

# NEWSLETTER



St Margaret's  
Primary School

Term One, Week 9  
March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026  
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## *From Susan's Desk*

## *Leadership and Management News*

Dear Families,

It has been a special week for our school community as we celebrated Catholic Education Week, a time to reflect on the values that ground our teaching and learning. Our RE Leaders recently embarked on a meaningful pilgrimage to Queenscliff, where they explored the rich Catholic heritage of the local area and learned about the vital, compassionate work performed by the team at Cottage by the Sea. This spirit of service and leadership extended to Melbourne, where our Religious Education leaders represented us at St Patrick's Cathedral. Attending the Mass allowed our student leaders to connect with their peers from across the diocese, returning with fresh inspiration on how to lead our community with faith and integrity.

The highlight of our spiritual calendar arrives this week as we prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm. This is a profound milestone in a young person's faith journey, representing a conscious choice to "confirm" the promises made at their Baptism and to be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Preparation has been diligent, with students reflecting on how they can use their unique talents to serve others. We ask that you keep our candidates in your prayers:

***Camilla Barton, Lily Bell, Toby Broad, Harvey Harrison,  
Ivy Heather, Loyola Jackson, James Jimenez, Tamiko Kai,  
Sonny Kirwan, Lucinda Marriott, Archer McIntosh, Jack O'Brien,  
Ivy Simonsen, Piper Stephenson, Tobayiwa Isheanesu, Eden Tran,  
Finley Vaughan, and Quinnie Westwood.***

May this be a transformative moment for each of them as they take this significant step in their Catholic life.

We also celebrated a beautiful commissioning ceremony for our FIRE carriers (Friends Igniting Reconciliation through Education). This is an incredibly special moment for the selected staff and students who have committed to being champions of reconciliation within our school. By becoming FIRE carriers, they take on the responsibility of sharing the passion for justice and the history of our First Nations people, ensuring that our school remains a place of deep respect, healing, and inclusion. This ceremony marks the beginning of their leadership in this space, and we look forward to the light they will bring to our ongoing journey of reconciliation.

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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***

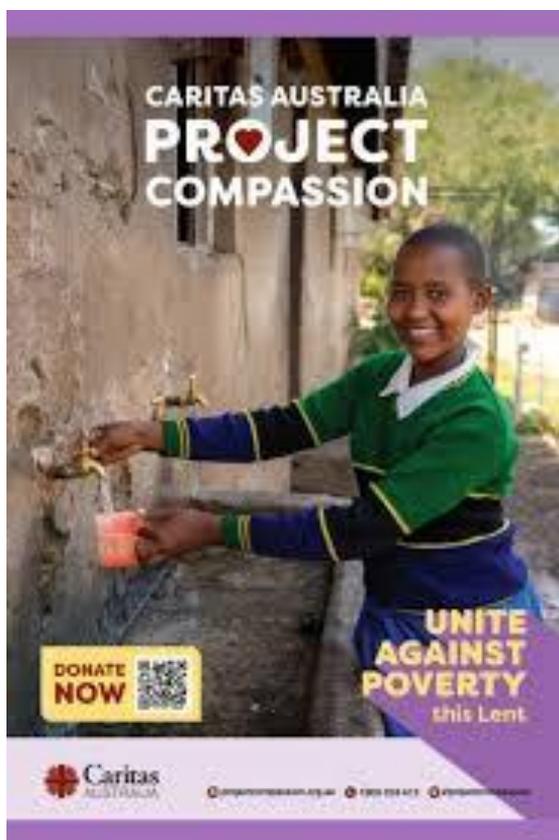
The final days leading into the Easter break are filled with energy and activity. Our Year 1 students are excited for their excursion to the Botanical Gardens this Thursday, while our Year 3–6 students will be hitting the trails for the Cross Country carnival this Friday. As we move toward Holy Week, please check the newsletter for specific dates and times of our Easter liturgies and P&F events. Our Easter Raffle is still in need of donations. If you are able to contribute, please drop items off at the front office. The raffle will be drawn on the final day of term, and we thank you for your continued generosity in supporting these community initiatives.

