

NEWSLETTER



Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools



St Margaret's
Primary School

Term Four, Week 4
October 27th, 2025
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From Susan's Desk

Leadership and Management News

Dear Families,

This Friday we celebrate World Teachers' Day, a special opportunity to recognise and thank the incredible teachers who make such a difference in the lives of our students each and every day. A simple thank you, note, or kind word from students and families is always appreciated and goes a long way in showing support for the care and dedication our teachers bring to their work. Our Parents and Friends Association will also be delivering food on behalf of our community as a gesture of appreciation. Thank you to them for their thoughtfulness and organisation.

Shon Productions completed their filming at our school last Friday. We are looking forward to seeing the final product and sharing it with our community soon. Thank you to everyone for ensuring students were here on time, prepared, and wearing their correct uniforms. It made the day run smoothly and showcased our students so well.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind families of the importance of arriving at school on time each morning. When students arrive late, they miss valuable learning time at the start of the day and can feel unsettled as lessons are already underway. Late arrivals can also disrupt the flow of learning for others in the classroom. Establishing a consistent morning routine helps students begin the day calm, organised, and ready to learn, setting them up for success both academically and socially.

As we move into the final part of the year, we remind families that school fees for 2025 are now overdue. Direct debit remains our preferred method of payment to ensure regular and manageable contributions throughout the year. Families with a high outstanding amount place additional strain on the learning and teaching opportunities we are able to offer all students. It is a condition of enrolment at St Margaret's that school fees are paid in a timely manner. If you require an updated statement, please contact the office, or if you would like to discuss your individual circumstances, you are welcome to make a time to meet with me.

This Thursday we look forward to our Arts Spectacular from 3.30–5.00pm. This is always a wonderful celebration of learning in our specialist programs, and a chance to see what our students have been creating in Visual Art, Performing Arts, Italian, Mental Health, Digi Tech and Physical Education. Our P&F will be running a sausage sizzle on the night, making it a great family event to enjoy together—please come along, have a look around, and share in the creativity and community spirit of our school.

A reminder that we have a long weekend on Monday, November 3rd and Tuesday, November 4th. This mid-term break is a great opportunity for everyone to rest and reset before a busy few weeks ahead. Following the long weekend, our Year 5/6 students head off to Camp Kangarooobie. This is always an exciting time filled with outdoor adventures, teamwork, and new challenges. An experience students remember for years to come.

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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.



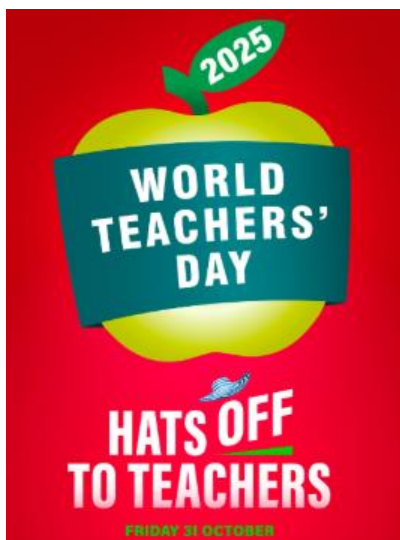
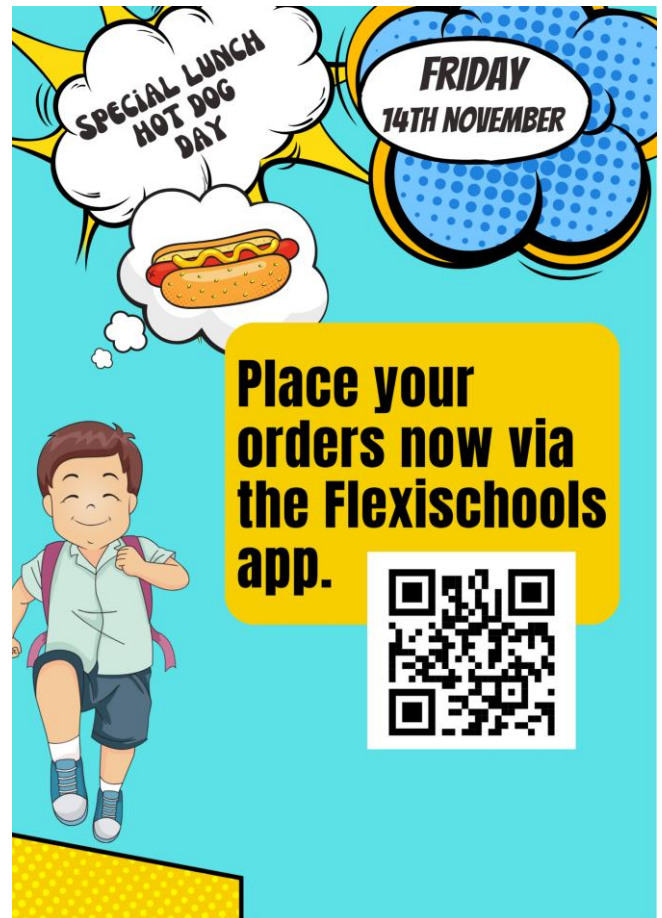
All students attending St Margaret's Primary School have the right to feel safe. The care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people is a fundamental responsibility of all within our school. St Margaret's is a culturally safe environment in which the diverse and unique identities and experiences of all children and young people are respected and valued.

