



St. Margaret's
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term Three, Week 5
August 8th, 2023

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From Susan's Desk

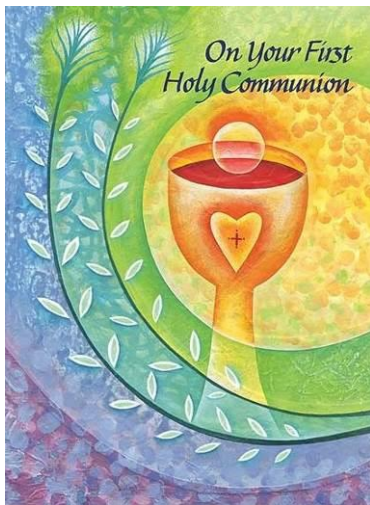
Leadership and Management News

Dear Families,

Friday night was a wonderful success, with many amazing prizes given away and lots of laughs across the evening. Thank you to those that joined us for Bogan Bingo and for supporting our community in raising funds for the Friendship Station. It was an incredible night. Thank you to those that attended, donated items for the raffle and silent auction and to the P&F for organising the event, setting up and packing up. We are so lucky to have such an active parent community who continue to support us in so many ways.

Our preps enjoyed their 100 Days celebration last Friday. It was wonderful to see them dressed as their older self and engage in many fun activities across the day. Thank you to Tenielle and Sarah for organising this day of celebration for our prep class of 2023!

On Tuesday all our students will be involved in an exciting incursion as part of the big build South Geelong to Waurn Ponds duplication project. Students will learn about design techniques and be immersed in art through local artist James Price. This creative project is a wonderful way to connect our students with what is happening in their local community.



This Wednesday our students receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist will be attending the Emmaus Meal at 6.30pm with their families. This is a special evening of preparing and further learning about this sacrament as these students and their families gather to enjoy a meal and reflect on this very special sacrament. Thank you to Miss Marg for continuing to lead the spiritual guidance to our school community and for organising this evening. The Sacrament will take place at St Mary's Basilica on Sunday August 20th at 2.30pm. We keep these students in our prayers

We ask that students do not bring lollipops or energy drinks to school. Lately we have seen these items in lunch boxes and it causes safety issues. Children are running in the playground with a lollipop in their mouth. If they fall, this can cause serious injury. Please leave the lollies, energy drinks and lollipops for out of school treats.

During the second half of the year, we often have staff inform us of their intention to pursue a change in the following year. Ned Aulsebrook has been appointed a position at Iona College from 2024. Although the St Margaret's community will greatly miss Ned, we wish him much success as he continues his teaching career at Iona teaching junior mathematics which is a true passion of his.

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

A reminder that Donuts with Dad will take place on Friday September 1st to celebrate the special men in our lives. This will be similar to our Mother's Day breakfast with donuts and a cuppa on offer from 8am. Please ensure that hot drinks are for the adults only due to a range of Child Safe and OH&S requirements. The Father's Day stall will also be offered on this day to purchase a gift for your dad. The P&F are once again running a Bake Sale for the Father's Day weekend on Saturday the 2nd. More information about this will follow shortly. Last year this was a great success, and a wonderful way to make community connections.

Have a wonderful week,
Susan

Calendar of Events

Term 3

(New items in bold)

August

Tuesday, August 8 th , Wednesday, August 9 th August 14 th - 18 th Tuesday, August 15 th Thursday, August 17 th Friday, August 18 th Friday, August 18 th Friday, August 18 th Sunday, August 20 th Monday, August 21 st	Creative Rail Project with artist James Price (P – Yr 6) Emmaus Meal 6.30pm (First Eucharist preparation evening) Book Week (note change of date) Book Week Dress Up and 'BookNic' 3/4 attending Mass at the Basilica 3/4 Melbourne Symphony Orchestra excursion Environmental Saviours Catchment day Assembly Year 1/2 Sacrament of First Eucharist 2.30pm St Mary's Basilica Three Way Conversations (parent/teacher interviews) 4pm - 6:30pm Students Finish at 1.30pm. Three Way Conversations (parent/teacher interviews) 2pm - 6pm Virtual Information evening Yrs 5 /6 'Times are Changing' 7-8pm School Board 7pm
Tuesday, August 22 nd	
Wednesday, August 23 rd	
Tuesday, August 29 th	

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	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

Calendar of Events continued

Term 4

October

Monday, October 2nd

Monday, October 3rd

Friday, October 13th

Tuesday, October 24th

Friday, October 27th

Mon, Oct 30th - Wed, Nov 1st

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 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



Aussie of the Month

Congratulations to Solomon Grima for receiving our first Aussie of the Month Award. Solomon was presented this award at last week's assembly for displaying the value of respect. Solomon was nominated by his peers, and then the selection panel considered all those nominated with Solomon gaining the award for the month of July.



