

NEWSLETTER



Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools



St Margaret's
Primary School

Term Three, Week 10
September 14th, 2026
#28

From Susan's Desk

Dear Families,

Last Thursday was R U OK? Day, a wonderful reminder for our entire school community to pause, connect, and check in on one another. A simple conversation can make a world of difference, and we encourage all our students, staff, and families to take time today to ask that important question and listen with an open heart. We have also had a fantastic time with our active sports programs last week, including our Cricket clinic and the energetic SEDA clinics, which have given our students fantastic opportunities to build skills, teamwork, and confidence when playing team sports.



We were thrilled with the overwhelming success of our recent Book Fair! Thank you to every family who visited, browsed the shelves, and purchased a fantastic new book to take home. Developing a love for reading is so important for our children, providing endless opportunities for imagination, learning, and growth, while every purchase directly supports our school library resources. A very special thank you goes to Mrs Marg for being there every day to organise and run this wonderful event for our school community.

Next week, our Prep and Year 5/6 students will be participating in our intensive swimming program. Please ensure your children bring their required swimming gear each day, noting that rash shirts and swim caps are mandatory for all participants. Parents attending to assist or watch must hold a current Working with Children Check registered with the school office. In accordance with child safety policies, parent helpers are strictly not permitted to assist with dressing other children. You are welcome to take your own child to the designated family bathrooms if they require assistance changing.

We also want to send best of luck to our school choir as they prepare to perform at the Wonder Festival at the Arts Centre! Engaging in the performing arts is such a vital part of a well-rounded education, fostering creativity, self-expression, and confidence in our students. Taking the stage in a world-class venue is an incredible milestone for these young performers, and we are immensely proud of their dedication. Thank you to Miss Cassie, Miss Costa, Mrs Barbour, and Miss Stacey for their work, guidance, and passion in preparing our choir for this memorable event.



We are looking forward to a vibrant Footy Colours Day next Thursday, featuring our popular Longest Kick competition held after lunch. Don't forget to order your special lunch pie via the Flexischools app for Thursday, and be sure to buy your raffle tickets, as there are incredible prizes on offer that represent fantastic value. A massive thank you goes out to our wonderful P&F for their efforts in organising these footy celebrations and managing the lunch orders for our students.

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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

We also want to express our deepest thanks for the overwhelming support at our Father's Day Bake Sale last weekend, which was such a beautiful moment of community connection. Thanks to everyone who baked, bought, and volunteered, and to our amazing P&F. We raised an incredible \$1,900! What an outstanding effort by our school community.

At the end of this term, we will also be bidding farewell to Miss Stacey as she commences her maternity leave. We thank her for her outstanding service, hard work, and commitment to the St Margaret's community. We wish her all the very best as she takes these next few weeks to rest and prepare for this exciting new chapter, and we look forward to meeting her new arrival later in the year!

As we reach the final week of Term 3, thank you for your ongoing support and partnership as we guide your children on their learning journey. We wish all of our families a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable school holiday break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for the start of Term 4 on Tuesday, October 6th.

A reminder we finish term 3 on Friday, September 18th at 1.30pm.

Have a wonderful week.

Susan Perks



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**



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Calendar of Events

(new items in bold)

