

NEWSLETTER



Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools



St Margaret's
Primary School

Term Three, Week 6
August 17th, 2026
#24

From Susan's Desk

Leadership and Management News

Dear Families,

Next week, our school community will participate in National Bullying Prevention Week, widely recognised as Bully No Way Week. Dedicating time to this initiative is a vital part of our commitment to child safety at St Margaret's, ensuring every student feels secure, valued, and supported in their learning environment. Throughout the week, teachers will lead engaging classroom activities centered on recognising bullying behaviors and understanding the power of positive relationships. A key focus will be empowering students with practical tools to become proactive upstanders rather than passive bystanders. To show our collective commitment to kindness and inclusion, students are invited to wear a touch of purple alongside their standard school uniform next Friday.

We would like to extend our thanks to our families for making our recent Grade 3/4 swimming program such a success. The students represented St Margaret's exceptionally well, receiving glowing feedback from the instructors regarding their outstanding behavior, positive attitudes, and effort in the pool. We appreciate parents ensuring their children were fully prepared each day with required swim caps and rash shirts. We also sincerely thank the parents who came along to support the swimmers while adhering to our strict child safety protocols, including having an active Working with Children Check and a signed Code of Conduct on file. Looking ahead, our Grade 1/2 swimming program begins on August 24th, and we kindly ask families to ensure students have the necessary gear and that attending parents have completed the required safety documentation, as child safety remains our highest priority.

There are plenty of exciting events and updates to keep on your radar over the coming weeks. This Wednesday, students can enjoy a special lunch featuring delicious Vietnamese cuisine from Great Ocean Rolls, which can be ordered conveniently through the Flexischools app.

We are also looking forward to our upcoming Father's Day celebrations, which include Donuts with Dad, a delicious bake sale, the Father's Day stall, and our annual Father's Day raffle. Raffle tickets are now available for purchase, offering a fantastic opportunity to win incredible prizes for dad while directly supporting our school. Full details for all Father's Day activities can be found on our social media channels and in the attached flyers, alongside a generous offer from Loft Indoor Golf providing a 20 percent discount voucher for all our school families.

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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

Finally, our School Board will meet this Tuesday to discuss our 2027 fee structures in light of rising operational costs and updated Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools guidelines. As directed by MACS, we will be transitioning from our current family fee model to a tiered fee structure, alongside adjustments to fees and certain extracurricular offerings to ensure operational costs are fully covered while continuing to provide outstanding opportunities for our students. We remain dedicated to full transparency and will share formal updates with our community as decisions are finalised. The strong partnership between home and school is essential to everything we do, and we thank you for attending the recent parent-teacher interviews. Your open communication and trust are deeply valued as we work together to guide your child on their learning journey.

Have a great week!

Susan Perks



Aussie of the Month

Sophie Butcher

By demonstrating compassion and generosity toward her peers, Sophie ensures everyone feels valued, supported, and given a fair go to succeed. Her positive attitude and active care of others and the environment make her a well-deserved recipient of the Aussie of the Month award.

**Congratulations
Sophie!**

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Calendar of Events

(new items in bold)

Term Three

August

Mon, Aug 17th - Fri 21st

Tuesday, August 18th

Wednesday, August 19th

Friday, August 21st

Monday, August 24th-28th

Monday August 24th

Tuesday, August 25th

Friday, August 28th

Bullying No Way Week

School Advisory Board 7pm

Book Club due back

P&F Special Lunch - Vietnamese

Bullying No Way – wear a pop of purple

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

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 5/6 Swimming

Footy Colours Day

P&F Special Lunch - Pies

Footy Raffle

End Term 3 - 1.30pm dismissal



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

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



CONGRATULATIONS ST MARGARET'S.
TOGETHER WE DID IT!

Matific Maths Olympiad 2026

Competition has ended

Stars Earned

34650

School Rank

1

[Student Leaders](#)

[Class Leaders](#)

[School Leaders](#)

Date Range

Matific Maths Oly...

Rank	School	Country / Region	Avg. Accuracy	Achievement to Date
1	St Margaret's Primary School - East Geelong, Geelong East	Australia	90.79%	100.00%
2	Kaniere School, Hokitika	New Zealand	89.94%	100.00%
3	Paengaroa School, Paengaroa	New Zealand	82.04%	75.57%
4	Kaniva College, Kaniva	Australia	81.87%	75.41%
5	St Mary's Primary School Yoogali, Yoogali	Australia	79.35%	69.02%
6	St Damian's Catholic Primary School, Bundoora	Australia	85.67%	68.63%



