

# NEWSLETTER



Melbourne Archdiocese  
Catholic Schools



St Margaret's  
Primary School

*Term Two, Week 7*  
*June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025*  
*#17*

## *From Susan's Desk*

Dear Families,

We have some exciting news to share—our school beanies have arrived! These stylish and warm beanies are now available to order via the school's Flexischools app. Each beanie costs \$20, with all proceeds going directly towards purchasing texts for our Semester 2 text-based literacy units. This is a wonderful way to support our students' learning while keeping warm during the cooler months. We encourage all students who wish to wear a beanie to school to purchase the official school beanie, so it becomes a proud and consistent part of our school uniform. We love seeing both staff and students already proudly wearing their school beanies!



The P&F Drive Tree initiative has been a tremendous success. Thanks to the generosity of our families, most of the plants needed for the garden have been purchased. Tree orders officially close on June 6th, donations can continue to be given via the flexi schools app until June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Tree collection for those who ordered for their home gardens will take place on Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 4pm and Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon-3pm. These two days also mark the start of the exciting planting phase of our school garden. After such a strong turnout at our last working bee, where we prepared the garden beds, we're hoping for another great group of volunteers to help us get the trees into the ground. Please mark these dates and times in your calendar—we'd love to see as many families as possible come along and lend a hand. Let's work together to make our garden a vibrant and welcoming space for all students to enjoy.

It's been wonderful to see our Prep students settling in so confidently. They are now walking into class independently each morning and are becoming more capable of getting ready for their day. It's great to watch their confidence and independence grow as they continue to flourish in their first year of school.

As we head into the cooler winter months, we ask families to ensure that students are wearing the correct winter uniform, including appropriate socks. We've noticed some creative combinations, such as summer dresses worn with tights. We kindly ask that students wear either the full summer or full winter uniform—not a mix of both. Coats are encouraged as we aim to head outdoors each day, even if there is a little drizzle. And don't forget—if your child likes to wear a beanie to keep warm, the school beanie is the perfect option!

We have noticed an increase in students requesting extra food, as they are still hungry after finishing what's been packed. While we do have emergency sandwiches available for students who forget their lunch, the demand for additional food has grown significantly — over the past two weeks alone, we've given out more than 60 sandwiches. Please discuss with your child to see if they require more food each day, or if labelling snack, crunch and lunch would be helpful for them.

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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.

## Learning and Teaching News

At St Margaret's, we are deeply committed to the safety and wellbeing of all students. We uphold the Child Safe Standards and align our practices with the PROTECT framework. Creating and maintaining a child-safe environment is everyone's responsibility—staff, students, parents, and volunteers. We take this responsibility seriously and consistently review and refine our policies and procedures to ensure we are doing all we can to keep every child safe, supported, and respected. Please see a summary of the Child Safe Standards attached to this newsletter as well as information from PROTECT.

A quick reminder that Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> is a public holiday for the King's Birthday, and Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> is a student-free day. We hope all our families enjoy the long weekend - take the opportunity to rest, recharge, and prepare for the final few weeks of term.

Have a great week!

*Susan Perks*



## Calendar of Events

(new items in bold)

### Term Two

#### June

Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>  
**Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>  
**Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>  
**Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>**

Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>

#### July

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

Book club orders due  
1/2 Excursion Werribee Zoo  
Story Dogs  
**King's Birthday public holiday**  
**School Closure Day - Staff PL**  
School Assembly (Years 1/ 2)  
P&F Special Lunch  
Story Dogs  
Working Bee (planting /tree collection)  
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Division Soccer - selected students  
**Girls Division Netball - selected students**  
Story Dogs  
**Division AFL - selected students**  
School Board 7pm  
Division Tee-Ball - selected students  
School Assembly (Prep)  
Story Dogs

Reports to Parents  
Term Two ends - 1.30pm dismissal



### Well Done Zac!

Congratulations to Zac Winterton for his achievements in making it to the Vic Metro Squad in under 12s.

## Calendar of Events

### Term Three

#### 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>

Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>

#### September

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

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

**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'

Book Week Dress Up Parade

Sacrament of First Eucharist 2.30pm

School Board 7pm

Term Three ends. 1.30pm dismissal

### Term Four

#### 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>

**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

### *Prayer for National Reconciliation Week*

*Creator God, Give us the courage to accept the realities of our history so that we may build a better future for our Nation. Teach us to respect all cultures. Teach us to care for our land and waters. Help us to share justly the resources of this land. Help us to bring about spiritual and social change to improve the quality of life for all groups in our communities, especially the disadvantaged. Help young people to find true dignity and self-esteem by your Spirit. Amen*

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## School Community News

Our FIRE Carriers  
visited GMHBA  
stadium



### *Aussie of the Month*

*Dhyani Ka Patel*

*Mateship - generosity of spirit and  
compassion for those in need.*

*For always standing up for what is right and looking  
after friends in need. Dhyani is a wonderful role  
model to our younger students and helps out in our  
school community wherever she sees an opportunity.*

## Student of the Week Awards

CLASS	STUDENT	AWARDS – Term 2 Week 6 Friday, May 30th, 2025
Prep PB	Huxley Drew	For bringing joy and laughter to our classroom each day with his clever jokes and humor. We appreciate you Huxley.
Prep PB	Archie Reiffel	For spreading kindness everyday with his smile and enthusiastic greetings. Great work Archie.
Prep SB	Indira Clapinski	For working hard during independent learning and for listening and following instructions. Well Done, Indira!
Prep SB	Max Mactier	For always trying your best during independent learning time and seeking help when you need it, Well done Max!

