

NEWSLETTER



Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools



St Margaret's
Primary School

Term Three, Week 5
August 10th, 2026
#23

From Susan's Desk

Leadership and Management News

Dear Families,

Last week, I had the privilege of presenting our school's journey regarding our behavior routines and classroom mastery skills at the Western Region Flourishing Learners Network day. It was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our collective progress and celebrate the remarkable success we have achieved in transforming our school into a safe, calm, and welcoming environment for everyone. When hosting visitors or conducting school tours, guests frequently comment on how calm, purposeful and deeply engaged our learning spaces are. This positive atmosphere is no coincidence. Our dedicated staff has worked tirelessly to establish consistent school-wide norms around behavior, clear expectations, and daily classroom routines. Seeing these efforts translate into improved learning outcomes, stronger teaching practices, and a settled atmosphere makes me immensely proud. It was an honor to showcase our school's achievements, and it was equally humbling to have leaders from other schools request visits to learn more about our ongoing journey.

Our student leaders have also been hard at work making a positive impact both within and beyond our school grounds. The FIRE Carriers leadership group brought warmth and cheer to our community by serving hot chocolate on Monday and Tuesday last week. Through their enthusiasm and the generosity of our families, this group successfully raised over \$100 for the Opening the Doors Foundation, an important organisation dedicated to supporting Indigenous communities and educational opportunities.

This week, our Year 3/4 students will begin their highly anticipated 2026 swimming program. To ensure a smooth, safe, and organised experience, please remember that all participating students are required to wear rashies and bring a swimming cap, as mandated by the aquatics center. We also strongly request that every personal item, including towels, goggles, bags, and clothing, be clearly named and labeled. Having parent helpers is a wonderful aspect of these events, but maintaining strict child safety protocols remains our utmost priority at all times, both on campus and during off-site excursions like swimming. Any parent wishing to attend and watch the lessons must have a current Working With Children Check on file with the office and have signed our school's Volunteer Code of Conduct. Additionally, to uphold optimal child safety, privacy, and protection standards, parents must not assist other students in the main changing facilities. If your child requires assistance with changing before or after their lesson, please utilise the separate accessible or family bathroom facilities provided by the venue. Your active support in following these crucial guidelines helps us maintain a secure, respectful environment where every child feels protected.

We extend our thanks to everyone who supported the recent Parents and Friends morning tea drive. Building on that community spirit, our next P&F Special Lunch Day is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19th, featuring delicious Vietnamese offerings from Great Ocean Rolls. Orders can be conveniently placed in advance through the Flexischools app.

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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.

Leadership and Management News

On a personal note, I was completely blown away by the overwhelming kindness shown to me for Principal Day last Friday. The thoughtful drawings, handmade cards, meaningful prayers, and creative portraits of me as a princess were absolute highlights that warmed my heart. I am deeply appreciative of the effort put in by our thoughtful students and staff to make the day so meaningful. I feel extraordinarily grateful to work alongside such an amazing team, a supportive community, and wonderful students who bring a smile every single day.

Have a great week!

Susan Perks

Celebrating World Principal Day

We are incredibly lucky to have such a dedicated principal leading our school.



During art class, Mrs Perks stops to admire Bailey's painting. Bailey is using bold blue and green paints. "What wonderful creativity, Bailey!" Mrs Perks says.



By: Rose

Mrs Perks is a guiding light at St. Margaret's Primary Catholic School. Every day, she leads with kindness, care, and a big heart for her school community.

Calendar of Events

(new items in bold)

Term Three

August

Monday, August 10th

Tuesday, August 11th

Friday, August 14th

Mon, Aug 17th - Fri 21st

Tuesday, August 18th

Wednesday, August 19th

Friday, August 21st

Monday, August 24th-28th

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Tuesday, August 25th

Friday, August 28th

Matific Maths Olympiad Week begins

Parent Teacher Interviews

Year 3 & 4 Swimming Week

Parent Teacher Interviews

Assembly Yr 1

Prep Incursion: Build-a-Bear

Bullying No Way Week

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 Week

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

Wednesday, September 9th

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

Yr 5 Excursion Rollerway

Cricket Blast Prep-2 (during PE)

Assembly Yr 2

Prep and Year 6 Swimming Week

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

This week...

The Matific Olympiad is back for 2026. We are world leaders (Aus/NZ) in this event! Let's see if we can jump a couple of places on the podium, up to 1st! The target is 150 stars per student.



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



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/](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.

