



# NEWSLETTER

St. Margaret's  
Primary School

Term One, Week 8  
March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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## From Susan's Desk

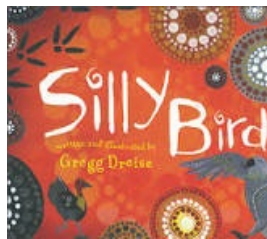
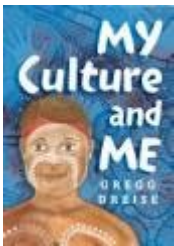
## Leadership and Management News

Dear Families,

Last Tuesday our School and vice School Captains attended the Dream & Lead student conference in Melbourne. They had an incredibly engaging and inspiring day facilitated by many guest speakers. We look forward to hearing from these students about their day. Thank you to Sonja Ginn and Tania West for taking these students to Melbourne for this event.



On Friday we were fortunate to have indigenous author Gregg Dreise visit our school and spend time with our students. Gregg is a talented author, illustrator and musician who engaged our students with his storytelling. Many of Gregg's books are available from our library.



Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup> is Storytelling Day. World Storytelling Day happens every year on March 20th. It's a time when people from all over the world tell stories out loud instead of writing them down. We do this to celebrate the art of storytelling and to learn from each other's stories. People speak different languages, but on World Storytelling Day, we all share stories together. This day is important because it's a time when everyone worldwide decides to celebrate storytelling together. It helps us understand different cultures and shows us how powerful stories can be. Our students are invited to the art room on this day P-2 at recess and 3-6 at lunch to engage in an activity around story telling offered by our School and Vice School Captains. All are welcome.

Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. We are encouraging everyone to wear a touch of orange on Friday March 22nd to acknowledge Harmony Day. The P&F will be taking orders for a special lunch on this day, and our Social Justice Student Leaders will be organising an activity during the week.

Thank you to those that have purchased Hot Cross Buns through the P&F fundraiser. Money raised will go directly back to the students, with new whiteboards being purchased for use in every classroom. Our staff are incredibly grateful for the support we receive to enhance student learning.

Have a great week!

Susan



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# 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

*together in faith*



The Sacrament of Confirmation is one of the three sacraments of Christian initiation.

Confirmation completes Baptism, by which in the laying on of hands and the anointing with Chrism Oil, which first happened at Baptism, we are confirmed with the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

We are reminded of our participation in the ministry and mission of Jesus and strengthened to follow Jesus more closely.

We pray for these students who will be confirmed on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at St Mary's of the Angels, Geelong.

Lachlan Barton  
Logan Blackwell  
Alastair Broad  
Charlotte Butcher  
Lylah Chapman  
Mia Mason  
Sophia Peat  
Max Russel  
Alex Werner  
Lucas Wolak

Jock Golding  
Zac Harvey  
Tom Higgins  
Melody Kessler  
Loui Lagana  
Tom McGuane  
Leo Rivo  
Ivy Timmins  
Kiana-Lee Wilkins  
Philly Coumans



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## CROSS COUNTRY Year 3-6 students

On Friday the 22nd of March we will hold the Year 3-6 School Cross Country Event. Students will compete for their House. Points for top 8 students will be awarded and added to the total for each House.

Students aged 9/10/11 will complete 3 laps. 12 year old students will complete 4 laps.

Students are able to wear a t shirt in their house colour.

Parents are welcome to attend; the start and finish will be on the Thompson Rec Reserve.

### Events

9.10am: Age 9/10 Girls and Boys

9.35am: Age 11 Girls and Boys

9.55am: Age 12 Girls and Boys.

The School District Cross Country Team will be selected based on results from the day and training efforts over the past 6 weeks of training.



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.

