

NEWSLETTER



Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools



St Margaret's
Primary School

Term Three, Week 9
September 7th, 2026
#27

From Susan's Desk

Leadership and Management News

Dear Families,

I hope all the Dads and special men in our lives enjoyed a magnificent Father's Day on Sunday, filled with the love, and appreciation they so truly deserve. A massive thank you to everyone who joined us for our annual Donuts with Dad event on Friday morning. It was absolutely wonderful to see so many fathers, grandfathers, and father figures filling our grounds, creating a vibrant and welcoming community atmosphere. The morning was made even more exciting by our Father's Day raffle, door prize giveaways and P&F stall, making it a memorable way to kick off the celebrations for the weekend. We extend our gratitude to our incredible Parents & Friends (P&F) association for their work in coordinating these activities. Events like these highlight the deep connections and strong spirit that make our school community so special.

Our weekend festivities continued on Saturday morning with a hugely successful bake sale, and we couldn't be more grateful for the overwhelming support. A huge thank you goes out to all the talented bakers who donated delicious treats, everyone who came along to purchase goods, and the wonderful parent volunteers who generously gave their time to run the stall. This fundraiser is always a popular highlight on our school calendar, and its success once again highlights the immense dedication and strength of our school family working together for our students.

Our Year 2 students had an unforgettable excursion to the Melbourne Aquarium last Thursday, providing a brilliant opportunity to consolidate their classroom learning. From sea creatures to hands-on exhibits, there was an incredible array of things to see and explore throughout the day. It was an exceptional experience that allowed the children to fully immerse themselves in their studies, bringing their educational journey to life in a fun, dynamic, and memorable way.

The Book Fair is up and running at school all this week, and we invite all families to come along, browse the fantastic selection, and support both our school and your child's love of literature. Reading at home every single day plays a transformative role in a child's academic and personal growth. Consistently sharing books at night strengthens vocabulary, sparks imagination, and significantly boosts overall learning and knowledge acquisition across every subject area. Developing a daily reading habit is one of the most powerful gifts we can give our young learners, and we look forward to seeing our students discover their next favorite book this week.

Excitement is building for Footy Colours Day! Special lunch orders for delicious footy pies are now open via the Flexischools app, so be sure to get your orders in soon. Today, students are also bringing home raffle books for our Footy Colours Day raffle, which features an incredible lineup of prizes including a signed cap from current Geelong Football Club players, an Arts Centre family pass, a Whiz Kidz voucher, and exclusive Whiteout towels from the recent Whiteout game at Geelong. At just 50 cents per ticket, or three for \$1.00, these represent extraordinary value for money, with extra ticket books available at the front office for anyone wishing to increase their chances.

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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, we would like to extend a huge congratulations to our District Athletics team, who proudly represented our school last week. Every single student performed brilliantly and demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship and St Margaret's kindness throughout the competition. A special mention goes to Frank and Niah, who have successfully qualified to continue on to the next round; Regionals! We wish them the absolute best of luck as they prepare for their upcoming events!

Have a wonderful week.

Susan Perks



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MACSSIS

Imagine if, in about 30 minutes,
you could help **improve your
child's school.**

The MACSSIS **family survey** is open
Monday 31 August – Friday 18 September 2026.



Congratulations William!

William competed in the Royal Academy of Dance Audrey Nicholls Awards held at VCASS in Melbourne. He performed his work from his Grade 2 classes in front of an adjudicator and was chosen for the finals. In the finals he performed his classical dance, solo, in front of an audience and two adjudicators.

William won the Martin Reubenstein award, an overall award for grades 1-4, presented to a male dancer, and \$200.



St Margaret's Primary School



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Calendar of Events

(new items in bold)

Term Three

September

Monday, Sep 7th-11th

Tuesday, September 8th

Wednesday, September 9th

Thursday, September 10th

Friday, September 11th

Monday, Sep 14th-18th

Tuesday, September 15th

Thursday, September 17th

Friday, September 18th

Book Fair Week

Matific competition presentation

Yr 5 Excursion Rollerway

Cricket Blast Prep-2 (during PE)

