

NEWSLETTER



St Margaret's
Primary School

Term Two, Week 5
May 18th, 2026
#14

From Susan's Desk

Leadership and Management News

Dear Families,

Last week, our Year 3 students were treated to an engaging incursion hosted by Coastal Nectar, where they delved into the fascinating life cycle of bees. This visit provided a hands-on opportunity for students to understand how these insects support our local ecosystems through pollination. Coastal Nectar aims to bridge the gap between young learners and the natural world by fostering a deep appreciation for biodiversity. By educating children on the vital role bees play in our food security and environmental health, they hope to inspire the next generation of environmental stewards who will protect these essential pollinators for years to come.

We are looking forward to our Walk or Ride to School Day this Friday, May 22nd. Our House Captains have been working closely with Mr. Wilson to organise this event, which serves as a fantastic way to promote physical activity and reduce our collective carbon footprint. Prioritising active travel not only improves student concentration and wellbeing but also fosters a sense of community as families travel to school together. We extend a thank you to the P&F for their efforts in organizing fresh fruit for students as they arrive on Friday morning. Additionally, the P&F will be hosting a special lunch on the day, so please ensure you place your orders via the Flexischools app. Your ongoing support of these initiatives is greatly appreciated, with all funds raised going directly toward our new shade sail project.

You may have noticed an exciting upgrade beginning downstairs in the courtyard. Our P&F have been busy sourcing items for this area, and the space is beginning to take shape. Please keep a close eye on the courtyard over the next few weeks before its big reveal. We would like to extend a special thank you to Stephanie Sahr for her incredible hard work and vision in transforming this space for our students to enjoy.

The building works across the school grounds are progressing exceptionally well and remain on schedule for completion in Term 3. It has been exciting to see the structures moving so quickly, and the students have thoroughly enjoyed watching the daily progress from a safe distance. In other school news, we would like to wish the very best of luck to the students representing our school at the Division Cross Country this coming Tuesday. We know you will represent us with pride, and we encourage you to show great sportsmanship and kindness to all competitors on the day.

Finally, we would like to remind our community of the vital importance of regular school attendance. Missing just one day a fortnight adds up to four weeks of lost learning over a year, which can significantly impact a child's academic and social development. When a student is absent, please remember to call the office to notify us of the reason. As part of our school's commitment to child safety, we will contact families regarding any unexplained absences to ensure every child is safe and accounted for. Thank you for partnering with us to ensure your child is at school every day they are well.

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.

Calendar of Events

(new items in bold)

Term Two

May

Monday, May 18th
Tuesday, May 19th
Friday, May 22nd

Monday, May 25th
Wednesday, May 27th

Thursday, May 28th
Friday, May 29th

PSGs Years 3, 5 & 6
Division Cross Country - Geelong Racecourse (selected students)
Walk or Ride to School Day
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 1st
Tuesday, June 2nd
Thursday, June 4th
Friday, June 5th
Monday, June 8th
Wednesday, June 10th

Friday, June 12th
Tuesday, June 16th

Friday, June 19th
Friday, June 26th

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 13th
Tuesday, July 14th
Wednesday, July 15th
Friday, July 24th

Student Free Day - Staff Professional Learning
Students begin Term Three
Emmaus Meal at 5pm - First Eucharist preparation family night
Grandparent's Day

August

Sunday, August, 2nd
Friday, August 7th
Tuesday, August 18th
Monday, August 24th-28th
Tuesday, August 25th

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

September

Tuesday, September 1st
Monday, Sep 7th-11th
Friday, September 18th

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 5th
Tuesday, October 6th
Tuesday, October 27th

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

November

Monday, November 2nd
Tuesday, November 3rd
Monday, Nov 9th-11th
Thursday, November 12th
Tuesday, November 10th
Monday, November 16th
Thursday, November 19th

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 4th
Tuesday, December 8th
Tuesday, December 10th
Monday, December 14th
Tuesday, December 15th
End Term 4 - 1.30pm dismissal

Student Free Day - Staff Professional Learning
School Advisory Board 7pm
Whole School Christmas Concert
Year 6 Graduation
Assembly - Prep presenting



**Thank you families.
We raised \$1327 for
Project Compassion.**

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School Community News



Aussie of the Month

Eden Tran

Nominated for "Being a good friend and following the school rules."

He is always helpful and happy to include anyone, anytime. He also participates in all his activities in class and never complains! He is also extremely nice and respectful in the yard! What a perfect Aussie of the Month!!



Our Walk / Ride to School event featured in the Independent. May 22nd



Storydogs visiting Year 1.

School Community News



Lunchtime in the Library – crochet, calligraphy, drawing and colouring, loombanding, spirograph and lots of reading – with a warm rug!
Our Library is also open before school every morning for returns, browsing and borrowing.



