

NEWSLETTER



St Margaret's
Primary School

Term Four, Week 4
October 28th, 2024
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From Susan's Desk

Leadership and Management News

Dear Families,

We would like to take a moment to acknowledge and celebrate our incredible staff for World Teachers' Day. Thank you for all that you do, each and every day, to support and nurture our students. Their dedication and commitment are truly inspiring, and we are lucky to have such an amazing team here at our school. A special thank you as well to our P&F for recognising our staff last Friday by providing a lovely lunch. Your generosity and thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated.

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind families that student safety is of utmost importance to us. We kindly ask that students not be left unattended before school in areas such as the tennis courts, back oval, or playground. While we understand that students are excited to begin their day, it is essential that they are supervised by an adult if they choose to play in these areas. Our staff commence their morning duty at 8:40 a.m. to ensure students are safely monitored before the start of school. If your child arrives earlier than this time, they are expected to wait quietly in the passive play area until the bell rings. This protocol is in place to ensure the well-being of all students, and we greatly appreciate the cooperation of all families in adhering to this policy. Together, we can maintain a safe and caring environment for everyone in our school community.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the Year 5/6 camp at Anglesea this week. Camps provide a unique opportunity for students to build independence, strengthen friendships, and engage in hands-on learning in a different setting. We have many exciting activities planned that are sure to create lasting memories for the students. Please be reminded that Tuesday is a student-free day for our Year 5/6 students, allowing them time to prepare for camp and also giving the staff who will be attending the camp their TIL day. Your understanding and support of this schedule adjustment are greatly appreciated as it ensures that our camp can run smoothly and our staff are well-prepared. I will be attending the camp along with the students, and if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Renee Cunningham on Wednesday and Rosa O'Beirne on Thursday and Friday in my absence.

For our Year 3/4 students, we are also looking forward to an exciting week with the upcoming excursion to GMHBA Cats on Wednesday. This excursion is designed to promote both the mental and physical well-being of our students through engaging activities centred around health and wellness. The day will be filled with opportunities for students to learn about the importance of staying active, building resilience, and fostering positive mental health habits. It promises to be an enriching experience, and we are confident the students will gain a lot from the day. We look forward to hearing all about their adventures when they return.

Next Monday, November 4th, is a student-free day, and Tuesday, November 6th, is the Melbourne Cup public holiday. Due to the short week, there will be no newsletter next week. If you require care on these days, please contact Kelly Club. We wish all families a happy and safe long weekend next week.

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 4

October

Tuesday, October 29th **Year 5/6 ONLY Student Free Day** (staff TIL day for camp)
Wednesday, October 30th **Year 3/4 excursion to GMHBA**
Wednesday, October 30th Year 5/6 Camp - Anglesea (until Friday, November 1st)

November

Friday, November 1st Assembly – 3/4 presenting
Monday, November 4th **School Closure Day**
Tuesday, November 5th **Melbourne Cup public holiday**
Wednesday, Nov 6th Years 1/2/3/4 Science Incursion
Wednesday, Nov 6th - 8th Prep Swimming Programme
Thursday, November 7th Year 5/6 Rail Incursion
Thursday, November 7th - 8th Year 3/4 Sleep Over
Friday, November 8th P&F Special lunch
Monday, Nov 11th - 14th Year 1/2 Swimming Programme
Tuesday, November 12th GALS online student session for Year 6 girls
Wednesday, Nov 13th 2025 Prep Orientation Session 1 - Groups 1 & 2
9.15-10.30 OR 11.45-1.00
Thursday, Nov 14th 2025 Prep Orientation Session 1 - Groups 3 & 4
9.15-10.30 OR 11.45-1.00
Friday, November 15th Saint Margaret's Day Celebrations &
75th Anniversary of our School
Friday, November 22nd Assembly – 1/2 presenting
Thursday, November 28th Sacrament of First Reconciliation: 12 noon
Thursday, November 28th **GALS at Deakin 9.30-2.30 for Year 6 girls**
Friday, November 29th Assembly – Prep presenting
Friday, November 29th RSVP for Year 6 Graduation due

December

Monday, December 2nd **Year 5/6 excursion to Adventure Park**
Tuesday, December 3rd **2025 School Captain speeches & leadership applications due**
Friday, December 6th **School Closure Day - Staff Professional Learning**
Tuesday, December 10th Whole School Step Up Orientation Day
2025 Prep Orientation Session 3
Parent Session 9.30-10.45.
Tuesday, December 10th School Board 7pm
Thursday, December 12th Whole School Carols Evening
Friday, December 13th Whole School Movie & Picnic end of year celebration
Monday, December 16th Year 6 Graduation
Tuesday, December 17th Final day of Term 4. 1.30pm dismissal

A Prayer for Mealtimes

Thank you, God for all the gifts you give us. We thank you for the gift of this food. We thank you for those who grew the food. We thank you for those who prepared and cooked the food. Please always be at the table with us, and bless us as we share our meal. Amen.

School Community News



ICE POLE FRIDAY

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Thank you Social Justice Leaders

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!



Train Enthusiasts!

A local resident, John is looking to give away all these electric trains to some new loving owners. If your family has an interest in these, please contact the office and they will give you John's number.

Thanks for Shae in Year 4!

After hearing about our missing morning sports equipment, Shae made some crafts to sell at the office. She has raised \$15 and we have purchased some downballs to be used before school. Thank you Shae!

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School Community News



St. Margaret's
Christmas
Concert



JUNIOR BASKETBALL COURTS

P & F BBQ | **12TH** | **5:30 PM**
DECEMBER



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CATERING FOR ALL SQUAD LEVELS, BEGINNER TO HIGH PERFORMANCE

MULTIPLE VENUES IN GEELONG

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