



St. Margaret's
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term One, Week 5
February 27th, 2024

#5

From Susan's Desk

Dear Families,

It was wonderful to see families at Mass over the weekend as they expressed their interest for their child to prepare for a sacrament this year. Sign up Masses continue next weekend. If you wish for your child to prepare for a sacrament this year, but are unable to attend one of these Masses, please contact Joel Kearney as soon as possible. This is an important step on your child's faith journey and a continued commitment to support your child in their faith development.

As we prepare for Easter, each Friday the whole school will gather under the tree at the end of recess for a Lenten Liturgy. Our student school leaders guide us through prayer and reflection during this time. Lent is an important time of reflection, growth and new beginnings. We use this time to show devotion to our faith, draw closer to God and prepare for Easter. We encourage our students to think about ways we can show kindness and to do something that will help us follow Jesus more closely.



Last week we held our parent teacher interviews where staff and parents were able to meet and discuss how each student is settling into the 2024 school year. It was wonderful to see many parents around the school and being welcomed into their child's classroom space. PSGs will continue over the next few weeks for families requiring these. Please ensure you have selected a time through PAM for these discussions to take place.

The Year 5 /6 excursion went ahead yesterday after being postponed to the heat last week. Students engaged in activities at the Botanical gardens and discussed ways they can become 'fir for life'. This excursion complimented the students learning through their inquiry unit this term.

On hot weather days we limit the amount the time our students spend outside. The oval may be closed, and students have half their play in the classroom and half outside in the yard where it is shady. On extreme weather days, students will stay indoors. We make these decisions during the day, depended on temperatures and general outside conditions. Please ensure your child has a named hat, drink bottle and has applied sun cream during term 1 and in these extreme weather conditions.

Our Prep to Year 4 students engaged in learning around dog safety on Monday. It was a wonderful way to sow our students safe ways to engage with familiar and unfamiliar dogs that they may come into contact with. These experiences are important for our children to learn about in a safe and controlled way.

A reminder that we have our P&F meeting tonight at 7pm in the staff room and we look forward to high attendance for those parents that are willing to help out. We have our first special lunch, pizza, this Friday and I know more helpers for this would be greatly appreciated. Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting tonight.

Have a great week!

Susan



Have you got your 2025 enrolment in?

School tour dates
Monday 12th Feb 9.30 & 4pm
Friday 16th Feb 9.30am
Or
Call our office to arrange a 1-1 tour.

TO BOOK A TOUR PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL DIRECTLY ON (03) 5229 7453

THE BEST OF LUCK TO YOU.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

WEAR A TOUCH OF GREEN

Drawn Monday 18th March

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Gold coin donation to enter.

ST MARGARET'S P&F
EASTER EGG

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Easter Donations



We are seeking donations of Easter eggs and Easter themed prizes for our annual Easter raffle.

We are hoping all families can seek fair trade chocolate or items for our Easter fundraiser.

Please drop all donations to the school office.
We thank you for your ongoing support.

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

February

Tuesday 27th February

P&F Meeting 7pm

Wednesday 28th February

Prep Rest Day

March

Friday March 1st

Special lunch pizza P&F

Saturday 2nd March

Sacramental Enrolment Mass 6.00pm

Sunday 3rd March

Sacramental Enrolment Mass 7.30am, 9.30am, 11am

Wednesday 6th March

District Sport 5 /6 students

Thursday 7th March

Confirmation Preparation Day Yr 6 students

Thursday 7th March

Prep Photo for the Advertiser

Friday 8th March

1 /2 Assembly

Monday 11th March

Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 12th March

School Captains & Vice Captains Leadership Conference Melbourne

Tuesday 12th March

Combined School Swimming event (selected students)

Tuesday 12th March

School nurse visit

Thursday 14th March

School photos

Friday 15th March

Indigenous author visit - Gregg Dreise

10th-17th March

Catholic Education Week

Monday 18th March

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

18th- 25th March

NAPLAN

Tuesday 19th March

School Board 6.30pm

Wednesday 20th March

Confirmation 7pm

Friday 22nd March

Prep Assembly

Special lunch Hot Dog Day P&F. Hot Cross Bun collection.