Term Three

September

Monday, Sep 14th-18th
Tuesday, September 15th
Thursday, September 17th

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

Friday, September 18th

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

Student of the Week Awards

Class	Student	Awards presented Friday, August 28 th
Prep JC	Goldie Allbutt	For always being a kind, respectful and safe member of our class.
Prep JC	Eleanor Jolly	For blending tricky words confidently and always putting her best foot forward in all learning areas.
Prep SB	Archer Ferguson	For his efforts in our quiet time activities. It is great to see you becoming a 'zen den' master!
Prep SB	Awen Dredge	For her consistent efforts in writing! It is great to see your confidence grow.
Yr 1 EK	Max Mactier	For always being one of the first students out of the pool, and a positive attitude.
Yr 1 EK	Maya Cholinski	For her hard work in all aspects of her learning, and being a positive role model.
Yr 1 JB	Murphy Wilson	For your ability to positively impact classroom discussions. Well done Murphy!
Yr 1 JB	Millie Flood	For always employing a growth mindset towards your learning. Well done Millie!
Yr 2 CR	Fergus Boyle	For continuing to improve his handwriting over the term. Well done Fergus!
Yr 2 CR	Lucia Hanan	For showing kindness to her peers! Well done Lucia!
Yr 3 AC	Felicity Tanis	For your persistence in your maths work!
Yr 3 AC	Harry Ferrier	For your hard work in your Charlotte's Web writing
Yr 3 HM	Lina Hirwa Rugira	For your hard work in writing your Narrative.
Yr 3 HM	Louis Gray	For your commitment to improving your Writing.
Yr 4 JC	Kiwi De Silva	For his excellent poetry writing about a 'flightless kiwi.' Well done Kiwi!
Yr 4 JC	Jonathon Reid	For trying his best across all aspects of school. Well Done Jonathon!
Yr 4 LC	Bonnie Martini	For her friendliness and encouragement of others and for being a persistent learner.
Yr 4 LC	Thomas Marriott	For exceptional reading! Thomas reads aloud fluently and with awesome expression.
Yr 5 FM	Myles Drever	For showing amazing perseverance, resilience and willingness to learn while rollerskating
Yr 5 FM	Friday Foley	For her cheerful attitude, consistent smile, friendly nature, beautiful manners and kindness to everyone.
Yr 5 KH	Joa Dredge	For excellent maths work in location and plotting points. Well done Joa!
Yr 5 KH	Niah Mirmilstein	For excellent work in all areas of maths during term 3. Well done Niah!
Yr 6 DW	Finley Vaughan	For the spirit and energy she brings to each activity every single day.
Yr 6 DW	Isheanesu Tobayiwa	For his depth of thinking and contributions to classroom conversations.
Writing Award	Jayda Sperling - 4LC	Writing an exceptional piece about how magnificent eagles are.
Principal's Award	Holly Maloney	For being a true role model of kindness, respect, and quiet effort. Thank you for always giving your best and living out St Margaret's values every day.

School Community News



Aussie of the Month

Jack O'Brien

Mateship: Generosity of spirit and compassion for those in need.

Jack includes others and ensures all students at our school feel safe and respected, no matter their year level. He is kind and leads by example.

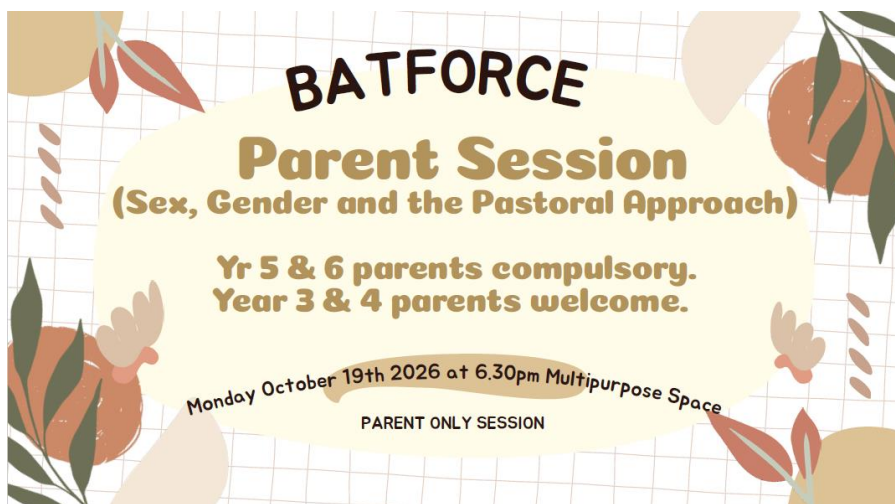
*Congratulations
Jack!*



Congratulations Harvey and Hudson!

Harvey and Hudson Little receiving their Coach's awards for their first season playing soccer for Geelong City FC.