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Student of the Week Awards

<i>Class</i>	<i>Student</i>	<i>Award</i>
PREP	Caden Mirmilstein	For always using his initiative.
	Paris Likoudis	For his great team work when building Noah's Ark.
1 / 2 KH	Sophie Butcher	For outstanding writing about our inquiry unit – Geelong Love where you live.
	Colton Blackwell	For being a kind, caring and considerate young boy.
1 / 2 JK	Fletcher Eslick	For trying his best in each task.
	Myles Drever	For the persistence he has shown towards his learning.
1 / 2 PB	Liam McGuane	For demonstrating a great working relationship with others.
	Friday Foley	For being a reflective learner.
1 / 2 AC-EB	Ava Lucietto	For your persistence in solving Maths challenges. Well done!
	Zainab Kamran	For your concentration and accuracy when solving maths challenges. Well done!
3 / 4 MD-MdJ	Alyssa Neal	For presenting her persuasive text to the class creating great discussion.
	Harrison Harvey	For the heartfelt writing he composed for his family.
3 / 4 LC	Archie Turner	For great focus in reading and reflecting on the story.
	Loyola Jackson	For her focus and contribution to class discussion.
3 / 4 JB	Isaak Flannagan	For your dedication shown towards improving your mathematical skills through the Matific Games.
	Bella Cioch	For displaying a growth mindset around all learning tasks.
5 / 6 NA	Dominic Neal	For bringing positivity and joy into the classroom.
	Nash Gladman	For positive learning choices.
5 / 6 LD	Jazmine Conorado	For producing engaging writing in our recent narratives.
	Lachlan Barton	For his contribution to class discussions and engagement in reading groups.
5 / 6 JW	Riley Budge	For support in and out of the classroom demonstrating the school values.
	Soloman Grima	For demonstrating the school values on a daily basis.
Principal Award	Aiden Coumans	For displaying our school values of being responsible, respectful and safe.

Snippets from 5/6

Lachlan Reynolds - Grade 6 (5/6 NA)

I enjoyed the Arena and the whole idea of Matific. I feel it benefitted my learning by trying to improve my accuracy and finding ways to solve different math problems. It was fun to have competitions with friends and being able to enjoy math with my 5/6 friends from other classes and competing to get on the leaderboard for 5/6 NA and as a whole school.

Eloise Butcher - Grade 6 (5/6 NA)

Maths: Matific was fun because I got to play against my friends in The Arena. I enjoyed learning a lot and practicing my skills and strategies on the questions and improving my math.

Writing: In writing we have learnt about the skills when creating an information report. I decided to write my information report on the animal known as The Zebra Turkeyfish. I included fact boxes on my poster and discussed its habitat, appearance, diet and adaptations. I enjoyed this because I learnt about an animal I never knew existed.

Kiana Lee - Grade 5 (5/6 NA)

For the whole of week 4, in maths we did Matific. I liked this because I liked playing and competing against my friends as well as working together to be the top school on the leaderboard. This helped my maths because it helped me improve my basic skills and refresh my knowledge for different questions. I hope we can do this again next year.

Tom Higgins - Grade 5 (5/6 NA)

Maths: Matific was great fun. I liked hanging with my friends in the other 2 5/6 classes as we joined and competed in The Arena. It helped my maths because when questions appeared that I didn't understand a teacher could explain it so I was still learning as well as playing Matific.

Writing: In writing I created an information report on World War 2. I enjoyed creating this report because I got to learn important facts about this event that took place in 1939. I talked about how the war started and what happened during the war.

Loui Lagana - Grade 5 (5/6 LD)

I liked that Matific was a challenge, it was fun to compete against my friends. It felt like we were playing games in maths but actually challenged my brain to think and use proper strategies. It made me excited for each day when I rocked up to school, I always asked my teacher if we were doing maths!

Lylah Chapman - Grade 5 (5/6 JW)

In Writing I created an information report about a Sugar Glider. A sugar glider is a brownish beige colour from Australia that glides around and lives in trees. I learnt some fun facts about its habitat, diet and what it looks like.