Finally, we must emphasise the importance of road safety to protect every member of our school family. We have noted several instances of parking in "No Standing" zones and double parking, particularly near the Thomson Reserve entrance. These actions create significant blind spots and hazards for our children. Please strictly follow all road rules, utilise designated parking zones, and adhere to teacher directions during pick-up and drop-off times. We greatly appreciate you working alongside us to ensure that the safety of our students remains the absolute priority during these busy peak periods.

Enjoy your week!

*Susan Perks*

***Please return your Project  
Compassion boxes this week.***



## ***Bracelets for Sale at the Library***

***By Ivy Heather***

- ***Only \$1 each***
- ***Selling to buy some more books for the school***
- ***Only on sale when the library is open  
(lunchtimes, library lessons and some mornings)***





## Calendar of Events

(new items in bold)

### Term Three

#### July

**Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>

Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>

#### August

Sunday, August, 2<sup>nd</sup>

Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>

#### September

Monday, Sep 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

#### October

**Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

#### November

**Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Monday, Nov 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

#### December

**Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>  
**Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

#### **Student Free Day - Staff Professional Learning**

Students begin Term Three  
Emmaus Meal at 5pm - First Eucharist preparation family night  
*(please note change of date due to the change of Eucharist date)*  
Grandparent's Day

Sacrament of First Eucharist 2.30pm  
*(please note change of date due to Basilica availability)*

School Advisory Board 7pm  
Book Week "Symphony of Stories"  
Book Week dress up day with morning parade

Book Fair Week  
End Term 3 - 1.30pm dismissal

### Term Four

#### **Student Free Day - Staff Professional Learning**

Students begin Term Four  
School Advisory Board 7pm

#### **Student Free Day - Staff Professional Learning** **Melbourne Cup Public holiday**

Year 5/6 Camp Wilkin  
Year 5/6 student rest day  
Reconciliation Family Preparation evening  
St Margaret's Feast Day  
Sacrament of Reconciliation 12:15pm

#### **Student Free Day - Staff Professional Learning**

School Advisory Board 7pm  
**Whole School Christmas Concert**  
Year 6 Graduation  
Assembly - Prep presenting  
End Term 4 - 1.30pm dismissal

## St Margaret's Primary School



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## ***Student of the Week Awards***

<b><i>Class</i></b>	<b><i>Student</i></b>	<b><i>Awards presented Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup></i></b>
<b><i>Prep JC</i></b>	Sol Augert	For his great persistence with sounding out words and having a go at tricky words. Well done Sol!
<b><i>Prep JC</i></b>	Ruby Maccoll	For being a kind friend and a super teacher helper.
<b><i>Prep SB</i></b>	Harriet Williams	For her wonderful efforts in writing! It is wonderful to see you having a go at a sentence!
<b><i>Prep SB</i></b>	Shye Mirmilstein	For trying his best in all his learning! You are making great gains in your reading and writing Shye, Well done!
<b><i>Yr 1 EK</i></b>	Joe Brown	For demonstrating excellent participation in class discussions and always trying your best.
<b><i>Yr 1 EK</i></b>	Airlee Hale-Rufus	For persisting in your learning journey. Well done and keep up the great work!
<b><i>Yr 1 JB</i></b>	James Porter	For striving to put your best foot forward in all areas of your learning. Well done James!
<b><i>Yr 1 JB</i></b>	Fadila Sepic	For implementing a growth mindset towards all areas of your schooling. Well done Fadila!
<b><i>Yr 2 CR</i></b>	Lucia Hanan	For working hard during all of her classes. Well done Lucia!
<b><i>Yr 2 CR</i></b>	Rose Purser	For being an excellent class role model! Well done Rose!
<b><i>Yr 3 AC</i></b>	Archie Mactier	For his hard work during literacy!
<b><i>Yr 3 AC</i></b>	Marcella Tyrrell	For showing great persistence during new maths topics!
<b><i>Yr 3 HM</i></b>	Harriet Jeffers	For always doing your best work in class and leading by example.
<b><i>Yr 3 HM</i></b>	Toby Bennet	For your great effort in your writing, and extending yourself.
<b><i>Yr 4 JC</i></b>	Koda Sperling	For bringing kind and positive energy to our classroom. Well done Koda!
<b><i>Yr 4 JC</i></b>	Annie Butcher	For demonstrating responsibility inside and outside the classroom. Well done Annie!
<b><i>Yr 4 LC</i></b>	Claudia Walker	For her initiative and strong participation in discussion, - independent and creative ideas!
<b><i>Yr 4 LC</i></b>	Kyrie Lin	For sharing his expertise in Japanese language and general knowledge - very impressive!
<b><i>Yr 5 FM</i></b>	Aiden Coumans	For making a positive start to the school year and working hard in your role as an RE leader. Well done!
<b><i>Yr 5 FM</i></b>	Mac Salkeld	For outstanding inclusion when playing with others at recess and lunch. Keep up the amazing kindness Mac!
<b><i>Yr 5 FM</i></b>	Friday Foley	For your wonderful start to Year 5, working hard and being an outstanding RE leader. Well done!
<b><i>Yr 5 KH</i></b>	Liam McGuane	For outstanding character analysis writing about 'Joey' from the text 'Warhorse'.
<b><i>Yr 5 KH</i></b>	Hazel Bennett	For outstanding character analysis writing about 'Joey' from the text 'Warhorse'.
<b><i>Yr 6 DW</i></b>	Aryan Prasad	For being friendly to others and working hard at giving new things a try.
<b><i>Yr 6 DW</i></b>	Loyola Jackson	For demonstrating a friendly attitude and treating others with respect.
<b><i>Principal's Award</i></b>	Myles Drever	For taking pride and caring for our school environment.