They both had a great season, being great team players, Harvey scoring goals, both defending so well and for Hudson who overcame so many challenges to get on the pitch every week.



School Community News

Academy Lustica Football Champ!

Aiden in Year 5 was selected to travel to Spain through his Academy Lustica Football. He will be playing with the under 12's and 13's against teams from Barcelona and Girona. There are also opportunities to train with clubs throughout Spain and attend soccer matches. We congratulate him on such an amazing opportunity.



Geelong Youth Award Inspiration Award

Congratulations to Year 6 student Quinnie awarded the 2026 Geelong Youth Award 'Inspiration Award'.

Quinnie is an extraordinary young role model whose courage, positivity and determination have seen her overcome significant health challenges while inspiring others through sport, fundraising, advocacy and community service. We are so proud of you Quinnie!



Thank You

A huge thank you to **Winston & Co Café** for your incredibly generous donation of vouchers for our **Longest Kick!**

Your support means so much and will help make the event extra special. We truly appreciate your generosity and for getting behind our school community.



St. Margaret's Scrunchies

Available Now!

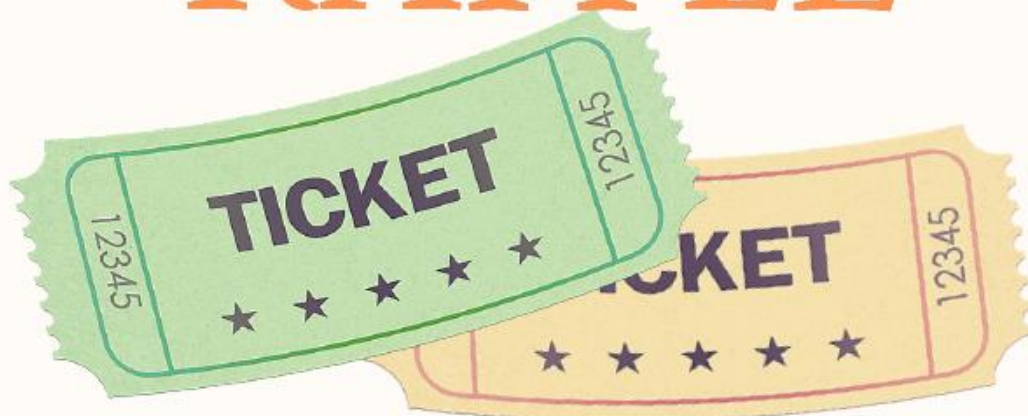


**Repurposed from summer school
dresses**

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



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





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A Wellbeing Program for 8-11 Year Olds
Create. Bake. Connect. Feel Good.

WHAT TO EXPECT

✦ Create

Fun art and creative activities that encourage imagination and self-expression.

🍪 Bake

Make a delicious treat to take home while developing confidence and practical skills.

Build Wellbeing

Explore emotions, strengths, confidence, and positive coping skills.

Connect

Meet other children and enjoy positive social experiences in a supportive environment.

PROGRAM

Date: Thursday 1 October 2026

Time: 10:00am - 1:00pm

Age Group: 8-11 years

Location: WonderKind & Co., Newton

Cost: \$50

MEET YOUR FACILITATORS



Heidi Littleford
Master of
Counselling Student



Victoria McIntyre
Puzzle Piece Therapeutic

COME ALONG, BE YOURSELF AND HAVE SOME FUN!

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245 Pakington Street, Newtown Vic



CREATE & BAKE



A Wellbeing Program for 12-16 Year Olds
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WHAT TO EXPECT

✦ Create

Fun art and creative activities that encourage imagination and self-expression.

🍪 Bake

Make a delicious treat to take home while developing confidence and practical skills.

Build Wellbeing

Explore emotions, strengths, confidence, and positive coping skills.

Connect

Meet other children and enjoy positive social experiences in a supportive environment.

PROGRAM

Date: Friday 2- October 2026
Time: 10:00am - 1:00pm
Age Group: 12-16 years

Location: WonderKind & Co., Newton
Cost: \$50

MEET YOUR FACILITATORS



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