



**St. Margaret's**  
Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

*Term Four, Week 2*  
*October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

**#26**

## ***From Susan's Desk***

## ***Leadership and Management News***

Dear Families,

Over the break we had some exciting upgrades to our school. Upstairs in the 3 / 4 area, we had the carpet replaced and the passageway roof repaired and painted. It is amazing how this has changed the rooms upstairs and how fresh the areas are now looking. We also had 2 new flag poles installed. This will allow us to fly the 3 flags each day; Australian, Indigenous & Torres Strait Islander. We would like to thank our local Federal Member Richard Marles for donating these flags to us.

We are beginning to prepare for the Art Show which will take place on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 3-6pm. We hope you are able to invite many family and friends to this event to share in the creative works of our students. There will be activities on the night including face painting, colouring competitions and Kelly Club games. It is a gold coin donation per person to enter, with sausages, drink and ice-cream available for purchase. Please start collecting coins for this as cash is preferred on the night. Please note a 1.30pm finish for students on this day so staff can set up. Kelly Club will offer their service from 1.30-3pm that afternoon.

This Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> we have the Cheer Truck returning for a toastie family lunch. This was a very successful special lunch earlier this year, and we are hoping families again join us. Please ensure you return your order form for students and families.

Last Friday each child received information about the Colour Explosion event taking place on Friday November 24<sup>th</sup>. This looks to be an incredible day of fun and colour as the P&F raise money for our school. Please take the time to read over the material, sign up your child(ren) on the portal and start raising funds for their Colour Explosion experience. More information will follow in the newsletter, from the P&F and on the socials. So please keep an eye out for this to ensure it is a huge success for our school. The P&F will also need support on this day to run the event. Please contact them to sign up and help out. It will be a great opportunity to help out at a school event, be involved in our community and to watch your child(ren) participate in the day! If you have any questions or wish to sign up to help out before or on the day, please email the P&F [pandf@smgeelongeast.com.au](mailto:pandf@smgeelongeast.com.au)

Please be aware that when your child is absent you must notify the school through PAM or by calling the front office. We do not always receive SeeSaw messages in a timely manner, so please do not register absences this way. If we do not receive notification your child(ren) is absent, you will be sent an SMS to confirm your child(ren) are absent. It is mandated that schools follow this process for any unexplained absences due to the unfortunate incidents of children being left in cars / buses for the day and parents and educators being unaware. Therefore if we do not have an explained absence through PAM or phone call and you do not respond to our SMS, we will follow up the necessary steps to keep all our students safe. It will also be recorded as an unexplained absence on your child(ren's) report.

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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.

## ***Student Voice***

## ***Term 4***

A reminder for our families with a child preparing for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation, an online family night will take place on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. A link and more information will be sent home closer to the date. This is an important evening for your child to prepare for the sacrament and for families to take an active role in the faith development of their child. If you cannot attend please let Miss Marg know so alternative learning can be given.

Have a wonderful week,  
Susan

### ***Icy Poles***

Our Year 6 leaders will begin selling icy poles weekly on Fridays beginning in week 3, Friday October 20th. These will now be \$1 per Zooper Dooper! All funds raised go to support Viqueque. Thank you for your support.



### ***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.

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

### ***Provisional Psychologist***

We understand many of our families are waiting to see a psychologist. We have been made aware that Leilani, a provisional psychologist working in Grovedale at The Cottage Medical Centre has recently opened up her calendar to take on new children. She currently has a minimal to no wait time for this service. If you are interested in knowing more, please feel free to call The Cottage Medical Centre 5241 6129. Alternatively email if you have any further questions. [hello@leilaniwright.com.au](mailto:hello@leilaniwright.com.au)

### ***Odd Socks for Mental Health Friday***

All of us experience odd days, and that's okay. The odd socks stand in for those odd days. We hope the community will join us and have a little fun along the way!

We encourage everyone to wear odd socks on Odd Socks Day and start a conversation about mental health because one in five Australians between the ages of 16 and 85 experience mental illness each year. We should talk openly and freely about mental health issues, just as we would with any other physical injury or health problem.

Our school's 'Odd Sock Day' is this **Friday** (October 13) so hunt in your cupboard and see what odd socks you can wear that day. It's also Toastie Truck day!