What Kids Want In Books

When Reading for Fun, Kids Aged 6–17 Say
THEY WANT BOOKS THAT:



61%
Make me laugh



41% Tell a made-up story



40% Have a mystery or problem to solve



51% Let me use my imagination



38% Teach me something new



44% Have characters I wish I could be like because they're smart, strong or brave



91% of kids aged 6–17 say My favourite books are the ones I have picked out myself.

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Year 3 Beekeeper Incursion



Student of the Week Awards

Class	Student	Awards presented Friday, May 15 th
Prep JC	Charlie Chappell	For his excellent efforts reviewing our Stage Two sounds this week! Great work!
Prep JC	Goldie Allbutt	For her excellent efforts reviewing our Stage Two sounds this week! Amazing work!
Prep SB	Harriet Williams	For her excellent efforts reviewing our Stage Two sounds this week! Well done!
Prep SB	Awen Dredge	For her excellent efforts reviewing our Stage Two sounds this week! Well done!
Yr 1 EK	Isla Connor	For settling into our school community positively. We are so happy to have you in our class.
Yr 1 EK	Ted Lawson	For making great connections in our seasons unit and sharing your thoughts. Great work!
Yr 1 JB	Reeve Backwell	For implementing a growth mindset towards all areas of your schooling. Well done Reeve!
Yr 1 JB	Leo Likoudis	For striving to put your best foot forward in all areas of your learning. Well done Leo!
Yr 2 CR	Mia McGennissen	For her continued effort in improving her spelling and writing. Well done Mia!
Yr 2 CR	Landon Munn	For always treating her peers with kindness and respect. Well done Landon!
Yr 3 AC	Max Higgins	For showing great determination and perseverance during your learning tasks!
Yr 3 AC	Luna Stephenson	For all your commitment and hardwork on your reading fluency!
Yr 3 HM	Ari Herwynen	For your hard work in Maths and always trying to improve.
Yr 3 HM	Paris Likoudis	For always being a responsible student leader in class.
Yr 4 JC	Gus O'Kane	For his hard work and brilliant writing during literacy. Well Done Gus!!
Yr 4 JC	River Munn	For his kind and friendly attitude to all his classmates. Well Done River!!
Yr 4 LC	Gunnu Parinja	For terrific focus and determination to strive for accurate work.
Yr 4 LC	Harvey Little	For great reflecting and responding in class discussion.
Yr 5 FM	Lacey Chapman	For your excellent writing task on the Pantheon, well done Lacey.
Yr 5 FM	Jake O'Toole Ludena	For your excellent research and writing on our explanation text, well done Jake.
Yr 6 DW	Tamiko Kai	For her excellent attitude and behaviour towards her school work and her peers.
Yr 6 DW	Holly Maloney	For the excellent design and function of her pasta space rover.
Principal's Award	Aksel Sibi	For having a positive attitude towards learning and being a kind friend.

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House of Jairus Project

Hi my name is Brooke and I am the director of a Non-Profit Development Project called the House of Jairus. We support 250 disadvantaged primary school children whose families cannot afford basic tuition fees and school supplies. The school is called Success Nursery and Primary School and we are located in the remote Ugandan village, Idudi. Children were coming to school thirsty and hungry. We installed water sources, desks, scholastic materials and now grow sustainable crops to feed empty tummies, giving them the best environment to thrive in. We work with our local Ugandan friends who see the despair of the poverty cycle. Providing children with hope for a better future is instilling change in this village. Our aim is to see our project become fully self-sustainable in the near future by empowering our local staff with further education, small business development opportunities and sustainable agriculture training.

Our role is to speak for those who have no voice

Grade 6 Pen Pals

The Grade 6 class have been given an opportunity to become Pen Pals with students from Success Nursery Primary School. They will handwrite a letter to a matched student giving them the opportunity to learn about another student and their life in this remote village. The students are encouraged to ask questions like 'What's your favourite subject?' 'What do you want to be when you grow up', 'Who's in your family'? The letters will be hand delivered in June when we visit the project and we will return with their Pen Pals letter.

I hope this provides all Pen Pals to practice their letter writing skills as well as an opportunity to learn and celebrate another child's culture.

If you would like any further information about the House of Jairus Project please reach out. There will also be some brochures at the office.

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Walk Or Ride To School Day!



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

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

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!!!!!!!!!!



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through play

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the next step

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Learning
together

Growing
curious minds.
Nurturing
happy hearts.



WHY FAMILIES CHOOSE US

- ♥ Experienced and caring educators
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- ♥ Inclusive and welcoming community
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- ♥ Strong connections with families



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