Tuesday 26th March

Netball/AFL Lightning Prem 5/6 students

Thursday 28th March

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

April

Monday 15th April

School Closure Day. Staff Professional Learning

Tuesday 16th April

Term 2 Begins for students

Friday 19th April

2025 Applications Due

Monday 22nd April

Cyber Safety Information evening 5.30-6.30

Tuesday 23rd April

School Board 7pm

Wednesday 24th April

District Cross Country Yrs 4-6 selected students

Thursday 25th April

ANZAC Day public holiday

Friday 26th April

School Closure Day for staff Professional Learning

May

Friday 10th May

Muffins with Mum 8am. Raffle Draw

Mother's Day Stall

Wednesday 15th May

Division Cross Country selected students

Thursday 16th May

Netball/AFL Lightning Prem 5/6 students

Friday 17th May

Whole School Aths & P&F BBQ

Tuesday 28th May

School Board 7pm

June

Friday 28th June

Term 2 finishes 1.30pm

July

Monday 15th July

First Day Term 3

July 23rd

Cheer Truck PF& lunch & Grandparents Day

Tuesday 30th July

School Board 7pm

August

Friday 16th August

School Closure Day for staff Professional Learning

Sunday 18th August

Sacrament of First Eucharist 2.30pm

Friday 30th August

Donuts with Dad 8am. Raffle draw

Father Day Stall

Saturday 31st August

Bake Sale P&F

September

Tuesday 3rd September
Friday 6th September
Thursday 12th September

Friday 20th September

October

Monday 7th October
Tuesday 15th October
Monday 21st October
Friday 25th October
Wednesday 30th October-
Friday 1st November

November

Monday 4th November
Tuesday 5th November
Thursday 21st November

December

Friday 6th December
Tuesday 10th December
Tuesday 17th December

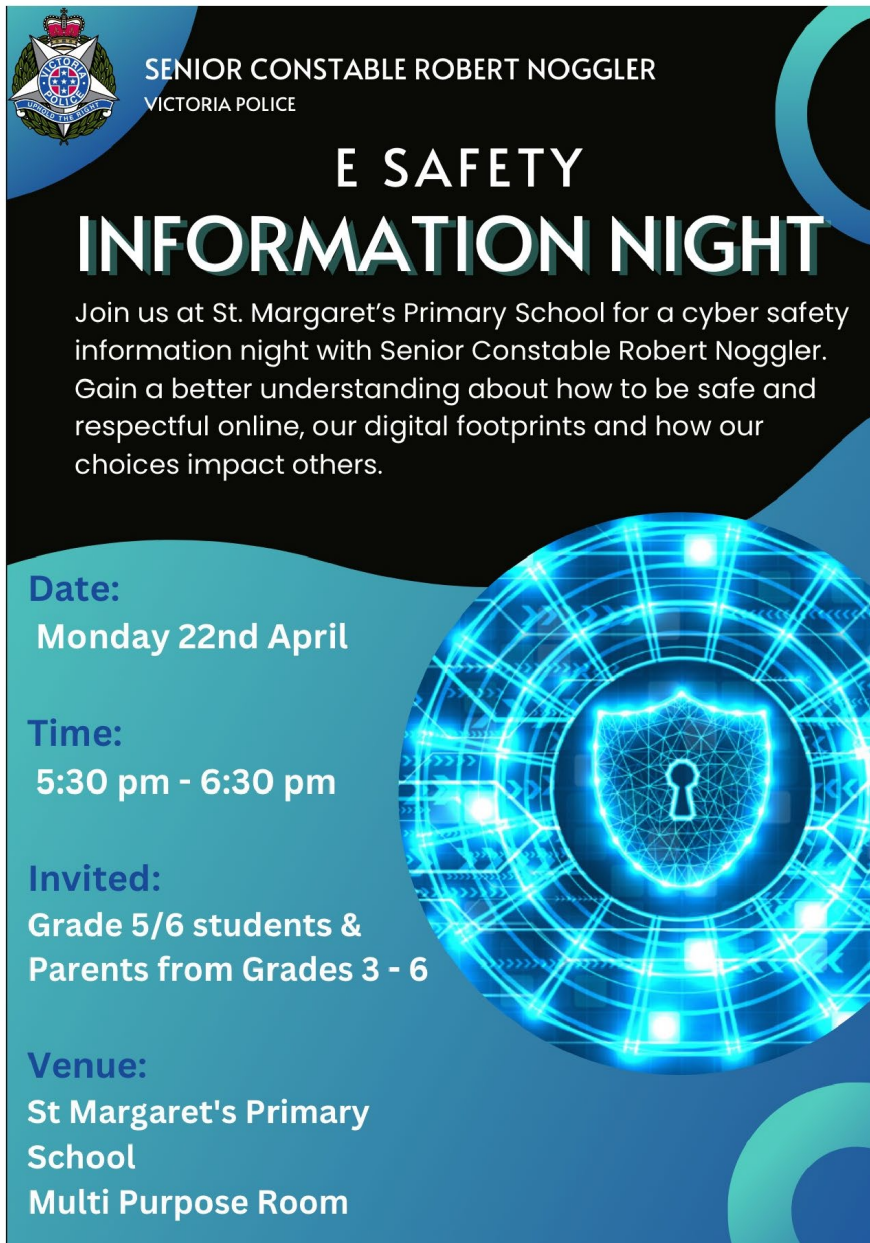
School Board 7pm
Italian Day & P&F lunch pizza
Footy Colour Day. Pie Day. Longest kick
R U OK? P&F Pie lunch
Term 3 finished 1.30pm


