



St. Margaret's
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term Two, Week 6
May 20th, 2024

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From Susan's Desk

Dear Families,

Last Friday marked a day of sportsmanship, determination and resilience as our entire school came together for a thrilling day of athletics. Here's a glimpse of the magic that unfolded:

Resilience and Determination: From the track to the field, our students showcased unwavering resilience and determination as they tried their best in every event. Their passion and dedication was truly inspiring to witness.

House Pride: The spirit of unity was evident as our students proudly represented their houses, donning vibrant colours and waving banners high. A special shoutout to our Year 6 House Captains for their outstanding leadership and infectious enthusiasm!

Parental Support: We extend our thanks to all the parents who joined us to cheer on their children. Your presence and encouragement meant the world to our young athletes and added an extra layer of joy to the festivities.



Sportsmanship at its Finest: The true essence of sportsmanship was on full display, with students demonstrating respect, encouragement, and fair play throughout the day. Your exemplary behaviour exemplifies the core values of our school community.

Sizzling Success: Thank you to the P&F team for organising the sausage sizzle that kept our energy levels high throughout the day. Your efforts behind the scenes did not go unnoticed and were greatly appreciated by all.

Gratitude and Appreciation: A heartfelt thank you to the Iona College students and staff members who dedicated their time and energy to ensure the smooth running of this event. Your hard work and dedication are the driving force behind our success.



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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

A Special Acknowledgment: Let's give a standing ovation to Miss Fiona for her exceptional organisational skills and unwavering commitment to making our Whole School Athletics Day a roaring success. Your leadership and passion was evident throughout the day.



Wishing everyone a great week ahead!
Susan

Calendar of Events

Term 2

May

Wednesday, May 22nd
Friday, May 24th
Friday, May 24th
Tuesday, May 28th

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

Mystery Bank Transfer



On April 2nd, 2024 a payment was made to the school bank account from **AWA Credit Union**. We are unable to assess who this payment belongs to.

If you made the payment, could you please contact Libby Fitzgerald at the office to advise?

Thank you



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Calendar of Events

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
	P&F Bake Sale

Saturday, August 31st

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 Prayer of Thanks for Books

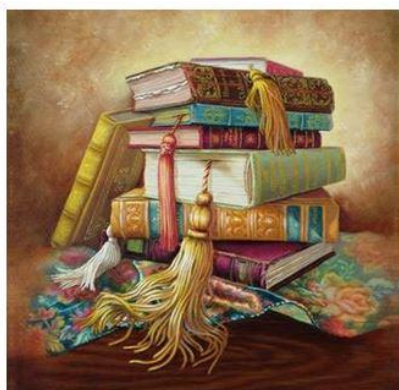
We thank God for the gift of words:

*The way they stir our imaginations with tales of adventure,
mystery, and love,*

*The way the amazing intricacies of our world can be brought
to our understanding.*

*May we sense our Creator's presence as we read and find God
closer with each turning page.*

Amen



Learning and Teaching News

Comprehension: How to improve from Prep to Year 6 and Beyond

Jaki Groves
Literacy Leader

Every child needs to be able to understand what they read. This is the point of reading - to comprehend the text. The research says that background knowledge and vocabulary knowledge are **critical for overall reading comprehension**.

Below are two easy things you can do to help your child that are not onerous or time consuming.



1. Talk/read/learn about the world.

You can widen your child's knowledge of the world by watching documentaries, reading and talking about facts and non-fiction. Have conversations about events in history, geography, gems, how ballet shoes are made, cooking, volcanoes, animals, how to build cars, what do bees do with pollen? where buttons come from, space, rivers and oceans, sport... The more your child knows about the world, the more they can understand it when they read about it.

2. Expose your child to new vocabulary.

This does not mean writing out the definitions of new words. Weave words like, scurry (instead of run), ravenous (of instead of hungry) flavoursome (instead of yum) into your conversations.

Being strategic about the words you choose in conversations and deliberately building your child's knowledge by exposing them to the wider world will influence their comprehension.

'The most important factor in determining whether readers can understand text is how much relevant vocabulary or background knowledge they have.'

*Natalie Wexler, Education writer
and author of, 'The Knowledge Gap.'*



****Next week we will talk about Fluency.**

What is it?

How can I help my child at home? **



Learning and Teaching News

Classroom Mastery

Renée Cunningham

Deputy Principal / Learning & Teaching Leader

Following on from our Professional Learning Session around Classroom Mastery, we have continued to refine our approaches around classroom safety and the management and maintenance of productive learning environments.

At St Margaret's, we believe in being proactive about teaching expected behaviours to set students up for success. In line with our Positive Behaviour Support approach, we are gradually creating behaviour routines and expectations. These behaviours and routines are explicitly taught and reinforced in authentic contexts. They are linked to our school values: Respectful, Responsible and Safe. These are the first three routines that we have chosen to implement, and in June teachers will receive feedback from external coaches as we embed these routines into daily school life.

Behaviour Routines at St Margaret's

Cue to Start

We show respect and responsibility by giving our full attention, showing we are ready to start learning.

Teacher says: 3-2-1 Waterfall

Student: Raises hands in the air and moves fingers whilst making the waterfall sound.

