

NEWSLETTER



St Margaret's
Primary School

*Term Three,
Week 4
August 3rd,
2026
#22*

From Susan's Desk

Leadership and Management News

Dear Families,

Last Friday was a momentous occasion as our Prep students celebrated their milestone 100 Days of Prep. It was an action packed day for our Preps! A particularly special highlight was sharing this celebration with our Year 6 buddies, who unfortunately missed out on their own 100 Days milestone years ago due to COVID disruptions. Watching the Year 6 students connect with their Prep buddies, guide them through activities, and share in their happiness made the day unforgettable. Marking these milestones fosters a rich sense of belonging and achievement, reinforcing the strong inter-grade bonds that make our school community so special.

We extend our congratulations to the Year 4 students who celebrated the Sacrament of First Eucharist this past Sunday at St Mary's. Receiving First Holy Communion is a significant and beautiful step in a child's journey within the Catholic faith, as they fully join in the mystery of the Eucharist and deepen their personal connection with God. We offer our thanks to our Year 4 teachers; Leonie Cann and James Chappell and to Kellie Barbour for their incredible dedication, care, and spiritual guidance in preparing our students for this sacred milestone.

We would like to highlight an essential date on our school calendar: Friday, August 7th, which is our official Census Day. We ask for your full support in ensuring that every single child is present and counted on this day, as well as during the entire census week from August 3rd to August 7th. The annual school census is a vital administrative event that determines critical government funding levels and resource allocations for our school community. Consistent, regular attendance is fundamental to your child's academic progress, social development, and overall wellbeing, but during this specific week, full attendance directly impacts our ability to secure the necessary funding that supports our educational programs and facility improvements. Please make every effort to schedule medical appointments or personal leave outside of this important week so that every student is accounted for.

Looking ahead in our school schedule, we are excited to announce our upcoming swimming program, which will take place later this term and extend into Term 4. Water safety and swimming skills are vital life lessons for all children, helping to build physical coordination, confidence, and essential safety awareness in and around water. To uphold our school's strict child safety standards, every child, both boys and girls, must wear a rashie during all pool sessions. We encourage you to start looking now to ensure you have the required items ready and properly fitted well in advance. Students will need a fitted rashie, suitable bathers, goggles, a towel, sandals or slides for walking to and from the pool, and a swimming cap, which is strictly required by the aquatic facility. Preparing these items early guarantees that your child will be ready to jump right into this rewarding and enjoyable week of daily swim instruction.

We also want to express our ongoing support for our dedicated FIRE Carriers, who are hosting a warm hot chocolate fundraiser this Monday and Tuesday. All proceeds from this initiative go directly to Open the Doors Foundation, a wonderful organization that provides vital educational grants to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. By helping cover the costs of uniforms, books, and educational equipment, the foundation ensures these students have equal access to quality education and the chance to achieve their full potential. Supporting this cause aligns beautifully with our school values of inclusion, community, and social justice, and we encourage everyone to buy a hot chocolate to help make a positive difference.

Finally, please don't forget to support the upcoming finger bun morning tea organized by our hardworking Parents and Friends association. This delicious treat is our latest fundraiser aimed at raising funds for a new shade sail over our outdoor play spaces, creating a safer, sun-smart environment for all our children to enjoy. Orders can be placed easily via the Flexischools app, so please be sure to place your order promptly.

Thank you so much to our wonderful P&F team for their continuous hard work and to all our families for supporting such a fantastic cause and enjoying a tasty morning tea together.

Have a great week!

Susan Perks



Lord God, we pray for our young students who have recently received the Sacrament of First Eucharist. Bless them as they welcome You into their hearts in a new and special way. May the grace of this sacrament nourish their spirits, guide their steps, and inspire them to walk in Your love every day. Keep them safe, fill their lives with joy, and continue to strengthen our entire school family in faith and unity. Amen.

1st Eucharist Students 2026

Annie Butcher, Austin Ariyappilly, Bonnie Martini, Charles Brown, Chester Toohey, Claudia Walker, Elsie Heather, Fletcher Eslick, Georgia McGennissen, Gus O'Kane, Izzy Porter, James Kessler, Jayda Sperling, Koda Sperling, Levi Deocampo, Luella Young, Mason Chappell, Mila Ghin, Mila Tran, Patrick Noonan, Pearl Timmins, Peter Jackson, Rafferty Vaughan, River Munn, Thomas Marriott, Xavier Hanan, Ruby Withington, Aiden Coumans, Andrew Nabati, Ria Vadivel, Luca Natale, Raffael Natale.

