

# NEWSLETTER



St Margaret's  
Primary School

Term Two, Week 4  
May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
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## From Susan's Desk

## Leadership and Management News

Dear Families,

We wish all the mothers and mother figures in our lives a very Happy Mother's Day for last Sunday. We hope you managed to enjoy some quality time with your family and found a moment to rest and be spoilt. Mother's Day is a valuable occasion because it provides us with a dedicated time to pause and express our deepest gratitude for the selfless care, guidance, and unconditional love these incredible women provide every day.

Last Friday was a wonderful celebration of this bond as we welcomed so many mothers to join us for Muffins with Mum, followed by our Mother's Day stall. We would like to extend a huge thank you to our P&F for their hard work in organising these events. The morning was a resounding success, and it was wonderful to see our community come together to share such a special day. Furthermore, our Mother's Day raffle was a fantastic achievement, raising over \$1,700 toward our new additional shade sail. We thank you for your incredibly generous support of this school improvement project.

Congratulations to our Mother's Day Raffle winners, Kay Bartlett, Libby Fitzgerald, Michael Noonan and our door prize winner Calitlyn Bily. We appreciate everyone supporting our school as we aim to purchase an additional shade structure at the end of the year.

In addition to our celebrations, our Social Justice and School Captains proudly represented us at the 94th School ANZAC Service at the Shrine of Remembrance last week. This service is a significant event in our calendar, allowing our student leaders to join peers from across the state to honor the legacy of those who served. Participating in such a solemn ceremony at the Shrine helps our students develop a deeper understanding of sacrifice and the importance of preserving our shared history.

A friendly reminder to all families that personal stationery items, squishy / fidget toys, and toys of any kind should remain at home. We have recently noticed an increase in students bringing these items to school to trade, which unfortunately often leads to unnecessary conflict and hurt feelings. Please be assured that the school provides all the materials students need for their daily learning. Additionally, we ensure that students have access to appropriate fidget tools, a wide variety of outdoor toys, and plenty of play equipment during break times. Because we provide everything necessary for both work and play, no outside items are required or permitted at school. We appreciate your support in helping us keep the focus on learning and positive social interactions.

As we move into a period of wet and cooler weather, please ensure all students are wearing the correct school uniform and bring a warm jacket for outside play. We try to get the children outdoors for fresh air whenever possible, so being prepared for the temperature is essential. Please note that school beanies are available for purchase from the office, and these are the only beanies permitted to be worn with the school uniform.

Have a great 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

### *ANZAC Commemoration at the Shrine of Remembrance*

On Tuesday May 5<sup>th</sup>, our School and Vice Captains along with our Social Justice Leaders attended Melbourne Legacy's 94th Annual ANZAC Commemoration at the Shrine of Remembrance. It was an opportunity for all those attending to keep the ANZAC Spirit alive by commemorating ANZAC Day and the sacrifices made by the brave men and women who served our country. The students have shared some of their insights from representing our school.

*Today made us realise how important the war was and the great sacrifice the ANZACs made. Lest we forget.* (Toby & Aryan)

*We learnt to not just thank soldiers but to think about all they did giving their lives to bring peace to all Australians. A great day to thank many.* (Finley & Shae)

*One of the high schoolers that won a competition presented his speech, which was about real remembrance, by listening and paying attention to all veterans and their stories. Overall, we give the ceremony a solid 8/10.* (Ishea & Jack)

*Looking at the faces of the veterans during the ceremony made us realise that peace in our country came at a great cost and none of their stories should go untold.* (Lily & Camilla)



### *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](#)

Calendar of Events

(new items in bold)

Term Two

May

Friday, May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Assembly
Monday, May 18 <sup>th</sup>	PSGs Years 3, 5 & 6
Tuesday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Division Cross Country - Geelong Racecourse (selected students)
<b>Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Walk or Ride to School Day</b>
	P&F Special Lunch
Monday, May 25 <sup>th</sup>	PSGs - Prep, Year 1 & Year 2
Wednesday, May 27 <sup>th</sup>	5/6 Lightning Premiership Netball/AFL
	National Simultaneous Storytime
Thursday, May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Incurion - Reconciliation
Friday, May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Prep Assembly

June

Monday, June 1 <sup>st</sup>	PSGs Year 4
Tuesday, June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 3 Incursion - Reconciliation
Thursday, June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Prep Excursion to Werribee Zoo
<b>Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Student Free Day - Staff Professional Learning</b>
<b>Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>King's Birthday public holiday</b>
Wednesday, June 10 <sup>th</sup>	Parents & Friends 7pm staffroom
	Division Soccer - Myers Reserve (selected students)
Friday, June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Assembly
Tuesday, June 16 <sup>th</sup>	Division Tee-Ball - Stead Park (selected students)
	School Advisory Board 7pm
Friday, June 19 <sup>th</sup>	P&F Special Lunch - Pizza
Friday, June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Assembly
	End Term 2 - 1.30pm dismissal



# Walk Or Ride To School Day!



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**Healthy breakfast 8:30!**  
Enjoy a free, nutritious and healthy breaky 

**On Friday the 22nd of May**  
**At 8:30am**



If you walk or ride to school then you get a temporary tattoo! 



All students who walk or ride to school go in the draw to Win a hour of sport run by the house captains!!!!!!







## 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>  
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>

#### September

Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>  
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  
Grandparent's Day

Sacrament of First Eucharist 2.30pm  
District Athletics -Landy Field (selected students)  
School Advisory Board 7pm  
Book Week "Symphony of Stories"  
Book Week dress up day with morning parade

Division Athletics (selected students)  
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

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