

NEWSLETTER



Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools



St Margaret's
Primary School

Term Three, Week 10
September 14th, 2026
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From Susan's Desk

Leadership and Management News

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 4! I hope you all had a restful and rejuvenating break and are feeling ready for a busy and exciting final term of the school year. Please take careful note of the key dates in this newsletter, as there are several important changes and additions to keep track of as we head into this fast-paced term.

Over the break, you may have noticed some significant updates to our playground area, prompted by updated OH&S obligations. Part of the climbing frame has been removed, and a brand-new sandpit has been installed in its place. I reached out to our wonderful P&F for support, and they came through in incredible and overwhelming ways for our students. I cannot thank Aaron and Steph Sahar enough for coordinating the project and getting the job done so seamlessly.

We are also deeply grateful to the local businesses and volunteers who pitched in to make this project happen. The sand was generously donated by STS Locating Services, who also provided free utility locating before work began. A step that proved crucial, as both power and gas lines run directly beneath the old and new sandpit sites. LTK Landscaping donated all the soft fall mulch used over the existing area and along the new section. Finally, a huge thank you to Aaron from Ronex, who spent two full days working on-site, and to Daniel Drever for putting in a tremendous amount of hard physical labor. They were absolutely incredible!

Our staff were back on-site today for an engaging and valuable day of professional learning. We spent the day further developing our understanding of explicit instruction and the multi-tiered system of support that ensures every student receives academic and behavioral support in all of our classrooms.

Looking ahead, we are excited to welcome local MP Christine Couzens to our school on Tuesday. I invited her to visit so she can see our students' amazing achievements firsthand, as well as to discuss the ongoing challenges we face regarding learning space and maintenance funding. I am looking forward to a productive conversation and advocating for further State Government support for our school community.

As we kick off the new term, I want to gently remind everyone of the vital role that consistent attendance and daily reading play in your child's growth. Educational research and Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) guidelines consistently highlight that every single day of school matters; regular attendance builds a strong sense of connection, reinforces foundational learning, and directly correlates with long-term academic success and wellbeing. Pair that with reading together every night, which expands vocabulary, boosts critical thinking, and fosters a lifelong love for learning, and you give your child the best possible foundation for school success.

Thank you for your continued partnership, enjoy the rest of the week, and we look forward to seeing all our students back on Tuesday!

Susan Perks

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 Four

October

Monday, October 5th

Tuesday, October 6th

Tuesday, October 13th

Friday, October 16th

Monday, October 19th

Tuesday, October 20th

Tuesday, October 27th

Thursday, October 29th

Friday, October 30th

November

Monday, November 2nd

Tuesday, November 3rd

Monday, Nov 9th-11th

Tuesday, November 10th

Thursday, November 12th

Friday, November 13th

Monday, November 16th

Tuesday, November 17th

Monday, November 23rd

Wednesday, Nov 25th

Thursday, November 26th

Friday, November 27th

December

Friday, December 4th

Tuesday, December 8th

Thursday, December 10th

Friday, December 11th

Monday, December 14th

Tuesday, December 15th

Student Free Day - Staff Professional Learning

Students begin Term Four

Years 3 & 4 Fossil Dig Incursion

2027 Prep Orientation - visit 1

Year 3 Assembly

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

Year 4 Assembly

Student Free Day - Staff Professional Learning

Melbourne Cup Public holiday

Year 5/6 Camp Wilkin

Reconciliation Family Preparation evening

Year 5/6 student rest day

Year 1 Assembly

St Margaret's Feast Day with Kaboom event

2027 Prep Orientation – visit 3

P & F Slice Morning Tea

Year 5 Incursion

Greek Special Lunch

Sacrament of Reconciliation 12:15pm

Assembly Year 2

Student Free Day - Staff Professional Learning

2027 Prep Orientation – visit 4

2027 Step Up morning

School Advisory Board 7pm

Whole School Christmas Concert

Whole School Activity Day

Year 6 Graduation

Assembly - Prep presenting 12 noon

End Term 4 - 1.30pm dismissal

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School Community News



Thank you to the following businesses
for making this project possible, and to
the wonderful people who contributed
their time and effort:

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WEEKLY LUNCH orders

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dresses

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\$3.00 each

It is not what you do for
your children,
but what you have taught
them to do for themselves,
that will make them
successful human beings.

Ann Landers

I am your parent.
You are my child.
I am your quiet place.
You are my wild.
I am your calm face.
You are my giggle.
I am your wait.
You are my wiggle.
I am your dinner.
You are my chocolate cake.
I am your bedtime.
You are my wide awake.
I am your lullaby.
You are my peekaboo.
I am your goodnight kiss.
You are my "I love you."

- Maryann K. Cusimano

WONDER SCHOOLS SHOWCASE

2026



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOOL CHOIR ON THEIR EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE AT THE GEELONG ARTS CENTRE FOR THE WONDER SCHOOLS SHOWCASE!

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE TEACHERS WHO DEDICATED THEIR LUNCHTIMES TO RUN REHEARSALS, AND TO THE PARENTS WHO CAME ALONG TO CHEER OUR STUDENTS ON.



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