



St. Margaret's
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term Three, Week 7
August 22nd, 2023

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From Susan's Desk

Leadership and Management News

Dear Families,

Last week we celebrated Book Week with the theme of 'Read, Grow, Inspire'. There were so many wonderful opportunities for our students to engage in books, reading, literacy and the power of imagination. The Book Fair was popular during the week and the author visits were enjoyed by our students. The Dress Up Day and Booknic are always favourite activities. Thank you to Kerrie-Anne for all her efforts in organising this week and providing such wonderful opportunities for our students.

Our Year 3 /4s enjoyed a trip to Melbourne on Friday to visit the National Gallery and the MSO. The students had a wonderful time and were able to immerse themselves in the Melbourne Arts scene. Thank you to Gab for organising this incredible experience!

On Sunday, many of our Year 4 students received the sacrament of First Eucharist. The mass was a lovely experience for those present and a moment in the student's faith journey they will always remember. These occasions within our faith community are so important and a wonderful way to come together to support each other. Thank you to Marg for her coordination of the day and the teachers for preparing and supporting these students.

A reminder that students finish at 1.30pm on Tuesday to allow time for our 3 way conversations. Kelly Club is available to those families that need care at this time. Please contact Ash to make a booking. Prep conversations will take place in the main building, as they did in term 2. Please come to the front office and the teachers will meet you there at your allocated time.

The online puberty session for our 5 /6 families will take place 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.

We ask that students do not bring in hot drinks to school in the morning. We have noticed that some students are bringing in hot drinks to the playground before school. It poses health and safety and child safety concerns as the playground is very busy and the chance of these spilling on someone is high. Please finish these before you enter the school grounds.

Please note we are after parent helpers at around 12.30 on the last day of term to move the furniture out of the 3/4 space. New carpet will be installed during the holidays Please let me know or your child's classroom teacher know if you are able to help.

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

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
Tuesday, August 29 th	School Board 7pm

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
Tuesday, September 5th	Division Aths (selected students)
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

School Fees Due

A reminder that all school fees for 2023 should be finalised no later than the 27th of October, unless direct debit arrangements are in place. It is essential that these fees are paid to ensure students have access to resources and learning experiences that support their learning.

The camp levy must be paid prior to students attending camp.

Please see the office staff if you would like to set up direct debit, which is our preferred payment option.

You Quiet Me Prayer

*In times of disappointment and frustration,
When dreams are unfulfilled and plans not realised,
When hopes are dashed and endeavours unachieved,
In all the changing scenes of life,*

*you quiet me with your love.
you quiet me with your love.
you quiet me with your love.
you quiet me with your love.*

Jenny Child



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Calendar of Events continued

Term 4

October

Monday, October 2nd

Tuesday, October 3rd

Tuesday October 10th

Friday, October 13th

Friday, October 20

Tuesday, October 24th

Friday, October 27th

Mon, Oct 30th - Wed, Nov 1st

Student Free Day. Staff PL

First Day of Term 4 for students

School Board 7pm

Odd Socks Day for Mental Health

2024 Prep Orientation Session 1

Online Reconciliation Preparation evening 7pm

Art Show & World Teachers Day

5/6 Camp Kangarooobie

November

Thursday, November 2nd

Friday, November 3rd

Monday, November 6th

Tuesday, November 7th

Thursday, November 16th

Friday, November 17th

Friday, November 24th

3/4 Sleep Over

P&F Special lunch

Student Free Day – No Kelly Club

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday – No Kelly Club

St. Margaret's Feast Day

2024 Prep Orientation Session 2

Colour Run P&F

December

Tuesday, December 12th

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Thursday, December 14th

Friday, December 15th

2024 Prep Orientation Session 3

Step Up Day

School Board

Year 6 Graduation

Casual Clothes (touch of Christmas)

End Term 4, 1:30 finish

District Basketball

On Friday August 18th 16 of our Year 6 students represented the school at the Troop District Basketball Championships at AWA Stadium. Both the boys and girls teams had a busy schedule for the day, playing 6 games each. The boys managed to win 3 of their games and finished in 4th position, which was a fantastic effort. Our girls went through the day undefeated and will advance to the Bellarine Division Championships in Term 4. It was an amazing day full of encouragement and sportsmanship, and all of our basketballers should be

extremely proud of how they represented our school. Special thanks to all the families who came down to support and Miss Niah who helped out with the scoring and coaching!



BOOK WEEK



Book Week was a wonderful success with so many highlights.

"I like that we got to wear a costume. I dressed up as Hermoine" - Tamiko K.

"It was really fun, actually it was the BEST!"- Harry S.

