NEWSLETTER

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools

St Margaret's Primary School

Term Four, Week 7
November 16th, 2026
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From Renée's Desk

Leadership and Management News

Dear Families,

Today, we celebrate Saint Margaret's Feast Day. Saint Margaret holds deep significance for our school; as a woman of great faith, courage, and compassion, she serves as an enduring inspiration for both our students and staff. Her remarkable example reminds us daily of the importance of serving others, showing genuine kindness, and striving for excellence in all that we do. As we come together to mark this special day, we celebrate the spirit of Saint Margaret that lives on in our classrooms, our playground, and the way we care for one another every day.

Last week, our Year 5/6 students returned from Camp Wilkin—tired, smiling, and full of stories and new memories. Blessed with magnificent weather, the camp provided a wonderful opportunity for students to build independence, resilience, and strong peer connections while having plenty of fun. Camp staff commented on how polite, engaging, and helpful our students were throughout the trip, as every student threw themselves into the activities and challenged themselves to try new things.

There were so many memorable moments across the week. Students conquered the high ropes and low ropes courses, with a special shout-out to Charlotte L for facing her fears to climb the Great Wall. Our teachers got right into the action too, with Mr. DeJong taking on the flying fox while the students chased after him, and Mr. Wilson leading some fierce basketball challenges. Campers also tested their skills in archery, mastered the Amazing Race task, played frisbee golf, and braved a bike-riding challenge through a deep, muddy puddle that left a few riders wet and dirty!

Between structured activities, students cooked delicious damper over the open fire pit, enjoyed a scenic beach walk, and were visited each afternoon by local kangaroos and joeys grazing on-site. The Gaga pit was a huge hit during free play, Aiden impressed everyone by doing trampoline flips with a soccer ball between his ankles, and Toby was spotted stepping up to help out his peers whenever needed. Chef James kept everyone well-fed with endless delicious meals, and evenings wrapped up with a cosy movie night—along with plenty of late-night talking and giggles that kept the teachers on their toes well past bedtime!

We are so proud of the way our Year 5/6s represented our school and are deeply grateful to the staff who attended and supported them throughout the week.

It is hard to believe it is that time of year again, as this week we continue our Prep Orientation sessions! We are thrilled to spend time with our future 2027 Preps. These sessions provide a wonderful opportunity for the children to get a taste of classroom life, meet new friends, and feel comfortable and excited about starting their schooling journey with us next year.

Have a great week!
Renée Cunningham

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.

School Community News

September Aussie of the Month

George Lynch



Compassionate, hard working, dedicated to his studies, a great friend, loves St Margaret's and appreciates every opportunity at school - All round positive and nice young boy.

Congratulations George!



October Aussie of the Month

Miles Hope

Miles is always kind to others and will be the first help when needed.

Congratulations Miles!

Final bookclub of the year closing this Wednesday, November 18th





Calendar of Events

(new items in bold)

Term Four

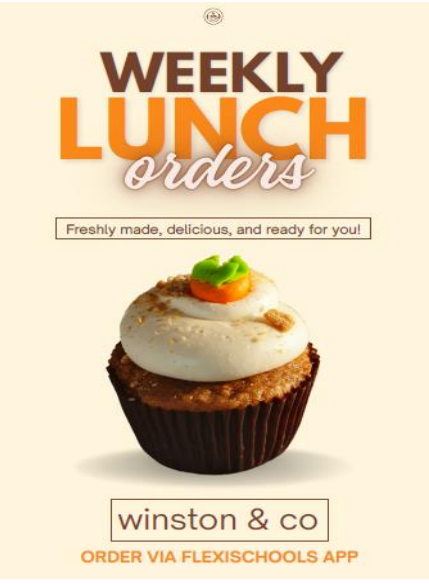
November

Monday, November 16th	P & F Slice Morning Tea / Slice Drive
	St Margaret's Feast Day with Kaboom event
Tuesday, November 17th	Year 5 Ten Pin Bowling
	2027 Prep Orientation – visit 3
Wednesday, Nov 18th	**Year 3/4 Ten Pin Bowling**
	Final bookclub of the year orders due
Tuesday, November 24th	P & F Meeting 7pm
Wednesday, Nov 25th	Year 5 Supreme Team Building Incursion
	Greek Special Lunch
Thursday, November 26th	Sacrament of Reconciliation 12:15pm
Friday, November 27th	Assembly Year 2

