

# NEWSLETTER



St Margaret's  
Primary School

Term Two, Week 3  
May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
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## *From Susan's Desk*

## *Leadership and Management News*

Dear Families,

With Mother's Day quickly approaching, we are excited to invite all the mother figures in our community to join us for our Muffins with Mum event on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, starting from 8:00 am. We would love for you to join us for a muffin and a cuppa in the staff room, and then, weather permitting, we will gather outside on the courts to recognize the special women in our lives. During the morning, our P&F will draw the raffle. Tickets are selling fast for some truly incredible prizes, so please consider purchasing a ticket or two to support our school and give yourself a chance to win something fabulous for mum. Following the breakfast, the P&F will also be running the ever-popular Mother's Day stall. We ask that students bring \$5 on that day to choose a special gift for their mother or the mother figure in their life.

In other school news, all families should have recently received the parent and student code of conduct via email. We ask that you please take the time to review this document thoroughly with your child. Our staff consistently go above and beyond to offer a wide range of extracurricular events for our students to enjoy. While we recognise that things do not always go exactly to plan and questions may arise regarding our processes, it is vital that all members of our community treat our staff with respect. If you have concerns, please address them in a respectful and constructive tone, as our staff should not be subjected to anger or disrespect at events or via digital communication. We often hear the negatives and rarely the positives, so please remember the immense dedication our team shows to our school community every day.

Beyond our community conduct, we want to highlight the foundations of student success. Consistent attendance and a dedication to reading. Every day at school provides vital opportunities for social and academic growth that simply cannot be replicated at home. When students attend regularly, they build the momentum necessary to master complex concepts and develop lasting friendships. Additionally, the importance of daily reading cannot be underestimated. Engaging with books for even twenty minutes a day significantly expands a child's vocabulary and strengthens core knowledge and critical thinking skills. We encourage all families to make reading a shared priority, as it is one of the greatest foundations you can give your child to support their lifelong learning journey.

Finally, we would like to share some wonderful sporting news. Our cross country team had a highly successful day this past Wednesday, representing St Margaret's with incredible pride and spirit. Many of our competitors performed exceptionally well and will now progress to the division level. We look forward to announcing the full results and the names of those moving on to the next stage very soon. We wish everyone in our community a productive and positive week ahead.

Enjoy your week!

*Susan Perks*

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.

## School Community News

### Strengthening Number Sense at Home Videos

The links below are five practical, easy-to-follow videos for families of students in Prep, 1 and 2. These videos promote consistent approaches for maths between school and home. The videos offer clear explanations and practical demonstrations designed to boost students' confidence, fluency and understanding with number.

1. [Introduction](#)
2. [One-to-one correspondence with Aintree Primary School](#)
3. [Subitising with Tootgarook Primary School](#)
4. [Partitioning \(part-part-whole\) with Warringa Park School](#)
5. [Teen numbers with St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Primary School](#)

### Social Justice Leaders Donation Drive

The Year 6 Social Justice Leaders will be running a donation drive for Our Village, Geelong Mums over the month of May.

Currently, the items they are most in need of are:

- Nappies – all sizes welcome (opened or unopened; no swim nappies, please)
- Children's clothing – especially sizes 5 to 16
- Feeding kits – bottles, plates, spoons
- Baby wipes
- Children's underwear – sizes 2 to 16
- Unopened baby toiletries – e.g. shampoo, nappy cream
- Full-size family toiletries – shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste

If you are able to donate, items can be dropped off into the designated area in the Multipurpose Room during the month of May.

Thanks for your support!

2026 Social Justice Leaders



## Our Village – Geelong Mums

### What we need –

- Nappies-all sizes
- Children's clothing
- Baby wipes
- Childrens underwear
- Unopened baby toiletries
- Full sized family toiletries

All items above can be donated to the multipurpose room.

Coming this May!

Since their earliest days, St Kilda Mums, Geelong Mums and Eureka Mums positively changed the lives of vulnerable babies and children through their community. They also provide the essential items that keeps them safe and healthy as well.