## Student of the Week Awards

CLASS	STUDENT	AWARDS – Term 2 Week 6 Friday, May 30th, 2025
1/2 EK	Gurmann Parinja	For working attentively during independent work. Keep this up!
1/2 EK	Harley Ballard	For showing curiosity during our inquiry unit on endangered animals.
1/2 JB	Piper Drever	For listening and following directions. Well done and keep up the good work!
1/2 JB	Mia McGennissen	For being a good friend. Well done Mia.
3/4 EC	Luella Young	For your positive attitude across all areas of school, showing zest and enthusiasm in everything you do.
3/4 EC	Levi Deocampo	For showing curiosity in your Inquiry learning and eagerly sharing your knowledge with others.
3/4 HM	Georgia McGennissen	For working hard in maths by staying focused, asking for help when needed, and trying your best on every task.
3/4 HM	Zainab Kamran	For showing true leadership in the classroom by standing up for others, making kind choices, and always following our school values.
3/4 LC	Jayda Sperling	For using interesting words in her writing and joining in class discussion with thoughtful ideas.
3/4 LC	George Vapp	For his considerate actions towards others and his creativity in learning.
3/4 JK-CB	Harvey Little	For consistently trying his best and taking pride in presenting his work neatly.
3/4 JK-CB	Jonathon Reid	For showing persistence and determination towards completing learning tasks.
5/6 DJ-JW	Molly Herwynen	For bringing positive vibes to our classroom. Thank you for all the extra support you give to our classroom
5/6 DJ-JW	Myles Anderson	For an amazing 'All About Me' project! We loved learning new things about you.
5/6 FM	Rylan Littlewood	For improving your reading fluency. Well done on all your hard work!
5/6 FM	Bella Cioch	For outstanding writing. Well done for including appositives to improve your sentences.
5/6 KH	Jake Poole	For demonstrating focus and determination to improve in reading fluency. Well done!
5/6 KH	Chloe Bidlo	For being a great role model to others and working really hard at school. Well done!
Principal's Award	Lua Augert	For being a kind friend and including others.



*together in faith*

*School Community News*

ST MARGARET'S TREE DRIVE

# Final Days

ORDERS CLOSE  
FRIDAY 6 JUNE

DONATIONS  
CLOSE 12 JUNE

BUY A TREE  
FOR HOME

MAKE A  
DONATION

SPONSOR  
A TREE 



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***School Community News***



**P&F TREE  
DRIVE**

**IT'S TIME TO PLANT!**

Tree planting and Tree Drive collection.

Be a part of our new garden and make a  
difference!

This is a National Tree Planting Day Event for  
our school.

**Friday June 13<sup>th</sup> 2pm-4pm**  
**Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> 12noon-3pm**



# WINTER IS COMING

THE SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP ARE  
ORGANISING A BEANIE, SOCKS, SCARF  
AND COATS DRIVE  
FOR CHRIST  
BREAKFAST/UNDERPRIVILEGE  
PEOPLE OF OUR COMMUNITY

PRELOVED ITEMS WELCOMED

DONATIONS TO BE LEFT IN CLASSROOMS  
AND SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP WILL  
COLLECT

PLEASE DONATE BY END OF TERM 2



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# COINS FOR CARITAS



A big thank you to all our families for your generosity and support during Lent as we took part in 'Coins for Caritas'.

Together, we raised \$1686.40, which will go directly to Caritas Australia to support communities in need around the world.

Your contributions have helped teach our students the power of kindness, compassion, and giving—and made a real difference in the lives of others.

Thank you for being part of this wonderful act of love throughout Lent.



**ST MARGARETS P&F**

# Pizza Lunch

THANKS TO  
PIZZAS WITH ATTITUDE EAST GEELONG

**FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

**ORDER VIA FLEXISCHOOLS  
BY TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**




# Victoria's Child Safe Standards

## Plain language summary

**1** Your organisation welcomes Aboriginal children. You support them to express their culture and to enjoy their rights. You don't allow racism.




**4** Your organisation tells families and the community about what you do, and how you keep children safe from harm and abuse. You help families to have a say and to take part in decisions that affect their child.




**7** Children and their families know how to make a complaint and what happens when a complaint is made. Your staff know how to respond properly to complaints.



**10** Your organisation checks and improves the ways you keep children safe from abuse and harm.




**2** Child safety is important to everyone at all levels in your organisation. You document how you find, avoid, and stop risks of child abuse or harm.




**5** Your organisation understands that every child is different and has different needs. You make sure that they can get the information and help that they need.




**8** Your organisation trains and supports staff to keep children safe from abuse and harm. Your staff know the signs of child abuse and harm and what to do if there are issues of abuse and harm.




**11** Your organisation has written policies about how you keep children safe from abuse and harm. They are easy to understand, and all staff follow them.




**3** Your organisation supports children to know their rights to be safe from abuse, informed, and involved. You help them to talk openly and take part in decisions that affect them.



**6** Staff know what they must do to keep children safe from abuse and harm. They record, report, and share information about child safety when they should. Staff who work with children have had the background checks they need.



**9** Your organisation makes sure children are safe when they use your services, settings, and activities. This includes when children are online.



For more information, contact the Commission for Children and Young People  
[www.cccyp.vic.gov.au](http://www.cccyp.vic.gov.au)



COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

# 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](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/protect)



# STARTING FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> MAY

## 5PM TIL 6PM



## GOOD CLEAN FUN

Contact Rachel - 0414406861 for further information

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