



St. Margaret's  
Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

Term Three, Week 8  
August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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## From Susan's Desk

## Leadership and Management News

Dear Families,

It was wonderful to see the delivery of our new library furniture arrive this week. Kerrie-Anne and Jaki have been very busy unpacking and setting up the space. The library will remain closed this coming week as the final adjustments are made and the books are re shelved. We will inform you shortly of the official reopening date and how we will celebrate this incredible community achievement. This could not have been possible without the work from the P&F and from all those that purchased a ticket for our thermomix raffle. I thank every one of you for contributing to this amazing space for our students. A huge thank you to Kerrie-Anne and Jaki for having a vision and bringing this to life!

The three way conversations held last week were a wonderful way for your child to share their learning with you and to discuss their future goals. These conversations are well structured and supported by our staff in the weeks leading up to these and are a great way for students to reflect on their learning and to consider the type of learner they are. It was lovely to walk around our school and to see students engaged with their families and teachers, taking ownership for their learning and celebrating their success so far this year.

We invite our Dads and those men who are special to us to our Donuts with Dads breakfast this Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. We will gather on the courts from 8am. Hot drinks and donuts will be served to celebrate Father's Day. Please note that hot drinks are for adults only, and for OH&S / Child Safety reasons students are not permitted to hold these. Following this, our Father's Day Stall will also take place on this day. After the incredible success of our Bake Sale last year we are again running this on Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. We still require parent support to ensure the success of this event. All money raised goes directly back into our school for all students to benefit. Please see information later in this newsletter from the P&F about the Bake Sale or contact the office to let us know when you can help out.

Next year we are looking to restructure our P&F. Currently most of the work is done by only a handful of parents. This is unmanageable in the long term. Our students are so fortunate to be the beneficiaries of our very active P&F as they raise an amazing amount of money for our school. This year so far has seen new playground equipment for the Friendship Station, new take home readers for P-2 students, the library upgrade with more to come! We are hoping to get several parents to volunteer for one area of the P&F to spread the load. For example; Special Lunch Coordinator, Mother's Day/ Father's Day Stall Coordinator, Mother's Day / Father's Day Breakfast Coordinator etc. If this is something that would interest you please reach out to our P&F committee or let me know.

Please remember that next **Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>** is a student free day. Staff will be onsite engaging in professional learning around Religious Education and Social Emotional Education. Kelly Club is unable to operate due to spacing limitations.

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 29<sup>th</sup> 1 /2 Excursion: Great Ocean Road  
 Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> 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  
**Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>** **School Closure Day - Staff Professional Development**  
**No Kelly Club**  
**Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** **Division Aths (selected students)**  
 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  
**Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>** 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**

### October

**Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>** **Student Free Day. Staff PL**  
 Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> First Day of Term 4 for students  
 Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> School Board 7pm  
 Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> Odd Socks Day for Mental Health  
 Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 2024 Prep Orientation Session 1  
 Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> Online Reconciliation Preparation evening 7pm  
 Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> Art Show & World Teachers Day  
 Mon, Oct 30<sup>th</sup> - Wed, Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 5/6 Camp Kangaroobie

### November

Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> 3/4 Sleep Over  
 Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> P&F Special lunch  
**Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>** **Student Free Day – No Kelly Club**  
**Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>** **Melbourne Cup Public Holiday – No Kelly Club**  
 Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> St. Margaret's Feast Day  
 Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 2024 Prep Orientation Session 2  
 Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> Colour Run P&F

### December

Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 2024 Prep Orientation Session 3  
 Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> Step Up Day  
 Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> School Board  
 Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Graduation  
**Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** **Casual Clothes (touch of Christmas)**  
**End Term 4, 1:30 finish**

***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.

***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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## *Student of the Week Awards*

<i>Class</i>	<i>Student</i>	<i>Award</i>
<b>PREP</b>	Harry Ferrier	For being a kind and caring class member.
	Luna Stephenson	For her excellent efforts in reading.
<b>1 / 2 KH</b>	Rafi Vaughan	For enthusiastically participating in our inquiry investigations and creating an amazing bollard.
	Ashley McKenzie	For a big improvement in his reading and learning new heartwords
<b>1 / 2 JK</b>	Charles Brown	For demonstrating wonderful learning habits.
	Pearl Timmins	For her dedication to her reading and getting onto Lexile.
<b>1 / 2 PB</b>	Camryn Smith	For being an enthusiastic and thoughtful member of our class.
	Jack Geoghegan	For demonstrating a great working relationship with others.
<b>1 / 2 AC-EB</b>	James Kessler	For your enthusiasm and effort when creating arrays. Keep up the great work!
	Azariah Steed	For consistently being a considerate and helpful class member. You are a great role model!
<b>3 / 4 LC, MD-MdJ &amp; JB</b>		Due to Excursion, awards held over to next assembly
<b>5 / 6 NA</b>	Georgina Middleton	For hard work in maths
	Kiana-Lee Wilkins	For an outstanding creative writing piece
<b>5 / 6 LD</b>	Jackson Spark	For constant enthusiasm towards learning, especially during world book day!
<b>5 / 6 JW</b>	Max Russell	For an amazing writing piece for the 'My Place' competition
<b>Principal Award</b>	Riley Budge	For displaying outstanding leadership qualities and our school values.
	Lachlan Reynolds	For displaying outstanding leadership qualities and our school values.

