

NEWSLETTER



St Margaret's
Primary School

Term Three, Week 2
July 20th, 2026
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From Susan's Desk

Dear Families,

It has been a busy and exciting first week of Term 3, and it is fantastic to see our students returning to school so refreshed, energized, and ready to learn.

It was absolutely lovely to see so many of our families gathered together recently for our Emmaus Meal, supporting our students as they prepare for their First Holy Communion. The Sacrament of the Eucharist is a profound milestone in our students' faith journeys, marking a sacred time where they deepen their bond with the Church community. Sharing a meal together allowed us to mirror that very sense of communion, learning about the sacrament in an environment filled with warmth and fellowship. Thank you to everyone who attended and made it such a successful and meaningful evening.

With the cold weather settled in, please ensure all students are wearing the correct winter uniform rather than a hybrid mix. Tights should be worn with the winter kilt, not with the summer dress. Official school beanies are available for purchase from the front office and are perfect for chilly mornings, while heavy outdoor coats are welcome in the yard but must be removed when entering the classroom. Additionally, please ensure all nail polish is removed and that hair touching the shoulders is neatly tied back. Thank you for helping our students present themselves with pride.

Our Parents and Friends committee met on Thursday evening, and while we were small in numbers, we have big plans and lots to look forward to this term. If you are interested in helping out or want to get involved, we would love to have you, so please come along to the next meeting or see me directly to get you started.

One of our big upcoming events is Grandparents Day this Friday. To celebrate this very special occasion, the committee has organised the Cheer Toastie Truck. However, this treat can only go ahead if we reach our target of selling 300 toasties, and so far, only 100 have been ordered. Please place your orders via the Flexischools app as soon as possible, as orders close tomorrow, Tuesday. We do not want to miss out on sharing this with our special grandparents, especially since all profits will go towards the new shade sail we are working towards.

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Please join us to celebrate our Grandparents!

Friday July 24th

Happy Grandparents Day!

11.40 Liturgy in the Church
12.30-1.15 Classroom Activities
1.15pm shared toastie lunch

**order toasties via flexischools app.

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.

Leadership and Management News

You can also get ready with your favorite easy bake recipes, as our annual Father's Day Bake Sale will be here before we know it. Baking packs will go home shortly with the eldest member of each family, and we ask that families bake goods according to the instructions provided, ready to sell on Garden Street on Saturday, September 5th. To provide some inspiration, we will be asking students to write out their favorite recipes to display in the front foyer, and Flexischools also has time slots available for families to sign up and help out on the day.

Finally, please don't forget that Winston and Co. will be providing lunch orders on Fridays starting July 31st. Please note that this initiative does not support the school financially in any way, but is a service that many of our families have explicitly asked for. Thank you for your continued support, and have a wonderful week ahead.

Susan Perks

WONDER SCHOOLS SHOWCASE 2026

Geelong Wonder Children's Festival

**The St Margaret's Choir will be
performing at the Wonder Schools
Showcase:**

**Session 2: Tuesday 15th
September 2026,
9.45am - 11.15am**

**Tickets for parents & families wanting to attend are now on
sale via the link below:**

<https://geelongartscentre.org.au/whats-on/all-events/wonder-schools-showcase-2/>

Tickets are limited so get in early!

Permission notes and further information for performers will be sent out shortly.

Calendar of Events

(new items in bold)

Term Three

July

Thursday, July 23rd
Friday, July 24th

Wednesday, July 29th
Friday, July 31st

Grade 5/6 Geoffrey Carran Artist Incursion
Cheer Truck Toasties
Grandparents' Day
Cookie Dough orders distributed
Assembly Prep & Yr 6 100 Days of School Prep

August

Sunday, August, 2nd
Mon 3rd & Tues 4th

Wednesday, August 5th
Monday, August 10th
Friday, August 7th
Friday, August 14th

Tuesday, August 18th
Wednesday, August 19th
Monday, August 24th-28th
Monday August 24th
Tuesday, August 25th
Friday, August 28th

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)
Assembly Yr 1
Prep Incursion: Build-a-Bear
School Advisory Board 7pm
P&F Special Lunch - Vietnamese
Book Week "Symphony of Stories"
Year 1 & 2 Swimming
Book Week dress up day with morning parade
Assembly Yr 5

September

Tuesday, September 1st
Friday, September 4th

Saturday, September 5th
Monday, Sep 7th-11th
Friday, September 11th

Monday, September 14th
Thursday, September 17th

Friday, September 18th

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
Assembly Yr 2

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 26th

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
Please note change of date

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

LOST PROPERTY

Please collect from the Office





P&F Upcoming EVENTS

AUG

5

SPECIAL
MORNING TEA
FINGER BUNS
FLEXISCHOOLS
APP

JULY

15

COOKIE DOUGH
ORDERS CLOSE

AUG

19

SPECIAL LUNCH
VIETNAMESE
FLEXISCHOOLS
APP

JULY

16

P&F MEETING
STAFF ROOM
FROM 7PM

SEPT

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DOONUTS WITH
DAD
FATHER'S DAY
STALL
FATHER'S DAY
RAFFLE

JULY

24

GRANDPARENTS
DAY
TOASTIE CHEER
TRUCK
FLEXISCHOOLS
APP

SEPT

5

FATHER'S DAY
BAKE SALE

JULY

31

WINSTON & CO
LUNCH ORDERS
BEGIN WEEKLY
FLEXISCHOOLS
APP

SEPT

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FOOTY COLOURS
DAY
SPECIAL LUNCH
PIES
FOOTY DAY
RAFFLE



The poster has a light cream background with abstract, wavy stripes in yellow, pink, and light blue. Red four-pointed stars are scattered throughout. At the bottom, three donuts are shown: a blue one with black sprinkles on the left, a large pink one with white and yellow sprinkles in the center, and a yellow one with black swirls on the right.

DONUTS WITH DAD!

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 4TH
FROM 8.15AM**

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE WILL BE
DRAWN



WEEKLY LUNCH *orders*

Freshly made, delicious, and ready for you!



winston & co

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BEGINNING FRIDAY JULY 31ST