



**St. Margaret's**  
Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

**Term Three, Week 4**  
**August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

**#18**

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

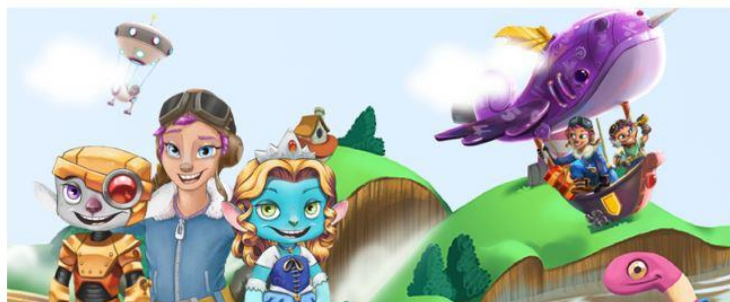
Dear Families,

Last week we celebrated the grandparents in our lives and the important role they play. It was wonderful to see so many at our school enjoying a cup of tea and spending time with their grandchildren. We also welcomed guests from Whitehaven and Freedom as our 3/4 of our students continued this association after visiting them for singing and games throughout this year. It was one of the many highlights from this year, and a wonderful way to show our appreciation for all our grandparents do for us. We thank Miss Marg for organising this morning.

We had a large team represent St Margaret's at District Athletics at Landy Field. The students represented our school proudly and displayed sportsmanship and our school values on the day. We are looking forward to the results, as many of our students placed first and second which should see them compete in the next round. Thank you to Mr Wilson and Mr B for taking the students and to Miss Fiona for the organisation prior to the event.

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

### **MATIFIC GAMES WEEK**



The Matific Maths Olympiad takes place this week at school. Matific Maths Olympiad is a 5 day-long competition that aims to encourage participation, not excellence, ignite love of learning and build long-lasting habits. This experience provides a one-of-a-kind opportunity for students to engage in innovative learning experiences, exploring practical applications of mathematics and enjoying engaging activities. Our students look forward to this each year and we are excited to participate again this week.

Don't forget Bogan Bingo tickets are on sale for this Friday night. This is a wonderful way to support our school community. If you are unable to attend, but would like to contribute to this event, please drop off donations for our raffle or silent auction to the front office. All money raised for this event will be going towards a refurbishment of the friendship station and additional outdoor equipment for all students to enjoy. This evening is a wonderful way to contribute to our wider school community, support the work of the P&F and make a difference to our school for all our students to enjoy. I look forward to seeing you there for a fun evening.

Have a wonderful 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 3

(New items in bold)

### August

Monday, July 31 <sup>st</sup> - August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Matific Maths Olympiad
Friday, August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly Year 3/4
Tuesday, August 8 <sup>th</sup> ,	Creative Rail Project with artist James Price (P – Yr 6)
Wednesday, August 9 <sup>th</sup>	Emmaus Meal 6.30pm (First Eucharist preparation evening)
August 14 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup>	Book Week (note change of date)
Tuesday, August 15 <sup>th</sup>	Book Week Dress Up and 'BookNic'
Friday, August 18 <sup>th</sup>	3/4 Melbourne Symphony Orchestra excursion
Friday, August 18 <sup>th</sup>	Environmental Saviours Catchment day
Friday, August 18 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly Year 1/2
Sunday, August 20 <sup>th</sup>	Sacrament of First Eucharist 2.30pm St Mary's Basilica
Monday, August 21 <sup>st</sup>	Three Way Conversations (parent/teacher interviews) 4pm - 6:30pm
Tuesday, August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Students Finish at 1.30pm. Three Way Conversations (parent/teacher interviews) 2pm - 6pm
Wednesday, August 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Virtual Information evening
Tuesday, August 29 <sup>th</sup>	Yrs 5 /6 'Times are Changing' 7-8pm School Board 7pm

### September

Friday, September 1 <sup>st</sup>	Father's Day Breakfast: Donuts with Dad & Father's Day Stall
Friday, September 1 <sup>st</sup>	Assembly Prep
Saturday, September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Father's Day Bake Sale
<b>Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>School Closure Day - Staff Professional Development</b> <b>No Kelly Club</b>
Friday, September 8 <sup>th</sup>	St Margaret's Cultural Day
Friday, September 8 <sup>th</sup>	Maths Comp (Year 6 selected students)
Thursday, September 14 <sup>th</sup>	Pie Day / Footy Colours - wear your footy colours
Thursday, September 14 <sup>th</sup>	R U OK? Day – wear a touch of yellow
<b>Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Kindness Matters Day. Kindness assembly 12.45pm</b> <b>Last Day of Term 3. 1.30pm finish.</b> 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 2nd**

**Monday, October 3rd**

Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

Mon, Oct 30<sup>th</sup> - Wed, Nov 1<sup>st</sup>

**Student Free Day. Staff PL**

**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 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 – No Kelly Club**

**Melbourne Cup Public Holiday – No Kelly Club**

### December

Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

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

Year 6 Graduation

**End Term 4 1:30 finish**

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

The date of this event is: Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup> (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.