Entry Routines

We show safety, respect and responsibility when entering the classroom.

- We line up in pairs outside the classroom,
- We then move quietly into the room,
- We stand behind our desk.
- When asked we sit quietly with our eyes focused on the teacher.

Exit Routines

We show safety, respect and responsibility when exiting the classroom.

- We quietly pack up.
- We gather at set place quietly (and say prayer if it is the end of the day)
- We stand quietly with our eyes focussed on the teacher.
- We say 'good afternoon' and wait to be dismissed by the teacher.
- We leave the classroom and walk quietly.

- entry and exit routines vary slightly from classroom to classroom.

School Community News



National Simultaneous Story Time

Wednesday May 22nd at 12 noon

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. \(NSS\)](#)

Lightening Premiership at South Barwon versus Whittington Primary School



Generous Donations

A very special thank you to

***Wombat Gully Nursery,
Highton Nursery and
Bunnings***

for supplying us with items for our veggie garden. We cannot wait to watch these items grow so we can cook with them!

We would also like to thank

Born and Bread Bakery, 364 Pakington St, Newtown

for supplying weekly bread to stock our freezer for students who require lunch.

We greatly appreciate these generous donations. Thank you to Miss Kath for organising our garden and cooking program!



Lions Eye Health Program

Eye Test Screening Years 1, 3, 6

Thursday, June 6th

Children's Vision Screening

Conducted by: Lions Club of Leopold

Screening Date: Thursday 6th June 2024



Dear Parent/Guardian(s),

The Lions Eye Health Program is offering **Free Vision Screening** for children. Over 80% of what children learn is processed through their eyes. Untreated eye conditions can affect a child's development.

It is estimated 1 in 5 children in Australia have undetected vision problems. Screening can help identify children who require further examination by an optometrist vision problems

Members of the Lions club have been specifically trained to perform 4 vision screening assessments including:

- 1. Visual Acuity** - using a Lea 3m -15 line Symbol Chart
- 2. Colour Vision** - using a Quick 6 - Basic Colour Screening Book
- 3. Depth Perception** - using a Stereo Fly Screening Tool
- 4. Spot Vision Screener** - State of the art portable machine designed to screen for Myopia (near sightedness), Hyperopia (far sightedness), Astigmatism (blurred vision), Anisometropia (unequal refractive power), Strabismus (eye misalignment) and Anisocoria (unequal pupil size).

The individual screening takes just a few minutes to perform. There is **no physical contact made with the child and no eye drops are administered**. Individual reports will sent to parent/guardians. If a vision problem is detected, this will be written on the child's result sheet and you will be encouraged to seek a further eye assessment with an eye health professional.

A permission form regarding the Lions Eye Health Program was sent home last week.

together in faith

P & F News





SPECIAL MORNING TEA ORDER FORM

NAME	
CLASS	

ITEM (PLEASE CIRCLE)	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
ICED DONUT CHOC/STRAWBERRY/PINEAPPLE		\$2.00	
FLAVOURED MILK CHOC /STRAWBERRY		\$2.00	
TAKE HOME 6- PACK ASSORTED DONUTS		\$12.00	

ALL ORDERS DUE BACK
ON MONDAY 3RD JUNE

TOTAL \$

Bank Deposit

Account Name: St Margaret's P F

BSB: 083 347

Account: 426802879

Please add reference here:

Can you help pack on Friday morning
from 8.40am!

Name:

Phone:

Sure can!

Sorry not this time.

Positive Partnerships facilitate a range of workshops about autism specifically for parents/carers and school staff.



VIC Term 3&4 Workshops 2024

Explore our lineup of scheduled workshops throughout VIC for Term 3 and 4 in 2024. To learn more about our workshop options and to get in touch with us, simply scan the QR codes located at the bottom.

	Date	Program	Location
Term 3	23 & 24 Jul	2 Day Parent Carer workshop	Colac
	30 & 31 Jul	2 Day Professional Learning workshop	Mildura
	13 & 14 Aug	2 Day Parent Carer workshop	Footscray
	20 & 21 Aug	2 Day Professional Learning workshop	Wangaratta
	27 Aug & 3 Sep	Professional Learning sessional	National Online
	17 & 24 Sep	Parent Carer sessional	National Online

	Date	Program	Location2
Term 4	2 & 9 Oct	Parent Carer sessional	National Online
	15 & 16 Oct	2 Day Professional Learning workshop	Footscray
	29 & 30 Oct	2 Day Parent Carer workshop	Ballarat
	11 & 18 Nov	Professional Learning sessional	National Online
	12 & 13 Nov	2 Day Parent Carer workshop	Craigieburn
	26 & 27 Nov	2 Day Parent Carer workshop	Cranbourne

Scan the QR codes for information and resources on a range of topics.



Diverse Communities



Parent and Carer



Professional Learning



First Nations People

To find out more, please contact Jess Feary, VIC Coordinator
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Does your child love to sing?

Do they live and/or attend school in the 3219 postcode?



NORTH Children's Choir is currently able to offer a limited number of places at our EAST group which rehearses on Mondays.

Auditions for musically talented students in Grades 2-5
will be held at 3.45 - 4.45pm Monday 3rd June
at Newcomb Primary School

another  **BLUEBIRD**
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