

# NEWSLETTER



St Margaret's  
Primary School

Term Two, Week 6  
May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
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## From Susan's Desk

## Leadership and Management News

Dear Families,

We had a fantastic turnout for our Walk to School Day, which was blessed with absolutely great weather. The event was a massive success, largely thanks to the great leadership shown by our house captains and the wonderful organization by Mr. Wilson. We also owe a huge thank you to our P&F committee, who provided a delicious and healthy breakfast with fresh fruit sourced from the East Fruit Market and yogurt from Woolworths. The morning was filled with a great community atmosphere, and we sincerely thank all the families who attended and supported the initiative. We encourage everyone to keep walking and riding to school whenever possible to maintain these healthy habits.



The P&F also organised a yummy pizza lunch, which was a huge hit with the students. The funds raised from this special lunch will go directly towards building our new shade structure, which will provide a much-needed sheltered outdoor space for everyone. We appreciate the hard work and dedication of our P&F members, who consistently go above and beyond to provide such great experiences for our students.

As we reach the middle of Term 2, we are focusing heavily on student autonomy. Students should now be entering the classroom independently, unpacking their bags, and preparing for their day without parental assistance. This expectation includes our Prep students, who have now had plenty of time to learn the morning routines. Developing this independence is crucial for their growth, as it builds self-confidence, problem-solving skills, and resilience, while ensuring a calm and focused start to the school day for the entire class.

If you need to speak with a teacher, please contact them to make an appointment rather than trying to chat first thing in the morning. The beginning of the day is a very busy time for staff as they prepare their classes, settle the children, and welcome everyone into the room. Please do not use this time to share information with the teacher, as their attention needs to be fully on the students. Instead, please send an email or request a formal meeting time.

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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.

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Furthermore, a reminder that all communication regarding your child must go through the classroom teacher, not our Learning Support Officers (LSOs). This ensures total consistency and guarantees that the teacher always knows exactly what is happening for all students in their care. The teacher will then share any required information with the relevant support staff.

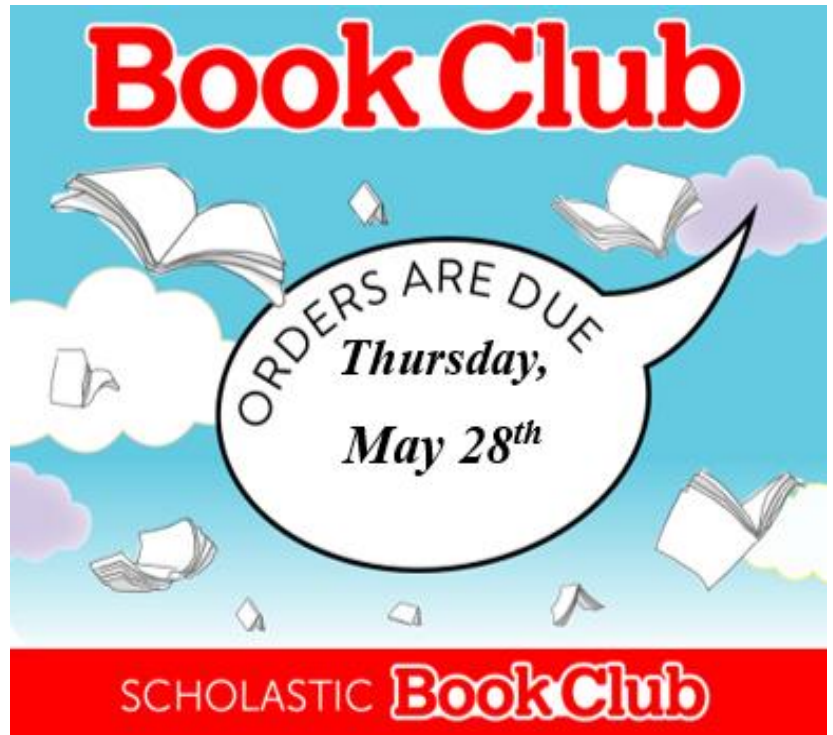
We have another reminder regarding students bringing personal items to school. Recently, a number of students have been quite upset because their personal balls have gone missing or ended up on the roof. Due to Occupational Health and Safety regulations, we require scaffolding to safely retrieve balls from the roof. This is a significant expense, so we only do this when the gutters are scheduled to be professionally cleaned. Because personal balls will inevitably end up stuck on the roof for long periods, please ensure they are left at home. The same rule applies to personal electronic devices, which run the risk of getting broken or misplaced. To avoid any distress, please don't bring any personal toys, equipment, or electronics to school, and we thank you for your support with this matter.

Later this week, our school leaders will be meeting with Bishop Ashe so he can get to know our school community better. This is a wonderful opportunity to further strengthen our parish and faith school partnerships, and we look forward to welcoming him and sharing the great things happening in our school.

Enjoy your week!

*Susan Perks*

### ***Bellarine Primary School 12-13yo 3km Cross Country Boys Event at the Geelong Racecourse***



## Calendar of Events

(new items in bold)

### Term Two

#### May

Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>  
  
Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>

PSGs - Prep, Year 1 & Year 2  
5/6 Lightning Premiership Netball/AFL  
National Simultaneous Storytime  
Year 4 Incursion - 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  
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  
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

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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

