



**St. Margaret's**  
Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

**Term Four, Week 8**  
**November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

**#31**

## ***From Rosa's Desk***

Dear Families,

"The best day of my life" were words shared by a Year 2 student with me after participating in the Disco run by the P&F to help us celebrate the feast day of St Margaret, our patron saint, last Thursday. This excitement continued throughout the day with some energising rotational activities with Kaboom Sport on Thomson Oval. Congratulations to the students whose level of engagement and respectful participation in the day's event was terrific and made it a memorable experience.

Of particular importance and heartening for our students and staff was to come together at the beginning of the day under our 'prayer tree' in our playground to celebrate with prayer in the form of a Liturgy. We express our gratitude to Marg Dunn and Year 3/4 students, who respectfully led us in prayer, highlighting the exceptional qualities of St Margaret.

St Margaret's many selfless qualities made her unique and an admired person and queen of her time. In particular, her love for the poor, often visiting the sick and nursing them with her own hands. She served orphans and people experiencing poverty on her knees during Advent and Lent. Perhaps take the time to share with your family these special qualities and who in your life might exhibit these qualities.

Often, we use the term with students 'Making Jesus Real,' which refers to how Jesus would have shown his love and care for those around him. We are hopeful that celebrating the feast day of St Margaret further illustrates to our students the important role we all play in helping each other collectively, as reflected in the daily actions of St Margaret.

Another lovely way to describe the power of connectedness to those around us can be through the South African word - *Ubuntu*- which means '*I am because we are.*' In essence, there is oneness to humanity; we achieve ourselves by sharing ourselves with others and caring for those around us.

Enjoy your week.  
Rosa

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.



Saint Margaret by Mia Wootton

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.

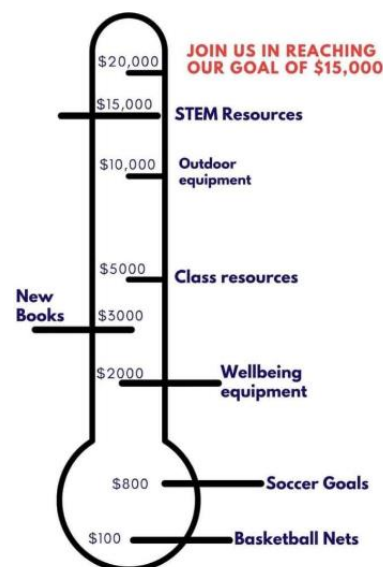
## Leadership and Management News

The countdown is on for our first **Colour Run** at St Margaret's. The excitement is building and very real. We have now managed to raise over \$15,000 for our school. Let's all rally together to nudge that \$ 20,000 target. Can we do it? The diagram shown is what we intend to spend the money raised on.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to the P& F, who have put enormous effort into making this fun event happen.



**COLOUR RUN**  
Come and join in the fun  
Date: Thursday, 23 November  
Time: 1 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.  
Where: Thomson Oval



## What Students Need to Wear

### WHITE T-Shirt

- this will get wet, so preferably to go over old clothing
- Sunglasses & headbands

- provided to students by the class teacher(s)

**Students in school uniform will *not* be allowed to take part in the colour run.**



## Geelong Mums

It is pleasing that our Year 1/2 students are again involved in a Social Justice Action to raise awareness for local needy families as we draw near to Christmas. Please support this venture by donating pre-loved clothes or a Gold Coin Donation at the Year 1/2 Christmas Extravaganza on Friday, 1 December.

## Advent Boxes

Our Advent boxes have arrived in classrooms so donations would be appreciated.

**Ideas for Donations:** Meal boxes, Jar fruit, canned meals, dried fruit, nuts, crackers, biscuits, juice, tea, coffee, milo, peanut butter, Vegemite, jam, rice, pasta, noodles, pasta sauce, cereal, pancake mix, maple syrup, muesli bars, shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, tissues, toilet paper, treat food, chips, chocolate & Christmas items.

