



St. Margaret's  
Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

Term Three, Week 10  
September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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## From Susan's Desk

Dear Families,

Our Cultural Day last Friday was a wonderful day celebrating the diverse cultures we are blessed to have at St Margaret's. The activities were a way for our students to learn about and connect with new cultures. The incredible food that was on offer was the highlight of the day! We thank Aunty Naomie for offering a Welcome to Country and to all the parents and friends who volunteered their time to run a workshop, prepare the food or to be present on the day. A thank you also to Matt de Jong for his organisation of this event.

This week we are looking forward to our Footy Colours Day and special lunch order on Thursday September 14th. Students are invited to wear the colours of their favourite football team and participate in the longest kick competition. The Cats Footy Jumper will be raffled on this day. Please purchase your tickets through the front office. Students will also be engaging in activities on Thursday for R U OK? Day. The day highlights the importance of supporting each other through difficult times, and a great opportunity to discuss the qualities of being a good friend. Students are able to wear a touch of yellow with their footy colours on this day.



To end the term on Friday we will be celebrating the importance of kindness. Our Year 5 and 6 students will be teaching a class about the importance of kindness and why we need to exhibit this quality in all that we do. Our Kindness Matters Tree looks incredible and makes a statement as you walk through our school. We will be having an Assembly on Friday at 12.30 for Kindness Matters Day. Special awards will be given and the winners of the colouring competition announced. We hope to see many of you there on Friday.

The bake sale last weekend was a wonderful expression of the school community. We had many items to sell at our stall, and the atmosphere early in the morning was incredible to be a part of. Many people dropped by to deliver additional baked items, to make a purchase or to help out. Thank you to the P&F for coordinating and to

all the families who baked or volunteered their time at the stall. We are so grateful for your efforts in raising funds for our school and our students.

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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

Term 3

We would appreciate some parent helpers from 12.30 to move the furniture out of the 3 /4 space. We are very excited to be installing new carpet into this space and would appreciate the support of our families to prepare for this!

**A reminder that we do finish at 1.30pm on Friday for the end of term 3.**

We hope you take the time to enjoy family and friends in the term break. Hopefully we can all enjoy some spring weather! We will see students on **Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>** for the first day of term 4. Staff are engaging in professional learning on the Monday.

Have a wonderful week,  
Susan

## Calendar of Events

Term 3

(New items in bold)

### September

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

Footy Colours / R U OK? Day.

Wear your footy colours with 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**

## Calendar of Events

Term 4

### October

**Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Student Free Day. Staff PL - No Kelly Club**

Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

First Day of Term 4 for students

**Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**

**District Basketball Girls next round**

**Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Environmental Saviours Pt Lonsdale (10 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 **2.30pm**

**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.

### ***Parent & Friends 2024***

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.

### ***Kindness Matters***

This year Susan has been working with the Yr 5/6 students around the importance of spreading kindness, how to be an upstander and how we manage conflict with our peers. We have also had a focus on kindness across the school, with stickers being distributed to students displaying kindness and this important message spread throughout our school.

*No act of kindness,  
no matter how small,  
is ever wasted.*  
Aesop

As part of the taking action component of work, the Year 5/6 students will be teaching lessons across the school on the last day of term as part of Kindness Matters Day.

We encourage all students to get involved and enter the Kindness Matters colouring competition. There are amazing prizes for each year level, and these posters will be displayed around the school. We will also have a Kindness Matters tree in our hallway and our school leaders will be hosting a Kindness Matters assembly where special kindness awards will be handed out.

Let's spread the message of kindness and get involved for this amazing day!

**KINDNESS**

*is a gift  
everyone can  
afford to give.*

*Dear God, please fill my heart with compassion  
and inspire me towards acts of kindness. Grant  
me the wisdom to understand right and wrong so  
that I can do justice with my life. Let me create a  
space around me where people can find  
harmony, and we treat each other with  
compassion and kindness. Amen.*



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*New Library Space*



Our beautiful new library space is up and running! It has been a huge few weeks completing the change over but it is so worth it for our students. They have been looking forward to this as much as I have, often seeing their little faces peeking through the glass door for a look and asking every day, “When will the library be open?”

Many sincere thanks to the P&F and the school community for bringing our dream to fruition. I am back doing what I love the most, sharing the joy of reading with everyone, and what an incredible place to do it.

It was lovely to see the students' faces and hear their words when they came in with their classes this week. There have been a lot of “oohs” and “aah's” and words like, “It's so peaceful and relaxing,” “I love the artwork,” “It smells nice,” “We can see all of the books now,” “I can reach all of the books,” “We have so many books,” “The furniture is nice and comfy,” “The music helps make me feel peaceful,” “It's like a real library!” Magic words!

We hope that parents/families pop in for a look themselves. The library is always open before school for reading & borrowing.







It was an honour to have Aunty Naomi attend our Cultural Day performing an official Welcome to Country. Aunty's visit was perfectly timed with the opening of our new library. Aunty expressed how much she loved the new space, taking her rightful place on our Storyteller's chair.





Cultural Day





## School Community News



## Student Voice

### 3/4 JB

Over the course of our Inquiry unit, 'Australian Story', we have been learning how our Australian identity has continued to change and develop from past to present. This term we have had the opportunity to research our own family history and present it as a project. Please enjoy this snapshot of our Year 3/4's history and identity!

#### MY MUM'S SIDE



My nan is welsh and came to Australia when she was ten in 1960. Her family was the biggest family to come to Melbourne on the ship, there were ten of them! She came from Newport in Wales. It took six weeks for the boat to sail here. My nans dad was baker and her mum was a cook at geelong college. She also looked after her nine children (the ninth child was born in Australia).