R u Ok? Day

Assembly Yr 2

Prep, Yr 6 & Yr 5 Swimming week

Choir at Wonder School Showcase

Footy Colours Day

P&F Special Lunch - Pies

Footy Raffle

Longest Kick event

End Term 3 - 1.30pm dismissal

Term Four

October

Monday, October 5th

Tuesday, October 6th

Tuesday, October 13th

Monday, October 19th

Tuesday, October 20th

Tuesday, October 27th

Thursday, October 29th

Student Free Day - Staff Professional Learning

Students begin Term Four

Years 3 & 4 Fossil Dig Incursion

2027 Prep Orientation - visit 1

Batforce Parent Session:

“Sex, Gender and the Pastoral Approach”

Year 4 parents welcome

Year 5 & 6 parents compulsory

Prep, Year 1 & 2 Bravehearts Incursion

Parents and Friends 7pm

2027 Prep Orientation - visit 2

School Advisory Board 7pm

P & F Hot Dog Special lunch

November

Monday, November 2nd

Tuesday, November 3rd

Monday, Nov 9th-11th

Thursday, November 12th

Tuesday, November 10th

Monday, November 16th

Tuesday, November 17th

Monday, November 23rd

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 with Kaboom event

2027 Prep Orientation – visit 3

P & F Slice Morning Tea

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

2027 Prep Orientation – visit 4

2027 Step Up morning

School Advisory Board 7pm

Whole School Christmas Concert

Year 6 Graduation

Assembly - Prep presenting

End Term 4 - 1.30pm dismissal

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Division Athletics



Grade Fours:

Harvey. L - 1500m
Boston. C - 100m/800m/Relay
Claudia.W - 200m/Hurdles/Relay
Mason. C - Hurdles/100m/Relay
Georgia.M - Hurdles/Relay
Pearl. T - Discus/Relay
Kiwain. D - Relay
Taha. A - Relay

Grade Fives:

Niah. M - 1500m/100m/Relay
Winnie. T - Discus/Relay
Ivy.M - 100m/Relay
Franki. P - 200m/800m/Relay
Mac.S - Hurdles/100m/Relay
Kartia.M - 800m
Harry. H - Long Jump/800m/Relay
Summer. R - 800m/High Jump/Relay
Jake. O - Relay

Grade Sixes

Ishe.T - 1500m/Discus
Bella. C - Hurdles/High Jump/Relay
Toby.B - Hurdles/800m
Lani.R - Hurdles/800m
Tamiko. K - High Jump
Loyola. J - Long Jump/Hurdles

Well done to all these students who competed at Goldsworthy Reserve at Division Athletics on Tuesday the 1st of September.



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THIS WEEK: SEPTEMBER 7TH – 11TH

AFTER SCHOOL:

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY

BEFORE SCHOOL:

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY

PLEASE INVITE GRANDPARENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS – BOOKS MAKE GREAT GIFTS!

EVERY DOLLAR EQUALS RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL

SCHOLASTIC



**SCHOLASTIC
REWARDS**

Come by and support our school whilst getting your hands on the best new children's books!

St. Margaret's Scrunchies

Available Now!



**Repurposed from summer school
dresses**

**Sold at Mrs. Perk's office for
\$3.00 each**

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St Margaret's Barwon Water Finalists

Out of all the amazing artwork created across our school, these exceptional students were selected to represent us in the Barwon Water Poster Competition 2026!

They will now go on and compete against schools from across Geelong and the Surf Coast.

We wish them all the very best.



PREP

Jagger. M
Goldie. A
Lenny. V
Sofia. N
Harriet. W
Sloane. B
Daisy. B
Sol. A
Addy. O
Ruby. M

GRADE 3&4

Izzy. P
Georgia. M
William. F
Annie. B
Elsie. H
Caden. M
Marcella. T
Austin. A
Luca. N

Grade 5& 6

Bella. C
Lani. R
Azariah. S
Ria. V
Rafi. N
Harry. Ha
Shae. R
Jack. G
Sophie. B
Friday. F
Ivy. S
Holly. M
Lily. B
Loyola. J
Harry. Hi
Summer. R

GRADE 1&2

Harry. H
Indira. C
Ford. C
Aira. V
Lennox. M
James. P
Edie. H
Hutch. M
Fadila. S
Maliah. R
Michael. W
Amaya. K
Solomon. W
Alfred. H
Eden. M

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BATFORCE

Parent Session (Sex, Gender and the Pastoral Approach)

**Yr 5 & 6 parents compulsory.
Year 3 & 4 parents welcome.**

Monday October 19th 2026 at 6.30pm Multipurpose Space
PARENT ONLY SESSION

KIDS RUN



2.5km run for kids on the beach + paths

**9:00am
13 SEP
2026**

- ▶ \$12 entry fee includes finisher ribbon, race plate and fruit at the finish
- ▶ for kids aged 3 - 12yrs
- ▶ Anglesea Green (next to the Lawn Bowls)

SURFcoastcentury.com.au

100KM
SURF COAST CENTURY

**rapid
ASCENT**
Racing & Fitness

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Make sure to bring a gold coin donation.