Please fill in the form attached in the newsletter if you're able to help



# Our school is looking for volunteers to help us hold an incredible Book Fair!

**Dear Parents and Families,**

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at our school Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August.

Do you have some talents that could help us out at our Book Fair? Please complete the form below by circling the areas that you are interested in volunteering.

**Thank you so much!** Return the form to the school office.

Sincerely,

Kerrie-Anne Philbrick  
Book Fair Organiser

## Please sign me up to help at our Book Fair

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

- Helping shoppers at the Fair
  - Checkout

Days/times

I have ticked where I'd like to help.

		Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> 3.10 – 3.40	
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> 8.30 – 9.10		Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> 3.10 – 3.40	
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> 8.30- 9.10		Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> 3.10 – 3.40	
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Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> 8.30 – 9.10		Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> 3.10 – 3.40	



# CONGRATULATIONS!



Chloe Bidlo in Year 4 was recently awarded the Triple Zero Hero Award.

On average Emergency Services Victoria receive a call every 11 secs, that's well over 2.4 million every year. Only 24 little contenders won an award this year for their composure, ability to think fast and remain calm under an extremely stressful situation.

Chloe and Deegan were faced with a very frightening situation when their dad had a epileptic seizure when they were home alone with him. After being unable to contact any family members they made the brave decision to call 000. Their call taker Kate whom they met at the event said that they should be so proud of how they articulated themselves and knew their location and were able to calmly answer questions and follow instructions to help dad be safe.

Congratulations Chloe!! The St Margaret's community congratulates you on this incredible award!





*together in faith*

## **Grandparents' Morning Tea**





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## *Grandparents' Morning Tea*

On our morning tea for Grandparents we had so many people come and so many hugs happening. It was wonderful to see the grandparents happy and joyful. We loved their company and we loved the biscuits. All the students want to have another Grandparents day so we can see them again.

Finley and Frankie





## *The Matific Games*



Matific is a fun Maths game where you can verse people in various levels. Lots of people enjoy playing Matific and the good thing about it is that you get your own avatar and it's very educational.

The Matific Olympiad has started, and with three days left, you can free roam on Adventure Island, do Schoolwork and verse online in the Arena to gain stars for your school.

Matific Olympiad is everyone's favourite game that helps you learn Math. If you come to Miss Marg's room during recess and lunch times, you can see how many people arrive to get event stars! Some people say it's a fun way to improve your score to win the prizes: 1st school wins \$1500, 2nd wins \$1000, 3rd wins \$500. So come here during recess and lunch times to get those event stars. (You might also get rewards!)

Nuwain, Lorenzo and Alexander





**Don't miss out**

on a FREE kindergarten place at



**Breakwater Preschool**

We are currently taking enrolments for  
3 and 4 year old kindergarten in 2024.

Visit [meli.org.au/kindergartens](https://meli.org.au/kindergartens)  
to register or phone 5273 0200.

**Meli**

The new name for BCYF and  
Bethany Kindergarten Services



***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.

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# Bogan Lightning Bingo™

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TICKET**



**FRIDAY 4TH AUGUST 2023, 7PM**

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**BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW!**

**[www.trybooking.com/CJKTE](http://www.trybooking.com/CJKTE)**





# **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  
[pandf@smgeelongeast.com.au](mailto:pandf@smgeelongeast.com.au)



# 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







## FITNESS FUN FOR KIDS



Are you looking for a fitness program for your service? Look no further! We come to you!

With qualifications in Early Childhood and Personal training, we have come up with the ultimate program for children's health, fitness and strength.

At Run & Reps Fitness Fun for Kids, we provide a safe, fun and inclusive exercise program for children of all ages to be physically active. We believe in encouraging an active lifestyle in children for positive health and development now and in the future.

It is important for children to develop confidence, positive social interactions and physical and emotional health in order to have a strong sense of well being. Not only does it encourage physical skills but it also encourages them to develop independence, autonomy, problem solving and responsibility.

We provide numerous activities that meet the needs, interests, creativity and abilities of all children in safe environments. Activities can range from obstacle courses, sports skills, games, dancing & movement, aerobics, gym work, yoga and stretching.

Some of the physical skills included in sessions are, balance, co-ordination, flexibility, posture, re-action time, gross and fine motor skills.

Our one big belief is, if children have FUN doing these activities they are likely to continue the interest. So at Run & Reps Fitness for Kids we ensure we include many creative and different experiences that the children will love to explore!

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