Student of the Week Awards

Class	Student	Awards presented Friday,
Prep JC	Owen McCallum	For his effort when writing his numbers and letters.
Prep JC	Adalyn Oliver	For always helping her classmates and being an excellent role model. Well done Adalyn.
Prep SB	Shye Mirmilstein	For his wonderful commitment and effort during the Matific Olympiad! Well done Shye!
Prep SB	Daisy Butler	For showing perseverance and commitment with complex math problems during the Matific Olympiad! Impressive work Daisy!!
Yr 1 EK	Ford Costello	For working very hard by using your phoneme fist during spelling. So proud of you Ford!
Yr 1 EK	Levi Poole	For getting your independent task completed quickly, and giving it your best shot!
Yr 1 JB	James Porter	For striving to always challenge yourself in the classroom. Well done James!
Yr 1 JB	Huxley Drew	For implementing a growth mindset towards your schooling. Well done Huxley!
Yr 2 CR	Amaya Kai	For her improved school work ethic! Well done Amaya.
Yr 2 CR	Hadley Robinson	For always being willing to try new things. Well done Hadley.
Yr 3 AC	Zita Nolan	For your incredible work on our Dragons unit! Well done Zita!
Yr 3 AC	Ruari Dooris	For positively challenging yourself within the classroom! Great work Ruari!
Yr 3 HM	Ivy Freedman	For your great learning done in class.
Yr 3 HM	Toby Bennet	For helping your classmates during Matific week.
Yr 4 JC	Olivia Dawson	For always giving 100% effort into her writing and taking pride in the presentation of her work Well done Olivia!!
Yr 4 JC	Levi Deocampo	For his excellent paragraph writing and neatness of his work. Well done Levi!!
Yr 4 LC	Archer Robinson	For his willingness to share his time and Maths skills to support classmates.
Yr 4 LC	Brax Jobson	For sharing with us the Australian history information he learned on his holiday.
Yr 5 FM	Kartia Mirmilstein	For your wonderful diary entry writing pieces inspired by the book 'Waves'. Great work Karti!
Yr 5 FM	Friday Foley	For your outstanding writing piece inspired by the book Waves. Well done Friday!
Yr 5 KH	Summer Ryan	For outstanding book presentation. Well Done.
Yr 5 KH	Hazel Bennett	For outstanding book presentation. Well Done.
Yr 6 DW	Quinnie Westwood	For the positive outlook she presents at school towards all of her activities.
Yr 6 DW	Archer McIntosh	For his all-round skills, achieving high standards with his academics, supporting his peers and always being responsible, respectful and safe.
Principal's Award	Kyah Batterbury Prep JC	For showing incredible independence by walking into school all by yourself each morning.

BULLYING NO WAY

**WEAR A
POP OF PURPLE**

Show your support and help create a
bullying no way community!



**WEEK 6
FRIDAY
21ST AUGUST**



Purple is the **Bullying No Way**
hero colour. It represents
peace, strength and
empowerment to take a
stand against bullying.



**SMALL ACTS,
BIG IMPACTS!**



BE KIND. BE BRAVE.
LET'S BUILD A BULLYING NO WAY COMMUNITY.



**2026
National week
of action**



OFFICIAL SUPPORTER

*Together
we can make
a difference!*



**#BULLYING
NOWAY**



School Community News

Congratulations Jack!

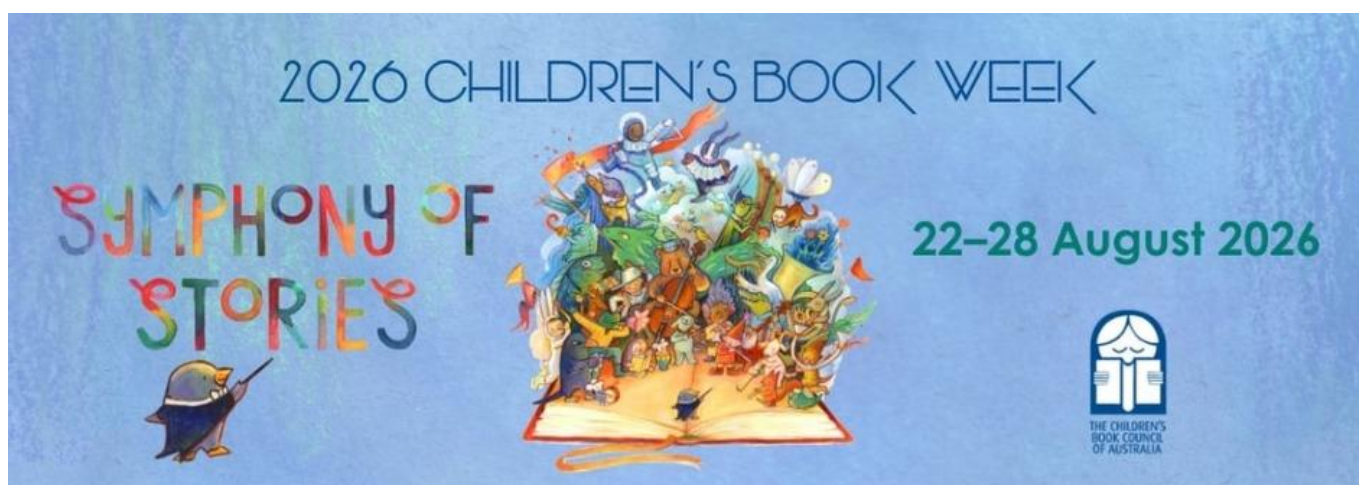
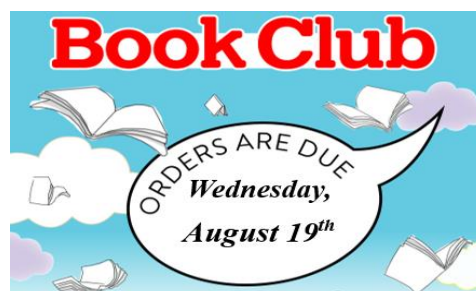


