

NEWSLETTER



Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools



St Margaret's
Primary School

Term Two, Week 10
June 23rd, 2025
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From Susan's Desk

Dear Families,



and the cubby! This is what makes our school so special. The garden will not only enhance our grounds but provide wonderful learning opportunities for years to come. As a community we have created a lasting legacy for many students over many years to enjoy!

Our P-2 Liturgy last Friday was another beautiful example of our school, family, and parish working together to nurture faith in our young people. It was lovely to see so many families attending, and to witness the children becoming more confident in Mass and continuing to grow in their understanding of our Catholic traditions. The partnership between home, school, and church is vital in the faith development of our students and it is heartening to see it so strongly supported.

Our senior students have also been representing our school with great pride on the sporting field. Both the 5/6 soccer and netball teams enjoyed successful days of competition, demonstrating fantastic sportsmanship, teamwork, and determination. Congratulations to all involved for not only their results, but for the way they conducted themselves with respect and positivity. A big thank you to the staff and parent helpers who make participation in these events possible.



Excitement is bubbling over in Prep this week as the much-anticipated chick hatching program began. The children have been absolutely captivated watching the tiny chicks emerge from their shells, and classes from across the school have been taking turns visiting the Prep classrooms to meet and greet these fluffy new arrivals. This real-life experience provides such a rich learning opportunity for the students, connecting science, curiosity, care for living creatures, and of course, a lot of smiles and wide eyes.

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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

To support the wonderful work of Story Dogs, we currently have a fun competition running — “Guess the Dots on Dash.” Students can pop into the office and for a gold coin donation, make their guess as to how many dots cover Dash the dog. The winner will receive a fantastic family movie pass, to be drawn on the last day of term. We are so fortunate to have Dash and his handler Bri as part of our community, providing invaluable support for students through the Story Dogs program. Initiatives like this not only support the charity but also help our students feel connected and engaged in making a difference.



The Prep celebrations didn't stop with chicks. This week they also celebrated Milo's surprise birthday — a special milestone recognising that our Preps now confidently know all their single letter sounds. The children have worked so hard to reach this point, and the celebration was a joyful way to acknowledge their learning and progress. With party hats, songs, games and Milo's birthday cake, the room was filled with laughter and pride. It's wonderful to see learning achievements celebrated in such a meaningful and fun way.



As we approach the end of term, classrooms remain busy with rich learning experiences. Students are currently involved in inquiry units exploring topics on sustainability, ecosystems and stewardship. The level of curiosity and engagement from the students has been inspiring. Teachers are also finalising assessments and reflecting on student growth in preparation for the upcoming semester reports. These reports are a valuable opportunity to celebrate each student's achievements and outline their next steps in learning.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support, generosity, and involvement in our school life. Together, we continue to build a vibrant, caring, and faith-filled community where our children are thriving.

Have a great week!
Susan Perks

Calendar of Events

Term Two

June

Tuesday, June 24th
Wednesday, June 25th
Thursday, June 26th
Friday, June 27th

Division AFL - selected students
Division Tee-Ball - selected students
Finish off Athletics Relays
School Assembly (Prep)
Story Dogs

July

Friday, July 4th

Reports to Parents
Term Two ends - 1.30pm dismissal

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

School Board 7pm
Book Fair Week
Emmaus Meal 5.30pm
Book Week begins 'Book an Adventure'
"Ruggie, Plushie, Read" event 2.20pm
– parents invited to join in from 3pm
Swimming week for 3/4
Family Quiz activity sent home – return on Thursday
Book Week Dress Up Parade
Book Week activities morning
Sacrament of First Eucharist 2.30pm

Tuesday, August 19th
Thursday, August 20th
Sunday, August 31st

September

Monday, September 1st
Tuesday, September 9th
Friday, September 19th

Swimming week for 1/2
School Board 7pm
Term Three ends. 1.30pm dismissal

It is not what you do for your children, but what you have taught them to do for themselves that will make them successful human beings.

Ann Landers

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Calendar of Events

Term Four

October

Monday, October 6th

Tuesday, October 7th

Monday, October 13th

Tuesday, October 21st

School Closure Day - Staff PL

Students begin Term Four

Swimming week for Prep

School Board 7pm

November

Monday, November 3rd

Tuesday, November 4th

Wed-Fri, Nov 5th-7th

Monday, November 10th

Tuesday, November 11th

Wednesday, November 12th

Monday, November 17th

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

Swimming week for 5/6

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

School Community News

Prep - Year 2 Stewardship Liturgy

This week, our junior students took part in a beautiful liturgy focused on caring for God's creation and being good stewards of the environment. Led by Fr Sijeesh, the liturgy helped us reflect on how the world is a gift from God and how we can all do our part to look after it.

Our students engaged thoughtfully throughout, singing joyfully and responding with great reverence. Our readers also did a wonderful job, sharing scripture and prayers with confidence.

Thank you to Fr Sijeesh for guiding us through such a wonderful celebration. It reminded us all of the importance of protecting and respecting the world God has entrusted to us.



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

BOOK WEEK 2025

Coming up in Term 3 Week 5
August 18th to 22nd

This year's theme is 'Book an Adventure'

- Pre Book Week** Beginning in Term 3 classes will read the books shortlisted for Children's Book of the Year during their Library classes.
- Book Fair** In Week Four, families are invited to shop for some fabulous book titles at our Scholastic Book Fair.

Book Week Events

- Monday: Quiz Competition**
Each family will receive a sheet of book based questions to answer at home. Sent home on Monday, returned by Thursday, winners announced Friday. Each family with all correct answers to receive a bookmark assortment pack,
- Monday: Ruggie, Plushie, Read event**
Our school community is invited to bring along a rug and/or plushie for an afternoon dedicated to the simple pleasure of reading. 2.20 – 3.20 Parents invited from 3pm
- Tuesday: Book Character Dress Up Parade**
Our annual parade will be held on the basketball court (weather permitting) from 9.05am
- Tuesday: Book Voting**
Students vote on their chosen winners for Children's Book of the Year.
- Thursday: Book Adventure Rotating Activities**
Classes will enjoy a morning of book related activities to celebrate the week.





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



KELLY CLUB

JULY 2025 HOLIDAY PROGRAM

ST MARGARETS PRIMARY SCHOOL
AT 83 ST ALBANS RD, GEELONG EAST, VIC, 7:00AM – 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		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		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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