As Christmas nears the kind volunteers of the Parish Pantry will distribute these to Geelong families in need. You might like to start a box at home and deliver it to school when it is done at the end of the school year. Saint Margaret always gave to those who needed it so our school will use Advent as a time of giving. In this way we can be like Saint Margaret and live up to the name of our school.

## Safety

It is important that you have regular conversations with your children about their safety and wellbeing. This safety includes walking directly to their designated pick-up place inside the school grounds, outside the school, to home or Afterschool Care. A reminder that after-school supervision is from 3:20-3:35.

## Calendar of Events

Term 4

### November

Monday, November 20 <sup>th</sup> (week)	3/4 Swimming Program (not Thursday)
Thursday, November 23 <sup>rd</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>	Yr 1-2 Christmas Extravaganza
<b>Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>All library books returned</b>
Friday, December 1 <sup>st</sup>	Assembly – 3/4 presenting
<b>Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Yr 5/6 Adventure Park excursion</b>
Tuesday, December 5 <sup>th</sup>	2024 School & House Captain Speeches
<b>Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Carol Singing for Senior Residents – Newcombe</b>
<b>Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Carol Singing for Senior Residents - Grovedale</b>
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
<i>Preps will attend Tuesday to Friday for Week 1 with a 1.30pm finish each day</i>	

### Icy Poles



Our Year 6 leaders will be selling icy poles weekly on Fridays. These will be \$1 per Zooper Dooper! All funds raised go to support Viqueque. Thank you for your support.



St Margaret's Primary School  
83 St Albans Road  
East Geelong 3219  
Ph 5229 7453

Acting Principal: Susan Perks [sperks@smgeelongeast.com.au](mailto:sperks@smgeelongeast.com.au)  
Office Manager: Anne Miller [amiller@smgeelongeast.com.au](mailto:amiller@smgeelongeast.com.au)  
Business Manager: Libby Fitzgerald [lfitzgerald@smgeelongeast.com.au](mailto:lfitzgerald@smgeelongeast.com.au)  
Parish Priest: Father Jim Clarke [frj@stmarysgeelong.com.au](mailto:frj@stmarysgeelong.com.au)



## My Highlight from Camp Kangarooobie...

### Jazmine Coronado

...going down the slide really fast with Gab & Clem (during the obstacle course). I also enjoyed going around the campsite in the trailer and Clem and I running away from a cow (also during the obstacle course).



### Logan Blackwell

... the obstacle course and I kinda regret doing it because I wore pants but it was overall fun and also patting slinky malinki in the night walk.



### Alastair Broad

...Going to feed the cows because a big one with horns chased me!



### Fajr Kamran

.....the obstacle course with Miss Doran because it was amazing and I also enjoyed feeding the cows.



### Melody Kessler

...when we did the obstacle course and everyone came out like mud monsters! In the end people were so wet and dirty that when they wringed out their clothes, there was heaps of water coming out!



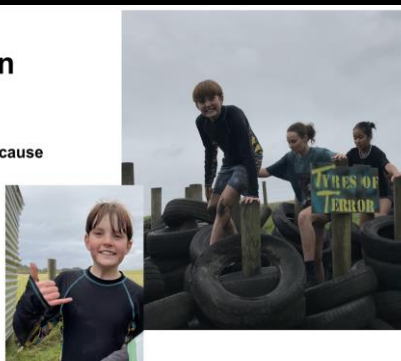
### Jimmy King

The life of death was my favourite, it was really fun when I won and got to get the water gun and get Alastair really wet.



### Elouise Horton

...the obstacle course because I loved getting muddy and dirty and still having heaps of fun with my friends.



# My Highlight from Camp Kangaroobie...

## Shiah Kirchner

I loved getting really muddy on the obstacle course.



## Jackson Spark

My highlights were soaking Miss Doran in canoeing, the obstacle course with Lachy and coming second because I decimated Tom M 😊

Also, I enjoyed patting slinky malinki on the night walk (the killer panther)

😄😄😄😄😄😄😄😄😄😄



## Gab Mendiola

...going around the forest area with my friends and pretending to scream for help and laughing together !!



## Georgie Seaman

...the farm activities because the cage was really rough, feeding the cows and going up the hills that is what made it really fun.