LONGEST KICK: PREP TO 6

WHERE: on the oval
AFTER LUNCH.

WHEN: 17TH OF
SEPTEMBER.

**FOOTY
COLOURS
DAY**

Wear your colours
to support your team



matific Maths Olympiad

AU/NZ 2026



St Margaret's
Primary School
East Geelong

Australia



Kaniere
School

New Zealand



Paengaroa
School

New Zealand

Yr 2 (AU) / Yr 3 (NZ)

Alex Walker

Cornwall Park District
School

Yr 4 (AU) / Yr 5 (NZ)

Leonie Cann

St Margaret's Primary
School
East Geelong

Yr 4 (AU) / Yr 5 (NZ)

Sumintra Dutt

Te Uho O Te Nikau
Primary School

k (AU) / Yr 1 (NZ)

S Scott

Kaniere School
(NZ)

Yr 1 (AU) / Yr 2 (NZ)

B Kerebs

Paengaroa School
(NZ)

Yr 2 (AU) / Yr 3 (NZ)

A Walker

Cornwall Park District School
(NZ)

Yr 3 (AU) / Yr 4 (NZ)

K Cabral Silveira

Kaniere School
(NZ)

Yr 4 (AU) / Yr 5 (NZ)

L Cann

St Margaret's Primary
School - East Geelong (AU)

S Dutt

Te Uho O Te Nikau
Primary School (NZ)

Yr 5 (AU) / Yr 6 (NZ)

J Smith

Ormiston Primary School
(NZ)

Yr 6 (AU) / Yr 7 (NZ)

M de Jong

St Margaret's Primary
School - East Geelong
(AU)

Yr 7 (AU) / Yr 8 (NZ)

A Whitehouse

Remuera Intermediate
(NZ)

Yr 8 (AU) / Yr 9 (NZ)

B Evans

South Auckland Middle School
(NZ)

Yr 9 (AU) / Yr 10 (NZ)

G Kaur

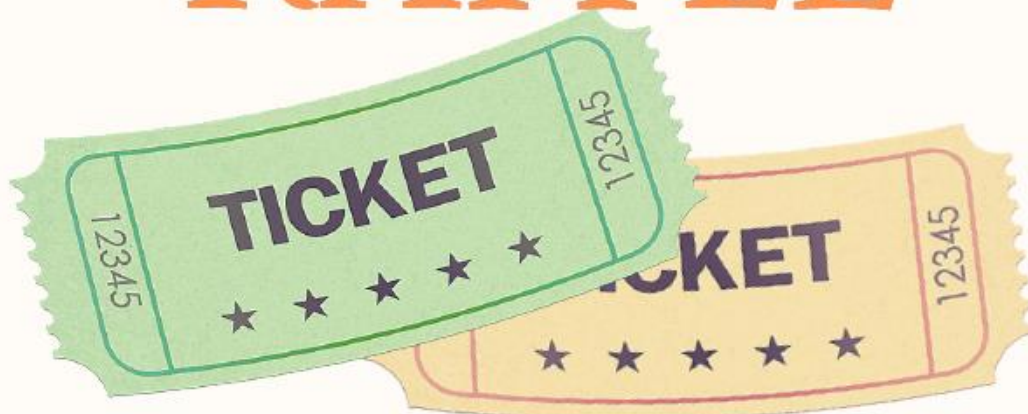
Rosehill College
(NZ)

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FOOTY COLOURS DAY RAFFLE



Win Great Prizes!