## Calendar of Events

### Term 1

#### March

13th- 21st March

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

NAPLAN

School Board 6.30pm

Confirmation 7pm

**Nude Food Day organised by Sustainability Student Leaders**

**Storytelling day; activities in art room recess P-2, lunch 3-6**

**1/2 JB&PB Mass at St Mary's**

Prep Assembly

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

Harmony Day; students to wear a touch of orange

**Cross Country School event Years 3-6 students**

**Division Girls AFL Event for 5/6 students**

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

### Term 2

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April

School Closure Day. Staff Professional Learning

Term 2 Begins for students

2025 Applications Due

**ANZAC Service at the Shrine; School & Vice Captains**

Cyber Safety Information evening 5.30-6.30

School Board 7pm

District Cross Country Yrs 4-6 selected students

ANZAC Day public holiday

School Closure Day for staff Professional Learning

#### May

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May

#### June

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June

Muffins with Mum 8am. Raffle Draw

Mother's Day Stall

Division Cross Country selected students

Netball/AFL Lightning Prem 5/6 students

Whole School Aths & P&F BBQ

School Board 7pm

Term 2 finishes 1.30pm

### Term 3

#### July

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July

July 23<sup>rd</sup>

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July

First Day Term 3

Cheer Truck PF& lunch & Grandparents Day

School Board 7pm

#### 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

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  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September

### Term 4

## 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  
**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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  
**Whole School Carols Evening**  
Last Day Term 4 1.30pm finish



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## STUDENT AWARDS -FRIDAY 8th March 2024

CLASS	STUDENT	AWARD
PREP	Michael Walker	For being an excellent role model in the classroom always showing respect to her teachers and classmates
PREP	Valentina Ghin	For his super star efforts this week with following instructions and trying his hardest in his learning.
1 / 2 JB	Paris Likoudis	For striving to put your best foot forward at all times.
1 / 2 JB	Stevie Sahr	For always following classroom rules and showing kindness towards others.
1 / 2 TB	Mason Chappell	For showing a 'never give up' attitude to his learning.
1 / 2 TB	Darcy Menheere	For always upholding our classroom expectations and school values.
1 / 2 PB	Harvey Little	for demonstrating kindness towards his peers and consistently displaying a positive attitude.
1 / 2 PB	Claudia Walker	for always enjoying school and for demonstrating the correct way to behave in all situations.
1 / 2 PB	Archie Mactier	for enthusiastically embracing new learning experiences and trying his best at all times.
3 / 4 HM	Charlotte Lagana	For always giving her best effort in class.
3 / 4 HM	Colton Blackwell	For working hard and doing his best in class.
3 / 4 JK-KB	Lily Bell	For a wonderful and thoughtful piece of writing during our persuasive writing.
3 / 4 JK-KB	Lucas Spark	For his positive attitude and always trying his best in all tasks.
5 / 6 KH	Jock Golding	Being attentive, diligent and engaged in class learning. Jock always works to the best of his ability.
5 / 6 KH	Molly Herwynen	Being a great friend, kind and inclusive. Thank You Molly.
5 / 6 KH	Isabelle Fitzgerald	A great attitude towards school and her learning. For being generous with her time and skills. Well done!
5 / 6 JW	Mia Mason	For showcasing amazing skills and teamwork in lightning prem soccer.
5 / 6 DJFM	Jonathan Michael	For demonstrating exceptional teamwork during the lightning premiership soccer.
5 / 6 DJFM	Elouise Horton	For displaying great nous, skill and teamwork during our recent soccer lightning premiership.
Principal Award	Piper Drever	For showing kindness to others

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## *School News*



### **21st March, 2024**

This year our Social Justice Leaders will be working with classes to create a classroom prayer cloth to be displayed for each classroom. Each class will be given a square piece of white fabric to decorate with each class member's hand print. The Social Justice Leaders (Kiana, Logan, Lachy and Seth) will assist on the day as well.

Please remember to wear a touch of orange.

## **Association for Children with Disability (ACD) First Steps to Support & Connection (Free online workshop for parents)**

Do you have a young child with developmental delay or disability? Then you're probably trying to navigate the huge amount of information out there to find out what supports are available.

Register for (Association for Children with a Disability) ACD's FREE online workshop, [First Steps to Support & Connection](#). It will give you practical information to help you decide where to start and what your child and family need.