## Tom McGuane

My camp highlight was riding in the trailer, feeding the cows and kayaking!



## Lachy Barton

...obviously the dogs were the best, they were All friendly and cool. I also really enjoyed the obstacle course. My only regret was I wasted my entire supply of clothes also Slinky Malinki was terrifying 😬





**Student Voice**

**Five/Six LD**

# My Highlight from Camp Kangarooobie...

**Noah Guarnaccia**

I loved Colac, because I flew about 2.5 meters in the air and still held on.



**Philly Coumans**

...Splashing Miss Doran and Alastair in the canoe.



**Lachie Werner**

...Life or Death as I killed all of the carnivores and I chased down Alistair.



**Loui Lagana**

... obstacle course I got so so muddy and I enjoyed the Farm because Jimmy and I almost got rammed by a cow with it's calf.



**Lili Chapman**

...the runway for the costumes on halloween night also the gaga pit outside, including the canoeing with Jaz and Loui both of them were pushing me to do my best - and to row harder.



**Clem Murphy**

My camp highlight was the obstacle course because it was enjoyable to get muddy and have fun with Gab and Jaz. I liked watching Jaz go down the slide because she went flying down the slide!



*together in faith*

**LOST – a RED BIKE HELMET. LAST SEEN IN  
3/4 SPACE. PLEASE LET MR B KNOW IF  
YOU'VE SEEN IT.**

## Colour Run Thursday

Don't forget to sign up!  
We need another \$20 per  
student to reach our  
fundraising goal of \$20,000

A HUGE amount of work has  
gone into putting this day  
together, all profits going back  
into our school resources.  
Please help spread the word  
and encourage others to get  
on board.

It's not too late to sign up for  
our colour explosion fun run on  
this Thursday.  
We still have over 70 kids yet  
to sign up.  
Follow the link and join in the  
fun [www.australianfundraising.com.au](http://www.australianfundraising.com.au)

COLOUR EXPLOSION THIS THURSDAY 1-3PM

# ARE YOUR CHILDREN SIGNED UP?

**FOLLOW THE LINK TO SIGN UP AND RAISE  
SOME \$\$ FOR OUR SCHOOL.  
IT'S NOT TOO LATE!**

**JUST \$20 PER  
STUDENT NEEDED TO  
REACH THE \$20,000  
TARGET**

**[www.australianfundraising.com.au](http://www.australianfundraising.com.au)**

# Victoria's Child Safe Standards

## Plain language summary

**1** Your organisation welcomes Aboriginal children. You support them to express their culture and to enjoy their rights. You don't allow racism.



**2** Child safety is important to everyone at all levels in your organisation. You document how you find, avoid, and stop risks of child abuse or harm.



**3** Your organisation supports children to know their rights to be safe from abuse, informed, and involved. You help them to talk openly and take part in decisions that affect them.



**4** Your organisation tells families and the community about what you do, and how you keep children safe from harm and abuse. You help families to have a say and to take part in decisions that affect their child.



**5** Your organisation understands that every child is different and has different needs. You make sure that they can get the information and help that they need.



**6** Staff know what they must do to keep children safe from abuse and harm. They record, report, and share information about child safety when they should. Staff who work with children have had the background checks they need.



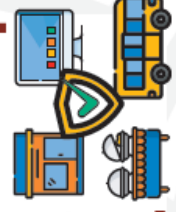
**7** Children and their families know how to make a complaint and what happens when a complaint is made. Your staff know how to respond properly to complaints.



**8** Your organisation trains and supports staff to keep children safe from abuse and harm. Your staff know the signs of child abuse and harm and what to do if there are issues of abuse and harm.



**9** Your organisation makes sure children are safe when they use your services, settings, and activities. This includes when children are online.



**10** Your organisation checks and improves the ways you keep children safe from abuse and harm.



**11** Your organisation has written policies about how you keep children safe from abuse and harm. They are easy to understand, and all staff follow them.



For more information, contact the Commission for Children and Young People  
[www.cccyp.vic.gov.au](http://www.cccyp.vic.gov.au)



COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE