



St. Margaret's
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term Two, Week 5
May 13th, 2024

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From Susan's Desk

Dear Families,

We hope all the incredible mothers in our community had a truly wonderful Mother's Day on Sunday. The role of a mother is undeniably significant, and we want to express our deepest appreciation for all that you continue to do for us and your families.

Our Muffins with Mum celebration held on Friday was a heartwarming occasion, providing a special opportunity to acknowledge the remarkable women in our lives. It was a time to gather as a school community and extend a warm welcome to all mothers, grandmothers, and mother figures, making them feel cherished and valued within our school community. We took the time to express our heartfelt gratitude for their unwavering love, support, and dedication. We extend our sincere thanks to the dedicated members of our P & F for their invaluable support in organising and facilitating this event as well as the Mother's Day stall. Their tireless efforts truly made the day extra special for everyone involved.

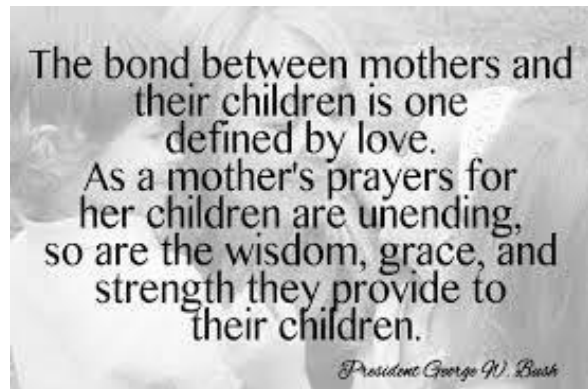
We are thrilled to congratulate the three lucky winners of our raffle, as well as the recipient of our door prize. Your participation added an extra layer of excitement and joy to our celebration, and we're grateful for your support.

1st prize: Rachael Kirkwood

2nd prize: Terry Mudge

3rd Prize: Amy Gladman

We thank Karen Clarke for her donation to Medispa and Travel World Lepold for their generous support.



As our school continues to grow and evolve, so too do the demands on our facilities. In response to the increasing needs of our students, we have identified the need to repurpose our wellbeing hub into a classroom space by 2025. We recognise the importance of maintaining dedicated support for the wellbeing of our students. That's why we're excited to announce that the Parent & Friends (P&F) is partnering with us to raise funds for the establishment of a new Wellbeing Hub.

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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

The envisioned structure will provide a nurturing environment where students can access vital support and resources for their mental, emotional, and physical wellbeing. Throughout the year, we'll be actively raising funds to reach our target of \$20,000 by the end of term 3. Your support is crucial in helping us achieve this goal and ensure that our students receive the support they need to thrive.

Our Mother's Day Raffle kicked off our fundraising for this space and we thank those that purchased a ticket. Every contribution brings us closer to realising this important initiative for the benefit of our students. Together, we can turn this dream into a reality and create a positive impact on the wellbeing of our students.

A reminder that this Friday is our whole school athletics day at Landy Field. Students are able to wear their sports uniform with a colour top of their House colour. The P&F will be hosting a BBQ, and we ask that students have a maximum of 2 sausages on the day. All students will travel on the bus to and from Landy Field. We ask that students are not collected from Landy Field to ensure their safety. Thank you to Miss Fiona for her organisation of this event. We are looking forward to a fun day!

Wishing everyone a great week ahead!
Susan

Calendar of Events

(new items in bold)

Term 2

May

Tuesday, May 14th
Thursday, May 16th
Friday, May 17th
Monday, May 20th
Monday, May 20th
Wednesday, May 22nd
Friday, May 24th
Friday, May 24th
Tuesday, May 28th

Division Cross Country - selected students
Netball/AFL Lightning Premiership 5/6 students
Whole School Athletics and P&F BBQ
Year 3/4 Scienceworks Excursion
Year 5/6 Fit for Life Gym Excursion
Simultaneous Storytime
FIRE Carrier Commissioning Ceremony - selected students
Assembly – 3/4 presenting
School Board 7pm

June

Friday, June 7th
Thursday, June 6th
Monday, June 10th
Wednesday, June 12th
Thursday, June 20th
Friday, June 21st
Thursday, June 27th
Friday, June 28th

Assembly – 1/2 presenting
Eye Test Screening Years 1, 3, 6
King's Birthday Public Holiday
Prep Excursion - Werribee Zoo
Prep/1/2 Non Eucharist Mass at St. Margaret's Church 9.15am
Assembly – Prep presenting
Years 3-6 Mass at St. Margaret's Church 9.15am
Final day of Term 2. 1.30pm dismissal



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(new items in bold)

Term 3

July

Monday, July 15 th	First Day of Term 3
Tuesday, July 23 rd	P&F lunch - Cheer Truck
Tuesday, July 23 rd	Grandparents' Day
Tuesday, July 30 th	School Board 7pm

August

Friday, August 16 th	School Closure Day - Staff Professional Learning
Sunday, August 18 th	Sacrament of First Eucharist 2.30pm
Friday, August 30 th	Donuts with Dad 8am
	Raffle draw
	Father's Day Stall
Saturday, August 31 st	P&F Bake Sale

September

Tuesday, September 3 rd	School Board 7pm
Friday, September 6 th	Italian Day
	P&F pizza lunch
Thursday, September 12 th	R U OK? & Footy Colours Day
	P&F Pie lunch
	Longest kick event
Tuesday, September 20 th	Final day of Term 3. 1.30pm dismissal

