



St. Margaret's
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term One, Week 7
March 12th, 2024

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From Susan's Desk

Leadership and Management News

Dear Families,

We hope you enjoyed the long weekend and managed to stay cool in this extreme weather. Please ensure your child/ren brings their hat each day, suncream to re-apply and their drink bottle in the coming weeks as the heat continues.

Last week our FIRE Carrier Leaders had the day together to develop our school FIRE Carrier Covenant and to discuss their leadership role for 2024. These leaders discussed: **What is a Covenant?** A covenant is a promise that you make with someone else about what you will do. A FIRE Carrier Covenant is a promise and commitment that our school community makes to further reconciliation in our school. It is a promise to include the core values of the Covenant. **"Walk the journey, carry the fire"**. Let the knowledge of Aboriginal culture and history ignite the reconciliation fire inside you. Carry the burning coals of reconciliation and educate your community. Use God's hands, feet and heart to travel the journey and carry the fire. It was an informative and successful day and we look forward to sharing our school's covenant with you in the coming weeks. Thank you to the staff that facilitated this process with our leaders; Kerrie-Anne Philbrick, Marie McBride, Fiona Moran and Kellie Hanley. We are grateful for their insight and passion as they lead our FIRE Carriers in 2024.



Our Year 6 Confirmation candidates enjoyed a day of reflection, prayer and learning last Wednesday when they participated in their Confirmation Preparation Day. The candidates spent the day in the Church, learning about the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit and the significance of this sacrament. Thank you to Joel Kearney for preparing this interactive and special day for our candidates and for the 5/6 teachers for their support. We continue to pray for these students in the lead up to Confirmation on Wednesday March 20th.



NAPLAN begins this Wednesday March 13th for our Year 3 & 5 students. Information, including a timetable, has been sent home via email to these families. If you wish to discuss NAPLAN please speak with your classroom teacher, or Renee Cunningham as soon as possible. We ask that these students are on time for these assessments as they will commence at the allocated time and students cannot begin after this time.

A reminder that supervision of students begins at 8.40am each morning. This decision was made last year with the introduction of the new EBA (enterprise bargaining agreement) for teachers. The EBA has introduced strategies to ensure a better work / life balance for our staff, ensuring their out of hours work is manageable. This impacts the scheduled hours teachers are required onsite. As a result, 8.40am supervision needed to be implemented.

Students are able to access Thompson Reserve to play prior to this time, if they are **supervised** by their care giver. We have a duty of care to our students; therefore, a parent must be present with them in this space before school as staff are unable to supervise prior to 8.40am within the yard. If students are a few minutes early, they are able to access the passive play area and wait there until the bell rings. Thank you for supporting our staff and ensuring the safety of all our students.

Don't forget school photos this Thursday. Full summer uniform is required on this day. The P&F remind you about the hot cross bun drive and Easter egg raffle to continue to support our school.

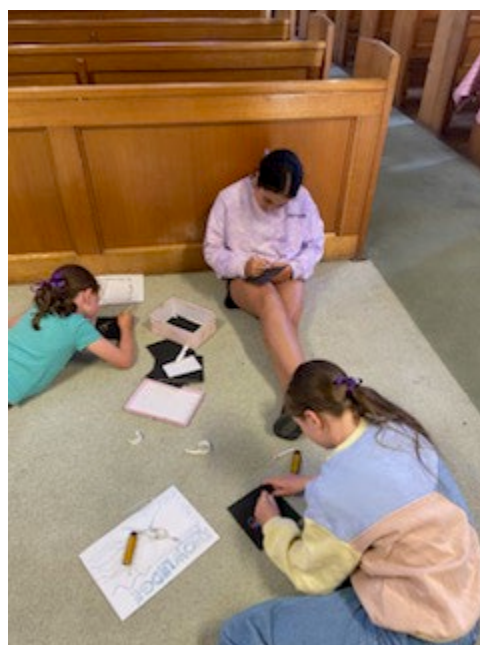
Have a great week!

Susan



CONFIRMATION PREPARATION DAY





together in faith



St Margaret's
Primary School

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

**DON'T FORGET
SCHOOL PHOTOS THIS THURSDAY MARCH 14TH.
FULL DRESS UNIFORM REQUIRED**



together in faith



ST MARGARET'S P&F
EASTER EGG

Raffle

DRAWN ON THE
LAST DAY OF
TERM
THURSDAY
28TH MARCH

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.

THE BEST OF LUCK TO YOU.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



WEAR A
TOUCH OF
GREEN



Drawn
Monday 18th March

**GUESS HOW MANY
LOLLIES ARE IN
THE JAR.**



**Gold coin
donation
to enter.**

YOU WILL FIND THE BIG JAR OF LOLLIES AT
THE FRONT OFFICE FROM THE 4TH MARCH





Term 1

March

Tuesday 12 th March	School Captains & Vice Captains Leadership Conference Melbourne
Tuesday 12 th March	Combined School Swimming event (selected students)
Tuesday 12 th March	School nurse visit
Wednesday 13 th March	1 /2 Excursion to Barwon Grange
Thursday 14 th March	School photos
Friday 15 th March	Indigenous author visit - Gregg Dreise
10th-17th March	Catholic Education Week
Monday 18 th March	St Patrick's Day wear a touch of green. Yrs3-6 Liturgy. Guess the lollies
13th- 21st March	NAPLAN
Tuesday 19 th March	School Board 6.30pm
Wednesday 20 th March	Confirmation 7pm
Friday 22 nd March	Prep Assembly
	Special lunch Hot Dog Day P&F. Hot Cross Bun collection.
Tuesday 26 th March	Harmony Day; students to wear a touch of orange
Thursday 28 th March	Netball/AFL Lightning Prem 5/6 students
	Last Day Term 1 1.30pm finish. Easter Raffle Draw.

Term 2

April

Monday 15th April	School Closure Day. Staff Professional Learning
Tuesday 16th April	Term 2 Begins for students
Friday 19 th April	2025 Applications Due
Monday 22 nd April	Cyber Safety Information evening 5.30-6.30
Tuesday 23 rd April	School Board 7pm
Wednesday 24 th April	District Cross Country Yrs 4-6 selected students
Thursday 25 th April	ANZAC Day public holiday
Friday 26 th April	School Closure Day for staff Professional Learning

May

Friday 10 th May	Muffins with Mum 8am. Raffle Draw
	Mother's Day Stall
Wednesday 15 th May	Division Cross Country selected students
Thursday 16 th May	Netball/AFL Lightning Prem 5/6 students
Friday 17 th May	Whole School Aths & P&F BBQ
Tuesday 28 th May	School Board 7pm

June

Friday 28 th June	Term 2 finishes 1.30pm
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Term 3

July

Monday 15th July

July 23rd

Tuesday 30th July

August

Friday 16th August

Sunday 18th August

Friday 30th August

Saturday 31st August

September

Tuesday 3rd September

Friday 6th September

Thursday 12th September

Friday 20th September

First Day Term 3

Cheer Truck PF& lunch & Grandparents Day

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

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

Term 4

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

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 of term 4 1:30pm Finsh

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



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Getting to Know PAM (SIMON everywhere)

PAM Home Page

The Home Page of PAM is the main hub for accessing information about your children, with easy access to features that parents regularly use, such as the school Calendar, Parent Notified Absences and Daily Messages provided by the school.

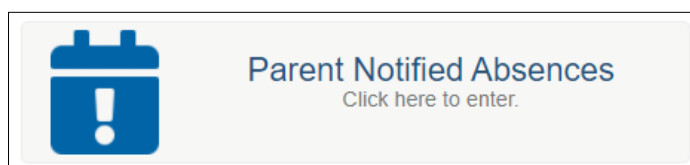
The screenshot shows the PAM Home Page interface. On the left, under the 'Students' heading, there are three student profiles: Emma Adams (Student ID: 1003, Year 11/11G, Attendance: 93.91%, 3 Overdue Tasks), Michael Adams (Student ID: 1014, Year 11/11C, Attendance: 89.61%, 4 Overdue Tasks), and Tess Adams (Student ID: 2182, Year 9/9E, Attendance: 74.7%, 21 Overdue Tasks). Below this is the 'Knowledge Bank' section with a link to 'Parent Information' and 'Student Info (Curriculum Handbooks: Exam Schedules: Bell Times)'. Further down are 'School Links' for 'Parent Information' and 'School Website'. On the right side, there are three main sections: 'Parent Teacher Interviews' with a 'Click here to enter.' link, 'Parent Notified Absences' with a 'Click here to enter.' link, and 'Daily Messages'. The 'Daily Messages' section shows a message titled 'Years 8 - 12 Subject Change Procedure' with a 'View Attachment' link. Below the messages is a 'Calendar' section showing the date 'Oct 18 - 24, 2021' and a calendar grid for Monday, October 18, 2021, with events for 'State Athletics' and 'Week A'. Numbered callouts (1-7) are placed over the interface: 1. Emma Adams profile, 2. Knowledge Bank link, 3. School Links link, 4. Parent Teacher Interviews link, 5. Parent Notified Absences link, 6. Daily Messages section, and 7. Calendar section.

