



St. Margaret's
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term Two, Week 8
June 3rd, 2024

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From Susan's Desk

Dear Families,

Thank you to those families that came to help last Friday afternoon. We managed to clear out the storage shed and make room for when the new furniture arrives. We are so blessed to be part of such a supportive community that is willing to help out. This builds the connection between home and school, which further supports all students in our learning community.

The Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) is a national data collection of early childhood development. The AEDC ensures the right kind of support, services and resources is available to all children and families. For our Prep students, Miss Sarah will begin this data collection shortly. Further information will be emailed to prep families and there is a flyer attached to this newsletter.



If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify the school as soon as possible on the day of absence, through PAM or calling the front office. Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

All Victorian schools are required to contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence. If your child is absent on a particular day and you have not contacted the school to explain why, the absence will be marked as unexplained.

This system also promotes daily school attendance. Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education, they learn new things every day – missing school puts them behind.

Please return the Student code of Conduct and Parent Code of Conduct as soon as possible to your classroom teacher. If you wish to help out please return the Child Safe Code of Conduct with a copy of your WWCC to the front office.



COOKIE DOUGH UPDATE



Thank you to the 25 students that have already signed up and begun selling the cookie dough. So far we have sold 83 tubs! Let's see more students sign up to win some incredible prizes and to support our efforts in raising the \$20,00 needed for our 2025 wellbeing pod!

Have a great week

Susan

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

(new items in bold)

Term 2

June

Tuesday, June 4th
Thursday, June 6th
Friday, June 7th
Friday, June 7th
Monday, June 10th
Tuesday, June 11th
Wednesday, June 12th
Wednesday, June 12th
Wednesday, June 19th,
Wednesday, June 19th
Thursday, June 20th
Friday, June 21st
Friday, June 21st
Thursday, June 27th
Thursday, June 27th
Friday, June 28th

Social Justice Leadership excursion to the Immigration Museum
Eye Test Screening Years 1, 3, 6
Donut day
Assembly – 1/2 presenting
King's Birthday Public Holiday
Bully Zero Whole School Incursion
Prep Excursion - Werribee Zoo
Division Soccer – selected students
Cookie Orders close
Division Teeball – selected students
Prep/1/2 Non Eucharist Mass at St. Margaret's Church 9.15am
P&F special lunch
Assembly – Prep presenting
Years 3-6 Mass at St. Margaret's Church 9.15am
Reports go home
Final day of Term 2. 1.30pm dismissal

Term 3

July

Monday, July 15th
Tuesday, July 23rd
Tuesday, July 23rd
Tuesday, July 30th

First Day of Term 3
P&F lunch - Cheer Truck
Grandparents' Day
School Board 7pm

August

Wednesday, August 14th
Friday, August 16th
Sunday, August 18th
Monday, August 19th
Tuesday, August 20th
Friday, August 30th

Book Week Dress-up day. Theme: "Reading is Magic"
School Closure Day - Staff Professional Learning
Sacrament of First Eucharist 2.30pm
3 way Conversations – 2pm-6pm
3 way Conversations – 4pm-6pm
Donuts with Dad 8am
Raffle draw
Father's Day Stall
P&F Bake Sale

Saturday, August 31st

September

Tuesday, September 3rd
Friday, September 6th

Thursday, September 12th

Tuesday, September 20th

School Board 7pm
Italian Day
P&F pizza lunch
R U OK? & Footy Colours Day
P&F Pie lunch
Longest kick event
Final day of Term 3. 1.30pm dismissal

Calendar of Events

(new items in bold)

Term 4

October

Monday, October 7th
Tuesday, October 15th
Monday, October 21st
Wednesday, October 30th

First Day of Term 4
School Board 7pm
School Closure Day - Staff Professional Learning
Year 5 /6 Camp - Anglesea (until Friday, November 1st)

November

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

School Closure Day
Melbourne Cup public holiday
Sacrament of First Reconciliation: 12 noon

December

Friday, December 6th
Tuesday, December 10th
Thursday, December 12th
Tuesday, December 17th

School Closure Day - Staff Professional Learning
School Board 7pm
Whole School Carols Evening
Final day of Term 4. 1.30pm dismissal

By the tender mercy of our
God, the dawn from on high
will break upon us,
to give light to those who sit
in darkness and in the shadow
of death,
to guide our feet into the way
of peace."

Luke 1:78-79

A Prayer in Winter

Lord God, You see the darkness we face in this world. The winter days can make us feel the heaviness even more than usual. Thank You for not leaving us in the shadow of sin and death. You did not leave us without hope. When our hearts are filled with sorrow and angst over all the brokenness we see, help us to look to Jesus and hope in Him. He is the light shining into the darkest places. He is the One who can redeem all things. He can bring the peace and restoration our hearts longs for. I praise You that the darkness will not overcome His light.



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Student News

Reconciliation Liturgy

Yr 5/6 participated in a reconciliation liturgy led by the 2024 Fire Carriers on Wednesday. The reflection task was how we can use our hands to strengthen our relationship with Aboriginal and Torres Strait peoples. We aim to build a renewed relationship with Indigenous peoples based on the recognition of rights, respect and partnership. "Now more than ever."



