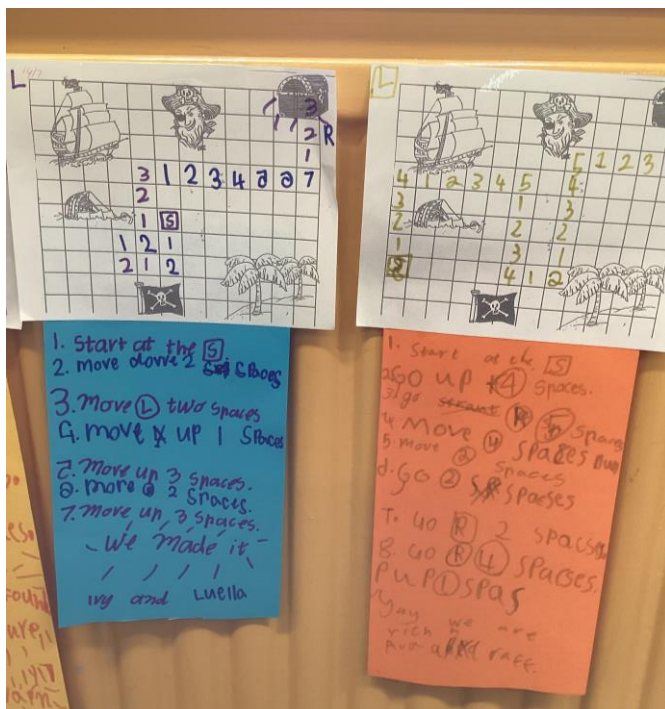
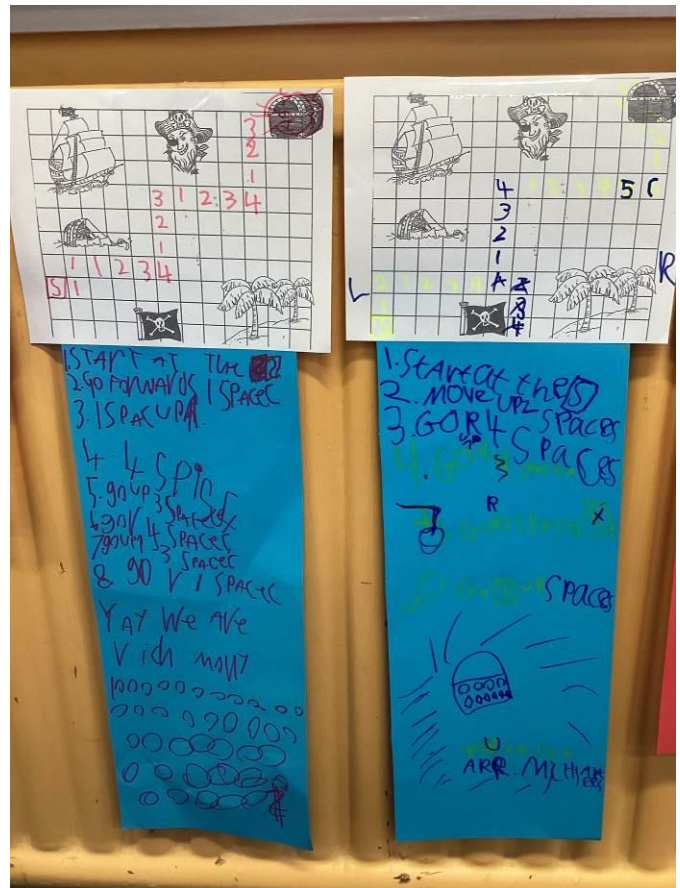
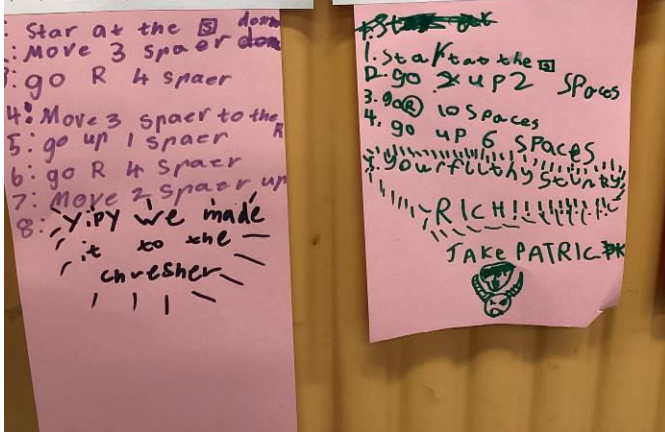
A time to come together socially, wish each other well, and give our regards to Fr Jaycee... and also eat a bit of his farewell cake as well

