



St. Margaret's
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term One, Week 2
February 6th, 2024

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From Susan's Desk

Leadership and Management News

Dear Families,

It was wonderful to catch up with students and families last week and settle into the new school year. There was a calm feel to the start of the year which reflects the work of the staff over the break to prepare amazing classroom spaces and engaging learning activities.

Our FIRE Carrier student leaders headed off to the LUME to experience the Connection exhibition before it closed. Connection was born from an idea to celebrate First People's art and music and we were keen for these student leaders to have an immersive experience as they begin their leadership journey in 2024. They had an incredible day arriving in Melbourne via the train and exploring the LUME. Thank you to Mrs Hanley, Mrs McBride and Mrs Philbrick for taking the students. We hope that each of our student leadership groups have a unique experience throughout the year which will continue to grow their leadership skills.

The P&F AGM will be meeting tonight at 7pm in the staffroom. We encourage many new families to attend to see how they are able to contribute to our school community. The first P&F activity will take place on Tuesday February 13th for Shrove Tuesday. We would love to have as many parent helpers as possible to prepare pancakes for our students between 8.30am to 11am. It is a great morning where you can help out and watch the pancake races at the same time! Please let us know if you can help at the AGM or by putting your name down at the front office.



A reminder that our annual beach picnic will take place at Eastern Beach near the playground this Wednesday the 7th at 5pm. This is the first gathering of the year as a whole school community. Bring along a picnic to enjoy whilst our students catch up with friends and parents can meet new families.

I would like to thank the P&F for their generous donations late last year after the colour run that our students are already enjoying. We received portable soccer goals for our students to use on the oval at recess and lunch, equipment for the Friendship Station, and decodable take home readers. We have more exciting equipment to purchase as a result of the incredible fund raising that took place in 2023. We will continue to update you on our new purchases throughout the term!

We invite all our families to join us in the church on Wednesday February 14th at 9.15am for our Ash Wednesday Liturgy. Our school leaders will lead us in prayer and reflection on the important day of the liturgical calendar.



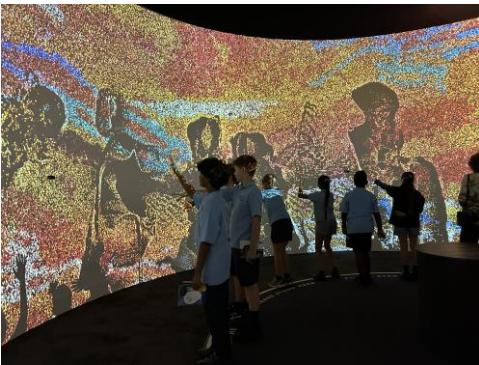
A reminder that our 2024 student leaders will receive their badges at assembly this Friday. We welcome families and friends to this exciting occasion!

Enjoy the week and I look forward to seeing many of you at the P&F AGM and the beach picnic!

Susan



FIRE CARRIERS VISITING THE LUME 'CONNECTION'.



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 1

February

Tuesday 6th February

Wednesday 7th February

Friday 9th February

Tuesday 13th February

Wednesday 14th February

Monday 19th February

Tuesday 20th February

Wednesday 21st February

Friday 23rd February

Saturday 24th February

Sunday 25th February

Monday 26th February

Wednesday 28th February

March

Saturday 2nd March

Sunday 3rd March

Wednesday 6th March

Friday 8th March

Monday 11th March

Tuesday 12th March

Thursday 14th March

Friday 15th March

10th-17th March

Monday 18th March

18th- 25th March

Tuesday 19th March

Wednesday 20th March

Friday 22nd March

Thursday 28th March

April

Monday 15th April

Tuesday 16th April

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 **Liturgy in Church 9.15am**

Prep Rest Day

Parent Teacher Interviews 4pm-6pm

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

St Patrick's Day wear a touch of green. Yrs3-6 Liturgy. Guess the lollies

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. Staff Professional Learning

Term 2 Begins for students



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Community News



St Mary's Sporting Club Auskick Season 2024

Commencing Friday, 19th April 2024 5.00pm – 6.00pm

St Mary's Football Ground, La Trobe Tce., Geelong

Enquiries to Damian McKeegan

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Registrations - play.afl/play/auskick



Come and See

OPEN DAYS 2024

**Wednesday 13, Friday 15
and Friday 22 March 2024**

**Multiple Information
and Tour Sessions**

Bookings are essential
and can be made online from
Wednesday 31 January 2024

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The poster features a blue background with yellow sunburst rays. At the top is the Geelong Youth Choir logo. Below it is a white banner with the text 'HARMONY UNLEASHED UNLOCK YOUR POTENTIAL!'. The main text describes the 'Geelong Youth Choir Workshop Series', including the schedule (Wednesdays 4:30pm-6:30pm), age range (10-18 years), and term fee (\$250). A QR code is provided for registration, and the website is listed at the bottom.