



St. Margaret's  
Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

Term Three, Week 6  
August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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## From Susan's Desk

## Leadership and Management News

Dear Families,

Last week our students participated in many wonderful learning opportunities. James Price and Railway Victoria ran an artist presentation which connected to our local community and the upgrade at Geelong Station. The students were thoroughly engaged as well as being immersed in indigenous art and how this is enhancing their local community.

Our Year 1/2 students had a wonderful day exploring the local bollards along Eastern Beach as well as participating in sessions at the Geelong Wool Museum. This excursion linked into their inquiry unit this term and allowed the students to make further connections to their learnings taking place at school.



Last Wednesday our First Eucharist candidates shared a preparation evening with their families at the Emmaus Meal. These students continued their learning about this sacrament and the importance and significance of sharing a meal. It was lovely to see so many families coming together to share a meal and to further discuss the meaning behind this sacrament. These students will receive this sacrament on Sunday 20th August and we keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Next week is Book Week with the theme this year being 'Read, Grow, Inspire'. Our dress up parade and 'booknic' will take place on Tuesday. We have many other activities organised for the week including visiting authors and the Book Fair. Further information regarding book week is attached to this newsletter.

A reminder that our 3 way conversations will take place on Monday August 21st 4pm to 6.30pm and Tuesday August 22nd 2pm to 6pm. **Please note that students finish at 1.30pm on the Tuesday** to allow time for these important conversations to take place. Kelly Club is available to those families that need care at this time. Please contact Ash to make a booking.

We invite our Year 5 and 6 families to be part of our online puberty session on Wednesday August 23rd at 7pm. This family night will be facilitated by a qualified Family Life Educator using the program 'Things Are Changing', which is an endorsed resource by the Bishop and Catholic Schools Office of this Diocese. The event will run for 60 minutes and the online forum has received positive feedback as it allows you to further discuss the topics covered with your child in the safe environment of your home. We encourage all our families to attend. Please see Sonja if you require any further information.

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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 are excited to announce that in the upcoming holidays new carpet will be installed in our year 3/4 classrooms and hallway. As a result we will require assistance to move the furniture out of these rooms on the last day of term. We are hoping that parents may be able to help from around 1pm on this day. Please let me know or your child's classroom teacher know if you are able to help.

Have a wonderful week,  
Susan

## Calendar of Events

## Term 3

(New items in bold)

### August

August 14th - 18 <sup>th</sup>	Book Week
Tuesday, August 15 <sup>th</sup>	Book Week Dress Up and 'BookNic'
Thursday, August 17 <sup>th</sup>	3/4 attending Mass at the Basilica
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>	Kindness Matters Day. Kindness assembly 12.45pm <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**

Tuesday, October 3rd

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

**Friday, October 20**

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

**2024 Prep Orientation Session 1**

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>**

**Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**

3/4 Sleep Over

P&F Special lunch

**Student Free Day – No Kelly Club**

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

**2024 Prep Orientation Session 2**

### December

**Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

**2024 Prep Orientation Session 3**

**Step Up Day**

Year 6 Graduation

**End Term 4 1:30 finish**

## **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.



# First Eucharist



*God our Creator, we thank You and praise You for the most precious gift of the Holy Eucharist. We ask You to bless all those who are preparing to receive Your Body and Blood for the first time. You have provided for us richly through the gift of Your Body and Blood in the Eucharist.*

Airlia Likoudis, Alexander Lacorte, Alyssa Neal,  
Asha Clapinski, Chloe Bidlo, Elizabeth Mendiola, Emily Deng,  
Francesca Payne, Freya Dooris, Isabelle Fitzgerald, Jack Hearsch,  
Jai Power, Jake Poole, Lachlan Cieciora, Lenny Spencer-Harmer,  
Liam Dillon, Lorenzo Manna, Maeve Noonan, Miller Clarke,  
Pearl Foley, Ruby O'Leary, Rylan Littlewood,  
Thomas O'Toole-Ludena, Tom McGuane, Willow Clarke,  
Xavier Marshall, Zac Winterton



*Dear Jesus,  
Thank you for calling  
me to your table and  
blessing me today.  
Please bless me and  
hold me close always.  
Amen.*



## ***Student Voice***

### ***Snippets from 5/6 LD***

#### ***Narrative Writing***

In literacy we have been writing narratives and making them into books. Everyone's books are looking great, and they're full of description, dialogue and cliff hangers. There are lots of entertaining, adventurous and mysterious stories. Personally, my favourite genre is adventure because I love to add cliffhangers and pick different endings in each story. I especially like making my narratives link and connect to each other and then making my books into series. Writing narratives is an opportunity for anyone to express past and present experiences during their life.