## Calendar of Events

Term 4

### October

Tuesday, October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Prep-2 Incursion: Prof Bunsen
Friday, October 13 <sup>th</sup>	District Basketball Girls next round (date change)
Friday, October 13 <sup>th</sup>	Cheer Truck Toastie Day (P&F)
Friday, October 13 <sup>th</sup>	Odd Socks Day for Mental Health
Friday, October 13 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly – 5/6 presenting
Monday October 16 <sup>th</sup> (week)	Prep Swimming Program
Tuesday October 17 <sup>th</sup>	School Board 7pm
Wednesday October 18 <sup>th</sup>	P&F 7pm Staff Room
Friday, October 20 <sup>th</sup>	2024 Prep Orientation Session 1
Tuesday, October 24 <sup>th</sup>	Online Reconciliation Preparation evening 7pm
<b>Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Art Show: Students finish 1.30pm.</b>
	<b>Art Show 3.00-6.00pm</b>
Friday, October 27 <sup>th</sup>	World Teachers Day
Mon, Oct 30 <sup>th</sup> - Wed, Nov 1 <sup>st</sup>	5/6 Camp Kangaroobie
Monday October 30 <sup>th</sup> (week)	Years 1 / 2 Swimming Program

### November

Thursday, November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3/4 Sleep Over
Friday, November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	P&F Special lunch
<b>Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Student Free Day – No Kelly Club</b>
<b>Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Melbourne Cup Public Holiday – No Kelly Club</b>
Wednesday November 8 <sup>th</sup>	Prep Excursion to Scienceworks
Friday November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Sacrament of Reconciliation 12pm
<b>Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Assembly – 1/2 presenting</b>
Tuesday November 14 <sup>th</sup>	P&F Meeting 7pm in the staff room
Thursday, November 16 <sup>th</sup>	St. Margaret's Feast Day
Friday, November 17 <sup>th</sup>	2024 Prep Orientation Session 2
Monday, November 20 <sup>th</sup> (week)	3/4 Swimming Program
Friday, November 24 <sup>th</sup>	Colour Explosion Run P&F (no assembly)
Monday, November 27 <sup>th</sup> (week)	5/ 6 Swimming Program

### December

<b>Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Assembly – 3/4 presenting</b>
Tuesday, December 5 <sup>th</sup>	2024 School & House Captain Speeches
Friday, December 8 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly – Prep presenting
Monday, December 11 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Beach Picnic
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
<b>Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Casual Clothes (touch of Christmas)</b>
	<b>End Term 4, 1:30 finish</b>