Term 4

October

Monday, October 7 th	First Day of Term 4
Tuesday, October 15 th	School Board 7pm
Monday, October 21 st	School Closure Day - Staff Professional Learning
Wednesday, October 30 th	Year 5 /6 Camp - Anglesea (until Friday, November 1 st)

November

Monday, November 4 th	School Closure Day
Tuesday, November 5 th	Melbourne Cup public holiday
Thursday, November 21 st	Sacrament of First Reconciliation: 12 noon

December

Friday, December 6 th	School Closure Day - Staff Professional Learning
Tuesday, December 10 th	School Board 7pm
Thursday, December 12 th	Whole School Carols Evening
Tuesday, December 17 th	Final day of Term 4. 1.30pm dismissal

A Sports Day Prayer

Dear Lord,

You have blessed us with many gifts and talents.
We thank you especially for our ability to participate in sports.
Help us to play in a Christ-like manner.
Help us to play in a way that will foster teamwork.
Help us to play to the best of our abilities.
Win or lose, we hope to have fun, make friends, stay safe and celebrate life.

Amen.



Student of the Week Awards

CLASS	STUDENT	AWARDS - FRIDAY May 10 th 2024
PREP	Stevie Bakker	For her fantastic efforts in reading and writing. It is wonderful to see your confidence grow.
PREP	Eden Martini	For being a role model in the classroom always showing kindness and respect!
1 / 2 JB	Lachlan Noonan	Trying his hardest when connected listening on the floor
1 / 2 JB	Jack Conn	For showing kindness towards others at all times
1 / 2 TB	Xavier Hanan	For his dedication to improving his handwriting.
1 / 2 TB	Harry Ferrier	For having the confidence to try new things!
1 / 2 PB	Jonathon Reid	For his dedication to improving his writing and letter formation skills.
1 / 2 PB	Elsie Heather	For her positive attitude and demonstrating kindness towards her peers.
3 / 4 HM	Niah Mirmilstein	For always being a positive and kind member of ¾ HM.
3 / 4 HM	Taj Reynolds	For making positive choices in term 2 in the yard and classroom.
3 / 4 LC	Winnie Timmins	For developing excellent spelling and writing skills
3 / 4 LC	Sonny Kirwan	For awesome work presentation and engagement in Italian class
3 / 4 JK-KB	Aryan Prasad	For displaying good leadership qualities in team building games.
3 / 4 JK-KB	Mac Salkeld	For displaying resilience and growth in teamwork games.
5 / 6 KH	Harry Lydom	For a great start to Term 2 - Harry started the term with a positive and focused attitude towards his learning.
5 / 6 KH	Leo Rivo	For a great start to Term 2 - Leo is diligent and positive towards his learning and is a great friend.
5 / 6 JW	Maeve Noonan	For completing an amazing zoo enclosure for a maths task.
5 / 6 JW	Archie Turner	For amazing handwriting during our handwriting lessons.
5 / 6 DJFM	Lorenzo Manna	For making such a positive start to the term and completing your learning tasks to a high standard.
5 / 6 DJFM	Fajr Kamran	For a diligent approach to your learning and assigned jobs at school.
Principal Award	Harley Ballard	For showing resilience and kindness.

School Community News

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

April's Aussie of the Month was awarded to

Francesca Payne

for

Mateship:

*Displaying kindness to others
and always willing
to help a friend in need.*

Congratulations!



National Simultaneous Story Time

Wednesday May 22nd at 12 pm

Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, family day cares, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. The focus this year is the brilliant "BOWERBIRD BLUES" by Aura Parker. Our students will have the opportunity to share this event, enjoy the book and various activities.

St Margaret's is joining in this wonderful annual event which promotes the value and fun of books and reading.

[St Margaret's Library Dashboard - National Simultaneous Storytime. \(NSS\)](#)



School Athletic Sports at Landy Field

On Friday May 17th we have our whole school sports day at Landy Field. This is always a fun day and all students are looking forward to it.

One of the highlights is the parent teacher relay - if you would like to take part in this relay, please let me know! You can email me at

fmoran@smgeelongeast.com.au.

The students love watching teachers and parents running too!

ST MARGARET'S P&F

ATHLETICS DAY

**FRIDAY
17TH MAY**

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

**FROM 10AM UNTIL 1PM
OR SOLD OUT**

ALL WELCOME.

**CAN YOU HELP OUT ON
THE DAY?**

**PLEASE POP YOUR NAME/PHONE
DOWN AT THE OFFICE.**

**COME DOWN +
WATCH OUR
FUTURE
OLYMPIANS
TAKE THE TRACK
AT LANDY FIELD
FROM 9.30AM**



\$2.50 Each

Students to bring
cash on the day.
Eftpos also available
for parents.



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Thomson Tigers

11 Apr · 🌐

🍪 AUSKICK REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN 🍪

WHEN: Each Friday from 3 May 2024 (various breaks throughout the program)

TIME: 5pm to 6pm

WHERE: Thomson FNC - Godfrey Street

Visit <https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/7b1909> to register and secure your Auskick pack asap!



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NETBALL ENTHUSIAST FROM 5-9 YEARS OLD

EVERY FRIDAY AT 4.30PM @EGFNC COURT

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