

NEWSLETTER



Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools



St Margaret's
Primary School

Term Two, Week 9
June 16th, 2025
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From Susan's Desk

Dear Families,

We hope this week finds you well. As we enter the final weeks of term, the school continues to be a place of vibrant learning, celebration, and community spirit.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we worked through unexpected Tree Drive supplier delays. We are pleased to confirm our revised dates for the Tree Drive Collection and Working Bee. Families can collect their trees on Friday, June 20th from 2–4pm and Saturday, June 21st from 12–3pm. We invite families to stay on either day to help with our Working Bee, where we will plant the trees around the school grounds. This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together and contribute to our school's environment and sustainability. We encourage as many families as possible to join us—many hands make light work!



Last week, students from Years 3 to 6 attended Mass to celebrate Pentecost, one of the most significant feast days in the Catholic calendar. Pentecost marks the moment the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles, empowering them to go out and spread the Good News. Often referred to as the “birthday of the Church,” it reminds us of our mission to live out our faith with courage, compassion, and joy. At St Margaret's, we reflect on how the Spirit continues to guide our community and empower our students to use their gifts in the service of others.

There's been a delightful buzz in the Prep classrooms this week with the arrival of fertilised eggs and the anticipation of chicken hatching! The program allows our youngest learners to observe the lifecycle of chickens first-hand, sparking curiosity, empathy, and awe. Each year level will have the opportunity to visit the Preps and witness the hatching process as the chicks emerge over the week. We thank our Prep team for organising such a memorable experience for our students.



This week, selected students from Years 5 and 6 are proudly representing St Margaret's at the Division Netball and Soccer competitions. These events are more than just sporting contests—they are opportunities to demonstrate teamwork, resilience, and sportsmanship. We commend all students participating for their commitment and enthusiasm and wish them well for their matches.

With winter well and truly here, please ensure your child comes to school each day in full school uniform, including a warm school jumper or jacket. We've noticed a growing number of unnamed items in lost property including the new school beanies—please make sure all clothing is clearly labelled. Additionally, we continue to encourage independence and resilience in our students. A reminder that students, particularly in the junior years, are supported to enter the classroom independently each morning. These routines help to foster confidence and readiness for learning.

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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

We'd like to take a moment to clarify our approach to Student of the Week awards presented at assembly. We do not notify families in advance of these awards, as it is not always possible to guarantee contact with all parents. Additionally, the time required to coordinate this each week places a significant burden on our staff, who are already managing many responsibilities. We understand that some parents may feel disappointed not to be present when their child is recognised, but we believe it is important to set realistic and fair expectations. The exception to this is our "Aussie of the Month" award, which is a special and less frequent honour—families are notified ahead of time for this occasion. As always, all Student of the Week award recipients are acknowledged in the school newsletter, allowing our whole community to celebrate their achievements. We warmly invite all families to attend assemblies and school Masses as often as possible. Your presence helps build a strong sense of community and strengthens the important partnership between home and school. We thank you for your continued support and understanding.

We remain committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children. As part of the PROTECT framework and our Child Safe Standards, we regularly review our policies and practices. We encourage all families to familiarise themselves with our policies available on the school website and to reach out if you have any concerns or feedback.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement in our school life.

Have a great week!

Susan Perks



Calendar of Events

(new items in bold)

Term Two

June

Wednesday, June 18th

Thursday, June 19th

Friday, June 20th

Saturday, June 21st

Tuesday, June 24th

Wednesday, June 25th

Thursday, June 26th

Friday, June 27th

July

Friday, July 4th

Division Soccer - selected students (note date change)

Girls Division Netball - selected students

Story Dogs

Working Bee (planting /tree collection) 2-4pm

Working Bee (planting /tree collection) 12-3pm

Division AFL - selected students

School Board 7pm POSTPONED

Division Tee-Ball - selected students

Finish off Athletics Relays

School Assembly (Prep)

Story Dogs

Reports to Parents

Term Two ends - 1.30pm dismissal

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Calendar of Events

Term Three

July

Monday, July 21st
Tuesday, July 22nd

School Closure Day - Staff PL
Students begin Term Three

August

Tuesday, August 5th
Tuesday, August 12th
Wednesday, August 13th
Monday, August 18th
Tuesday, August 19th
Sunday, August 31st

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

September

Tuesday, September 9th
Friday, September 19th

School Board 7pm
Term Three ends. 1.30pm dismissal

Term Four

October

Monday, October 6th
Tuesday, October 7th
Tuesday, October 21st

School Closure Day - Staff PL
Students begin Term Four
School Board 7pm

November

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

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

December

Friday, December 5th
Tuesday, December 9th
Monday, December 15th
Tuesday, December 16th

School Closure Day - Staff PL
School Board 7pm
Year 6 Graduation
End of Term Four 1.30pm dismissal

Take Time



Take time to play –it is the secret of youth.

Take time to read –it is the fountain of knowledge

Take time to work –it is the price of success

Take time to think –it is the source of power

Take time to dream –it hitches the soul to the stars.

Take time to laugh –it is the singing that helps life's load

Take time to love –it is a sacrament of life.

Take time to enjoy friends –it is the source of happiness



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ST. MARGARETS PRIMARY SCHOOL FINISHING OFF ATHLETICS DAY!

WHERE: OVAL

**WHAT: RELAY RACES GRADE 3-6
STAFF VS PARENTS RELAY**

**WHEN: THURSDAY 26TH JUNE
(AFTER LUNCH)**



WINNING HOUSE WILL BE ANNOUNCED AFTER EVENTS

School Community News



Sports Academy Update



The Sports Academy is a program offered to all Grade 3-6 students at St. Margarets. Students have the opportunity to select a sport and be part of a dedicated academy group, focusing on developing skills, techniques, and game awareness in their chosen area.