- Signed Cats Cap by current players
- Arts Centre Family Pass to any show (4 tickets)
- Fizz Kidz Voucher
- 2 x Cats White Out Game towels & a lego drink bottle



THURSDAY 17TH
SEPTEMBER



50C ONE TICKET
\$1 FOR 3



FOOTY COLOURS DAY





KELLY CLUB

SPRING 2026

HOLIDAY PROGRAM

GEELONG EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL
184 BOUNDARY RD, THOMSON, 7:00AM - 6:30PM

WEEK 1



Mon
21
Sep

WONDERLAND

Step through the rabbit hole into a world of imagination! Enjoy whimsical crafts, curious games, magical tea party fun, and plenty of topay-luvvy adventures inspired by Alice in Wonderland.

FULL FEE
\$67.72
AFTER MAX
CCS* \$6.77



Tues
22
Sep

GEELONG NINJA

Test your strength, balance, and determination at Geelong Ninja! Children will tackle exciting ninja obstacles, build confidence, and challenge themselves while having an action-packed day of fun.

FULL FEE
\$107.72
AFTER MAX
CCS* \$10.77



Wed
23
Sep

AFL GRAND FINAL DAY - CREATE AND TAKE

Celebrate footy's biggest day with an AFL-themed program! Enjoy team games, skills challenges, creative crafts, and plenty of friendly competition as we get into the Grand Final spirit. Come dressed in your favourite team's colours and see who can kick their way to premiership glory!

FULL FEE
\$82.72
AFTER MAX
CCS* \$8.27



Thur
24
Sep

JELLYBEAN - DUMPLING SQUISHY WORKSHOP

Get creative with Jelly Bean Entertainment as children design and decorate their very own squishy dumpling to take home! This fun, hands-on incursion encourages creativity, sensory play, and self-expression while children personalise their own unique squishy creation.

FULL FEE
\$97.72
AFTER MAX
CCS* \$9.72

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Public Holiday

FULL FEE
0.0
AFTER MAX
CCS* 0.0

WEEK 2



Mon
28
Sep

COMIC CON

Celebrate all things comics, superheroes, gaming, anime, and pop culture! Children will enjoy creative crafts, exciting challenges, themed games, and activities inspired by some of their favourite characters and stories. It's the perfect day to let imaginations run wild!

FULL FEE
\$67.72
AFTER MAX
CCS* \$6.77



Tues
29
Sep

JELLYBEAN - MYSTERY MISSION

Become a detective for the day as Jelly Bean Entertainment leads children through an exciting mystery filled with clues, puzzles, teamwork, and problem-solving. Work together to crack the case, uncover hidden secrets, and see if your detective skills can solve the mystery before time runs out!

FULL FEE
\$97.72
AFTER MAX
CCS* \$9.77



Wed
30
Sep

NIMBLE HITS - LASER SKIRMISH

Gear up for an action-packed laser tag adventure! Children will work together, strategise, and put their teamwork and problem-solving skills to the test as they navigate exciting missions in a fun and safe environment. A thrilling excursion that's sure to be a holiday highlight!

FULL FEE
\$107.72
AFTER MAX
CCS* \$10.77



Thur
1
Oct

CARNIVAL

Step right up for a day of carnival fun! Enjoy classic carnival games, colourful crafts, exciting challenges, tasty carnival treats, and plenty of chances to win prizes. It's a day packed with laughter, friendly competition, and unforgettable memories for everyone!

FULL FEE
\$67.72
AFTER MAX
CCS* \$6.77



Fri
2
Oct

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

Get ready for a not-too-spooky Halloween celebration! Dress up in your favourite costume and enjoy monster-themed crafts, creepy cooking, exciting games, and a day full of Halloween fun and laughter.

FULL FEE
\$67.72
AFTER MAX
CCS* \$6.77

Contact: Kailyn Email: geelongeast@kellyclub.com.au Phone: 0466 655 985
Further information: www.kellyclub.com.au/hp#info

*Childcare subsidy (CCS) may apply. Please refer to Services Australia Childcare Subsidy for eligibility and entitlement.



ENROL NOW AT

kellyclub.com.au/geelong-east



IMAGINE THE FUN

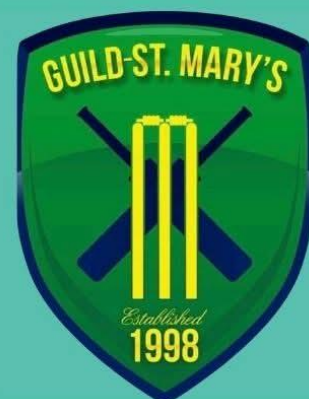
Join Woolworths Cricket Blast

Designed specifically for kids, our weekly 60-90 minute sessions are filled with game-based activities that get kids moving and having fun!

