

NEWSLETTER



Melbourne Archdiocese
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St Margaret's
Primary School

Term Four, Week 2
October 14th, 2024
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From Susan's Desk

Leadership and Management News

Dear Families,

Our students have quickly settled back into their routines, and it was wonderful to see them again and hear all about their school holidays. The excitement and energy they bring to the start of the term is always lovely to see and we look forward to the learning and growth that will take place in the coming weeks.



During Term 4, our social justice leaders will be selling icy poles every Friday for \$1. This is a great opportunity for students to enjoy a treat while supporting the social justice team and their initiatives. Your participation not only helps raise funds but also fosters a spirit of community and generosity within the school.

This week, we will be holding our first 2025 prep orientation sessions on either Wednesday or Friday. To ensure each new student feels comfortable and well-supported in their new school environment, we are organising small group sessions. Sarah Bryant, our current prep teacher, will be welcoming the 2025 preps and guiding them through the orientation activities.

Meanwhile, our 2024 preps will be working with a familiar teacher from across the school during these sessions, ensuring they are also well looked after. We believe this approach will help all students feel confident and connected as they transition into the school community.

We would like to remind all families that school fees are due by October 18th. Our preferred method of payment is through a payment plan, which helps to manage payments in a structured manner. If you already have a plan in place, you can continue making payments according to your schedule. However, if you haven't set up a payment plan yet, we encourage you to visit the front office as soon as possible to arrange one and settle any outstanding fees for 2024. These fees play a crucial role in maintaining the quality of education we provide. They ensure that we can offer a wide range of experiences and meet all the educational needs of our students. If you're facing any difficulties in paying the fees, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to support you and can arrange a time to discuss flexible payment options.

Please be reminded that there will be a school closure day on Monday, October 21st. Our staff will be engaging off site with over 700 teachers from the western MACS schools to further develop our understanding of the Science of Learning. For families needing care on this day, Kelly Club will be available to provide childcare services. If you require care for your child, please contact Kelly Club directly to make a booking. This is a great option for families who need support during the school closure.

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 4

October

Tuesday, October 15 th	School Board 7pm
Wednesday, October 16 th	2025 Prep Orientation Session 1 - Groups 1 & 2 9.15-10.30 OR 11.45-1.00
Wednesday, October 16 th	P&F Meeting 6.30pm staff room
Friday, October 18 th	P&F special lunch
Friday, October 18 th	2025 Prep Orientation Session 1 - Groups 3 & 4 9.15-10.30 OR 11.45-1.00
Friday, October 18 th	Assembly – 5/6 presenting
Monday, October 21 st	School Closure Day - Staff Professional Learning
Friday, October 25 th	World Teacher's Day
Tuesday, October 29 th	Year 5/6 ONLY Student Free Day (staff TIL day for camp)
Wednesday, October 30 th	Year 5/6 Camp - Anglesea (until Friday, November 1 st)

November

Friday, November 1 st	Assembly – 3/4 presenting
Monday, November 4 th	School Closure Day
Tuesday, November 5 th	Melbourne Cup public holiday
Wednesday, Nov 6 th	Years 1/2/3/4 Science Incursion
Wednesday, Nov 6 th - 8 th	Prep Swimming Programme
Thursday, November 7 th	Year 5/6 Rail Incursion
Thursday, November 7 th - 8 th	Year 3/4 Sleep Over
Friday, November 8 th	P&F Special lunch
Monday, Nov 11 th - 15 th	Year 1/2 Swimming Programme
Tuesday, November 12 th	GALS online student session for Year 6 girls
Wednesday, Nov 13 th	2025 Prep Orientation Session 1 - Groups 1 & 2 9.15-10.30 OR 11.45-1.00
Thursday, Nov 14 th	2025 Prep Orientation Session 1 - Groups 3 & 4 9.15-10.30 OR 11.45-1.00
Friday, November 15 th	Saint Margaret's Day Celebrations & 75 th Anniversary of our School
Friday, November 22 nd	Assembly – 1/2 presenting
Thursday, November 28 th	Sacrament of First Reconciliation: 12 noon
Friday, November 29 th	Assembly – Prep presenting
Friday, November 29 th	RSVP for Year 6 Graduation due