Throughout the year, every student is guaranteed a place in at least one sport, with the chance to experience more depending on availability. The program aims to build confidence, teamwork, and enjoyment through coaching and engaging, skill-based sessions.

Student of the Week Awards

CLASS	STUDENT	AWARDS – Term 2 Week 8 Friday, June 13 th , 2025
Prep PB	Marli Maccoll	For her excellent efforts in her learning. We are proud of how hard you are working Marli, Well done!
Prep PB	Lennox Mahoney	For being a kind and caring friend. We all appreciate the warmth that you bring to the classroom.

Student of the Week Awards

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Prep SB	Fadila Sepic	For showing kindness to others every day and being a thoughtful classmate. Thank you Fadila!
Prep SB	Harlow Weber	For stepping out of your shell and shining your light! Great work Harlow!
1/2 EK	Amaya Kai	For being a good friend out in the yard and in the classroom. Keep it up!
1/2 EK	Rose Purser	For always striving to do your best and taking on risks during our daily review.
1/2 JB	Harry Ferrier	For your positive and enthusiastic attitude shown towards your schooling. Well done Harry!
1/2 JB	Alfred Holland	For demonstrating a growth mindset towards all learning tasks. Well done Alfred!
3/4 EC	Joa Dredge	For showing courage and kindness in building new friendships.
3/4 EC	Addison Launer	For confidently building complex sentences and adding detail to make your writing more expressive.
3/4 HM	Mila Tran	For a persistent effort in Writing and constructing quality writing pieces.
3/4 HM	Mac Salkeld	For extending yourself in Maths and achieving great scores.
3/4 LC	Jayda Sperling	For beautiful, fluent reading and for using Tier Two words in her writing.
3/4 LC	Oscar Poole	For his terrific contribution to class discussion, and for his focus and skill in Maths.
3/4 JK-CB	Sarah Smith	For using some wonderful adjectives in her writing pieces
3/4 JK-CB	River Munn	For his positive approach towards his learning and improved effort with his writing
5/6 DJ-JW	Aryan Prasad	The excellent effort he is putting into all tasks, resulting in some great improvement.
5/6 DJ-JW	Amelia Brown	For the initiative she is showing in her leadership, and the kindness she shares with the students around her.
5/6 FM	Pearl Foley	For your excellent free write 'The Split' - a fantastic piece of writing. Well done!
5/6 FM	Quinnie Westwood	For your excellent free writing piece, great writing. Well done Quinnie!
5/6 KH	Ivy Simonson	Always willing to partner with any student in class and staying and always staying focused
5/6 KH	Daniel Thomas	Always showing kindness and respect to all students every single day



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



Prep - 2 Liturgy

Friday 20th June
St Margaret's Church
10:30am





KELLY CLUB

JULY 2025

HOLIDAY PROGRAM

ST MARGARETS PRIMARY SCHOOL
AT 83 ST ALBANS RD, GEELONG EAST, VIC, 7600AM - 6:00PM

WEEK 1

Mon 7 July	 KELLY CLUB	KELLY CLUB CLOSED	FULL FEE \$80.00 AFTER MAX CCS* \$8.00
Tues 8 July	 KELLY CLUB	KELLY CLUB CLOSED	FULL FEE \$120 AFTER MAX CCS* \$12
Wed 9 July	 KELLY CLUB	KELLY CLUB CLOSED	FULL FEE \$110 AFTER MAX CCS* \$11
Thur 10 July	 KELLY CLUB	KELLY CLUB CLOSED	FULL FEE \$80.00 AFTER MAX CCS* \$8.00
Fri 11 July	 KELLY CLUB	KELLY CLUB CLOSED	FULL FEE \$80.00 AFTER MAX CCS* \$8.00

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*Childcare subsidy (CCS) may apply. Please refer to Services Australia Childcare Subsidy for eligibility and entitlement.



WEEK 2

Mon 14 July	 COZY COMFORTS	Rainy days don't have to be boring, especially at Kelly Club! Embrace the wet weather by making your own book or boardgame, then cozying up with some hot chocolate and create a movie with us!	FULL FEE \$80.00 AFTER MAX CCS* \$8.00
Tues 15 July	 EXCURSION	ELIO MOVIE ADVENTURE Join us for an out-of-this-world adventure with Disney & Pixar's Elio! Get ready for laughs, heart, and cosmic fun as Elio becomes Earth's unlikely ambassador.	FULL FEE \$120 AFTER MAX CCS* \$12
Wed 16 July	 INCURSION	SURVIVOR INCURSION SURVIVOR: Kelly Sport Edition Get ready for epic challenges that test teamwork, grit, and game spirit—just like the hit show! Who will outplay, outlast, and outsmart?	FULL FEE \$110 AFTER MAX CCS* \$11
Thur 17 July	 SHOW AND TELL + CONCERT DAY!	Bring your favorite story, talent, or treasure to share — then get ready to rock out with an awesome live concert! It's a day full of creativity, music, and fun you won't want to miss!	FULL FEE \$80.00 AFTER MAX CCS* \$8.00
Fri 18 July	 CHRISTMAS IN JULY	Beat the heat with cool crafts, festive games, and holiday cheer—summer style! Get ready for a jolly good time full of surprises, treats, and all the magic of Christmas... in July!	FULL FEE \$80.00 AFTER MAX CCS* \$8.00



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