Leadership and Management News

Our Year 3/4 students will enjoy their own special experience that same week with an immersive Science Day at school, followed by after-school activities, a shared dinner, and a movie to end the evening. These wonderful opportunities are made possible through the commitment and enthusiasm of our amazing staff who continue to create rich, memorable learning experiences for our students.

Have a great week!

Susan Perks



Lord, we pray You will encourage the hearts of our children's teachers.

Remind them of Your purpose and Your calling.

Fill them with Your love and surround them with others who will uplift and support them.

Equip them for every good work You have prepared for them as they carry Your love into their classrooms.

Calendar of Events

New items in bold

Term Four

October

Thursday, October 30th
Friday, October 31st

Specialist Spectacular from 3.30pm with P&F Sausage Sizzle
Assembly - 3/4 presenting
World Teachers' Day

November

Monday, November 3rd
Tuesday, November 4th
Wed-Fri, Nov 5th-7th
Thursday, November 6th
Friday, November 7th

Monday, November 10th
Tuesday, November 11th
Wednesday, Nov 12th

Friday, November 14th

Monday, November 17th
Thursday, November 20th
Monday, November 24th
Friday, November 28th

School Closure Day

Melbourne Cup Public holiday

Year 5/6 students at Camp Kangarooobie
3/4 Science Incursion and Movie Evening

Gardening group – selected students

Prep Excursion to MoPA

Year 5/6 only, student free day (TIL staff day)

Remembrance Day

2026 Prep Orientation Sessions: 9.15-10.30 or 11.45-1.00

Penance Preparation Family Evening 5.30pm

St Margaret's Feast Day

Assembly - RE Leaders presenting

P&F special Lunch Hot Dogs

Swimming week for 5/6

Sacrament of Penance 12 noon

Yr 6 AFL Max overnight camp

Gardening group – selected students

Assembly - 1/2 presenting

December

Monday, December 1st
Friday, December 5th
Tuesday, December 9th

Monday, December 15th
Tuesday, December 16th

2026 Student Leadership speeches at 11:40am

School Closure Day - Staff PL

Step Up Day

2026 Prep Orientation Session: 9.30-11.00am

School Board 7pm

Year 6 Graduation

Assembly - Prep presenting (note change of date)

End of Term Four 1.30pm dismissal

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SPECIALISTS SPECTACULAR

THURS 30TH OCTOBER

3:30PM - 5PM

Celebrating a year of colour,
creativity and curiosity!

Gallery Art ~ Mini golf ~
Mystery paintings for sale ~
Kelly Club Sports

P&F
BBQ & DRINKS



ODD SOCKS WANTED!



DROP-OFF LOCATION: ART ROOM

When donating odd socks, please ensure they are gently used, clean, and in good condition.

We will not be able to use socks with holes.

These socks will be used by the Grade 3-6 Students to create hand puppets, so ideally large socks are preferred.



WHO'S WHO? PORTRAIT

30TH AUG-9TH NOVEMBER

**STUDENT ARTWORK
SHOWCASE**

**WE'VE
MOVED!**



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'I am thrilled with the tremendous success of the chess program run by Chess for Schools. The students' adoration for the program is evident as they eagerly anticipate lunchtime on Tuesdays, bursting with excitement. The instructors' dedication, patience and attentiveness foster an engaging and nurturing learning environment, igniting the children's passion for chess as their skills flourish'.

Jessica Ward, Teacher - Loreto Toorak.

HOW CAN CHESS BENEFIT YOUR CHILD?

- Educational:** Improved IQ, critical thinking, concentration, analytical skills, memory.
Social: Develop new friendships, social interaction skills, sportsmanship.
Emotional: Confidence, self-esteem, resilience through winning and losing games.

CLASS STRUCTURE:

Different lessons are taught each week from a structured syllabus ranging from tactics, strategies, master openings, traps & special moves. After the lesson children are paired up in a fun tournament play off. Prizes are awarded to the top 3 players at end of term.

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CLASS DETAILS - ST MARGARETS PRIMARY - GEELONG

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	DATES	COST
Wednesdays	1:30pm - 2:20pm	Multipurpose Room	15 October to 10 December	\$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 concept and thinking. Keep up the great work!"

Katherine Lambert: Hampton Primary School



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Jessica Ward Teacher,
Loreto-Mandeville Hall

CLASS STRUCTURE

Each week, students learn new lessons from a structured syllabus covering tactics, strategies, key openings, traps, and special moves. After the lesson, children participate in a fun tournament-style playoff. Prizes are awarded to the top three players at the end of the term.

COST

\$145 per child/per term

TIME

Lunch time ● Afterschool ○

Mon ○
Tues ○
Wed ●
Thurs ○
Frid ○