

# NEWSLETTER



Melbourne Archdiocese  
Catholic Schools



St Margaret's  
Primary School

*Term Four, Week 11*  
*December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025*  
**#40**

## *From Susan's Desk*

## *Leadership and Management News*

Dear Families,

We have reached the end of the 2025 school year, and we have a very busy 2 days ahead to celebrate our achievements!

We are so fortunate to be part of such an amazing school community. At the last P&F meeting we reflected on the outstanding work raising an incredible amount of funds for our school and for all our students. This year the refurbishment of our garden was a huge achievement and we continue to enjoy the upgrade! The P&F also raised funds for our mural, sports tops, classroom supplies and sporting equipment. Without these efforts our school and students would not have the access to all the incredible things that it is a small group of hard-working parents that meet and arrange these incredible events. It is also the generosity of our families that ensures the donations we receive. I wish to thank the P&F regular committee members for 2025: Nicole Noonan, Virginia Salkeld, Libby Fitzgerald, Natalie Hearsch, Fran Jackson, Linda Foley, Karen Clarke, Maggie Walker, Alicia Markham, Michelle Zahra, Lauren Drever, Catherine Day, Stephanie Sahr.

Our School Advisory Board meets regularly to discuss items of interest and concern around school matters. I would like to thank them for their continued dedication to our school and for their advice and support throughout the year. The Board members this year included Sarah Poole, Katie Harvey, Maggie Walker, Alicia Smith, Luke Jackson, Natalie Hearsch, Lauren Wetherall, Nicole Noonon, Narelle Fraim and Virginia Salkeld. We thank those leaving members for their time on the School Board: Virginia Salkeld, Natalia Hearsch, Maggie Walker.

I also wish to thank our dedicated crossing supervisors that keep our children safe no matter the weather. As you pass them this week, please ensure you thank these hard-working supervisors. Our school always looks amazing, and this is due to our incredible cleaning team. Thank you to Rod and Colby for their ongoing cleaning of our school. Nothing is ever too much trouble. Our garden and outdoor space this year has been well looked after by Andrew Herwynen and his team from Jim's Mowing. Thank you for your ongoing support in this space.

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere and unwavering gratitude to all our staff at St Margaret's. I am constantly amazed at their enthusiasm, dedication to education, and the care for each and every student within our school community. They are constantly thinking of ways to engage our students, make learning enjoyable, and offer the best education possible. This is clear to see in their daily interactions and the planning of each lesson. I am so grateful that we have such a strong team of office staff, LSOs, and teachers. To them, I sincerely thank you for all your efforts in 2025.

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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***

Please remember we have our final assembly in the Church. Please be seated by 11.50am for a 12 noon start. We have a 1:30 pm finish on Tuesday the 16th. Students wear school uniform with a touch of Christmas. Year 6 students do not need to attend school this day as we farewell them on Monday.

Enjoy your summer break, and I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas with your family and that Santa visits each house. If you are staying home or travelling, please stay safe, and I look forward to seeing you all in 2026. Thank you for entrusting us with the education of your child and value our partnership over the last year.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*Susan Perks*



## ***Help Us Beautify the St Mary of the Angels' Basilica Garden***

Our school community is truly blessed to have the St Mary of the Angels' Basilica as a central part of our spiritual and educational life. The Basilica grounds are in need of beautification. A lifelong parishioner has asked if any parish school families would be in a position to assist financially with this project.

The project is to rejuvenate and beautify the Myers Street and Yarra Street gardens. We are inviting families to contribute to this parish community-led effort to refresh this special space. Your support, no matter the size, will help ensure the garden is a welcoming and peaceful environment for students, parishioners, and visitors alike.

If you are able to assist, cash donations can be made at the St Mary's Parish Office. Please ensure contributions are clearly labelled for the *Basilica Garden Project*. Donations may also be sent via our school office with the same label and they will be collected by the parish.

Thank you for helping us care for a place that means so much to our school community. Your generosity is greatly appreciated

Annice Lappin  
Principal, St. Mary's Primary School

## Calendar of Events

*New items in bold*

### Term Four

#### December

Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Graduation  
Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> Assembly - Prep presenting **12 noon start**  
End of Term Four 1.30pm dismissal

### 2026

#### January

Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> 1-1 Testing\* P-6  
Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup> Year 2-6 First Day of School for 2026  
1-1 Testing\* Prep & 1-1 Testing\* Yr 1  
Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup> Prep & Yr 1 First Day of School. All P-6 onsite.

*\*You will be allocated a time for your child to meet with their teacher individually to complete some assessment tasks so we can determine their starting point of learning for 2026.*

## Sacramental Enrolment and Celebration Dates 2026

### Sacramental Enrolment Masses: (Years 3, 4 and 6)

Saturday 21st February at 6pm  
Sunday 22nd February at 7:30am, 9:30am and 11am  
Saturday 28th February at 6pm  
Sunday 1st March at 7:30am, 9:30am and 11am  
All at St Mary's Basilica

### Confirmation (Year 6):

Wednesday 25th March, 7pm at St Mary's Basilica

Student Preparation Day - Friday 6th March at St Margaret's

### Eucharist (Year 4):

Sunday 30th August, 2:30pm at St Mary's Basilica

Emmaus Meal proposed for 19th August at 5pm (to be confirmed)

### Reconciliation (Year 3):

Thursday 26th November, 12:15pm at St Margaret's

Reconciliation Preparation Evening 10th November at 5pm

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