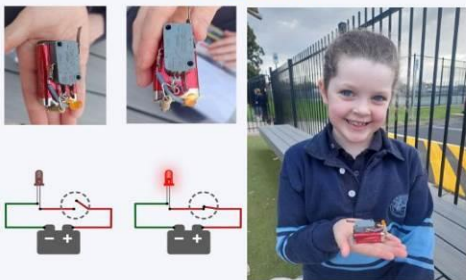
Student News



School Community News

Digital Technology

CREATING OPEN AND CLOSED CIRCUITS



"I made this circuit with my Grandad. We created a light switch using a battery, a switch and a light bulb"
- Izzy Porter

Designing, Creating and Producing Animations

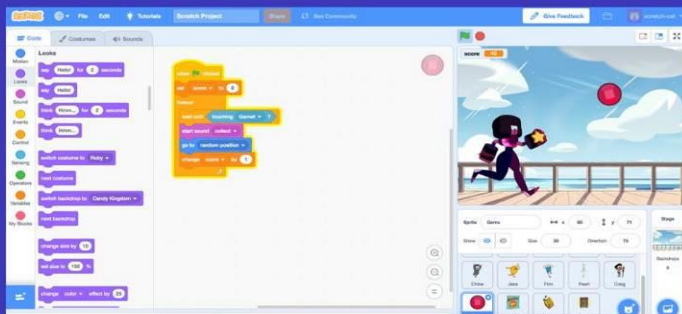


This term students have been exploring Scratch and Scratchjr to produce short animations.

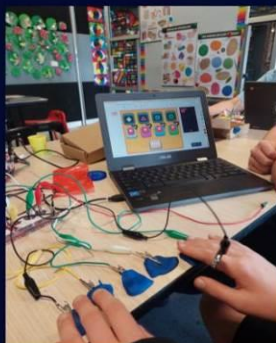


Students create algorithms called coding to animate their characters to move across their screen, disappear, spin and make noises.

Senior students have also been creating adventure games with their characters collecting tokens and coding score boards.



We created our controllers using play-doh and other conductive materials.



P & F News

BILLY G'S COOKIE DOUGH

Dear Parent/Guardians,

Thank you so much for continuously supporting our school, especially through fundraising. We are excited to announce we are holding a Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough drive as a major fundraiser this term. We have had many requests from families to run this fundraiser because they can't get enough of this cookie dough.

To achieve our goal and become one step closer to building the new well-being pod, we would love every student to try and sell 3-4 tubs each. The best way to reach this goal is to share on social media and ask friends, family and work colleagues.

Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough is an exciting fundraiser, made by an Australian, family owned and operated business. There are nine (9) dough-licious flavours to choose from, including the most popular Choc Chunk and Raspberry White Choc.

Get started! Students have now received a Billy G's Order Form with instructions on how to collect orders. Please note Billy G's is a completely cashless fundraiser. All orders must be placed online and paid by credit or debit card or PayPal, so make sure you create your online fundraising page at www.australianfundraising.com.au today!

Start Date: 24th May
Final Orders Due: 28th June
Estimated Delivery Date: 17th July

How do we create a Fundraising Page? Creating a fundraising page is easy!

1. Visit www.australianfundraising.com.au and click the "Cookie Dough Login" button on the home page. Then click the register button to fundraise on the cybersafe, Billy G's Cookie Dough platform.
2. Complete the registration details, Choose your goals and create a unique avatar!
3. Place your order using the "Order Now" button and share your fundraising page with your family and friends via the "Share" section so they can start buying some yummy cookie dough. Easy!

How do prizes work? Every student who sells 2 tubs will receive an incentive prize for their efforts! But why not aim higher? The more tubs you sell the more prizes you will receive! There are 11 prizes available, so set your own fundraising goal and aim for them all! Prizes are automatically ordered at the end of our fundraiser based on the number of tubs you have sold. You can also gain the chance to get your very own Billy G's Scented Gel Pens by obtaining all your online virtual badges.

Happy fundraising,
St Margaret's Parents & Friends

**RAISING FUNDS FOR OUR NEW
WELLBEING POD**



PROTECT

Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse.

No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.

Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.



It's everyone's responsibility.

Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse.

If you suspect abuse of any child or young person, you have a responsibility to report it, even if you are not sure.

Further information & resources

www.education.vic.gov.au/protect



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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The 2024 Australian Early Development Census

Every school counts

The Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) is a national census that builds a picture of how children have developed by the time they start their first year of full-time school.

Every school has a vital role to play in helping our nation collect the information it needs to better understand and respond to the needs of children and their families.

Since 2009, communities, schools and governments across Australia have used AEDC results to help provide services, resources and supports that give our kids the best start in life.

From May 2024, teachers will complete the census for children in their first year of full-time school.

AEDC results for individual children are not reported and individual children cannot be identified.

With the support of parents/carers and schools, we can build a more complete picture of early childhood development in Australia. If parents/carers consent to the collection of their child's information they do not need to do anything. Parents/carers only need to contact the school if they do not consent to the collection of their child's information.

To find out more about the AEDC and how schools, communities and governments are using the data to help children and families, visit www.aedc.gov.au.



School Holiday Creative Art Workshops

School Holiday Workshops for 8-12year olds.

Get creative and unwind at Bluebird House these holidays. Small groups. Professional Artists.

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