



**St. Margaret's**  
Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

**Term Four, Week 4**  
**October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**#28**

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

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

Dear Families,

Our Prep students had a very successful swimming week last week. We thank those parents who were able to come and help at the pool. The many helpers make this experience an enjoyable one and the staff appreciate the added support at the pool. It was wonderful to go and watch the students swimming and learn new life long skills.

Last Friday we welcomed our 2024 Prep students and families. It is always an exciting time for the students to meet their classmates and for the parents to become familiar with our school community. We are looking forward to getting to know these students at the next two orientation sessions that will be held before the end of the school year.

We are looking forward to our Art Show next Friday October 27<sup>th</sup>. The staff and Parents and Friends are still looking for volunteers to help cook the BBQ and support the activities that will be occurring around the school. If you have some time to spare and would like to help out please contact the P&F. The evening is a great way to support our school community as well as share in the creative efforts of all our students. We thank Miss Costa for organising the event and developing the artist skills of our students. A reminder that students finish at 1.30pm on Friday so staff can set up. Families are welcome to visit the Art Show from 3pm to 6pm.



School fees assist the school to provide learning experiences, technology and resources for all students. Thank you to all families who ensure their school fees are paid and up to date. In reviewing fees received to date, we have a number of families who are not up to date or not on a payment plan. If you are behind, or not on a payment plan, your urgent attention would be appreciated. We would appreciate all accounts to be at a zero balance, by the end of October. Our preferred method of payment is direct debit payment plan. Please contact the front office to arrange this.

A reminder that it is important that student's hats are named and are at school each day. We have a large number of students coming to the office each day to borrow any spare hats as well as many unnamed hats in lost property. All students are required to wear their hats in term 4 and term 1.

This Friday October 27<sup>th</sup>, Australia recognises World Teacher's Day. This is a wonderful day to acknowledge and thank our hard working, dedicated staff that make St Margaret's the wonderful community it is. I will be taking the time this week to acknowledge our staff and to say thank you. Make sure you do too!

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



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 playground equipment in the year 1900.



Apparently in 1900 only the strong  
survived recess

## Term 4

### School Fees Due

A reminder that all school fees for 2023 should be finalised no later than October 27<sup>th</sup>, 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.

GIVE WHERE  
YOU LIVE FOUNDATION

FEED  
GEELONG  
APPEAL



Thank you St Margaret's Primary School

for your gift of \$500.00

Thank you for your support of the Give Where You Live Foundation's Feed Geelong Appeal. Your gift will help provide much-needed support to food relief agencies across the region.

Your donation means that together we can create a fairer community and help make sure no one in our community goes hungry.

Across our community demand for food relief is continuing to increase. The Give Where You Live Foundation's Feed Geelong initiative exists to address food insecurity within the G21 region. Please spread the word with your family and friends about your kind donation today and help us continue to create a fairer community where nobody goes hungry.

### Icy Poles

Our Year 6 leaders are selling icy poles weekly on Fridays. These are \$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

Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

**Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

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Mon, Oct 30<sup>th</sup> - Wed, Nov 1<sup>st</sup>

Monday October 30<sup>th</sup> (week)

Online Reconciliation Preparation evening 7pm

**Art Show: Students finish 1.30pm.**

**Art Show 3.00-6.00pm**

World Teachers Day

5/6 Camp Kangaroobie

Years 1 / 2 Swimming Program

### November

Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>

Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**

Wednesday November 8<sup>th</sup>

Friday November 10<sup>th</sup>

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Tuesday November 14<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>

Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>

Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> (week)

Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>

Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> (week)

3/4 Sleep Over

P&F Special lunch

**Student Free Day – No Kelly Club**

**Melbourne Cup Public Holiday – No Kelly Club**

Prep Excursion to Scienceworks

Sacrament of Reconciliation 12pm - St. Margaret's Church

Assembly – 1/2 presenting

P&F Meeting 7pm in the staff room

St. Margaret's Feast Day

2024 Prep Orientation Session 2

3/4 Swimming Program

Colour Explosion Run P&F (no assembly)