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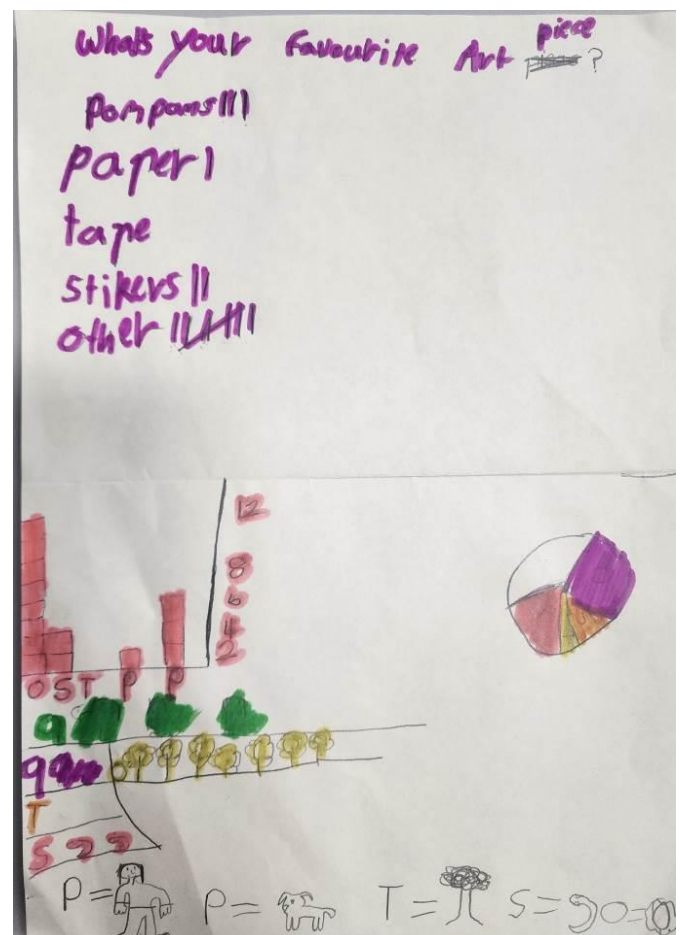
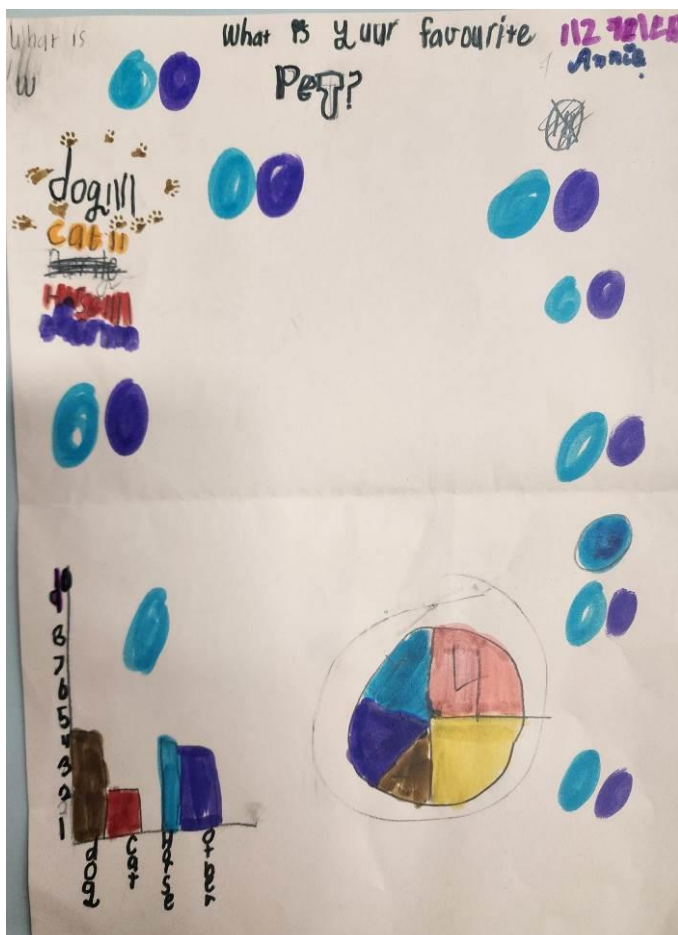
