



**St. Margaret's**  
Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

*Term One, Week 1*  
*January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

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

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

Dear Families,

A very warm welcome to our new and returning families for our 2024 school year! This year we welcome a number of new staff members. Renee Cunningham joins our leadership team as our Deputy Principal and Learning & Teaching Leader. Hunter Merryfull will be teaching in Year 3/4, and Ash Calnan joins our community as a Learning Support Officer (LSO). Jess Tench joins us as an LSO for term 1 whilst Marg is enjoying her Long Service Leave. Please welcome them when you see them around school!

A reminder that we are a Sun Smart School and all students require a school hat during terms 1 and 4. No Hat No Play! We also ask that your child wears the correct school uniform on dress uniform days and on sports days. This includes the correct navy school socks with no product name, nail polish removed and all hair below the shoulders to be tied up and off the face. Natural hair colours only and stud earrings for safety reasons. Please label every piece of clothing - especially the school jumper and hat; as these items are the ones that we find laying around the school. Drink bottles and lunch boxes should also be labelled as these items also go missing frequently. Please apply sunscreen to your child/ren before they come to school and supply some for reapplication during the day. We are unable to apply suncream due to child safe reasons, so please show them how to do this.

We are asking families to supply a box of tissues per child. These can be taken to their classroom. All other classroom supplies are provided for by the school. Each child also needs to have an Art smock. This can be any type of covering that will cover and protect the school uniform and needs to be named.

Over the week your child will be bringing home a user agreement for ICT use at school. Our Year 3-6 students will also be bringing home information about the use of their Chromebook. Please take the time to read these with your child and return the signed agreements to your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible.

A list of our 2024 student leaders is included in this Newsletter. We will be presenting badges to all our leaders at our whole school assembly on Friday 9th February. We ask our school leaders are in full dress school uniform for this very special assembly. Families are invited to attend.

A reminder that we are a fee paying school. All fees must be paid a term in advance or a direct debit set up. This is our preferred method of payment. Invoices for fees will be sent home in the coming weeks. Please ensure you are up to date with our fees or speak with Susan if you are having difficulty paying these.

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***

Please be aware that if you wish to contact your classroom teacher, do this via email. Each teacher will share with you their email this week. Messaging via See Saw has been disabled, as these are not looked at during school hours, as teachers are teaching, some messages were overlooked. If there is an urgent message to be given to a child during the day, please call our office. Staff will read emails within their working hours, outside of teaching 8.40am-3.20pm. They will respond to all non-urgent emails within 24 hours. See Saw will continue to be used as a learning journal and for reminders about upcoming events specific for your child's class.

Our whole school athletics day will take place on Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup>. In order for this day to run, we are in need of parent helpers. Even if it's for part of the day, we ask that you contact Fiona Moran to let her know your availability. This day cannot go ahead without the support of our wider community. A current working with children's check and a signed code of conduct is required to help out on the day. Our students and staff thank you for your support.

Our School Advisory Board meets twice per term on a Tuesday evening. We are in need of a parent from our Prep cohort to join this group. If you are interested please let me know.

Our members for 2024 are:

Year 1: Kristy Fletcher

Year 2: Luke Jackson

Year 3: Janelle Geoghegan

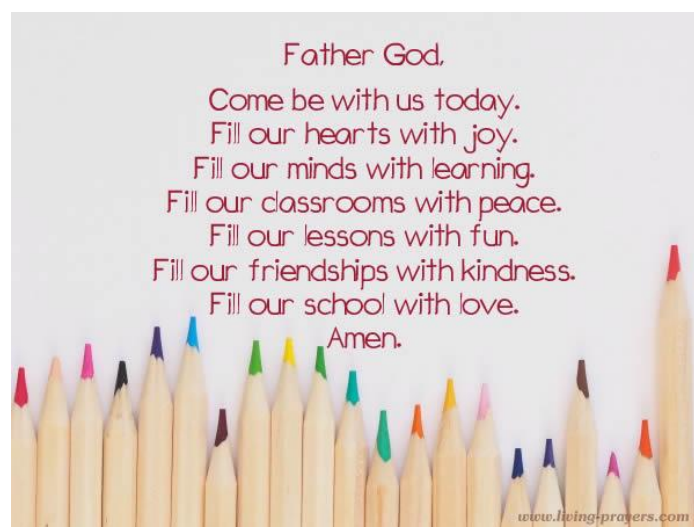
Year 4: Gianfranco Natale

Year 5: Virginia Salkeld

Year 6: Sam Butcher

Enjoy the week with your children back at school!