***Elouise Horton***

#### ***Australian History***

In week 5 we started making posters about major events in Australian history. We were given multiple choices including: Australian involvement in WW2, WW1 and the First Fleet etc. I chose the separation of Australia and Tasmania. I chose this because it's an interesting event with lots to write about and nobody has chosen it so I figured why not it's completely an original topic that I was willing to learn about. Popular choices were Ned Kelly and WW2. This activity was fun and brought the class together in an enjoyable session. I think we should do more activities like this because it makes us smile. Australia posters are an exciting opportunity to display history and individual skill in making non-fiction factual informational texts and posters or slides. The most interesting topics of mine were the first fleet and the Eureka Stockade of which was incredibly interesting because of the events that ensued.

***Jackson Spark***

#### ***Book Club***

In book club reading, we talk about the pages we just read as a group. We each have different roles that are the Clarifier, the Summariser, the Connector, the Questioner, the Inference maker, the Predictor and the Visualiser. Personally I like the Questioner the best because you can ask so many questions about the characters and events, such as: "Why were they carrying gas masks?" or "Why do you think he said that?". The book my group is reading is called Goodnight Mister Tom. I really enjoyed reading this book because it's really 'up my alley' in its reference to the planes and the Blitz. I can't wait until I finish it and watch the movie.

***Noah Guarnaccia***

#### ***My Place, Our Place***

In week 5 we started to work on the My Place, Our Place topic. Miss Doran has entered us in a writing competition to take part in, it's based on the book My Place, Our Place. Everyone has chosen to write about an extract from the book and has chosen a certain text type you could choose such as: Diary entry, narrative, poetry etc. In the writing pieces, everyone has to include some discussion about how play and imagination are used over time because in the Book My Place, Our Place there is lots of play. I liked this topic because we have lots of freedom for what we do in this writing piece and we can be creative.

***Gabrielle Mendiola***

#### ***Matific***

Recently, the whole school did the Matific Olympiad. I found it very enjoyable because I love mathematics! A whole week centered around Maths! I finished tied for 1st (with Summer Ryan in 1/2) IN THE WHOLE SCHOOL! I played it every day after school. I would help people in my class who had not finished it. Anyway I loved the thrill of the competition. I would always ask Miss Doran if we could put up the leaderboard during math and finally I would like to thank all of the teachers who encouraged their class to do matific. Also a special thanks to Miss Marg who opened her class to anyone to do Matific during snack and lunch. I really enjoyed this competition and hope I get to do something like this in High School.

***Lachlan Werner***

Our BIGGEST fundraiser of  
the year!

ST MARGARET'S PRIMARY SCHOOL P&F

# FATHER'S DAY BAKE SALE

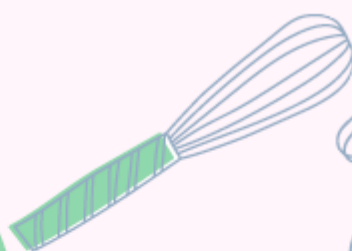
SATURDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER

8AM - 1PM

93 GARDEN ST

(NEXT DOOR TO GOOSE)

Pop on by &  
purchase morning  
tea to share  
with Dad



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ST MARGARET'S P & F

# FATHER'S DAY BAKE SALE

SATURDAY 2ND  
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The P&F will be distributing boxes, bags and ingredient lists to all students.

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

All items can be delivered to the school on Friday 1st September or directly to the stall at 8-9am on Saturday morning.

We will also be looking for helpers to set up and run the stall in 1 hour shifts from 7.30am until sold out. (Approximately 1pm)

Please pop your name down at the school office.  
or email the P&F at [pandf@smgeelongeast.com.au](mailto:pandf@smgeelongeast.com.au)

We will have extra packaging available at the school office if grandparents, friends or neighbours would like to get involved.



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!



# 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**



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# 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.esafety.gov.au/educators/webinars-for-schools)  
or Parent webinars via [www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars](http://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**





# SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Monday 18th September to Thursday 28th September  
- Excluding weekends



We are excited to be back for a fun-filled  
School Holiday Programme including lots of  
Sports, awesome games & **MUCH MORE**



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 **KELLYSPORTS.COM.AU**





**Who can attend:**  
Boys & Girls aged 5-12 years old.

**General Information:**  
We believe in giving children opportunities to do the things they love and enjoy in a supportive and encouraging environment. Our friendly staff are passionate about working with children. They are provided with training on behaviour management techniques, first aid and activity planning/delivery.