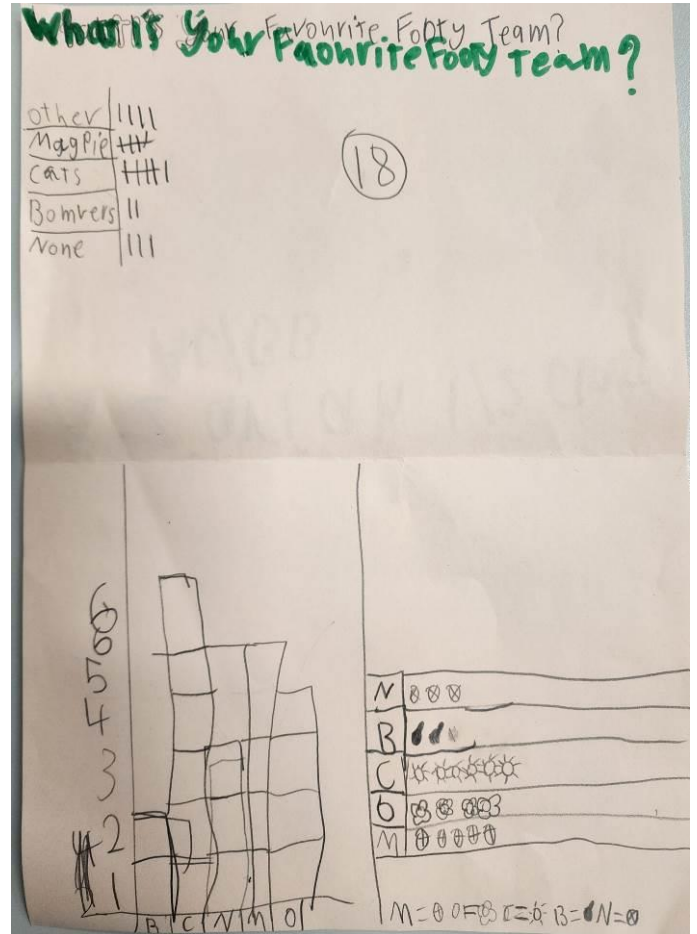
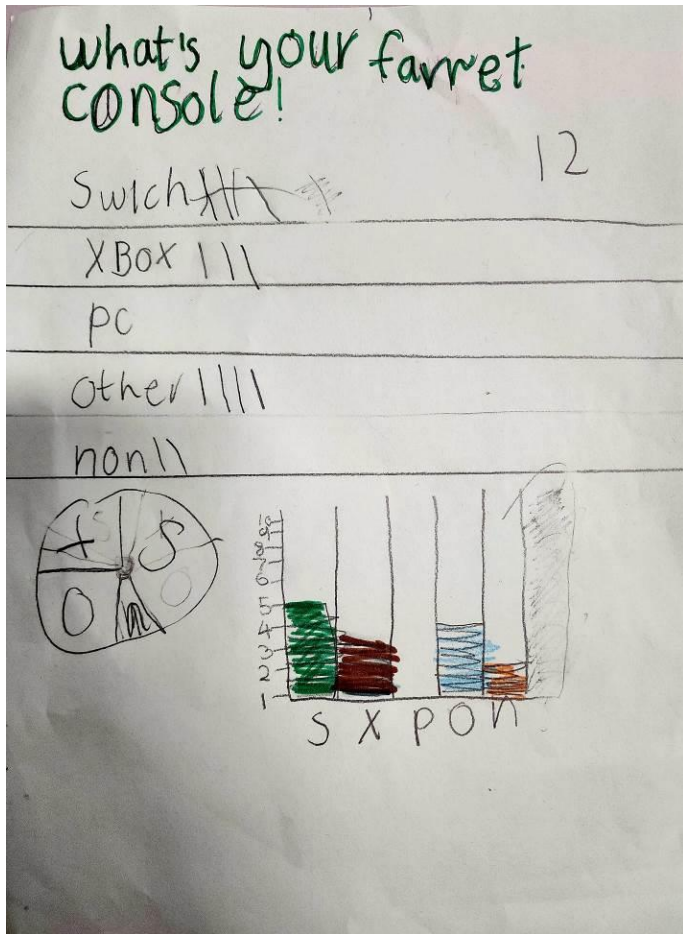
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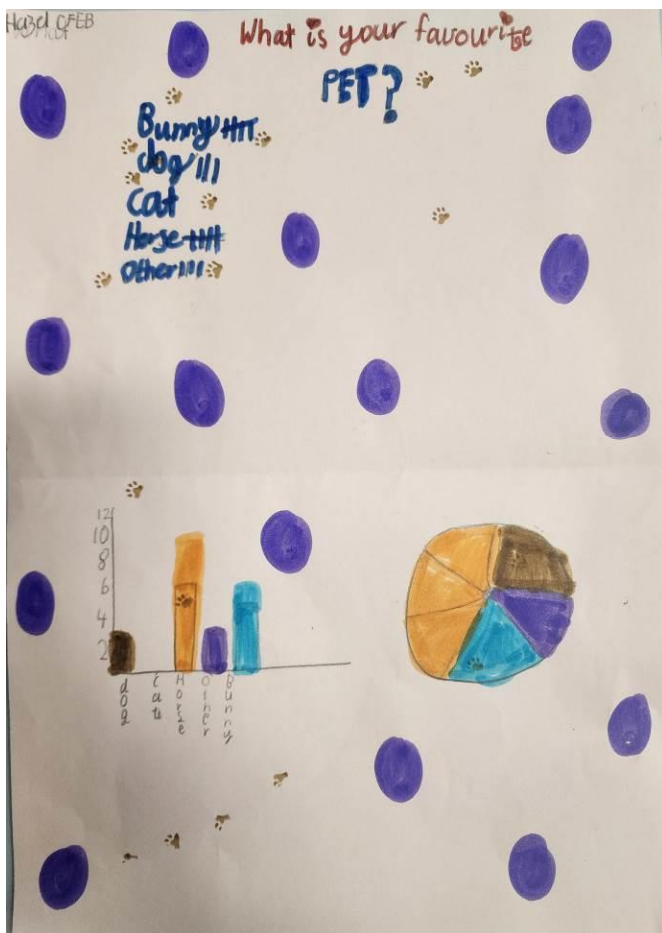