The Welsh flag represents hardiness,bravery, strength, valour, peace and honesty and hope, joy and love

MY STORY

By Archer Alimash



## Student Voice

These are the Honners - Mum's ancestors on her Mum's side. The picture shows Sarah and Richard (seated). They came out from Ireland in approximately 1886 to South Australia. They were farming families. The child second from the left is my great great grandfather. By Francesca Payne



Standing Left to Right

R.F. Honner, J.S. Honner, Bob Honner, Ivy Honner, Ellen Honner, Will Honner, Rebecca Honner, Ned Honner, John Honner, Mary Honner, Dick Honner (Tipara), Mary Honner (Yaco), Jim Honner (Brentwood - Holding Joseph), Nell Honner (Tipara), Mary Honner (Brentwood & Kneeling)

Sitting - Jim Honner, John (June), Maurice, Jack (Fr. John), Great Grandmother Sarah Honner, Great Grandfather Richard Honner

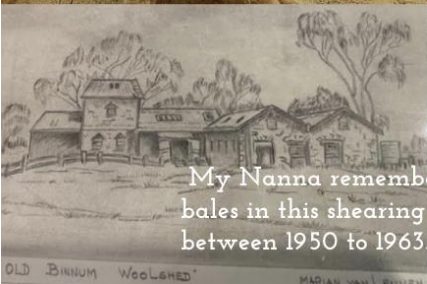
Front - Margaret, Mona, Paul, Laurence, Honners.

Ivy, the little lady standing next to the tall man is my great great great grandmother. Joseph is next to her on the left and that's her husband.



Wallace Critchley my great great great great great Grandfather made Ned Kelly's boots that he died in! 🇦🇺

My Nanna remembers playing on the wool bales in this shearing shed below in Binnnum between 1950 to 1963.



This is my Mum's Dad - my Pa, on the farm where Mum grew up in Keith SA. Pa was from Victoria.



Joseph Bryant's son was a good athlete. He fought in the Boer war.

Descendants of John & Mary Bryant who resided at St. Hilary Cornwall, England since 17th Century.

Pa's dad was a "White". Pa's Mum was a "Brown". The Browns were descendants of The Bryants from Cornwall England.

This is my pa's grandfather Brown. The Browns were farmers from the Mallee and Bendigo areas in VIC.





Edward was my great, great, great Grandpa. He was in World War 1 he earned 2 badges the British War Medal & the Victory Medal.

The British War Medal    The Victory Medal



### The British War Medal.

The British War Medal is a campaign medal of the United Kingdom which was awarded to officers and men and women of British and Imperial forces for service in the first world war. Two versions of the medal were produced. By Harriet.

### The Victory Medal.

The world war 1 Victory Medal was a United States service medal designed by James Earle Fraser of New York City under direction of the Commission of Fine Arts. Award of a common allied service medal was recommended by an inter-allied committee in Mar

## My story

My whole family came from south sudan, life was good there for them, but my mum decided to move to Australia to have a better life. My brothers were born in sudan so as my mum.



In 2009 my sister was born in the geelong hospital. 4 Years later i was born in 2013 when my sister was 4 and my mum was 32.

By Emilyya Deng.

## VAUGHAN

*In Welch or Cymru, Vaughan is pronounced Fychan or Fechan, which means 'small'.*

Earliest known ancestor is **William Vaughan** born 1776.

William was a Glassblower and a Soldier.

William married Jane, and they welcomed their son Robert in 1827.

William and Jane with son Robert arrived in Portland, Victoria Australia in **1837**.

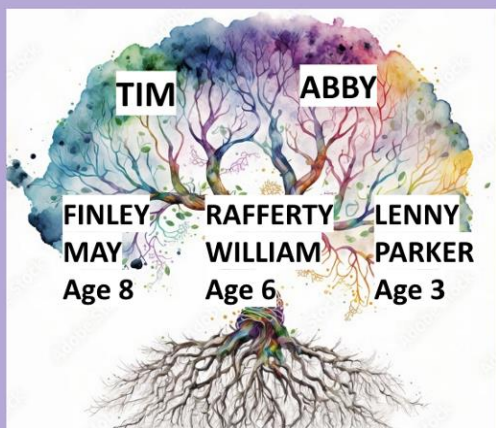
Flag of Wales



William was originally from Trawsgoed near Aberyswyth, West Wales, United Kingdom.

## My Life My Story

There are 8 generations of Vaughan's this is my My Family TREE



When I was born, I was the first female in over 3 generations of the Vaughan family.



Born November 13, 2014 at East Melbourne

## FINLEY

*With Irish origins, Finley is a gender-neutral name meaning "fair-haired courageous one."*





# 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.**

# 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: Hands On

Term 3 Week 10, 4th September 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>MINDFULNESS</b> Character Hama Beads 	<b>CRAFT</b> Monster Socks 	<b>COOKING</b> Cereal Bars 	<b>CRAFT</b> Tye-Dye Paper Towel Monsters 	<b>KIDS CHOICE</b> Indoor Free Play or Kelly Sports 
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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*Thomson Cricket Club –  
Boys and Girls Junior Cricket  
Come and Try night*

*Wed 13th Sept  
5pm to 6pm  
Under 11's to Under 17's*

*Registrations open at [playcricket.com.au](http://playcricket.com.au)  
Woolworths Blasters Cricket Program (ages 5-9)*

*Starting date Friday 17th November 5pm-6pm  
Godfrey St Reserve, Thomson*

*Contact Kate Dew on 0416 182 563 with any questions*