- 1. Students:** Your child(ren) will appear here. Find out information about each child's school journey by clicking on them, this is where you will access your child's School Information such as assessment reports, school activities, NAPLAN results etc.
- 2. Parent Teacher Interviews:** This section will allow you to make Parent Teacher Interview bookings when an interview run is opened by the school.
- 3. Parent Notified Absences:** This section will allow you to submit a Parent Notified Absence for your child(ren).
- 4. Daily Messages:** This shows school-wide messages that are created from the main Daily Message system within SIMON. They are targeted to specific year levels, homerooms or the entire student body, these messages
- 5. School Links:** These links are provided by us for quick access to resources that are hosted externally to the school.
- 6. Calendar:** The Calendar shows school-wide events that affect everyone, such as pupil-free days, but also shows School Activities and Learning Area tasks specific to your child(ren) on the PAM profile.

Parent Notified Absences (PNA)

Parents and Carers can notify the college of their child's absence by clicking on the Parent Notified Absences link, Absences notified by this method must be completed by **9.15am**.

After this time, the usual method will apply by ringing the student absentee line 5229 7453. Parents are asked to inform the college of any absences as soon as possible. If notification has not been received by the school by **10.30 am**, parents/carers will receive a SMS alerting them of their child's absence.



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NAPLAN

National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy Information for parents and carers

- All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in Australia do NAPLAN tests in March each year.
- NAPLAN tests students' skills in reading, writing and maths.
- The test questions are presented in Standard Australian English dialect.
- Students read some of the questions and listen to others with headphones.
- The tests will get easier or harder, depending on how students are going in the test.
- Students do four different tests. The names of the four tests are:



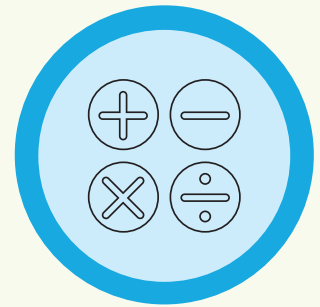
Writing



Reading



Conventions of language
(spelling, grammar and punctuation)



Numeracy

- Students in Year 3 will do the Writing test using pencil and paper. Year 3 students will answer the other test questions on the computer.
- Students in Years 5, 7 and 9 will answer all their test questions on computers.
- Teachers will help students get ready for NAPLAN tests.
- Schools will get their students' results. The school will then give parents/carers a report showing their own child's results.
- Parents/carers can talk to the teacher about these results.
- NAPLAN shows how students are going all over Australia. People who work in the Australian Government, state and territory education authorities and schools use NAPLAN results. The results let them see which schools are doing well and which schools might need help.

Talk to your teacher if you have any questions about your child doing the tests.
For more information on NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au.



BLUEBIRD
FOUNDATION INC.

Easter School Holiday Program

Workshops for 8-12 year old's. Get creative at Bluebird House. Small groups. Professional Artists.
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MONDAY 8 APRIL
1PM - 3PM
\$49 incl GST



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WORKSHOP

WITH ARTIST CODY ANDERSON

TUESDAY 9 APRIL
10AM - 2PM
\$85 incl GST



SHRINK ART KEYCHAIN
WORKSHOP

WITH ARTIST JOSHUA DE HOOG

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HAZY TALES
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POTTERY STUDIO-EVENTS & GALLERY

School Holiday's Pottery & Craft Sessions

Tue 2nd April 10am-12pm Kids Pottery Class

Wed 3rd April 2pm- 4pm Kids Pottery Class

Fri 12th April 1pm-3pm Kids Pottery Class

Additional classes will be listed on these dates and other dates if these book out. Adults may book a spot for themselves to join in and make something as well. You can either stay or drop off.

\$55 per person for 2 hours. Includes clay, colours, glazes and 2 kiln firings.

To book visit the website <https://hazytales.com/events/events-calendar/>

These are a few of the other things we do at Hazy Tales Studio:
Bespoke Pottery Parties for Adults & Kids. Custom events. Hen parties.
Adult evening 'Clay & Cocktails by Candlelight'. Porcelain products & jewellery for sale.

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