



**St. Margaret's**  
Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

*Term Four, Week 3*  
*October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

**#27**

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

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

Dear Families,

Our Cheer Truck Toastie lunch was a huge success last Friday. It was wonderful for our students to share lunch with their families and enjoy a cheese toastie while supporting our school. Thank you to the P&F for organising this special lunch.

The Colour Explosion event is well underway. Many families have already signed up their students in the portal and have begun fundraising. Currently the Prep class has the most students signed up! There will be continued information sent home in the lead up to the event and we encourage our students to continue their fundraising efforts to receive some incredible prizes! We will soon have a tally sheet set up near the front office with the whole school amount being raised. There will also be some exciting incentives when we achieve a major amount on the tally board!

Teachers are currently working on class lists for next year and a great deal of information is considered in allocating students to classes such as academic, social, emotional and special needs. Students have an opportunity for their input by nominating others they work well with. If parents have any information they feel would be important to this process, we ask that you let me know. Taking all this information into account is a complex process and we do our best to navigate this. We aim for balanced classes that will offer the best opportunities for all students to learn. We ask that you trust us in this process as we consider the learning needs of all our students.

We would like to wish Laura Doran much happiness and success as she leaves the St Margaret's community at the end of the year. Laura is relocating to Melbourne and has accepted a position at St Peter's East Bentleigh. Laura has made a valuable contribution to our school community this year and it has been a pleasure having her on staff. Laura will be missed greatly.



I look forward to seeing our students preparing for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and their families online on Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of October at 7pm. 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.

We are excited to welcome our 2024 Prep students and families to their first orientation session this Friday October 20<sup>th</sup>. The students will get to meet each other and participate in some engaging learning activities. Our 2024 Prep parents are asked to stay for the first session where we will go over what you can expect as your child begins Prep next year as well as answer any questions you may have. I am looking forward to meeting new and current families on this day.

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.

**School Community News**  
**The Colour Run**

**Term 4**



Join us for a day of fun and laughter! We are looking for volunteers to help with our incredible Colour Explosion School Run 4 Fun! If you would like to help with our fundraiser, please express your interest to

😊 P & F Committee!

✉ [pandf@smgeelongeast.com.au](mailto:pandf@smgeelongeast.com.au)

**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)

**Daily Prayer**

*God be in my head,  
And in my understanding.  
God be in my eyes,  
And in my  
looking.  
God be in my  
mouth,  
And in my  
speaking.  
God be in my  
heart,  
And in my thinking.  
God be at my end,  
And at my departing.*



**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.



## Calendar of Events

Term 4

(new items in bold)

### October

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 Kangarooobie
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 - St. Margaret's Church
Friday, November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly – 1/2 presenting
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

Friday, December 1 <sup>st</sup>	Assembly – 3/4 presenting
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>

## 2024

### January

**Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**      **Students start**  
*Preps will attend Tuesday to Friday for Week 1 with a 1.30pm finish*



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*Student of the Week Awards*

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>STUDENT</b>	<b>AWARD</b>
<b>PREP</b>	Stevie Sahr	For her amazing home reading practise.
<b>PREP</b>	Ari Herwynen	For his commitment to home reading.
<b>1 / 2 KH</b>	Luella Young	For great attitude towards learning and school.
<b>1 / 2 KH</b>	Chester Toohey	For demonstrating curiosity in all aspects of our Science inquiry learning.
<b>1 / 2 KH</b>	Tommy Hearsch	For fantastic participation in our Science Incursion with Prof Bunsen.
<b>1 / 2 JK</b>	Brax Jobson	For trying his best in all learning tasks.
<b>1 / 2 JK</b>	William Ferguson	For being a kind and caring member of our class.
<b>1 / 2 PB</b>	Miles Hope	For his efforts in constructing a detailed personal recount.
<b>1 / 2 AC-EB</b>	Charlotte Lagana	For being extremely determined at skipping with a rope. You should be so proud of yourself!
<b>1 / 2 AC-EB</b>	Jonathn Reid	For your terrific recount writing about your holiday in Queensland!
<b>3 / 4 MD-MDJ</b>	Jobe Greenwood	For his excellent efforts towards staying focused on tasks to begin this term.
<b>3 / 4 MD-MDJ</b>	Jarren Cheng	For his excellent work in coding and his overall start at St. Margaret's School.
<b>3 / 4 LC</b>	Toby Broad	For his strong contributions to class discussion that reflect his inquiring mind.
<b>3 / 4 LC</b>	Molly Jones	For taking initiative and following through with action to get things done.
<b>3 / 4 JB</b>	Madison Ballard	For putting her best foot forward in the classroom at all times.
<b>3 / 4 JB</b>	Francesca Payne	For being a great role model to others.
<b>5 / 6 NA</b>	Jude Quick	For his hard work in class this week.
<b>5 / 6 NA</b>	Miller Young	For his amazing poem about friendship.
<b>5 / 6 LD</b>	Elouise Horton	For always striving to achieve your best.
<b>5 / 6 LD</b>	Noah Guarnaccia	For contributing to class discussions with valuable feedback.
<b>5 / 6 JW</b>	Lylah Chapman	For fantastic teamwork in maths.
<b>5 / 6 JW</b>	Shermain Cheng	For being a reliable and helpful member within the classroom.
<b>Principal Award</b>	Felicity Tanis	For showing respect to our school environment.
<b>Principal Award</b>	Harry Harvey	For showing kindness and supporting his peers.

**Student Voice**

**Three/Four MD-MdJ**

When we wrote descriptions of our Scienceworks excursion, these three were voted as our favourites for the newsletter.

Alyssa

My favourite thing was when Simon (the person who did cool stuff) showed us the rubber ducky exploding by putting liquid nitrogen in a bottle with water and placing the duck on top of the water, then taking the rubber ducky out and hitting it with a hammer. The pieces went everywhere!

Lucas

On the bus drive the driver said a lot of funny jokes like we are not going to Scienceworks, we are going to Officeworks and spoke in a little girl voice. It made me laugh a lot.

Dhyani

At Scienceworks I saw this snow fight. There were buttons and snow inside the machine. The buttons were on the outside of the machine because we could move the fan inside the machine. The fan moved the snow to another direction. What I liked about it: Lots of people were smiling and having fun. They were cheering on to see who would win the snow battle.

## School Community News

Our girls' basketball team had a great day last Friday. Thanks to Mr Aulsbrooke and Mrs Crowe for guiding them through their matches.



**ST. MARGARET'S**

# **ART SHOW**

**GOLD  
COIN  
ENTRY**

**Sausage \$2  
Pop Top \$1  
Soft Drink \$2**

**3-6pm**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27TH**

83 St. Albans Rd, East Geelong, 3219

