



St. Margaret's
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term Four, Week 10
December 5th, 2023

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From Susan's Desk

Leadership and Management News

Dear Families,

It is wonderful to return after my leave and catch up with the students and the exciting learning opportunities they have been engaging with over the last few weeks. Although I was in regular contact with the school over the past few weeks, it is always lovely to hear from our students and to see their enthusiasm for the opportunities they have engaged with. The Colour Explosion was a real highlight and an incredible achievement for our school community. I would personally like to thank the P&F for their dedication and hard work in organising this event. I would also like to thank our families and students for supporting this event and raising an incredible amount of money for our school that all our students will benefit from.

I would like to thank Rosa O'Beirne for taking on the acting role in my absence and the leadership team for supporting her at such a busy time of year. I appreciate being part of such a supportive school community.

2024 Staffing is currently being finalised. A 2024 staff list is included in this newsletter, with Learning Support Officers year levels being finalised in the coming weeks. We are looking forward to Step Up day where students will get to meet their 2024 classroom teacher and the peers they will be working with.

We have a very busy two weeks ahead with some amazing end of year experiences offered to our students. Please keep up to date with the school calendar, See Saw and information posted on PAM for all information and required permission to be completed. Whilst at school we will be maintaining the routines and high expectations of our students to display our values of Responsible, Respectful and Safe to ensure we can all enjoy the wonderful events planned to celebrate the end of the school year.

I am very proud of what has been achieved throughout 2023 and even more excited about what the future will bring for St Margaret's School. 2023 continues to be a very successful and productive year for our school community. This achievement has only been possible with the hard work and dedication of our entire school community. I thank you for your partnership and support over the past year as we work together for the best outcomes for all our students.

Enjoy your 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.

Leadership and Management News

2024 Staffing

Prep	Sarah Bryant	
1 /2	Jess Barjasic Patience Barnes Tenielle Buckby	
3/4	Leonie Cann Joel Kearney / Kellie Barbour Hunter Merryful	
5 /6	Matt de Jong / Fiona Moran Kellie Hanley Josh Wilson	
Visual Arts P-6	Gab Costa	
Digital Technologies P-6	Gab Costa	
Physical Education P-6	Fiona Moran	
Italian P-6	Lauren Ruffin	
Performing Arts	Emma Badr P-2 ,5/6 Lauren Ruffin 3/4	
Intervention Support	Kellie Barbour Ana Clifton Rosa Genitori	Jaki Groves Marie McBride Rosa O'Beirne
Principal	Susan Perks	
Deputy Principal	Renee Cunningham	
Wellbeing / Learning Diversity Leade	Sonja Ginn	
Religious Education Leader	Joel Kearney	
Numeracy Leader	Matt de Jong	
Literacy Leader	Jaki Groves	
Mental Health / Learning Enhancement Leader	Rosa O'Beirne	
Learning Support Officers	Ash Calnan Narelle Crowe Marg Dunn Jill Mayes Marie McBride Tori Monaghan	Maniah Onekawa Kerrie-Anne Philbrik Annette Thomas Tania West Kath White
Business Manager	Libby Fitzgerald	
Office Staff	Anne Miller Georgia Kavenagh	

Calendar of Events

Term 4

(new items in bold)

December

Tuesday, December 5 th	2024 School & House Captain Speeches
Tuesday, December 5 th	Carol Singing for Senior Residents – Newcombe
Wednesday, December 6 th	Carol Singing for Senior Residents - Grovedale
Friday, December 8 th	Assembly – 3/4 presenting
Monday, December 11 th	Whole School Beach Picnic
Tuesday, December 12 th	2024 Prep Orientation Session 3
Tuesday December 12 th	Step Up Day
Tuesday, December 12 th	School Board
Thursday, December 14 th	Year 6 Graduation 2.30pm
Friday, December 15th	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.*



2024

January

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



God of Promise and Hope at Advent.

*May we always care for those around us.
May we be generous with our time and our talents.
May we always treasure our families.
May we pray often for ourselves and for others.
May we value education and make the most of our time at school.*

We ask that hope be always a presence and influence in our lives this Advent season.

Amen



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School Fees

In accepting enrolment at St Margaret's it is an expectation that families pay school fees. These contributions help to supplement funding the school receives from State and Federal Government Grants.

School Fees for 2024

The Family Fee:	\$1,600.00	per family
Building Levy:	\$ 200.00	per family
Student Levy:	\$ 300.00	per Student
Camp Levy:	\$ 50.00	Year 3 & 4 Students
Camp Levy:	\$ 300.00	Year 5 & 6 Students
ICT Levy	\$ 50.00	Prep – 2 Students
ICT Levy	\$ 100.00	Year 3 – 6 Students

Payment due dates and amounts are as follows.

Term	Due Date	1 child	2 children	3 children	4 children
1	16 th February	525.00	600.00	675.00	750.00
2	17 th May	525.00	600.00	675.00	750.00
3	16 th August	525.00	600.00	675.00	750.00
4	18 th October	525.00	600.00	675.00	750.00

The above amounts do not include the Camp or ICT Levies

A statement will be sent out each term and we ask that **all fees** be finalised by **Friday 18th October.**

Fees can be paid by the following methods:

- Internet banking: BSB: 083347 Account: 658335261

Reference: Family name & Initial or Account Code

- At the school office by EFTPOS

Direct Debit – Forms available from the school office

Parents who are Health Care Card Holders may be eligible for a rebate. Please contact the office for more information.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any concerns regarding payments.

Dr. Seuss's
THE CAT
IN
THE **HAT**



LIVE ON STAGE IN THE
SUMMER HOLIDAYS!

January 20
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