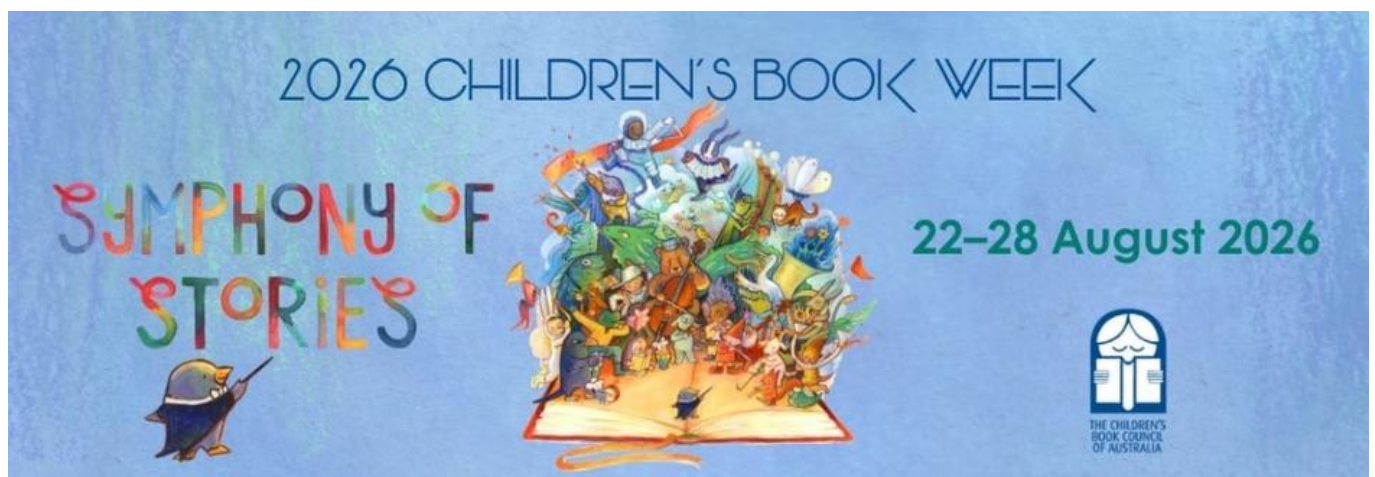
These glasses were found on Grandparents day. Please collect from the school office.



Coming Up...

Tuesday, August 25th

Book Week dress up day with morning parade on the basketball court (weather permitting)



It's that time of year again!!!!

matific
Maths Olympiad

AU/NZ 2026

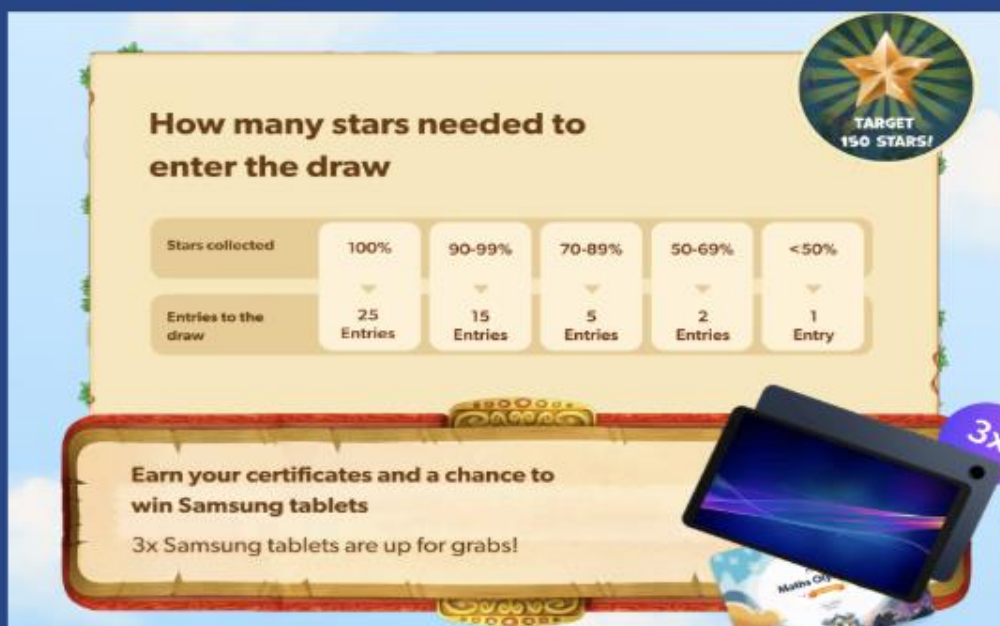
10-14 August

Each year our school participates in the Matific Olympiad against schools from across Australia and New Zealand.

Each child aims to achieve 150 stars in one week playing on Adventure Island, School Activities or Arena.

Make sure you have your login from your teacher and **collect stars at home**.

Have fun practising maths and give yourself the chance to win some great prizes for you and our school!



P&F
VIETNAMESE
SPECIAL LUNCH

WEDNESDAY AUGUST
19TH



**SEE THE MENU &
ORDER VIA
FLEXISCHOOLS**

***GREAT
OCEAN
ROLLS***



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 with abstract, curved 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 chocolate chips on the left, a large pink one with white and yellow sprinkles in the center, and a yellow one with black icing 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!



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BEGINNING FRIDAY JULY 31ST