# **Thank You God!**

When I wake up in the morning,  
Thank you God, for being there.

When I come to school each day,  
Thank you God, for being there.

When I'm playing with my friends,  
Thank you God, for being there.

And when I go to bed at night,  
Thank you God, for being there.





## School Community News

Recent article from the Golf Australia website By Serrin Bertino



<https://www.golf.org.au/the-curlewis-clan/>

Three sisters - Ivy, Winnie and Pearl - are loving their golf on the Bellarine Peninsula in Victoria. For their father, Jack Timmins, this is a dream come true.

“Having all of my girls play golf gives me a really good excuse to get out on-course,” he jokes. “But in all seriousness, it is a wonderful way for us to spend time together, doing something we all enjoy.”

At 10 years of age, the eldest sister, Ivy, has obtained an Australian Golf Foundation (AGF) Girls Golf Scholarship for 2023.

Realising a love for the game after hitting golf balls in her backyard, Ivy has enjoyed clinics at numerous locations before settling at Curlewis Golf Club and earning a scholarship.

“The scholarship program is fun,” she said. “I have made some good friends; the pros are really encouraging, and I love being the best golfer I can be.”

Getting her handicap just three weeks ago, Ivy has already won her first competition – the Geelong and Bellarine District School Sport Victoria event at Torquay

“It was so exciting,” she said. “I didn’t think I was going to win.”

Ivy now qualifies for the regional School Sport Victoria event in November.

For Jake Cole-Sinclair, Golf Relationship Officer at Golf Australia, seeing Ivy win the schools event is the icing on the cake.

“This is a wonderful example of the pathways available for girls to enjoy golf,” he said. “From MyGolf and the AGF Girls Scholarship program, girls can pursue their golf by competing in district and regional School Sport Victoria events.”

Ivy’s younger sisters, Winnie (age eight) and Pearl (age six) are also thoroughly enjoying their golf. Both taking up the sport at just four years of age, the duo already has years of experience behind them. Frequent mini-golf enthusiasts at Curlewis Range and attendees at the club’s weekly MyGolf clinics, Winnie and Pearl are both keen to follow in Ivy’s footsteps.

“Next year when I am in grade three, I want to play in the school tournament like Ivy,” said Winnie.

“And I just played my first round of nine-holes three weeks ago,” said Pearl, who loves hitting her driver, putter, and fairway woods. .

Whilst many siblings tend not to agree on many things, for Ivy, Winnie, and Pearl, it is easy to agree that ‘girls should play golf because it is fun.’



# Measurement in 1/2JK

In 1/2JK we have been learning how to measure things accurately. We have measured all sorts of things like our feet and also how tall we are using chain links. We had a great time learning how to measure.

*In math we are leaning about length. I have made a chain as tall as me with Matilda colours and with 23 links*



PIC-COLLAGE



**MY CHAN IS 27  
PIECES OF PAPER**



**TODAY I AM MAKING A NEW  
CHAN RING AND IT IS SO  
NICE**





# 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.**



# 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.

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: Rainbow

Term 3 Week 8, 21st August 2023

Weekly Activities Plan  
Kelly Club St Margaret's

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:30 am	Breakfast & Projects <b>Silent Ball!</b>	Breakfast & Structured Free Time <b>Brain Break!</b>	Breakfast & Projects <b>Heads Down Thumbs Up</b>	Breakfast & Structured Free Time <b>Brain Break</b>	Breakfast & Projects <b>Silent Ball</b>
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	<b>COOKING</b> Rainbow Fruit Skewers 	<b>CRAFT</b> Paper Rainbows 	<b>EXPERIMENT</b> Travelling Rainbow 	<b>COOKING</b> Rainbow Shortbread 	<b>DISCOVERY</b> Skittle Experiment 
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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