### **Topics include:**

- Respite
- Financial supports
- Self-care
- Staying connected
- Supporting siblings

### **Workshop dates:**

- Tuesday 12 March – 10:00 am
- Wednesday 13 March – 10:00 am
- Monday 18 March – 7:30 pm
- Tuesday 19 March – 10:00 am
- Wednesday 20 March – 10:00 am

Places are limited so [register now to secure your place!](#) [bit.ly/FSTSCmarch24](https://bit.ly/FSTSCmarch24)

**Questions?** Email: [educate@acd.org.au](mailto:educate@acd.org.au) Call 03 9880 7000 or 1800 654 013 (regional callers)



# Getting to Know Simon Everywhere (Pam)

## Personal Details

This is general student and enrolment information regarding your child. *Note: If any of this information is incorrect, please contact the school immediately to correct this information.*

The screenshot shows the 'Personal Details' page for Emma Adams. On the left is a navigation menu with options: Personal Details (selected), Student Timetable, Social Behaviour, Attendance, Assessment Reports, Commendations, Letters, Booklist, Lesson Plans, Learning Tasks, and Email Staff. The main content area is divided into two sections: 'Personal Details' and 'Current Enrolment Details'. The 'Personal Details' section lists: Student ID (1003), Initials (E L), Surname (Adams), Given (Emma Louise), Preferred (Emma), Date of Birth (4/03/2004), Email Address (1003@simonschools.net), and Login Name (eadams). The 'Current Enrolment Details' section lists: Year Level (Year 11), Homeroom (11G), and House (Magenta).

## Emailing your child's teachers

Your PAM account gives you access to emailing your child's class teachers, either individually for a specific subject, or to all the class teachers at the same time.

To access the **Email Staff** page:

- Click on your child's name/photo at the top of your PAM home page.
- On the following page, choose the **Email Staff** option.
- Select one or more staff members (*sample only below*).
- Write your message and click **Send Message**

The screenshot shows the 'Email Staff' page for Emma Adams. At the top right, there is a 'Semester' dropdown menu set to '2021, Semester 1'. Below this is a yellow warning box: 'Please select at least one staff member from the below list and provide a message.' The main area is a table titled 'Staff To Email' with '2 staff selected.' The table has two columns: 'Name' and 'Class'. Two rows are selected with checkmarks: Mrs Donna Kneale-Little (11 Homeroom) and Dr Cindy Wellington (VCE Biology 3). Below the table is a 'Message:' text area containing the text 'This is a test message'. At the bottom right, there is a green 'Send Message' button.

Name	Class
Ms Caroline Delaney	11 Homeroom
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mrs Donna Kneale-Little	11 Homeroom
Mr Marko Bishop	11 Study Block
Mrs Donna Kneale-Little	11 Study Block
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr Cindy Wellington	VCE Biology 3
Mr Kevin Brodie	VCE Chemistry 1
Mr Mark Vanderkley	VCE English 1
Mrs Tracy Rantall	VCE French 1
Mr Leigh Kelly	VCE Maths Methods 1
Mr Benjamin Griffiths	VCE Physical Education 1
Mr Marko Bishop	VCE Religion and Society Unit 2

# Term 2 WonderCAMP is open for registrations!

Please email [hello@wonderkindandco.com](mailto:hello@wonderkindandco.com) for more information or to register your young person/ s.

Open to all primary school aged young people and NDIS plans can be used for this program.



**WONDERCAMP**

Wonderkind Co.

A Therapeutic day camp for primary school aged young people, who would benefit from additional support with emotional regulation, peer connection, social skill development and having fun

WonderCamp will be held at Ariston House, 245 Pakington St, Newtown  
Tue 9th to Fri 12th April 2024  
8:30am-12:30pm

WonderCamp will guide young people through a combination of therapeutic play focused sessions including art, craft, exercise and nature based activities

WonderCamp is offered in a 2 or 4 day block.

If this sounds like a wonderful opportunity for your young person, please express your interest via email: [hello@wonderkindandco.com](mailto:hello@wonderkindandco.com)

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