

NEWSLETTER



St Margaret's
Primary School

Term Two, Week 10
June 22nd, 2026
#18

From Susan's Desk

Leadership and Management News

Dear Families,

We have had an incredibly busy and productive last few weeks of the term here at St Margaret's. Our Prep students recently enjoyed a fantastic excursion to the Werribee Open Range Zoo, where they focused on learning about different animal features and how these unique traits help them survive and thrive in their environments. These kinds of hands-on excursions provide invaluable real-world learning opportunities, allowing the children to see their classroom concepts come to life right before their eyes. Adding a wonderful performing arts element to our week, the Stomp dance program on Friday enhanced this area of our curriculum. The children absolutely loved learning the dynamic dance routines and showed immense enthusiasm when performing them proudly for their peers, and we extend a huge thank you to Miss Cassi for organising such an engaging experience for everyone.

Our special hot dog lunch day was an absolute hit across all year levels, and we are incredibly grateful to our hard-working Parents and Friends committee for organising the day, as well as to all the families who supported it. It is wonderful to share that all profits raised from this special lunch will be going directly toward our community contribution for the new shade sail.

In other important news, I have heard from the City of Greater Geelong council to let me know that a traffic inspector will be in attendance next week, and will return again at some point during next term. They will be actively issuing on-the-spot fines to anyone parked illegally or driving unsafely through the back area of the school during morning drop-offs and afternoon pick-ups. It is of vital importance that this area remains completely safe for our students as they arrive at and leave school each day, so your absolute vigilance and strict adherence to the road rules in this space is appreciated.

In some long-awaited and highly exciting news, we will officially begin the process of moving back into our renovated administration and office space Monday. Once we are fully established and settled back into the area, we will let the school community know so that you can once again enter the school via the main front doors. We are absolutely thrilled with the final outcome. The space looks incredibly bright, fresh, and lovely, while crucially meeting all updated safety and OH&S compliance standards. Loram Builders have been outstanding to work with throughout the entire construction process, and we are so grateful to have this beautiful facility ready for full use as we head into next term.

I wish all of our families a wonderful, safe, and restful holiday break. Please take the time to relax and recharge, as Term 3 is shaping up to be another incredibly busy and exciting one!

Susan Perks

Reminder that we finish Term 2 this Friday at 1:30pm.

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

June

Friday, June 26th

Year 5 Assembly
End Term 2 - 1.30pm dismissal

July

Monday, July 13th

Tuesday, July 14th

Wednesday, July 15th

Thursday, July 23rd

Friday, July 24th

Wednesday, July 29th

August

Sunday, August, 2nd

Monday August 3rd &

Tuesday, August 4th

Wednesday, August 5th

Monday, August 10th

Friday, August 7th

Friday, August 14th

Tuesday, August 18th

Monday, August 24th-28th

Monday August 24th

Tuesday, August 25th

September

Tuesday, September 1st

Friday, September 4th

Saturday, September 5th

Monday, Sep 7th-11th

Monday, September 14th

Thursday, September 17th

Friday, September 18th

Term Three

Student Free Day - Staff Professional Learning

Students begin Term Three

Closing date for Cookie Dough orders

Emmaus Meal at 5pm - First Eucharist preparation family night

Grade 5/6 Geoffrey Carran Artist Incursion

Cheer Truck Toasties

Grandparents' Day

Cookie Dough orders distributed

Sacrament of First Eucharist 2.30pm

Fire Carriers "Opening The Doors" Hot Chocolate

Fundraiser 8:40am- 9am BYO MUG

P&F Special Morning Tea - Finger Buns

Year 3 & 4 Swimming

District Athletics - Landy Field (selected students)

Prep Incursion: Build-a-Bear

School Advisory Board 7pm

Book Week "Symphony of Stories"

Year 1 & 2 Swimming

Book Week dress up day with morning parade

Division Athletics (selected students)

Donuts with Dad

Fathers' Day Stall

Fathers' Day Raffle

Bake Sale items due at school

Fathers' Day Bake Sale

Book Fair Week

Prep and Year 6 Swimming

Footy Colours Day

P&F Special Lunch - Pies

Footy Raffle

End Term 3 - 1.30pm dismissal

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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

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

School Community News

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

Once again, for the 3rd time, St Margaret's will be competing in the **Australian Mathematics Competition**, to be held on **Thursday, August 6th**. We had 36 students competing in 2025, with some of them doing very well.

The competition is open to all students from **Years 3 to 6** and provides a challenging setting to showcase their mathematical skills. All students who participate in the competition will receive a certificate indicating their level of achievement at their year level.

The Australian Mathematics Competition is an optional event, as it aims to challenge students and their mathematical capabilities. There will be an **entry fee of \$9.30** per student. Entry is via payment to the school's bank account below and **must be paid by the end of Term 3, Week 2 - Friday, 24 July**.

If you have any questions, please email Matt de Jong at

mdejong@smgeelongeast.com.au.

Entry to the Australian Mathematics Competition bank details:

St Margaret's School

BSB: 083347

Acc No: 658335261

Ref: Australian Mathematics Competition - Child's Name



School Community News



We've already sold an incredible **200** tubs of dough-licious cookie dough but the fun isn't over yet! There are still plenty more tubs to sell to reach our goal!

Don't forget to hit the **Share** button on your online page to get friends and family in on the action! 😊 Let's make it happen!