If the weather is inclement we will move it all into the Café & Pioneer Room areas.

Student of the Week Awards

<i>Class</i>	<i>Student</i>	<i>Award</i>
PREP	Luna Stephenson	For her excellent efforts in reading.
PREP	Harry Ferrier	For always showing kindness to his classmates.
1 / 2 KH	Rosie Kerr Yr 1	Always being friendly, working hard and trying her best at school.
1 / 2 KH	Claudia Walker Yr 1	Using her time productively, being focused and achieving amazing progress in year 1. Well done!
1 / 2 JK	Jayda Sperling	For her focus and improvement with her reading.
1 / 2 JK	Taj Reynold	For his positive attitude towards his learning, especially in reading.
1 / 2 PB	Peter Jackson	For his attitude towards learning and improved focus.
1 / 2 AC-EB	Archer Robinson	For your excellent procedural writing. Your many steps were very clear to follow. Well done!
1 / 2 AC-EB	Eli Knight	For your enthusiasm and focus while writing steps on How To Make Magic Pie!
3 / 4 MD-MdJ	James Jimenez	For his efforts to complete work with focus.
3 / 4 MD-MdJ	Liam Dillon	For successfully making smart stars on his work this week.
3 / 4 LC	Xavier Marshall	For a great attitude and extra effort given to his spelling work this week.
3 / 4 LC	Sonny Kirwan	For always aiming to put creative ideas into his writing pieces to make them entertaining.
3 / 4 JB	Bella Cioch	For displaying a growth mindset and always trying her best when faced with new learning experiences.
3 / 4 JB	Emily Deng	For displaying confidence when positively contributing to classroom discussion.
5 / 6 NA	Isla Eslick	For your hard work on your multiplication facts. It's paying off!
5 / 6 NA	Estelle Calabrese	For always being nice, trying your best and having fun!
5 / 6 LD	Gabrielle Mendiola	For your determination and perseverance towards all learning activities.
5 / 6 LD	Phillip Coumans	For demonstrating an exceptional work ethic and dedication in his learning
5 / 6 JW	Mia Mason	For a positive attitude in Maths. Keep up the hard work!
5 / 6 JW	Daisy Simonsen	For being a fantastic role model and bringing positive vibes to the classroom.
Principal Award	Lilly Geoghegan	For helping others when seeing a need and showing kindness to her peers.

Treasure Maps – Writing Instructions to Find the Treasure in 1/2 KH



Cyber Safety

On Tuesday, July 18th Years 3 to 6 had an incursion from Robbie Noggler, a local police officer, who presented information about Cyber Safety.

Some of the key messages I took from the presentation to years 3/4 were;

- Don't include personal information in usernames, including pictures
- When sharing pictures on social media be wary of what information is available, especially if anyone can access the picture. "Nasty people", Robbie's words can use this information to start up a conversation.
- Be wary if someone online that you don't know does one or more of the following;
 - Asks questions about your parents
 - Gives you a compliment
 - Offers you gifts (Virtual or physical)



Please click on [this link](#) to listen to additional information for parents from the eSafety Commissioner.

Sonja Ginn

Learning Diversity and Wellbeing Leader

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.

School Community News



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





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



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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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