Jack O in year 6 recently represented Australia in the 2026 International World Cadet Championships in Circolo Vela Torbole. We are super proud of the fantastic result coming 2nd overall out of 65 boats in which 10 countries were represented, by only 5 points. Congrats Jack!! We are so proud of you.



Library News

*Bookclub Issue 6 went home last week and orders are due in **this** Wednesday. This is a quick turnaround due to the Book Fair happening in the second last week of the term.*



BOOKWEEK EVENTS



FAMILY QUIZ

Sent home Monday, due back Friday. Each family with all correct answers will receive a bookmark assortment pack.

RUGGIE, PLUSHIE, READ!

Monday, August 24th.

Students invited to bring a rug, plushie or soft toy and their favourite books and we'll all get settled around the school for a comfy afternoon of reading.



BOOK PARADE

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

School Community News

East Geelong Footy Champs



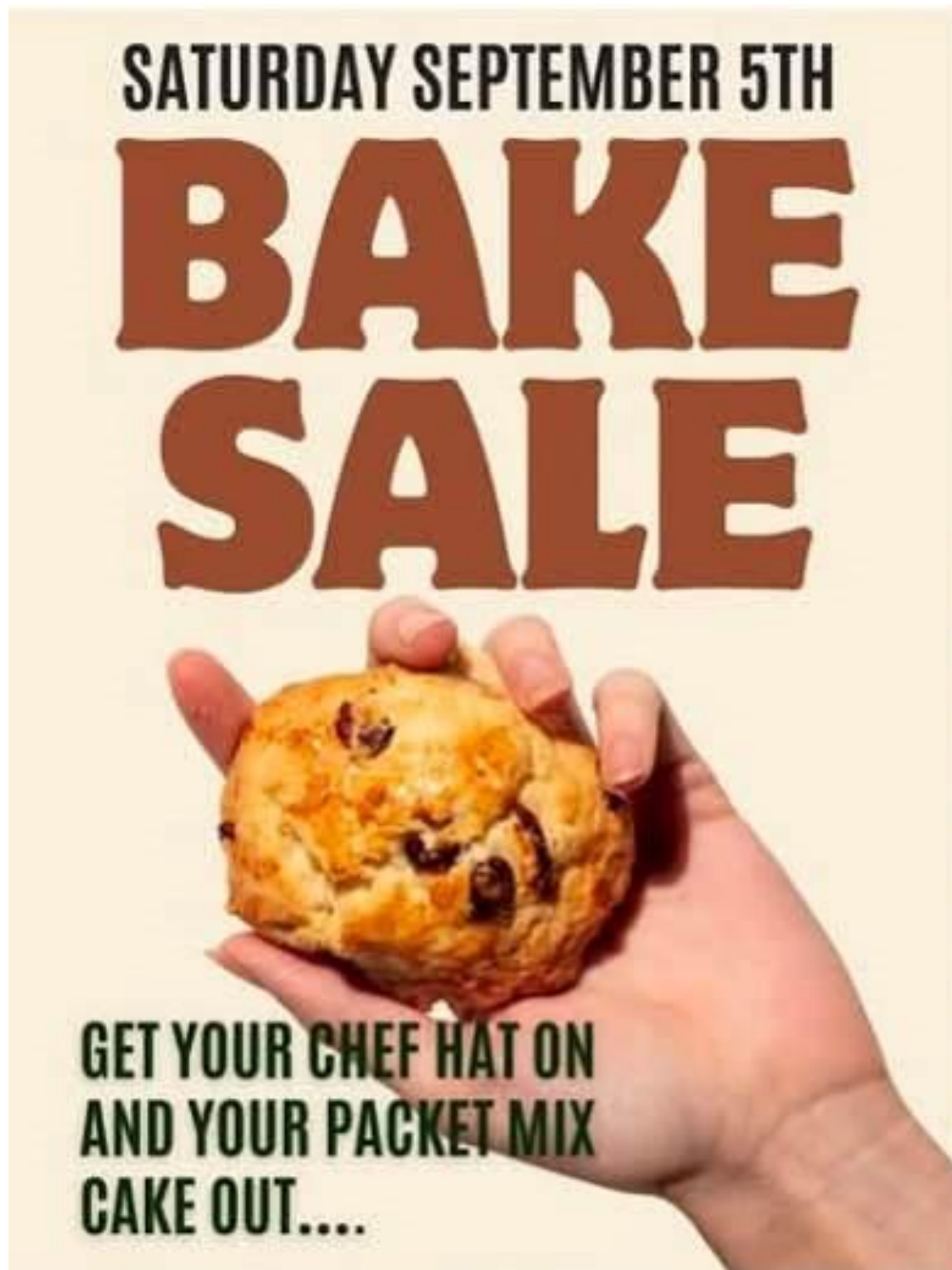
St Margaret's students played their final game of footy for the year! Sophie. B, Summer. R and Winnie. T taking out best on ground for the final match.