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

Save the date



 SENIOR CONSTABLE ROBERT NOGGLER
VICTORIA POLICE

E SAFETY INFORMATION NIGHT

Join us at St. Margaret's Primary School for a cyber safety information night with Senior Constable Robert Noggler. Gain a better understanding about how to be safe and respectful online, our digital footprints and how our choices impact others.

Date:
Monday 22nd April

Time:
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Invited:
Grade 5/6 students &
Parents from Grades 3 - 6

Venue:
St Margaret's Primary
School
Multi Purpose Room

School News

Child Safety Team

St Margaret's Child Safety Officers are the first point of contact for all safeguarding children and young people matters. The Child Safety Officers have been trained to undertake the role and act as a source of support, advice and expertise to staff, students and families on matters of child safety and wellbeing.



Principal
Susan Perks



Deputy Principal
Renee Cunningham



Wellbeing & Learning Diversity Leader
Sonja Ginn



Mental Health & Learning Enhancement Leader
Rosa O'Beirne



School Psychologist
Jye Boyle

****If you would like a copy of our Child Safety & wellbeing handbook for 2024, please contact the school office.***

Statement of Commitment

St Margaret's Primary School is committed to ensuring the safety, welfare and wellbeing of all children and young people at the School. This is the primary focus of our care and decision-making.

St Margaret's Primary School has zero tolerance for child abuse. All allegations and safety concerns are treated very seriously and consistently with our policies and procedures. We have legal and moral obligations to contact authorities when we are concerned about a child or young person's safety, which we follow rigorously.

St Margaret's Primary School is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Particular attention is paid to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, as well as the safety of children with a disability. Our complaints process is child-focussed and responsive to the concerns of children and young people.

St Margaret's Primary School is committed to preventing child abuse and identifying risks early, and removing and reducing these risks both in physical and online environments. We have robust recruitment practices to reduce the risk of child abuse. We are committed to regular and ongoing education and training on child safety and wellbeing for our staff and volunteers.

St Margaret's Primary School acknowledges that parents and carers know their children best. We are committed to informing and involving families in child safety and wellbeing at the School.

Every person involved at St Margaret's Primary School has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role they play individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.



