



St. Margaret's  
Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

Term Four, Week 9  
November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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## From Rosa's Desk

Dear Families,

What a week it was at St Margaret's. The energy and excitement of perhaps our inaugural Colour Run was electric. The collective effort of students, parents and staff to make this event a memorable experience was amazing. For a school of our size to raise \$22 687 is simply remarkable. However, what stood out was what we can do as a community when we all support one another. Let's keep this spirit of St Margaret's at the forefront of all our actions.



## Leadership and Management News

Congratulations to our students who participated in this event with patience, kindness, and respect. Thank you to the brave staff that volunteered for the 'staff slime'; this certainly was a hit with our students. Last but not least, thank you to our P & F, who coordinated this event. A lot of time and effort went into making it a huge success. I would also like to recognise Maniah Onewaka, who showed initiative and willingness to assist wherever possible in making the Colour Run come together.

We say a fond farewell to Leanne Donovan, who will sadly leave St Margaret's at the end of the year to embark on a new career path. I have had the pleasure of working with Leanne for over ten years, two of which were at Holy Family School. Her experience working with students who need additional support is exceptional, and we will definitely have 'big shoes' to fill. Leanne's creative talents are many, in particular as a baker. Perhaps we will see her on the 'Great Bake Off' in the not-to-distant future. We will miss your generous spirit Leanne and wish Mick, Emily, Samuel, and yourself all the very best.

This week, our Year 1/2 students showcase their talents by hosting a Christmas Extravaganza. Please support their efforts by joining in the fun. All money raised will be donated to Geelong Mums.

Susan is back next week from a what-deserved break with her family. I thank the community for your support over the past few weeks.

Have a wonderful 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.



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.

## Calendar of Events

Term 4

(new items in bold)

### November

Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> (week) 5/ 6 Swimming Program

### December

Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> Yr 1-2 Christmas Extravaganza  
Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> All library books returned  
**Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>** **NO ASSEMBLY (note change)**  
Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> Year 5/6 Adventure Park excursion  
Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> 2024 School & House Captain Speeches  
Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> Carol Singing for Senior Residents – Newcombe  
Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> Carol Singing for Senior Residents - Grovedale  
**Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** **Assembly – 3/4 presenting (note change)**  
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  
**Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** **Casual Clothes (touch of Christmas)**  
**End Term 4, 1:30 finish**

*We will have a final assembly on the Friday,  
last day of school at 11:45-12:45  
for the Prep's nativity play.  
announcement of 2024 leaders  
and farewell to leaving staff.*



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### January

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



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*Preps at Scienceworks*



On the 8th of November, the Preps travelled to Scienceworks for a day of excitement. We had an amazing day learning all about the forces PUSH and PULL and lots of other scientific concepts. Scienceworks is such a fun way to engage with science!



"The air pushed the colourful cloths up." - Harry

"My favourite thing at Scienceworks is the disappearing door." - Louis

"I liked the show when I raced Mrs Buckby. I won!" - Piper

"I like Sciencworks because it's fun." - Felicity





Dear Families,

You and your family are truly amazing! It is wonderful to share that our Colour Explosion School Fun Run was a huge success.

It is fantastic to see the spirit and enthusiasm that was displayed in supporting our school. Of course, the true highlight is the smiles on the student's faces as they ran their Colour Explosion School Fun Run.

We raised \$23,000, which will go toward equipment for our school.

**More smiles to come!** Your incentive prizes have been ordered and are on their way! They will arrive shortly and be distributed to students accordingly.

Again, our most sincere thanks for your support and fundraising efforts. We couldn't have done it without you!

P&F Committee

St Margaret's Primary School

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## *Annual Parish Christmas Carols At The Basilica* *Sunday December 10th -*

The event runs between 2pm - 4pm.

Carols start at 3pm.

It will all be held over at the Basilica.

Carols will be inside the Basilica this year.

Please arrive at 2pm where you can purchase some Christmas/religious items from our Christmas Gift Stall, buy some delicious edibles at our Sweets/Treats Stall, Guess the number of Jellybeans in the Jar (\$1.00 per guess), get your Face Painted by Kelly (Geelong face painting), and purchase tickets in the Christmas Raffle (Tickets: \$1ea; 3 for \$2; 8 for \$5). The Raffle will be drawn at the close of Carols. The Carol singing (starting at 3pm) will be led by the Basilica/Mixtures Choir (a blend of the 2 Choirs), performers will be Anna Demetriou, some previous Junior Choir members, and our very own Parish Junior Choir. We have also invited a Bean Cravin' Coffee van along – they will provide a great coffee at a great price.

Our main sponsor for the 2023 event is: SC Technology Geelong



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