"I like that the whole week was about books because I love reading and it was fun to share the books that I like."- Finley V.

"I had lots of fun dressing up as Elsa" - Juan M.



There was a lovely buzz all week long and students were excited about all that was going on. Mrs Hanley wore a range of hats all week, swapping hats/characters throughout the day. The students and staff were trying to locate the hidden book character silhouettes hidden around the school and guess who the baby-faced teachers were with their favourite childhood books on display. Visiting authors/illustrators are always a highlight. This year we had Kim Kane and Lucinda Gifford sharing their skills, knowledge and humour and love of books, inspiring our students and staff alike.



School Community News

The BookNic was a beautiful morning. It is a joy to see everyone so engaged and reading with each other.



We would like to extend our thanks to families for supporting our Book Week celebrations. The dress up day was a treat and the kids looked amazing!

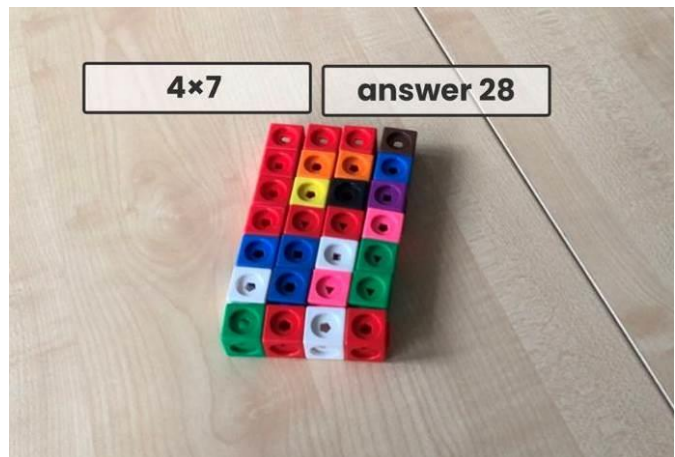
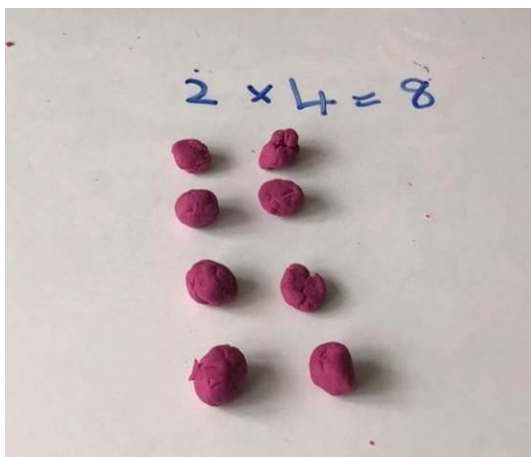
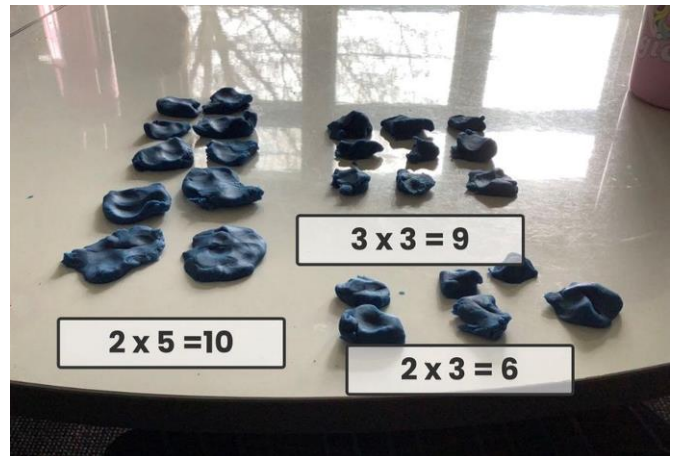
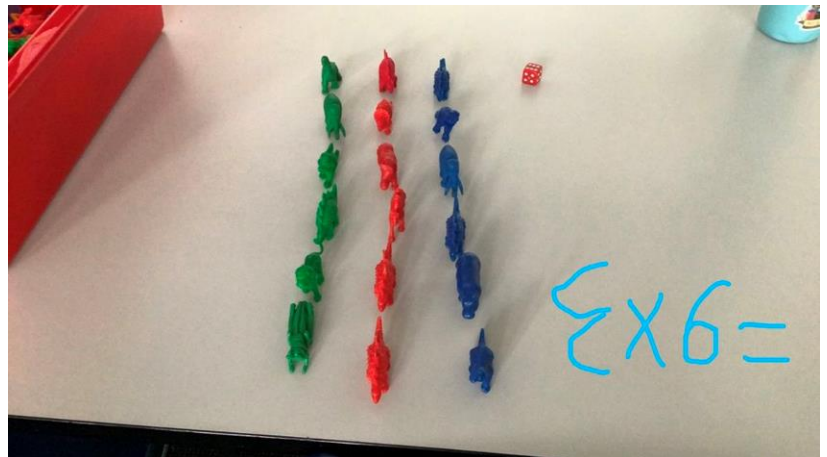
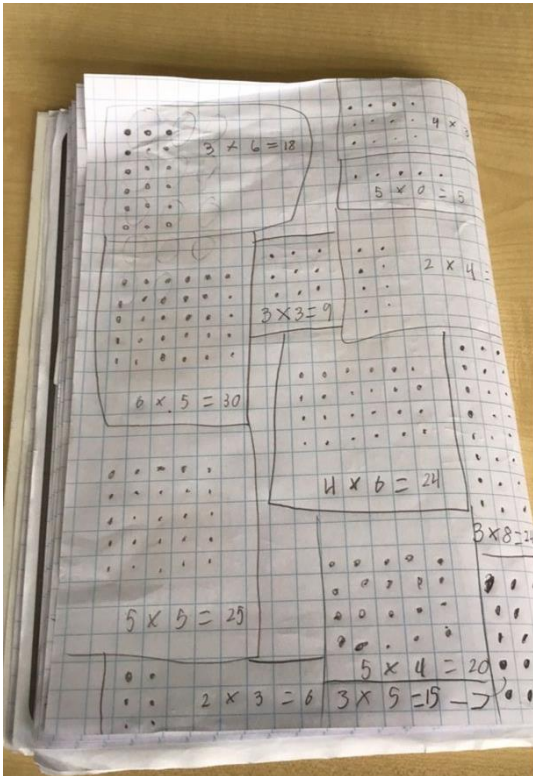


The Book Fair was also a great success with sales exceeding \$2000. This enabled the school to select some books from the fair for the library and raised \$504 in Scholastic Rewards for the purchase of more new books.



Student Voice

In 1/2PB are learning to use arrays to represent multiplication by creating rows and columns. Here are some examples;





**SPREAD
KINDNESS**
Like
CONFETTI



**DESIGN A POSTER
AROUND THE THEME OF KINDNESS
AND YOU COULD WIN!**

**ALL STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO
MAKE A POSTER TO DISPLAY
AROUND THE SCHOOL.
POSTERS NEED TO BE ON A4
PAPER.**



**MUST INCLUDE NAME AND CLASS GROUP.
POSTERS DUE WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH TO MRS PERKS**

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON KINDNESS MATTERS DAY ASSEMBLY LAST DAY OF TERM 3.

St Margaret's
PARENTS & FRIENDS
What's Happening

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

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

TEAMWORK MAKES



THE DREAM WORK!

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

DAD



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)

Bake sale
packs will be
heading home
in school bags
this week.

Please join
the Facebook
Event Page St
Margaret's
Primary
School Bake
Sale
& promote to
friends and
family.

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!








KELLY CLUB

THEME: Space

Term 3 Week 7, 21st August 2023

Weekly Activities Plan
Kelly Club St Margaret's

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:30 am	Breakfast & Projects Silent Ball	Breakfast & Structured Free Time Brain Break	Breakfast & Projects Heads Down Thumbs Up	Breakfast & Structured Free Time Brain Break	Breakfast & Projects Silent Ball
8:30 - 8:40 am					
3:20 - 3:50 pm	Sign In & Goals and Values Afternoon Tea (See Menu)	Sign In & Goals and Values Afternoon Tea (See Menu)	Sign In & Goals and Values Afternoon Tea (See Menu)	Sign In & Goals and Values Afternoon Tea (See Menu)	Sign In & Goals and Values Afternoon Tea (See Menu)
3:50 - 4:10pm	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time
4:10 - 4:45pm	KIDS CHOICE Choose between outdoor play, Kelly Sports or Indoor play 	EARLY FINISH WALL-E Movie and Galaxy Slime  	CRAFT Clay Aliens 	COLLABORATIVE Group Galaxy Drawing 	COOKING Sugar Cookie Planets 
4:45 - 5:15pm	Tidy Up and Free Time	Tidy Up and Free Time	Tidy Up and Free Time	Tidy Up and Free Time	Tidy Up and Free Time
5:15 - 5:30pm	Late Snack Box	Late Snack Box	Late Snack Box	Late Snack Box	Late Snack Box
5:30 - 6:00 pm	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time

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**SUNDAY 27TH AUGUST
&**

SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

11AM - 1PM

**GEELONG BASEBALL
CENTRE**

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for boys & girls 5 - 14 years

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