## Calendar of Events

(new items in bold)

### Term Two

#### May

Monday, May 4-7<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>  
**Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>  
**Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**  
  
Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>

Smile Patrol Dental Van onsite  
Melbourne Shrine Schools ANZAC Service (selected students)  
Muffins with Mum and P&F Mother's Day Stall  
Year 2 Assembly  
PSGs Years 3, 5 & 6  
**Division Cross Country - Geelong Racecourse (selected students)**  
**P&F Special Lunch**  
PSGs - Prep, Year 1 & Year 2  
**5/6 Lightning Premiership Netball/AFL**  
National Simultaneous Storytime  
Year 4 Incurion - Reconciliation  
Prep Assembly

#### June

Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>  
Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>  
**Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**  
  
Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>  
  
Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>

PSGs Year 4  
Year 3 Incursion - Reconciliation  
Prep Excursion to Werribee Zoo  
**Student Free Day - Staff Professional Learning**  
**King's Birthday public holiday**  
**Parents & Friends 7pm staffroom**  
Division Soccer - Myers Reserve (selected students)  
Year 6 Assembly  
Division Tee-Ball - Stead Park (selected students)  
School Advisory Board 7pm  
P&F Special Lunch - Pizza  
Year 5 Assembly  
End Term 2 - 1.30pm dismissal

### 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>

**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

#### August

Sunday, August, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
  
**Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>

Sacrament of First Eucharist 2.30pm  
*(please note change of date due to Basilica availability)*  
**District Athletics -Landy Field (selected students)**  
School Advisory Board 7pm  
Book Week "Symphony of Stories"  
Book Week dress up day with morning parade

#### September

**Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Monday, Sep 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

**Division Athletics (selected students)**  
Book Fair Week  
End Term 3 - 1.30pm dismissal

Calendar of Events

(new items in bold)

Term Four

October

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

**Student Free Day - Staff Professional Learning**  
Students begin Term Four  
School Advisory Board 7pm

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>

**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

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



**Mother's Day Blessing**

Almighty God, we ask Your blessing on each mother today. Fill their hearts with laughter and joy. Surround them with love from family and friends. Grant them health, peace, and fulfillment as they pursue their calling. Let them know their value and worth in Your eyes and ours. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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## Student of the Week Awards

<i>Class</i>	<i>Student</i>	<i>Awards presented Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup></i>
<i>Prep JC</i>	Eleanor Jolly	For her excellent effort in writing and working hard on her handwriting.
<i>Prep JC</i>	Luka Merrigan	For always doing your best work in class and leading by example. Well Done Luka!
<i>Prep SB</i>	George McCallum	For his excellent efforts in handwriting. Your persistence and hard work are paying off. Well done!
<i>Prep SB</i>	Daisy Butler	For showing great independence in her learning. It is great to see your confidence bloom.
<i>Yr 1 EK</i>	Ollie Menheere	For demonstrating your knowledge within our learning, and challenging yourself.
<i>Yr 1 EK</i>	Mila Newbold	For being a kind, respectful friend who looks out for others.
<i>Yr 1 JB</i>	Huxley Drew	For showing resilience when faced with big emotions. Well done Huxley!
<i>Yr 1 JB</i>	Marli Maccoll	For striving to put your best foot forward in the classroom at all times. Well done Marli!
<i>Yr 2 CR</i>	Audrey Bailey-Lane	For a fantastic first term at St Margaret's Primary School. Well done Audrey!!
<i>Yr 2 CR</i>	Eden Martini	For being an excellent social activist in our classroom. Well done Eden!!
<i>Yr 3 AC</i>	Felicity Tanis	For your persistence and enthusiasm for our maths unit on fractions!
<i>Yr 3 AC</i>	Harry Ferrier	For being a fantastic role model within our classroom!
<i>Yr 3 HM</i>	Gurmann Parinja	For always bringing a positive and cheerful attitude to class everyday.
<i>Yr 3 HM</i>	Ivy Freedman	For making a seamless transition to life at St Margaret's and bringing great positivity to class.
<i>Yr 4 JC</i>	Charles Brown	For displaying hard work and confidence during maths learning time. Well Done Charles!!
<i>Yr 4 JC</i>	Elsie Heather	For always showing kindness to her friends and her hard work during literacy. Well done Elsie!!
<i>Yr 4 LC</i>	James Kessler	For persistence with his writing and great descriptive word choice.
<i>Yr 4 LC</i>	Jayda Sperling	For engaging positively in Maths learning and being persistent with tasks.
<i>Yr 5 FM</i>	Winnie Timmins	For your excellent writing during ANZAC week, especially your 'ANZAC Ted' letter. Well done Winnie!
<i>Yr 5 FM</i>	Miles Hope	For your excellent 'ANZAC Ted' writing, which was very thoughtful and had a fantastic message. Well done Miles!
<i>Yr 6 DW</i>	James Jimenez	For always getting the best out of his ability and being such a great role model for his peers.
<i>Yr 6 DW</i>	Lani Richardson	For being such a positively personality in our classroom.
<i>Principal's Award</i>	Ihsan Fareed	For showing incredible enthusiasm and dedication to all aspects of your learning! Well done Ihsan!