*together in faith*

*School Community News*

# St Margaret's Drink Bottles



**\$10**

Available from  
the front office.



# GET YOUR BUNS READY

**Order your Easter  
hot cross buns via  
Flexischools.**

Order a 6-pack to take home  
+ add one for morning tea at  
school.

**Delivery & morning tea:**

Wednesday 1 April

**Orders close:**

Thursday 26 March

\*All 2026 fundraising is going towards our  
\$15K playground shade goal



**REGISTRATIONS OPEN**



# **JUNIOR GIRLS FOOTY AT EAST GEELONG**

**CALLING ALL U9, U10, U12 AND  
U14 GIRLS.**

**A FUN, SAFE, INCLUSIVE AND  
LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR  
JUNIOR GIRLS TO DEVELOP THEIR  
GAME.**



**REGISTER HERE**



**EGFNCJUNIORS@GMAIL.COM**



MELBOURNE  
**RENEGADES**

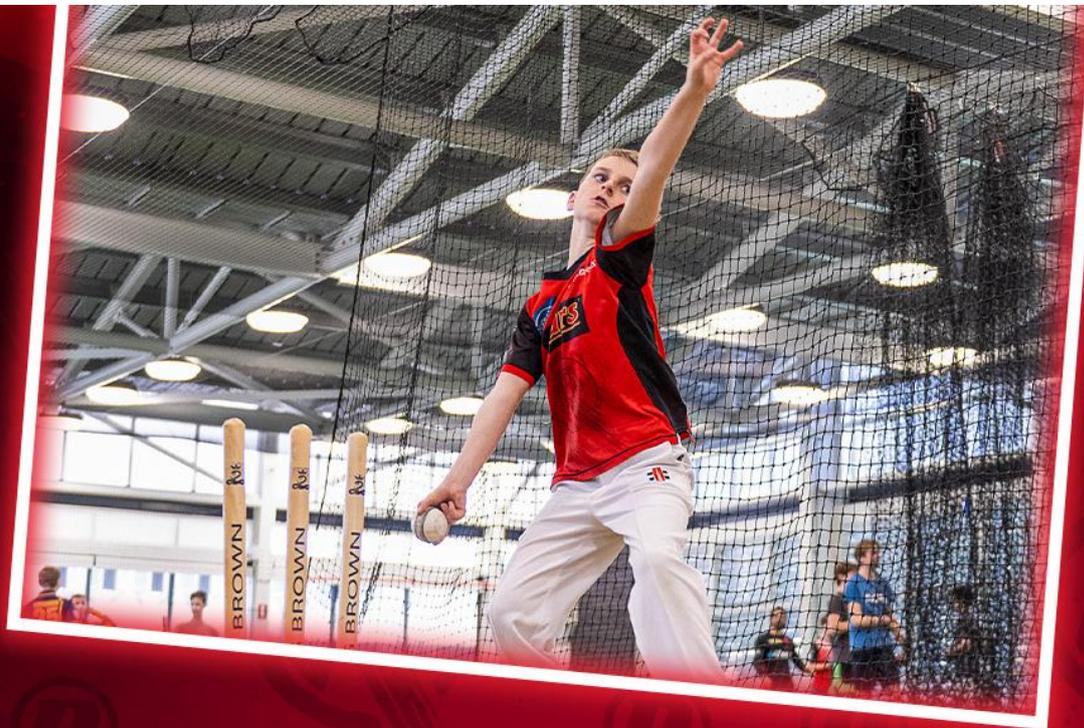
# GEELONG CAMP

APRIL 8 & 15

9AM TO 3PM | AGES 5 TO 10

\$89 PER SESSION | \$160 BOTH SESSIONS

[REGISTER NOW](#)



MELBOURNE  
**RENEGADES**

# GEELONG JUNIOR ACADEMY

APRIL 13 & 14 | 9AM TO 3PM  
AGES 14 & UNDER | \$250

[REGISTER NOW](#)

# AUSKICK COME & TRY

COME AND TRY DAY  
Saturday March  
28th  
9:30AM  
Grinter Reserve

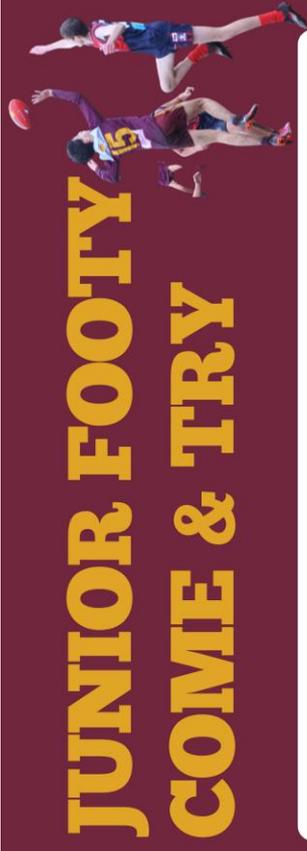


NAB AFL Auskick is Australia's premier introductory football program for children, typically aged 4 to 8, designed to teach basic Australian Rules Football skills through, safe, game-based activities. It focuses on fun, fitness, and building skills like kicking and marking in a non-contact environment.

