

# NEWSLETTER



St Margaret's  
Primary School

Term Two, Week 2  
April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
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## From Susan's Desk

Dear Families,

Every day at school matters. Regular attendance is not only essential for academic learning but also for building friendships, routines, and a sense of belonging. Research shows that students who attend school regularly are more likely to succeed academically, develop strong social skills, and have better long-term life outcomes. When students miss school, even occasionally, it can have a significant impact on their learning progress and confidence. That's why we say, *school is better when you are here!*

If your child is going to be absent, please let us know as soon as possible. You can do this by calling the school, using PAM, and informing your child's classroom teacher. Keeping communication open helps us support your child and ensure their wellbeing. At St Margaret's, child safety is our highest priority. When students are present at school, we can provide a safe, structured environment with trusted adults, predictable routines, and ongoing support. When students are absent and we are unaware of their whereabouts, it becomes a child safety concern. That's why it's so important to notify the school if your child is not attending. Together, we can ensure every student feels safe, supported, and connected.

## Leadership and Management News



Thank you to all families who contributed to our beautiful ANZAC display at school. Your efforts have helped create a thoughtful and reflective space that honours those who have served or continue to serve our country. We warmly invite you to take the time to visit the display, pause, and remember the sacrifices made for our freedom.



Today, we held our school ANZAC liturgy—a special time for our community to gather, pray, and reflect. We are also proud to share that our School and Religious Education Leaders are representing St Margaret's at the Victorian Schools ANZAC Commemorative Service at the Shrine of Remembrance. What a meaningful way for our students to learn about history, service, and gratitude.



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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

Our next Parents & Friends meeting will be held this **Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the staffroom**. We will be finalising preparations for Mother's Day, including our *Muffins with Mum* morning, the Mother's Day raffle, and the always-popular Mother's Day stall. These events are highlights in our school calendar, and we'd love to see some new and familiar faces involved. Your support makes all the difference!

This year, the P&F are excited to begin a special project focused on improving our outdoor garden spaces. To kick off this initiative, we are holding a **Working Bee on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 8am**. We would love to have as many families as possible come along to help prepare the area. If you have any specialist equipment for digging, soil preparation, or planting, please bring it along. This garden project is a collaborative effort between the P&F and our student leaders, with student voice at the heart of the planning. It's a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community and build something beautiful and lasting for our students to enjoy.

If you'd like to know more, come along to Wednesday's meeting, or speak with one of our P&F members or Susan. Let's make this a shared vision and create a special space for everyone.

We wish those representing our school at the District Cross Country on Wednesday a great experience. We know you will represent St Margaret's with pride and display wonderful sportsmanship. We are proud of your efforts and wish you all the best on the day!

Have a great week!

*Susan Perks*



## District Cross Country 2025 Team

### 9/10 BOYS

1. Franki Pease
2. Harry Higgins.
3. Eden Tran.
4. Aiden Coumans.
5. Miles Hope.
6. Mac Salkeld.
7. Myles Drever.

### 9/10 GIRLS

1. Niah Mirmilstein.
2. Kartia Mirmilstein.
3. Summer Ryan
4. Ivy Mason.
5. Friday Foley.
6. Holly Maloney.
7. Claudia Walker.

### 11 BOYS

1. Toby Broad.
2. Ishe Tobayiwa.
3. Jack O'brien.
4. Archer McIntosh.
5. Sonny Kirwan.

### 11 GIRLS

1. Loyola Jackson.
2. Elizabeth Mendiola.
3. Tamiko Kai.
4. Frankie Payne.

### 12/13 BOYS

1. Charlie Richardson.
2. Zac Winterton.
3. Isaak Flannagan.
4. Lorenzo Manna.
5. Archie Turner.

### 12/13 GIRLS

1. Pearl Foley.
2. Harriet Salkeld.
3. Ruby O'Leary
4. Asha Clapinski.
5. Molly Herwynen.



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**Calendar of Events**

*(new items in bold)*

**Term Two**

**April**

Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>

ANZAC School Service @ The Shrine (selected students)  
ANZAC Day Liturgy 11am

**Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

**District Cross Country - selected students**  
P&F Meeting 7pm in the staffroom

**May**

**Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**School Assembly (5/6 Leaders)**  
**Bookclub Issue 3 due back**  
**Story Dogs**

Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

School Board 7pm

**Wednesday May 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Peace run Visit**

**Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**

Muffins with Mum for Mother's Day 8am

Mother's Day Stall

Melbourne Writers Festival Excursion (selected students)

**Story Dogs**

Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

P-2 Incursion: Responsible Pet Education

Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

Whole School Photo

**Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

**School Assembly (Years 5/6)**

**Story Dogs**

**Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Working Bee – from 8am**

Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>

National Simultaneous Storytime 12 noon

**Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Story Dogs**

**Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**

**School Assembly (Years 3/4)**

**Story Dogs**

**June**

**Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Story Dogs**

**Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**

**King's Birthday public holiday**

**Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**

**School Closure Day - Staff PL**

**Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>**

**School Assembly (Years 1/ 2)**

**P&F Special Lunch**

**Story Dogs**

**Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Story Dogs**

**Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>**

**School Assembly (Prep)**

**Story Dogs**

Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>

School Board 7pm

**July**

**Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Reports to Parents**

Term Two ends - 1.30pm dismissal

*Eternal rest grant unto Francis, O Lord.  
And let the perpetual light shine upon him.  
And may his soul,  
and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen.*





## Calendar of Events

### July

**Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>

### August

Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>

### September

Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

### October

**Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

### November

**Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Wed-Fri, Nov 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>