## *Students to Celebrate!*

### *Congratulations Basketballers!*

These students participated in a regional basketball tournament and played amazing to make the grand final out of 12 teams. Unfortunately they couldn't come away with the win but they all had a great time and played great as a team coached by Sam Butcher. From St Margaret's the team included Hazel Bennett, Sophie Butcher, Annie Butcher, Winnie Timmins, Pearl Timmins



### *Congratulations Harry!*

During the holidays Harry (Year 5) was lucky enough to travel to the Gold Coast where he represented Melbourne Victory FC in the Magic Group Academy Cup. Being part of the Melbourne Victory PAC Tour was a taste of what life can be like as a pro footballer. It was such a rewarding experience making new friends and playing some tough football.



### *Cross Country*

St Margaret's team did a tremendous job across the finish line with an enthusiastic cheer squad and card board banner.



# District Cross Country 2026 Results



## 9/10 BOYS

Harvey Little **2nd**  
Raff Vaughan **6th**  
Boston Coots **14th**  
Kiwain De Silva **25th**  
Mason Chappell **23rd**  
Caden Mirmilstein **4th**

## 9/10 GIRLS

Niah Mirmilstein **1st**  
Kartia Mirmilstein **2nd**  
Claudia Walker **3rd**

## 11 BOYS

Franki Pease **1st**  
Harry Higgins **2nd**  
Mateo Horvatic **7th**  
Eden Tran **5th**  
Miles Hope **9th**  
Harry Harvey **19th**  
Mac Salkeld **10th**  
Oscar Poole **11th**

## 11 GIRLS

Bella Cioch **3rd**  
Summer Ryan **7th**  
Hazel Bennett **8th**  
Ivy Mason **11th**

## 12/13 BOYS

Ishe Tobayiwa **1st**  
Toby Broad **2nd**  
Archer Mcintosh **7th**  
Jack Geoghegan **12th**  
Jack O'Brien **3rd**

## 12/13 GIRLS

Tamiko Kai **5th**  
Loyola Jackson **1st**  
Lani Richardson **4th**

Students who finished in the top 8 will represent St. Margarets at Division Level on Tuesday 19th May at Geelong Racecourse.

(Students who finished 9th and 10th are emergencies for the event)

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

JOIN US FOR MUFFINS  
WITH MUM

**FRIDAY MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> FROM  
8AM.**

**MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE WILL  
BE DRAWN**

ST MARGARETS P&F

# Mother's day Raffle

Enter Now!

Prizes Drawn  
Fri 8 May

over \$1500 worth of prizes to be won!

*1st prize*  
Ninja Luxe Cafe Premier Espresso Machine pack

*2nd prize*  
Kitchen Couture 2L Slushie Machine pack

*3rd prize*  
About Time Bath House - 90 minute massage + social bathing package

# MELI

Join us for Open Day at

## Normanby Street Preschool

Monday 18 May  
4.15pm - 5.15pm