Jack Hagebols- Grade 6 (5/6 JW)

During writing at the start of the term we created an information report on the bearded dragon. I enjoyed this because I learnt it was an animal that lived in Australia. Did you know it uses its throat to scare away predators which helps them live longer?

Lachlan Werner - Grade 6 (5/6 LD)

During week 4 we did Matific every maths lesson, I found it very exhilarating because each class was competing for the top of the leader board. I found it beneficial for maths because it helped my basic knowledge and developed my understanding on questions I didn't understand!

St Margaret's
PARENTS & FRIENDS
What's Happening

A big thank you to everyone who came along Friday night for Bogan Bingo! It was great to see so many fantastic outfits and so many great donations from our families, staff and broader community. A huge success and a wonderful fundraiser for our friendship station and sports/play equipment upgrade.

We are looking forward to celebrating with our dads on Friday 1st September with our 'Donuts with Dad' morning, see details below.

After last year's success we are all looking forward to our Father's Day bake sale to be held on Saturday 2nd September at the Garden Street shops, more details, baking packs and a shout out for helpers to be sent home in the coming weeks..

P&F CALENDAR

- SEPTEMBER 1 - DONUTS WITH DAD/SPECIAL PERSON
- SEPTEMBER 1 - FATHER'S DAY STALL \$5 PER CHILD
- 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

Please pop into the office or call the school to place your name down on the roster/s.

Volunteers needed

We have a number of events coming up in September and would really love some extra helpers. If you can spare some time on the following days would be great!

- Donuts with Dad 1/9/2023
7.30am-8.30am
- Father's Day Stall 1/9/2023
8.30am - 11am
- Father's Day Bake Sale
2/9/2023 Garden St 8am - 1pm
various shifts
- Footy Colours Day 14/9/2023
12-2pm

Plus....

The Colour Run 24th November

FATHER'S DAY MORNING TEA



Join us for coffee & a donut to celebrate the
special men in our lives.
8am-9am
on the basketball court.
No RSVP required.

St Margaret's PS Father's Day Stall

Students
bring along
\$5.00
to purchase



Friday 1st September

*Stall helpers needed

ST MARGARET'S P & F

FATHER'S DAY BAKE SALE

SATURDAY 2ND
SEPTEMBER
93 GARDEN ST
(NEXT DOOR TO GOOSE)

We would love
support from
the whole
community by
making some
baked goods
for us to sell
at the stall on
Saturday 2nd
September.

More
information to
follow...

RUOK?™

A conversation could change a life.

FOOTY COLOURS & PIE DAY

THURSDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

SPECIAL LUNCH DAY



**PIE ORDERS DUE:
TUESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER**

**PARENTS JOIN
US ON THE
OVAL AT 1.30PM
FOR
THE LONGEST
KICK
COMPETITION
PLUS! PARENT V
TEACHERS**

P&F Raffle

**WIN A GEELONG CATS
2023 AFL SIGNED
GUERNSEY**

WITH CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY

**TICKETS
BUY 1 FOR \$2
OR
3 FOR \$5**



Raffle drawn on
the
14th September
at our
School
Footy Colours
day.

Thank you & Good Luck!

Upcoming eSafety Events

BE AN ESAFE KID: TAKE ACTION AGAINST ONLINE BULLYING

**16 & 18
Aug**

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence 2023: A live Virtual Classroom webinar that helps students to identify cyberbullying and know what to do if they are bullied online. Multiple Sessions available - 16th and 18th August. Register via www.esafety.gov.au/educators



CNA CYBERSAFETY CHALLENGES

Exciting cyber safety and cyber security challenges for K-9. CNA have partnered with The Cyber Safety Project to deliver digi-cussions for a variety of year levels aimed at exploring safety online with exciting sessions including a breakout challenge. Register via www.cna.catholic.edu.au

**7
Sep**

ESAFETY COMMISSIONER TEACHER AND PARENT WEBINARS

**From
Aug**

eSafety's professional learning covers the latest online safety research, case studies and teaching strategies. Parent and carer webinars give the knowledge, skills and tools to support children to have safe online experiences. Multiple sessions, topics and dates available.

For dates and registrations:

Teachers via www.esafety.gov.au/educators/webinars-for-schools
or Parent webinars via www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars

ESMART INTRO TO DIGITAL LICENSE+

This professional learning from the Alannah & Madeline Foundation will provide an introduction to upcoming opportunities with Digital Licence+. DL+ will build digital intelligence in students aged 10-14 years, giving them the knowledge and skills they need for the digital world. Dates to be confirmed.

**Coming
Term
4**



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