### December

**Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

## Term Three

### School Closure Day - Staff PL

Students begin Term Three

School Board 7pm  
Book Fair Week  
Emmaus Meal 5.30pm  
Book Week begins 'Book an Adventure'  
Sacrament of First Eucharist 2.30pm

School Board 7pm  
Term Three ends. 1.30pm dismissal

## Term Four

### School Closure Day - Staff PL

Students begin Term Four  
School Board 7pm

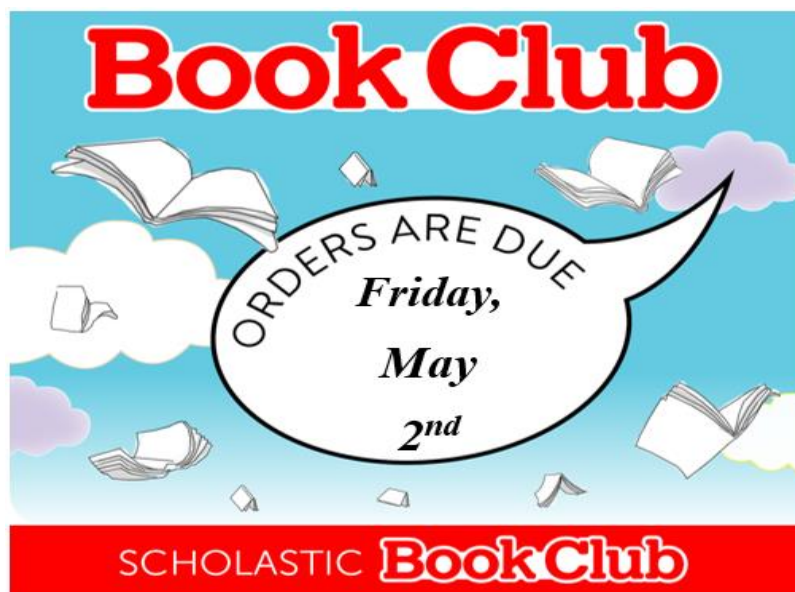
### School Closure Day

### Melbourne Cup Public holiday

Year 5/6 students at Camp Kangarooobie  
Year 5/6 only, student free day (TIL staff day)  
Remembrance Day  
Penance Preparation Family Evening 5.30pm  
Sacrament of Penance 12 noon

### School Closure Day - Staff PL

School Board 7pm  
Year 6 Graduation  
End of Term Four 1.30pm dismissal





The ANZACS sacrificed their lives one day.  
It left their families in dismay.  
But they were were proud for being so brave,  
But when they left, they were blue.  
Some were just teenagers not so old,  
But many great stories they told.  
With crashes and Bangs, they risied for us,  
And when some came home we caused such  
a fuss. But they werent much in numbers  
not a ton. But it was told as the  
battle they won. Friday 3/4LC



## School Community News

Exciting news! St. Margaret's Primary school has partnered with Maranda from Hart and Harmony to provide a parent and staff workshop to build emotional resilience and self-regulation in young children using a body-based, play-centred approach. Maranda's trauma-sensitive sessions integrate:

- Children's yoga and yoga therapy
- Emotional Freedom Techniques (EFT or "tapping")
- HeartMath heart coherence meditation
- Sound therapy
- Mindfulness, breathing practices, and meditation

In Term Two 10 students will be participating in an eight-week 45 minute session with Maranda from Hart and Harmony to help build their emotional resilience and self-regulation. We hope to be able to offer this support to others in the future. More recently parents attended a one hour workshop with their child.

Kind regards

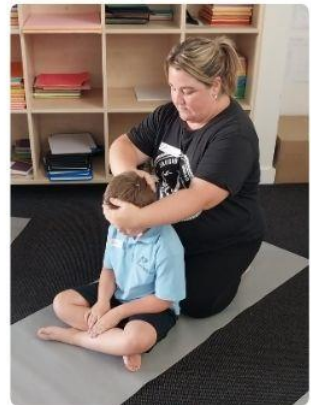
Sonja Ginn

Learning Diversity & Wellbeing Leader



### Hart in Harmony Parent & Child Wellbeing workshop

I appreciate that Maranda always respects where the children are at in each moment, and is extremely good at gently encouraging participation, but also empowering the child with the choice to join in when they are ready.  
Parent reflection



# EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

He/She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	over 13 years of schooling. that's....
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly HALF A YEAR
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Nearly 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 YEAR
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 AND A HALF YEARS
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Nearly 2 AND A HALF YEARS



Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

That's when every minute counts the most!









St Margarets Primary P&F

tickets  
\$20

# Mother's day Raffle

Enter  
Now!



Prizes Drawn  
Fri 9 May

over \$2000 worth of  
prizes to be won!

\$900 worth of Bellarine Winery vouchers including Jack Rabbit, Terindah Estate and The Whiskery, PLUS your own chauffeur driven ride for the trip thanks to Galaxy Limousines!

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**Working Bee**  
**Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup>**

**from 8am**

**Please join us as we**  
**begin our P&F Garden**

 **Project.**







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### **CLASS DETAILS - ST MARGARET'S PRIMARY - GEELONG**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>COST</b>
Wednesdays	1:30-2:20pm	Multi-purpose Room	30 April to 25 Jun	\$145 per child/per term

*"Alex loves chess club and gets very upset if he misses a session. His chess has definitely improved and his teacher, Anita feels that it helps with his math in class in terms of concepts and thinking. Keep up the great work!"* **Katrina Lambert: Hampton Primary School**

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@ EBB AND FLOW WELLNESS STUDIO,  
NEWTOWN  
MONDAY MAY 5 - JUNE 30  
@ 4.15-5PM

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