St Mary's Guild Cricket Club - Big Hits, Big Smiles, Big Fun!

- Starts 5th of November 2026
- Time: 4:45 pm - 5.45 pm
- Frier Reserve Newtown
- No equipment required

Club contacts: 0409503805 or guildstmaryscc@outlook.com



Also recruiting for under 11's and 13's teams

SIGN UP TODAY!

Q Play Cricket



We are SunSmart - a note for families

Too much of the sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage and skin cancer.

UV damage accumulated during childhood and adolescence is associated with an increased risk of skin cancer later in life. Skin cancer is the most common cancer in Australia. It is also one of the most preventable cancers.

You can't see or feel the sun's UV. Whatever the weather, if the UV levels are three or more, it's important to *Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide!*

Sun protection times

Don't just wait for hot and sunny days to use sun protection. Check the sun protection times each day so your family can be protected when they need to be.



Daily local sun protection times and weather details are available from the SunSmart widget on our school website, in the weather section of the newspaper, on the SunSmart website at sunsmart.com.au and as a free SunSmart app. Sun protection times can also be found at the Bureau of Meteorology website and live UV levels are available from ARPANSA.

SunSmart membership

Our school is a registered member of Cancer Council Victoria's SunSmart Schools Program. We aim to protect students and staff from too much UV.

Sun protection and skin cancer prevention is a shared responsibility. Please help support our SunSmart membership and sun protection efforts by ensuring your child follows the SunSmart measures included in our policy at school and at home.

During the daily local sun protection times (usually from mid-August to the end of April), **use these 5 SunSmart steps – even if it's cool and cloudy.**

1. **SLIP** on covering clothing

For free dress days, ensure your child wears clothing that covers as much skin as possible (e.g. elbow length tops with a higher neckline or collar and longer style shorts or skirts). Densely woven fabrics are best.



2. **SLOP** on SPF50+ broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen

Apply a generous amount of sunscreen at the start of the day and make sure children have sunscreen in their bag ready to reapply throughout the day.

Sunscreen should be reapplied every two hours. Please ensure children get plenty of sunscreen application practice at home so they'll be all set when they are at school. Under supervision, ask children to put a dot of sunscreen on each cheek, nose and chin and rub it in (avoiding the eye area) and sunscreen squiggles or dots on the back of the neck, arms and legs to cover these areas.

3. **SLAP** on a hat that protects the face, neck and ears

Choose a wide-brimmed, legionnaire or bucket hat. Peak caps and visors do not offer enough UV protection so please leave them at home. Please help your child remember to bring and wear their approved **school hat**. Please keep this at school so they will always be ready for outdoor activities, outdoor learning and play during school days. For the walk to and from school and weekends, please have an extra **home hat** to help keep children protected at home.

4. **SEEK** shade

Choose shady spots for learning and play whenever possible.

5. **SLIDE** on wrap-around AS1067 sunglasses

When appropriate and practical, help protect the eyes with sunglasses.

Need information in another language? Call 13 14 50 and ask to be connected to Cancer Council Victoria in your language



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for details

questions?

 0422 813 204

 sailing@rgyc.com.au



25 Eastern Beach Road
Geelong Waterfront

Join the Grovedale Cricket Club Family This Summer!



Grovedale Cricket Club is welcoming new players to our **Master Blasters, Junior Boys and Junior Girls programs** for the 2026/27 season. Whether your child is new to cricket or looking to build their skills, our focus is on fun, participation, friendship and development in a safe and supportive environment.

Our proud **"One Club" culture** brings together players, parents and families from juniors through to seniors, creating a strong sense of community and belonging. With experienced coaches, great facilities and clear development pathways, Grovedale is the perfect place for children to learn, grow and enjoy the game.

Registrations and enquiries:

Junior Boys registration link – NOW OPEN

<https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/61ccc9>

Junior Girls registration link – NOW OPEN

<https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/b350a7>

Blasters registration link – Open 1st September

<https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/3a06ec>

email - juniors@grovedalecricket.com.au

Matt Luttrell
President
Grovedale Cricket Club



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