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 Three

August

Mon 3rd & Tues 4th

Wednesday, August 5th

Thursday, August 6th

Friday, August 7th

Monday, August 10th

Monday, August 10th

Tuesday, August 11th

Friday, August 14th

Tuesday, August 18th

Wednesday, August 19th

Friday, August 21st

Monday, August 24th-28th

Monday August 24th

Tuesday, August 25th

Friday, August 28th

Fire Carriers "Opening The Doors" Hot Chocolate Fundraiser

8:40am- 9am BYO MUG

P&F Special Morning Tea - Finger Buns

Australian Maths Competition - selected students

District Athletics - Landy Field (selected students)

Year 3 & 4 Swimming

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews

Assembly Yr 1

Prep Incursion: Build-a-Bear

School Advisory Board 7pm

P&F Special Lunch - Vietnamese

Fire Carriers Art Incursion - Rhys Jeffs

Book Week "Symphony of Stories"

Ruggie – Plushie – Read for Book Week

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

Wednesday, September 9th

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

Cricket Blast Prep-2 (during PE)

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 Student Free Day - Staff Professional Learning

Tuesday, December 8th

Tuesday, December 10th

Monday, December 14th

Tuesday, December 15th

School Advisory Board 7pm

Whole School Christmas Concert

Year 6 Graduation

Assembly - Prep presenting

End Term 4 - 1.30pm dismissal

SWIMMING PROGRAM 2026

Term 3: Week 5 12:00 1:00 pm (3/4s) Two Sessions

Term 3: Week 7 10:20 - 11:20 am (1/2s) Two Sessions

Term 3: Week 10 12:30 - 1:00 pm (5/6s) One Session

Term 3: Week 10 12:00 - 12:30 pm (Preps) One Session



Student of the Week Awards

<i>Class</i>	<i>Student</i>	<i>Awards presented Friday, July 31st</i>
<i>Prep JC</i>	Haddie Stephenson	For her fantastic efforts in reading and always being respectful, safe and responsible. Well done Haddie!
<i>Prep JC</i>	Luka Merrigan	For demonstrating his knowledge within our learning, and challenging himself. Amazing work Luka!!
<i>Prep SB</i>	Sofia Natale	for her awesome start to school!
<i>Prep SB</i>	Phoenix Withington	for being a constant positive role model to others.
<i>Yr 1 EK</i>	Aira Vadivel	For always having a positive mindset in all aspects of your learning. Well done!
<i>Yr 1 EK</i>	Arlo Vasiljkovic	For demonstrating great enthusiasm in your reading! Welcome to St Margarets.
<i>Yr 1 JB</i>	Evalyn Allwright	For your increasing confidence shown when sharing your ideas with the class. Well done Evalyn!
<i>Yr 1 JB</i>	Zainab Ali	For working towards implementing a growth mindset towards your schooling. Well done Zainab!
<i>Yr 2 CR</i>	Billie Jobson	For progressing her reading. Well done Billie!
<i>Yr 2 CR</i>	Indy McIntosh	For constantly trying his best across all subjects. Great work Indy.
<i>Yr 3 AC</i>	Alexia Vasiljkovic	For having a wonderful start to your journey within our classroom! Well done!
<i>Yr 3 AC</i>	Jasnoor Natt	For your awesome start at St Margarets. Well done!
<i>Yr 3 HM</i>	Ezra Knight	For your commitment to following classroom expectation and rules.
<i>Yr 3 HM</i>	A.J Chapman	For your ability to help others in need, especially in learning.

Yr 4 JC	Patrick Noonan	For his excellent paragraph writing during our literacy block. Well Done Patrick!!
Yr 4 JC	Taha Ammar	For his kind and friendly attitude towards all of his classmates. Well done Taha!!
Yr 4 LC	Luca Natale	For his persistence in Maths. Luca thrives on solving challenging problems.
Yr 4 LC	Eli Allwright	For demonstrating strong Maths skills in estimating, measuring and understanding different types of angles.
Yr 5 FM	Cooper Clowes	For showing care and kindness to your friendship group. Well done!
Yr 5 FM	George Vapp	For your hard work and excellent writing on your Jandamarra factual text. Well done!
Yr 5 KH	Azariah Steed	For having a positive attitude towards school and her learning. Well done Azariah.
Yr 5 KH	Bernardo Vasiljkovic	Welcome to St Margaret's School. You are doing a great job in settling into year 5. Well done.
Yr 6 DW	Shae Rufus	For her fantastic participation and efforts to start the second half of the year.
Yr 6 DW	Harry Harvey	For the fun and hard work that he produces every day of the year!
Principal's Award	Pearl Timmins	For always giving 100% in class and being a kind and inclusive friend.

together in faith

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.

ST MARGARET'S PRIMARY SCHOOL P&F

**EAT A BUN.
FEEL GOOD.**



WED 5 AUGUST

ORDER VIA FLEXISCHOOLS.
4 FLAVOURS AVAILABLE
\$3.00 EACH

Hot chocolate
When: August 3rd & 4th
Time: 8:30am - 9am
Where: Art Room
Gold Coin Donation
BYO cup for
a free
marshmallow



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

4

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

17

FOOTY COLOURS
DAY
SPECIAL LUNCH
PIES
FOOTY DAY
RAFFLE



The poster has a light cream background. At the top, there are several curved, brush-stroke-like shapes in yellow, pink, and light blue. Scattered throughout the background are small, four-pointed red starburst graphics. The main title 'DONUTS WITH DAD!' is written in a large, bold, red, rounded font. Below the title, a dark brown rectangular box with a thin white dashed border contains the text 'FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 4TH' and 'FROM 8.15AM' in white, bold, sans-serif font. Underneath this box, the text 'FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN' is written in a smaller, dark blue, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the poster, three donuts are illustrated in a stylized, flat design. The central donut is pink with white and yellow sprinkles. To its left is a blue donut with black chocolate chips. To its right is a yellow donut with black chocolate swirls and a small pink sprinkle in the center.

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!



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BEGINNING FRIDAY JULY 31ST