December

Friday, December 6 th	School Closure Day - Staff Professional Learning
Tuesday, December 10 th	Whole School Step Up Orientation Day 2025 Prep Orientation Session 3 Parent Session 9.30-10.45.
Tuesday, December 10 th	School Board 7pm
Thursday, December 12 th	Whole School Carols Evening
Friday, December 13 th	Whole School Movie & Picnic end of year celebration
Monday, December 16 th	Year 6 Graduation
Tuesday, December 17 th	Final day of Term 4. 1.30pm dismissal

CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

Our staff are currently running a fundraiser to ensure we have the texts our students need for 2025!

If you'd like to support this, ADULTS (not students, please) can purchase a Cadbury Sweet Treat for \$1-\$2.

There will be a box located in the front office.

Thanks for your ongoing support!



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School Community News

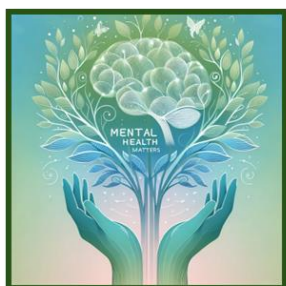
St Margaret's
CHOIR



**MONDAY LUNCHTIME
MULTI PURPOSE ROOM**

With Miss Cassi

School Community News



OCTOBER National Mental Health Awareness Month

The Mental Health theme for 2024 is *'Let's Talk About It'*. This theme emphasises the significance of open dialogue and communication regarding mental health across various platforms and settings.

Mental Health Month allows us to think about our mental health and wellbeing, regardless of whether we may have a lived experience of mental illness or not. It also gives us the opportunity to understand the importance of good mental health in our everyday lives and encourages help-seeking behaviours when needed.

What role will you play?

- **Will you be a community champion** and connect those in your community to mental health services?
- **Will you be a workplace wonder** and activate and motivate your colleagues to think about their mental health and promote Mental Health Month activities?
- **Will you be a school superstar?** Bringing mental health awareness to your school as either a student, teacher, staff or parent.
- **Will you be an amazing ally?** You can be a mental health supporter by listening and providing support to those who are experiencing mental ill-health.
- **Will you be an incredible individual?** You can prioritise your own mental health this month and explore new ways to support your mental health all year round.

Let's talk about MENTAL HEALTH

45% Almost half of Australians will experience a mental illness in their lifetime [1]

Mental illness is very common. One in five (20%) Australians aged 16-85 experience a mental illness in any year

Prevalence of mental illness decreases with age, with **greatest prevalence among 18-24 year olds**

Language around mental health

Mental health is about your wellbeing rather than about an illness. It affects how we:

- Think**
- Feel**
- Act**

Do say A person is 'living with' or 'has a diagnosis of' mental illness

5 TIPS TO LOOK AFTER YOUR WELLBEING

- Focus on your physical health (sleep, exercise, food).
- Nurture relationships and connect with others.
- Learn to manage stress.
- Take time out for things you enjoy. Balance in life is important.
- Reach out for help when you need it.

Need more info? Have a look at these pages

Headspace Beyond Blue Embrace Mental Health Foundation House Health Translations Lifeline (13 11 14)

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1. Australian Bureau of Statistics. (2009). National Survey of Mental Health and Wellbeing: Summary of Results, 4326.0, 2007. ABS: Canberra

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Navigating School Disengagement

Helping find the WHY

Are you worried about your child's disengagement from school? Join Gateway Support Services for an informative forum where you will receive strategies and guidance to support young people with additional needs to access and engage in their education.

When: 9:30am - 3pm Tuesday 12th November 2024

Where: Northern Aquatic Recreation Centre

Cost: \$25 per person (includes lunch and refreshments)

[Register now](#)

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