**What do you need to bring:** Appropriate clothing, jacket or sweatshirt, hat, drink bottle and food for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

**Food:**  
Please bring plenty of packed food and drink for morning tea/lunch/afternoon tea. Lunch will be from approximately 12.30pm to 1.30pm each day.

**Programme activities:**  
Programme activities are adapted to suit children of all ages and children may be grouped by age depending on numbers. Programme activities may vary without notice dependent on weather conditions and programme numbers.

**Payment details:**  
Payment is required upfront within 2 hours of your booking. A receipt will be issued when a completed booking is received. All details will be included on the receipt.

**Please note:**  
Every case will be taken to ensure the safety of your child/ren and their property. However, organisers of Kelly Sports accept no liability for any injury sustained to your child/ren or any loss or damage to his/her property while on the programme.



# SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

**Website:** [www.kellysports.com.au](http://www.kellysports.com.au)  
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**Email:** [geelong@kellysports.com.au](mailto:geelong@kellysports.com.au)  
**Phone:** 0497 770 909  
**Facebook:** Kelly Sports Geelong  
**Address:** 1 Crown Street, Geelong

## WEEK 1

Mon 18th Sep



### DYNAMIC DODGEBALL

Dodge, duck, dip, dive and... DODGE! Our Dodgeball Tournament is back. Our friendly competition will help improve your throwing and catching skills!

Tues 19th Sep



### SOCCER WORLD CUP

Do you love soccer? Dribble, zig zag, shoot and score your way into our Soccer themed day. We will have a mini world cup day to see which team is the cleanest!

Wed 20th Sep



### KIDS OLYMPICS - EXCURSION

Our little superstars will show off their skills in the Kelly Sports Olympics today. The kids will be split into teams and work together to try & top the medal tally. It's a busy morning, jumping, throwing & team based events! Kelly Sports is proud to be a partner of the Olympic Games.

Thurs 21st Sep



### BIG BASH SMASH

Show us your striking skills. Sports will include Cricket, Foam Hockey, Tennis. Develop your hand-eye coordination and have a blast with a range of sports!

Fri 22nd Sep



### CRAZY COMPETITION DAY

Kelly Sports is going next door to see our friends at the Vic Volleyball Centre. Get excited to JUMP, HIT and SPIKE the ball over the net. Should be lots of fun and something new for the kids to try.

## WEEK 2

Mon 25th Sep



### BASKETBALL MANIA

Do you love basketball? Dribble, zig zag, shoot and slam dunk your way into our Basketball themed day. We will also include Netball and plenty of games the kids will love.

Tues 26th Sep



### DANCE

Do you love to dance? Do you love to sing? Our Disco Party is back with all of our favourite songs and dancing challenges. Bring your dancing shoes!

Wed 27th Sep



### AMAZING RACE

Work together to complete challenges, find clues and score goals during our Amazing Race. Teamwork is key. Today will also include Soccer and Dodgeball.

Thurs 28th Sep



### FOOTY COLOURS DAY

Show off your AFL/NRL or A-League team colours with confidence and pride at our Football codes day. You will be sure to get a kick out of our activities.

Fri 29th Sep



### AFL GRAND FINAL WEEKEND

**NO SESSION DUE TO AFL GRAND FINAL DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

**FULL DAY: \$60**  
Mon - Fri, 8am - 5pm

**FULL WEEK: \$250**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THEMED DAYS WILL ALSO INCLUDE OTHER SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES THE KIDS WILL LOVE.**

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT

**KELLYSPORTS.COM.AU**





## MID TERM SPEICAL!

Sign up to the Kelly Sports program at your school online before Sunday 14th August and get 5 weeks for the price of 4.

Scan the QR to access our website, enter your postcode to find the program details.

Use code: MidTerm to redeem your free week (Value of \$16)

Scan here  
To Enrol





POTTERY STUDIO-EVENTS & GALLERY

## School Holiday's Pottery & Craft Sessions

Tue 19th Sept 10.30am-12.30pm Kids Pottery Class

Wed 20th Sept 10.30am-12.30pm Kids Pottery Class

Mon 25th Sept 10.30am-12.30pm Kids Pottery Class

Additional classes will be listed on these dates and other dates if these book out. Adults may book a spot for themselves to join in and make something as well. You can either stay or drop off.

**\$50 per person for 2 hours. Includes clay, colours, glazes and 2 kiln firings.**

To book visit the website <https://hazytales.com/events/events-calendar/>

These are a few of the other things we do at Hazy Tales Studio:  
Bespoke Pottery Parties for Adults & Kids. Custom events. Hen parties.  
Adult evening 'Clay & Cocktails by Candlelight'. Porcelain products & jewellery for sale.

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