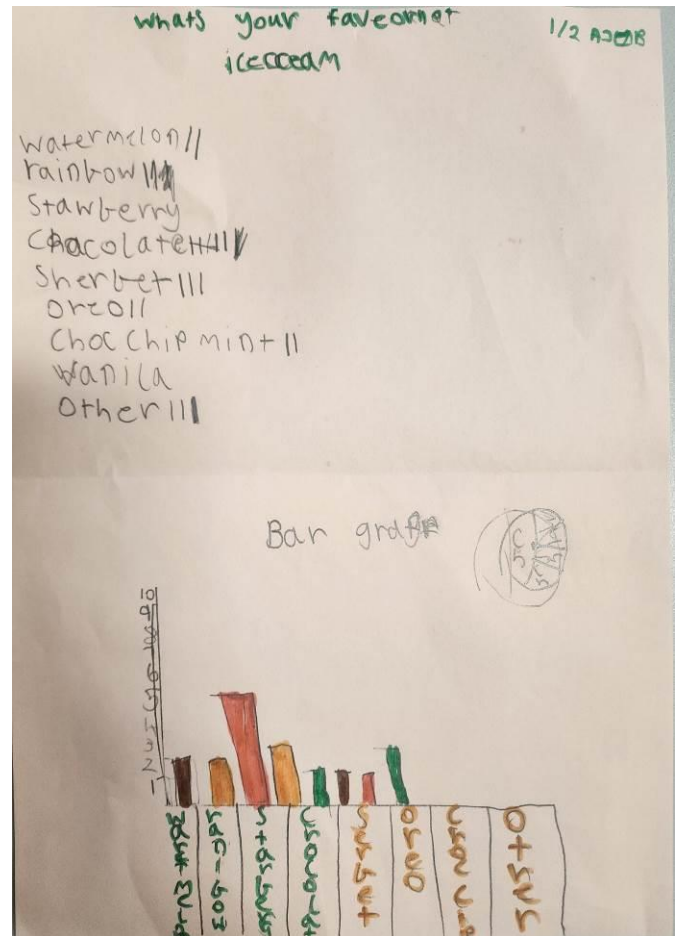
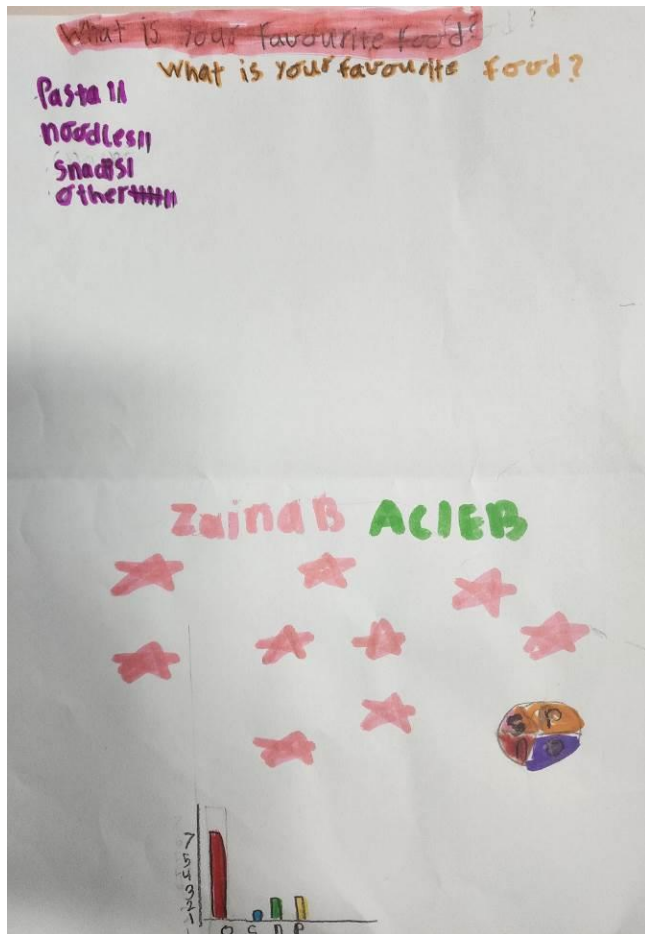
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