5/ 6 Swimming Program

### December

Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

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**Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

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

**Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

Assembly – 3/4 presenting

2024 School & House Captain Speeches

**3/4 Carol singing for Aged Care Residents - Newcombe**

**3/4 Carol singing for Aged Care Residents - Grovedale**

Assembly – Prep presenting

Whole School Beach Picnic

2024 Prep Orientation Session 3

Step Up Day

School Board

Year 6 Graduation 2.30pm

**Casual Clothes (touch of Christmas)**

**End Term 4, 1:30 finish**

## 2024

### January

Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>

Students begin

*Preps will attend Tuesday to Friday for Week 1 with a 1.30pm finish*



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## Year 1/2 Professor Bunsen Incursion

On Tuesday 10th October, the 1/2 and Prep students participated in a wonderful incursion exploring science concepts around chemical change and reactions.



## School Community News

*Congratulations Zac Winterton for his 3rd place win in the hurdles.*



*Congratulations Pearl Foley for winning Geelong Show awards in the Cookery and Art and Craft sections*



# ST. MARGARET'S

# ART SHOW

GOLD  
COIN  
ENTRY

Face painting,  
Caricature artist,  
Colouring  
competition and lots  
more!

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

3-6pm

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27TH**

83 St. Albans Rd, East Geelong, 3219



Don't forget to invite, grandparents, family and friends along.



# St Margaret's

PARENTS & FRIENDS

## What's Happening

The P&F are super excited to wrap up special lunches for the year with something a little different our Mexican lunch next Friday, 3rd November! We love being able to provide our kids with different lunch options each term, please let us know if you have any new lunch ideas that we could trial in 2024.

Our colour explosion is already shaping up to be a great hit! Don't forget to register your child and come along to watch the excitement on Thursday, 23rd November.

The P&F love being able to support our wider Geelong community, it was fantastic to be able to donate \$500 from our Toastie special lunch to the Feed Geelong Appeal. By donating last Friday our donation was matched and doubled by the appeal's giving partners.

### P&F CALENDAR

- NOVEMBER 3 - SPECIAL LUNCH - MEXICAN  
ORDERS MUST BE IN BY FRIDAY 27TH  
OCTOBER.
- NOVEMBER 23RD - THE COLOUR EXPLOSION
- NOVEMBER 16TH LUNCHTIME DISCO - ST  
MARGARET'S DAY
- NOVEMBER 16TH REVERSE ADVENT  
CALENDAR LAUNCH

# FEED GEELONG



Thank you!  
We donated  
\$500



ST. MARGARET'S

## ART SHOW

GOLD COIN ENTRY

## VOLUNTEERS

Can you help out at the art show?

We need help for 1 hour shifts between 2-6pm

2-3pm

3-4pm

4-5pm

5-6pm

Please call the office to book your spot.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27TH  
3-6PM**

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The P&F have contributed over \$15,000 back to the school in 2023

With more to come by the end of the year!

Sports equipment

School library upgrade

New school readers

Morning teas & Events



# DISCO PARTY

Do you have any  
disco  
lights/decorations  
we can use for the  
day?



16TH  
NOVEMBER  
  
LUNCHTIME



HAVE YOU SIGNED UP  
TO THE COLOUR  
EXPLOSION?  
FIRST CLASS TO  
FULLY SIGN UP GET A  
HOT CHIP LUNCH.  
WE ARE ALSO IN NEED  
OF VOLUNTEERS.  
CAN YOU HELP OUT?



FRIDAY 3RD  
NOVEMBER

## SPECIAL

# LUNCH



Sorry!  
Strictly no late  
orders.

Orders due Friday 27th Oct  
Tacos - Nachos - Burritos



**ORDER NOW**