💰 Remember there are amazing incentive prizes are up for grabs, including a FREE Magic Alien Growing Pet!

Whip up your order today at cookiedough.com.au and get ready to treat yourself (and support our school too)! 🍪

Orders close 15th July 2026, deliveries on 29th July 2026.

Missing Shoe

Shoe found in playground,
has not been claimed.
Size 1 Everflex brand



School Community News

Cross Country Regionals



Niah and Kartia represented our school at Regionals.
Niah 13th and Kartia 24th.

T-Ball



Stomp Dance Workshop



St Margaret's

Support the

SOCCEROOS

**THIS
FRIDAY
26th JUNE**



**WEAR A TOUCH OF
GREEN AND GOLD!**



**Bring a Gold Coin
Donation**





Hot Chocolate

When: August 3rd & 4th

Time: 8:40am - 9am

Where: Art Room



Gold Coin Donation

BYO cup for
a free
marshmallow



THE WRONG BOOK SHOW

**PRESENTED BY CLEVER GIRL THEATRE
ADAPTED FROM THE BOOK BY NICK BLAND
DIRECTED BY JAMES LEE
SCRIPT AND SONGS BY R. M. MCGURK**



WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? YOU'RE IN THE WRONG SHOW!

Nicholas Ickle is trying to perform his show, but he keeps getting interrupted by characters from other stories! To finish his play, can he convince the others that they are in the wrong show?

Based on the beloved Australian book by Nick Bland, The Wrong Show brings the classic story to life complete with colourful characters, music and laugh-out-loud hijinks.

Audiences are encouraged to move, make noise and join in with the fun, as Nicholas tries to keep his show from going off the rails! Created in Geelong, this is the perfect outing for the winter school holidays.

NOTE: Please do NOT bring any elephants, pirates, queens, farting monsters or rats to this show. We have too many already.

PERFORMANCES:

Wed, 08 Jul 2026	10:00am
Wed, 08 Jul 2026	01:00pm
Thu, 09 Jul 2026	10:00am

TICKET PRICES:

Single Price	\$36
Single In	\$36
Wheelchair	
Companion Card	\$0

****\$6.00 transaction fee applies***

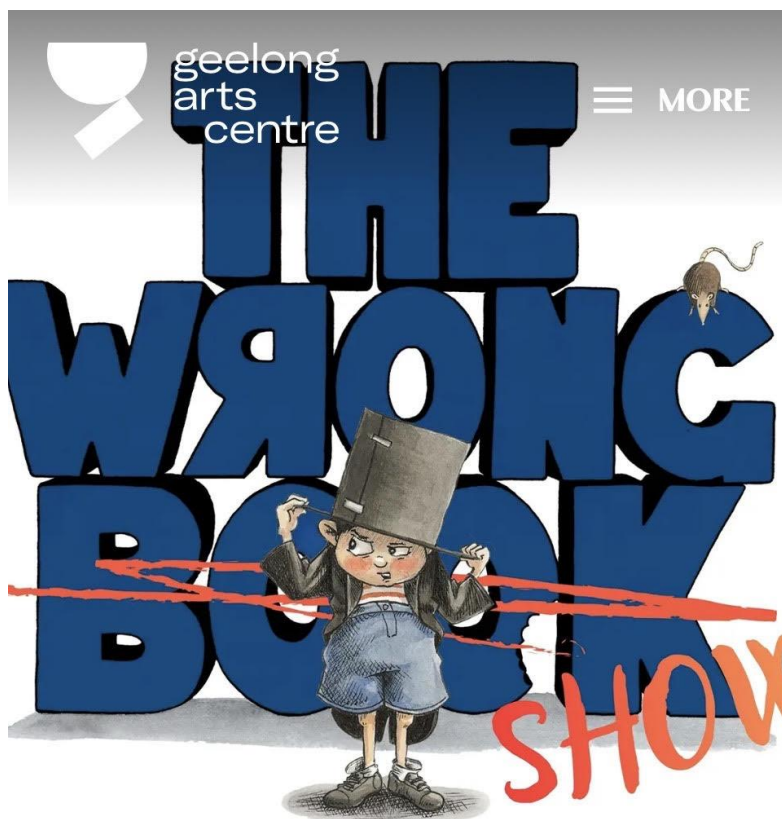
VENUE:

The Story House
50 Little Malop Street

[Venue Info](#)

DURATION:

50 minutes, no interval.



SWAP SCREEN TIME FOR CREATIVE TIME THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS! BRING THE KIDS TO OUR NEW SOUTH GEELONG WAREHOUSE WHERE THEY CAN MAKE THEIR OWN CANDLES, CREATE BATH PRODUCTS, OR ENJOY A FUN-FILLED 3-HOUR WORKSHOP COMBINING CANDLE MAKING AND TEXTURED ART PAINTING.



Scan the QR code or visit our website to learn more and book their spot.

**These classes will be conducted by Evoke My Senses & Jessica Michelle Creative
Warehouse 3/9B Gravel Pits Rd, South Geelong, 3220**

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10 BENEFITS OF BOARD GAMES

- 1. number and shape recognition, grouping and counting**
- 2. letter recognition and reading**
- 3. visual perception and colour recognition**
- 4. eye-hand coordination and manual dexterity**
- 5. communicating verbally**
- 6. sharing**
- 7. waiting and taking turns**
- 8. enjoying interaction with others**
- 9. winning and losing and**
- 10. having fun!**