## SCAN TO REGISTER



COACH NUJU GIUFFRE



# JUNIOR FOOTY COME & TRY

Looking to play footy in 2026? Do you want to join a family friendly club and feel part of something?

## WE WANT YOU!

Newcomb Power FNC is the place to be. We are super excited to welcome juniors ranging from Under 9's to Under 14's to our come and try day. Come along and see what it is all about. No experience needed, just bring a can do attitude and a massive smile!

## SCAN TO REGISTER

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>  
March  
9:30AM - 10:30AM  
Grinter Reserve  
Under 9's - 14's





GEELONG  
HIGH SCHOOL

# 2026 SCHOOL TOURS March & April

Book a guided tour of Geelong High School, view classes, ask questions and experience what Geelong High School has to offer.

Available on **Mondays and Wednesdays** at 11:30am throughout March & April

Please contact the school on (03) 5225 4100.

## 2027 ACCELERATED LEARNING PROGRAM

### Applications Now Open

Geelong High School's Accelerated Learning Program is a great opportunity for Grade 6 students who are looking for extra challenge in Years 7-9.

### How Do I Apply?

Grade 6 students looking to be accepted into the GHS Accelerated Learning Program should apply by visiting our school website and downloading an application form. Applications close in Term 2 but students can apply at any time from January.