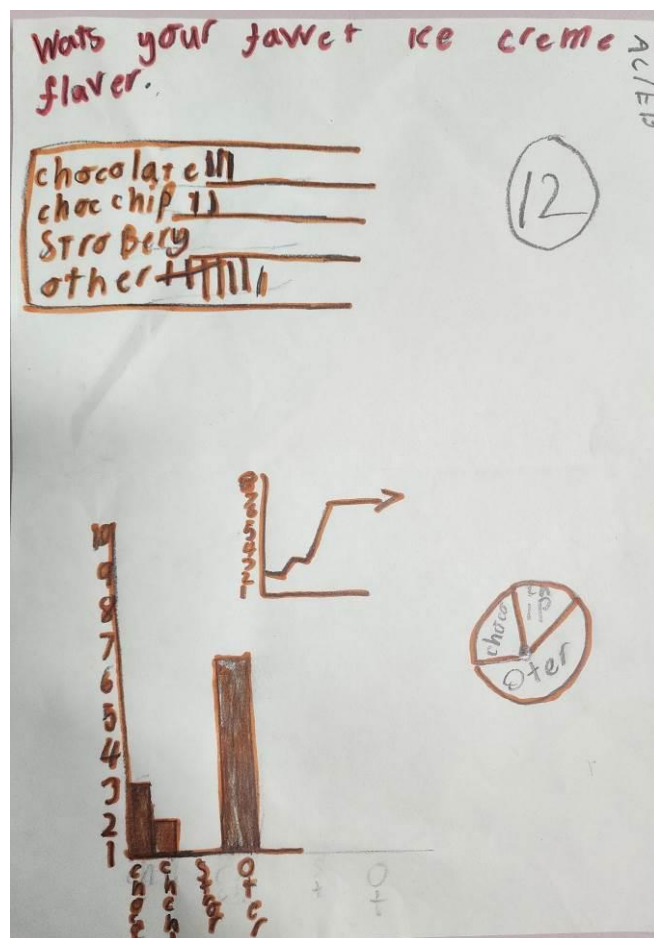
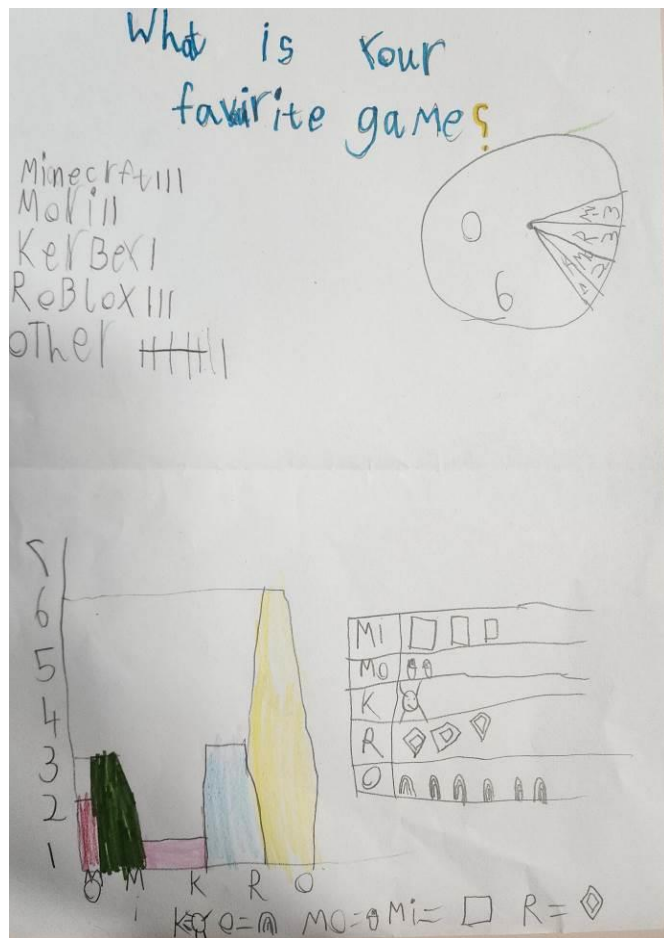
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## A Day Full of Promises