Susan



## MEDICATION

If your child requires any medication to be administered at school in 2024 please ensure the **MEDICAL MANAGEMENT PLAN** is signed by your child's medical practitioner. Parents/legal guardians must also complete a **MEDICAL AUTHORITY FORM**. We can no longer administer medication without both of these documents being completed in full - this includes both over the counter or prescription medication.

**NB: An 'in date' Anaphylaxis Plan and Asthma Management Plan signed by your child's health practitioner does replace a Medical Management Plan.**

## WELL BEING: UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Welcome back to the new 2024 school year. We have some exciting news to share with you. Last year, we were successful in being awarded The Australian Government National Student Wellbeing Grant. This is a significant amount of funding, which the school will access over the next three years.

### **WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?**

- We have contracted the services of Wonderkind & Co (social workers).
- Implementation of targeted intervention for some students to develop their self-awareness.

### **WHO IS THE FACE BEHIND THE SERVICE?**

Kate Davidson and Kara Burn (see attached flyers for profiles and programs)

## 2024 Student Leadership Groups.

### **SCHOOL CAPTAINS**

Charlotte Butcher  
Ivy Timmins

### **VICE SCHOOL CAPTAINS**

Tom McGuane  
Jackson Spark  
Kiana-Lee Wilkins

## HOUSE CAPTAINS

**RED: RAFTER** Isabelle Fitzgerald & Louie Lagana **BLUE: MERCY** Tom Higgins & Fadj Kamran

**YELLOW: IONA** Mia Mason & Jock Golding **GREEN: MULCAHY** Leo Rivo & Elouise Horton

## SUSTAINABILITY LEADERS

Philly Coumans  
Lucas Wolack  
Codi McKenzie  
Zach Harvey  
Melody Kessler

Alistair Broad  
Sophia Peat  
Alex Werner  
Jonathon Michael

## ICT LEADERS

Max Russel  
Lachlan Barton

Elouise Horton

## SOCIAL JUSTICE LEADERS

Kiana-Lee Wilkins  
Logan Blackwell

Lachlan Barton  
Seth Stevenson

## FIRE CARRIERS

Harriet Salkeld  
Molly Jones  
Harrison Spark  
Nuwain De Silva  
Aiden Cardigan

Mia Mason  
Jackson Spark  
Adriel Sibi  
Willow Clarke  
Dyyani Patel

# Uniform Days 2024

<b>Prep</b> <b>Dress Uniform -</b> Tuesday Wednesday Thursday  <b>Sport Uniform -</b> Monday Friday		
<b>Year 1/ 2 PB</b> <b>Dress Uniform -</b> Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday  <b>Sport Uniform-</b> Monday	<b>Year 1-2 JB</b> <b>Dress Uniform -</b> Tuesday Wednesday Thursday  <b>Sport Uniform-</b> Monday Friday	<b>Year 1/ 2 TB</b> <b>Dress Uniform -</b> Tuesday Thursday Friday  <b>Sport Uniform-</b> Monday Wednesday
<b>Year 3 /4 JK-KB</b> <b>Dress Uniform -</b> Wednesday Thursday Friday  <b>Sport Uniform -</b> Monday Tuesday	<b>Year 3 /4 LC</b> <b>Dress Uniform -</b> Tuesday Wednesday  <b>Sport Uniform -</b> Monday Thursday Friday	<b>Year 3 /4 HM</b> <b>Dress Uniform -</b> Tuesday Wednesday  <b>Sport Uniform -</b> Monday Thursday Friday
<b>Year 5/6 KH</b> <b>Dress Uniform -</b> Wednesday Thursday  <b>Sport Uniform -</b> Monday Tuesday Friday	<b>Year 5/6 MDJ-FM</b> <b>Dress Uniform -</b> Wednesday Thursday  <b>Sport Uniform -</b> Monday Tuesday Friday	<b>Year 5/6 JW</b> <b>Dress Uniform -</b> Tuesday Thursday  <b>Sport Uniform -</b> Monday Wednesday Friday