Check the Geelong High School website for more information.

• *Prepares us for Life* •

[geelonghigh.vic.edu.au](http://geelonghigh.vic.edu.au)

# P&F REMINDERS

## TERM 1

HOT DOG LUNCH  
MARCH 20TH  
HARMONY DAY; TOUCH OF  
ORANGE  
FLEXI SCHOOLS APP

EASTER RAFFLE  
DONATIONS  
TO THE FRONT  
OFFICE

HOT CROSS BUN  
MORNING TEA  
WEDNESDAY  
APRIL 1ST  
FLEXISCHOOLS APP

ST PATRICKS DAY  
TOUCH OF GREEN  
GUESS THE  
LOLLIES

ATHS DAY  
BBQ

HOT CROSS BUN  
DRIVE  
FLEXISCHOOLS APP.  
COLLECTION WEDNESDAY &  
THURSDAY END OF TERM

# SCHOOL HOLIDAY KIDS ART @ **we made.**

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL AT [WE-MADE.COM/AU/SCHOOL-HOLIDAY-PROGRAM](http://WE-MADE.COM/AU/SCHOOL-HOLIDAY-PROGRAM) 3 FOR \$90

SUITABLE FOR AGES 5-14

\$35 PER SESSION OR 3 FOR \$90

11 RUTLAND ST, NEWTOWN

USE CODE "APRILHOLIDAYFUN"

\*PRICING & AGE RESTRICTIONS DIFFER FOR

COLLABORATION SESSIONS



**6 MONDAY**

10-11:30  
VIDEO GAMES  
(DRAWING)

1-2:30  
FLORAL  
TEXTURES  
(PAINTING)

**7 TUESDAY**

10-12  
LEAH GRANT X  
WE MADE  
STENCIL  
MASTERGLASS\*

1-2:30  
DREAM CATCHERS  
(CRAFT)

**8 WEDNESDAY**

10-11:30  
POLYMER CLAY  
CREATIONS  
(CRAFT)

1-2:30  
JUNK ART  
SCULPTURES  
(CRAFT)

**9 THURSDAY**

10-11:30  
POWER UP PIPE  
CRAFT  
(CRAFT)

1-2:30  
AT THE FARM  
(PAINTING)

**10 FRIDAY**

10-11:30  
TREASURE MAPS  
(DRAWING)

1-2:30  
MAGIC DRAWING  
PADS  
(CRAFT)

**13 MONDAY**

10-11:30  
WIND CHIMES  
(CRAFT)

11:45-3:15  
HART IN  
HARMONY X  
WE MADE\*

**14 TUESDAY**

10-11:30  
WORRY STONES  
(CRAFT)

1-2:30  
FREESTYLE  
PAINTING  
(PAINTING)

**15 WEDNESDAY**

10-11:30  
STREETSCAPES  
(DRAWING)

1-2:30  
ALL VOICES X  
WE MADE\*

**16 THURSDAY**

10-11:30  
OUT OF THIS  
WORLD  
(CRAFT)

1-2:30  
ICE CREAMS  
(PAINTING)

**17 FRIDAY**

10-11:30  
HEADBANDS  
(CRAFT)

1-2:30  
ANIMALS IN  
ACCESSORIES  
(PAINTING)



POTTERY STUDIO-EVENTS & GALLERY

## School Holiday's Pottery & Craft Sessions

Wed 8th April 10am-12pm Kids Pottery Class

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> April 9am-11am Kids Pottery Class

Wed 15th April 10am-12pm Kids Pottery Class

Additional classes will be listed on these dates and other dates if these book out. Adults may book a spot for themselves to join in and make something as well. You can either stay or drop off.

**\$55 per person for 2 hours. Includes clay, colours, glazes and 2 kiln firings.**

To book visit the website <https://hazytales.com/events/events-calendar/>

These are a few of the other things we do at Hazy Tales Studio:  
Bespoke Pottery Parties for Adults & Kids. Custom events. Hen parties.  
Adult evening 'Clay & Cocktails by Candlelight'. Porcelain products & jewellery for sale.

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