This day is full of promises  
of everything that's good;  
help me face its challenges  
and do the things I should.



# ST. MARGARET'S **ART SHOW**

**GOLD  
COIN  
ENTRY**



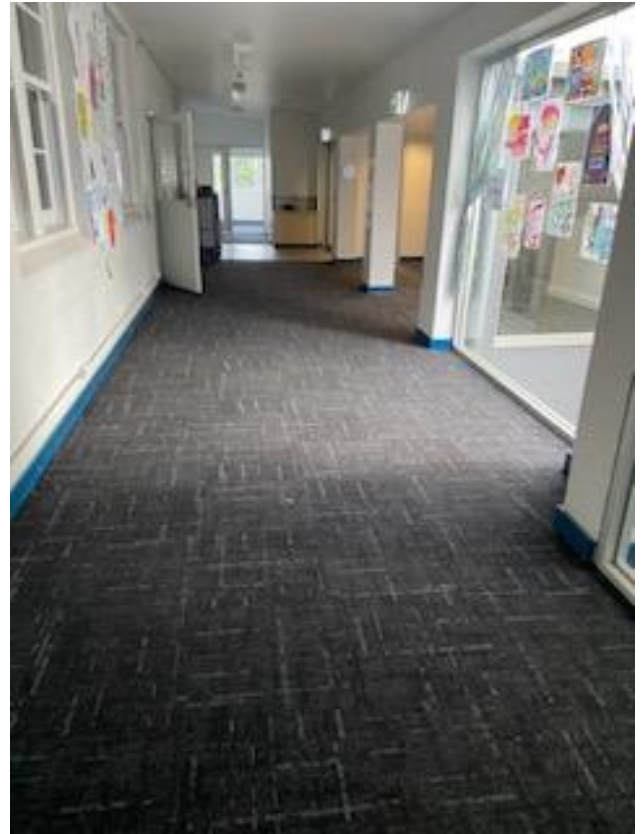
**3-6pm**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27TH**

83 St. Albans Rd, East Geelong, 3219



## ***New Carpet Upstairs***





## ***Our New Flagpoles Up and Flying!***



# 2 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers

**Hoppers Crossing VIC**

Scan to register



This workshop is for parents, full time carers and grandparents.



*Interpreters available upon request*



**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> & Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
November 2023**  
Day 1 - 9.00am - 2.30pm  
Day 2 - 9.30am - 2.30pm



**Encore Events Centre**  
80 Derrimut Road  
Hoppers Crossing  
VIC 3029


***Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided***

### During the workshop you will learn about:

- The diversity of autism
- Sensory processing
- Understanding behaviour
- Working together with your child's school.

Learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

For more information or to register visit:

 <https://www.positivepartnerships.com.au/PC>

 [jfeary@positivepartnerships.com.au](mailto:jfeary@positivepartnerships.com.au)



For help, call:  
1300 881 971

This initiative is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education through the Helping Children with Autism package. The views expressed within this program do not necessarily represent the views of the Australian Government or the Australian Government Department of Education.



## What do 'Villagers' do?

Villagers help children in ways such as:



providing transport to school and activities



assisting with childcare in the carer's home



helping with homework or play activities



accompanying children to community activities



being a mentor and providing friendship



providing support and in-home assistance to foster carers

Comprehensive training and ongoing support will be provided to assist you in this rewarding role.

## Become a Villager

If you would like to find out more about this volunteer opportunity, please contact Mell.

Mell is a leading not for profit community service organisation supporting children, young people and families, to be safe, connected and empowered to live well.

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## Mell's Children's Village



Supporting children and young people in care

Mell, inspired by the word **mellorism** [noun] –  
The belief that the world can be made better through human effort



## A Blessing

May God smile on me.

May Jesus be with me.

May the Spirit of God be close to me.

May God bless me and those I love.

Amen.