School Community News

St Margaret's Bake Sale

This year we're celebrating 25 YEARS of the St Margaret's Primary Bake Sale. That's a lot of banana bread. Packs will start being handed out at school in the coming week, so get your chef hat on and start preparing. This year we'd love to see your family's FAVOURITES. Remember, every dollar we make at the sale goes directly to our shade sail fundraiser, so get baking!



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School Community News

ST MARGARETS P&F



Father's Day Raffle





EAST GEELONG GOLF CLUB EXPERIENCE

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Win Dad a great day on the greens with a round of golf for 2 + cart hire.
Kindly donated by East Geelong Golf Club



LOFT GOLF TRAINING PACK

★

Help Dad take his golf game to the next level with 10 sessions at Loft Golf! Enjoy premium practice facilities and plenty of opportunities to work on your swing.
Kindly donated by Loft Golf Geelong



RELAX & INDULGE PACK

★

Let Dad kick back in a new BCF Hammock and enjoy a great night out with a Murphy's Gift Voucher.
The perfect combination of relaxation and good times!
Thanks to BCF and Murphy's Geelong



FAMILY & PET PHOTO PACK

★

Win Dad a family and pet portrait session including photo print.
Thanks to Best in Show Pet Photography

TICKETS
\$10



Scan for tickets!

**RAFFLE
DRAWN
FRIDAY SEP 4**

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR ST MARGARETS COMMUNITY!

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School Community News

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

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

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*Free Athletics Trial Day Saturday 19th September 2026
10am - 2pm at John Landy Field.*

East Geelong Athletics club invites children of all ages and abilities to attend our free trial day. This is a great opportunity for children to experience a range of track and field activities in a fun, supportive and inclusive environment before committing to the athletics season. Families are encouraged to register their interest to receive further information about the season and athlete registration. Please refer to the flyer for more details.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

SEASON 2026/27



EAST GEELONG LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUB



AGES 5-17 · ALL ABILITIES WELCOME · OCT-MAR · SAT MORNINGS

FREE TRIAL · SAT 19 SEPTEMBER 2026 · 10AM-12PM · LANDY FIELD

Keep active. Have fun. Belong.

Kids run, jump and throw your way through a season – where the measure of a good day is being active with friends and achieving personal bests. Athletes develop skills and confidence that shows up well beyond the track. No experience needed – our coaches are there to help.

We are a **community club** and it shows: local families come together week after week, helping out and making lifelong friendships. Join us at John Landy Field this summer.

SCAN THE CODE
TO REGISTER
YOUR INTEREST



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FREE 3 and 4-year-old
kindergarten places at

St Albans Park Kindergarten

2027 applications now open!

SCAN HERE





ASHIHARA KARATE

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NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

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NO JOINING FEES

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LOOSE WEIGHT.
GAIN STRENGTH AND
FLEXIBILITY.
LEARN SELF-DEFENSE.



**CLASSES ARE HELD ON MONDAY
& WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**

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**SAINT BARNABAS CHURCH
105 WILSONS ROAD
NEWCOMB VIC 3219**

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Juniors. 5.45 to 6.45 pm
Seniors. 7.00 to 8.30 pm

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☎ MARK: 0414 508 374

FIRST 2 CLASSES ARE FREE