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STUDENT AWARDS -FRIDAY 23rd February 2024

CLASS	STUDENT	AWARD
PREP	Landon Munn	for always being respectful and responsible in her interactions with her teachers and her friends.
PREP	Indy McIntosh	for always being respectful and responsible in her interactions with her teachers and her friends.
1 / 2 JB	Fletcher Eslick	For striving to put his best foot forward in the classroom at all times.
1 / 2 JB	Lina Hirwa Rugira	For displaying a growth mindset towards her learning.
1 / 2 TB	Levi Deocampo	For challenging himself during learning tasks
1 / 2 TB	Charles Brown	For trying new things to help with his learning in the classroom
1 / 2 PB	Gus O’Kane	For being kind, caring and supportive towards his peers.
1 / 2 PB	Mila Ghin	For always trying her best and demonstrating a great working relationship with her peers.
3 / 4 HM	Caitlyn Budge	For always doing her best in maths and asking for extra whiteboard work.
3 / 4 HM	Madison Ballard	For always following rules and being a great role model.
3 / 4 LC	Myles Anderson	For his creative approach to tasks and working cooperatively with others.
3 / 4 LC	Kartia Mirmilstien	For the descriptive detail she puts into her writing and her great use of vocabulary.
3 / 4 JK-KB	Ivy Simonsen	For demonstrating wonderful learning habits and contributing to class discussion.
3 / 4 JK-KB	Joa Dredge	For asking great questions and trying his best with all learning tasks.
5 / 6 KH	Asha Clapiniski	Great persuasive writing
5 / 6 KH	Willow Clarke	Great persuasive writing
5 / 6 JW	Jarren Cheng	For always having a positive attitude in class
5 / 6 JW	Harriet Salkeld	For always being positive and showcasing fantastic acting skills in readers theatre.
5 / 6 DJFM	Isaak Flannagan	For displaying a fantastic work ethic and completing all assigned work tasks this week.
5 / 6 DJFM	Jonathon Michael	For working hard on creating a strong argument in your persuasive writing task.
Principal Award	Philly Coumins	For displaying leadership & sportsmanship in a class game of ‘boot ball’.
Principal Award	Rosie Kerr	For displaying kindness when playing with others.

What's Happening

What an exceptional start to the year with our parents and friends community! A sincere thank you to our devoted volunteers who skillfully prepared and served delicious pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. The unwavering support from our community is truly uplifting; we encourage you to continue supporting us whenever possible.

The philosophy of "many hands make light work" resonates deeply with us. Without the invaluable assistance of our school community, events like these cannot flourish.

Anticipation is building for Pizza Day on March 1st, with a team of helpers already on board. We're profoundly thankful to offer these experiences for the kids. Additionally, the P&F will collaborate with our Mulcahy (green) house leaders to organise the exciting St Patrick's Day 'Guess How Many Lollies in the Jar' competition, commencing on March 4th - entry requires a gold coin.

Your presence at our meeting this Tuesday, the 27th, from 7 pm in the staff room, is eagerly awaited. Join us to collaboratively shape this year's fundraising initiatives, directly benefiting our students. Your involvement is pivotal!

P&F CALENDAR

- FEBRUARY 27TH - P&F MEETING 7PM
- MARCH 1ST - SPECIAL LUNCH PIZZA DAY
- MARCH 14TH - HOT CROSS BUN ORDERS DUE
- MARCH 18TH ST PATRICK'S DAY GUESS THE LOLLIES DRAWN
- MARCH 22ND - SPECIAL LUNCH HOT DOG DAY & HOT CROSS BUN DELIVERY
- MARCH 25TH EASTER DONATIONS AND RAFFLE TICKETS DUE
- MARCH 28TH - EASTER RAFFLE DRAWN

St Margaret's Parents & Friends

P&F MEETING

Tues 27th Feb

7pm

Staff Room

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BEFORE THE 25TH MARCH

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RAFFLE TICKETS DUE
25TH MARCH

MORE BOOKS AVAILABLE AT
THE OFFICE IF NEEDED

ST MARGARET'S P&F



Easter
Raffle

Tickets

\$1 each or 3 for \$2

PLEASE RETURN
COMPLETED BOOKS & MONEY TO THE OFFICE

HOT CROSS
BUN

FUNDRAISER

THE
FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL
WHO SELLS THE MOST
SIX PACKS WILL
RECEIVE A FREE SIX
PACK OF CHOCOLATE
HOT CROSS BUNS.



Orders due
14th
March!