# Calendar of Events

## Term 1

### January

Tuesday 30th January

### February

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February

### March

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

10<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> March

18<sup>th</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup> March

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

### April

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April

### May

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May

### June

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June

### July

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July

### August

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August

### Term 1 2023. Preps 9-1.30 for the first week.

LUME excursion Melb FIRE Carrier Leaders

P&F AGM 7pm in the staff room

Beach Picnic 5pm Eastern Beach Playground. BYO picnic

Prep Rest Day

5 /6 Assembly

Shrove Tuesday. Gold coin donation

School Board 7pm

Ash Wednesday

Prep Rest Day

Parent Teacher Interviews 4pm-6pm

2025 Applications Open

Parent Teacher Interviews 2pm-5.30pm

Prep Rest Day

3/4 Assembly

Sacramental Enrolment Mass 6.00pm

Sacramental Enrolment Mass 7.30am, 9.30am, 11am

P-4 Responsible Dog Ownership Incursion

Prep Rest Day

Sacramental Enrolment Mass 6.00pm

Sacramental Enrolment Mass 7.30am, 9.30am, 11am

Whole School Aths Day Landy Field. P&F BBQ

1 /2 Assembly

Labour Day Public Holiday

School Captains & Vice Captains Leadership Conference Melbourne

School photos

Indigenous author visit - Gregg Dreise

Catholic Education Week

NAPLAN

School Board 7pm

Confirmation 7pm

Prep Assembly

Special lunch Hot Dog Day P&F

Last Day Term 1 1.30pm finish. Easter Raffle Draw.

School Closure Day

Term 2 Begins for students

2025 Applications Due

School Board 7pm

ANZAC Day public holiday

School Closure Day for staff Professional Learning

Muffins with Mum 8am. Raffle Draw

Mother's Day Stall

School Board 7pm

Term 2 finishes 1.30pm

First Day Term 3

School Board 7pm

School Closure Day for staff Professional Learning

Sacrament of First Eucharist 2.30pm

Donuts with Dad 8am. Raffle draw

Father Day Stall

Bake Sale P&F

## September

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September

## October

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October-  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

## November

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November

## December

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

School Board 7pm  
Footy Colour Day. Pie Day. Longest kick  
R U OK?  
Term 3 finished 1.30pm

First Day Term 4  
School Board 7pm  
School Closure Day for staff Professional Learning  
Grandparents Day  
Year 5 /6 Camp-Anglesea

School Closure Day  
Melbourne Cup Public holiday  
Sacrament of First Reconciliation; 12noon

School Closure Day. Staff Professional Learning  
School Board 7pm  
Last Day Term 4 1.30pm finish



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Parish Priest: Father Jim Clarke [frj@stmarysgeelong.com.au](mailto:frj@stmarysgeelong.com.au)

# 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 <sup>th</sup> February	525.00	600.00	675.00	750.00
2	17 <sup>th</sup> May	525.00	600.00	675.00	750.00
3	16 <sup>th</sup> August	525.00	600.00	675.00	750.00
4	18 <sup>th</sup> 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. Fees must be finalised by 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

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.



*together in faith*

*School Community News*



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# P&F 2024

## KEY DATES

AGM P&F - Tuesday 6th Feb 7pm Staff Room

Beach Picnic - Wednesday 7th Feb

Shrove Tuesday - Tuesday 13th Feb

Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser - Collect Friday 22nd March

St Patrick's Day Guess the lollies - Monday 18th March

Easter Raffle - Thursday 28th March

Athletic's Day - Wednesday 6th March - BBQ

Cookie Fundraiser - Collect 21st June

School Disco St Margaret's Day Date TBC

Mother's Day Raffle - Drawn at Muffins with Mum

Muffins's with Mum - 10th May

Mother's Day Stall - 10th May

Italian Day - Pizza Day

Father's Day Stall - 30th August

Father's Day raffle - 30th August

Donuts with Dad - 30th August

Bake Sale - -31st August

Pie Day/Longest Kick/R U OK? Day - 12th September

World Teacher Day Morning Tea- 25th October

Reverse Advent - Kick off 2nd Dec with social justice group.

Christmas Concert - ?



# WonderSTUDENTS

A fortnightly Therapeutic group for foundation students.

Hello! My Name is...



Kara

I am a Social Worker from  
Wonderkind and Co.

I will be facilitating  
WonderSTUDENTS every  
second Tuesday morning in the  
foundation classrooms.

WonderSTUDENTS is based on activities underpinned by  
Theraplay principles and evidence based play therapy.

The group will guide young students through structured, engaging  
and nurturing activities to support with emotional regulation, peer  
connection and social skill development.

## OUR GUIDELINES

NO HURTS



STICK TOGETHER



HAVE FUN



Wonderkind & Co.

# BEAM



Hello! My Name is...

Kate

I am an Accredited Mental Health  
Social Worker from Wonderkind and  
Co.

I will be facilitating **BEAM** with  
selected year 3 & 4 students on  
Wednesdays for 8 weeks of Term 1.



**BEAM** is a small group program designed to empower students  
who may require additional support with attunement to self,  
emotional intelligence development and emotional regulation.

**BEAM** aims to help identify strengths and areas of  
development, explore how they bend and flex when exposed to  
challenge and identify how to make the most of support  
available, learning how to authentically **shine bright!**

Wonderkind  Co.