December

Friday, December 4th	**Student Free Day - Staff Professional Learning**
Tuesday, December 8th	2027 Prep Orientation – visit 4
	2027 Step Up morning
	School Advisory Board 7pm
Thursday, December 10th	Whole School Christmas Concert
Friday, December 11th	Whole School Activity Day
Monday, December 14th	Year 6 Graduation
Tuesday, December 15th	Assembly - Prep presenting 12 noon
	End Term 4 - 1.30pm dismissal







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Student of the Week Awards

Class	*Student*	*Awards presented Friday, November 13th*
Prep JC	Charlie Chappell	For working hard in reading and blending five letter words with persistence. Amazing work Charlie!
Prep JC	Sol Augert	For trying his best every day and taking on feedback well. Well Done Sol!
Prep SB	Lenny Vaughan	For working hard in his learning and for taking on feedback more positively.
Prep SB	George McCallum	For his wonderful effort in reading! It's wonderful to see the progress you have made.
Yr 1 EK	Haven Petrovski	For asking insightful questions during our Egyptian unit. Well done!
Yr 1 EK	Joe Brown	For continuing to challenge yourself with your reading and numeracy skills.
Yr 1 JB	Zainab Ali	For building confidence to put your hand up to share your thinking with the class. Well done Zainab!
Yr 1 JB	Arthur Brauer	For taking pride in the work you produce. Well done Arthur!
Yr 2 CR	Hadley Robinson	For showing great effort in maths!
Yr 2 CR	Landon Munn	For being a great friend!
Yr 3 AC	Lachlan Noonan	For your hard work in your persuasive writing!
Yr 3 AC	Alexia Vasiljkovic	For your expression and reasoning in your persuasive writing examples!
Yr 3 HM	Toby Bennet	For your great growth in your reading
Yr 3 HM	Harriet Jeffers	For your brilliant commitment to reading across the year.
Yr 4 JC	Pearl Timmins	For consistently setting a positive example for peers through her actions. Well Done Pearl!
Yr 4 JC	Patrick Noonan	For managing time wisely and completing his work efficiently. Well Done Patrick!
Yr 4 LC	Harvey Little	For engaging positively in Maths learning and being focused and persistent with the tasks.
Yr 4 LC	Ruby Withington	For her creative illustrating, and for striving to give her best effort in everything!

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Story Dogs

Winners are Grinners

Week 1 winner for the Story Dogs raffle is MISS TANIA!
Last week we raised $72 -Thank you to everyone that bought a ticket.The winner for week 2 will be drawn on the 16th of November- Prize is Cruella Di Vil's car. Get your $2 ticket during Friday's icypole sales. Goodluck!





Camp Photos



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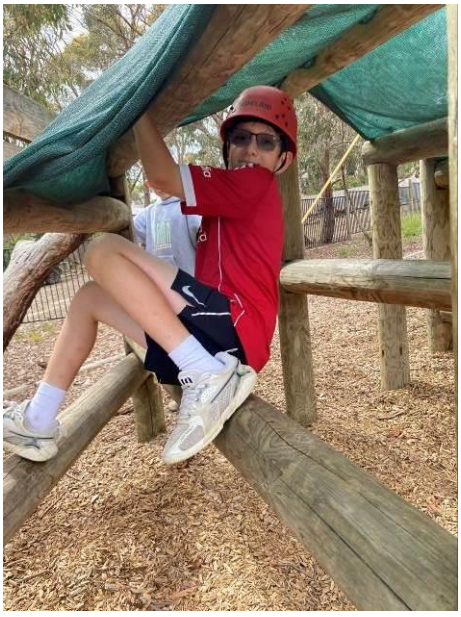
















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Creator God,

Thank You for the gift of camp—for the fresh air, the open skies, the laughter, and the adventures shared. Thank You for keeping us safe through every game, hike, and late-night conversation, and for the staff and leaders who poured out their time and hearts to show us Your love.

Thank You for the new friendships made, the old ones strengthened, and the moments we felt Your presence in the quiet trees and the noisy camp alike. As we return home, do not let the lessons we learned or the joy we felt fade away. Plant them deep in our hearts so we can carry this spirit of community, faith, and gratitude into our everyday lives.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.

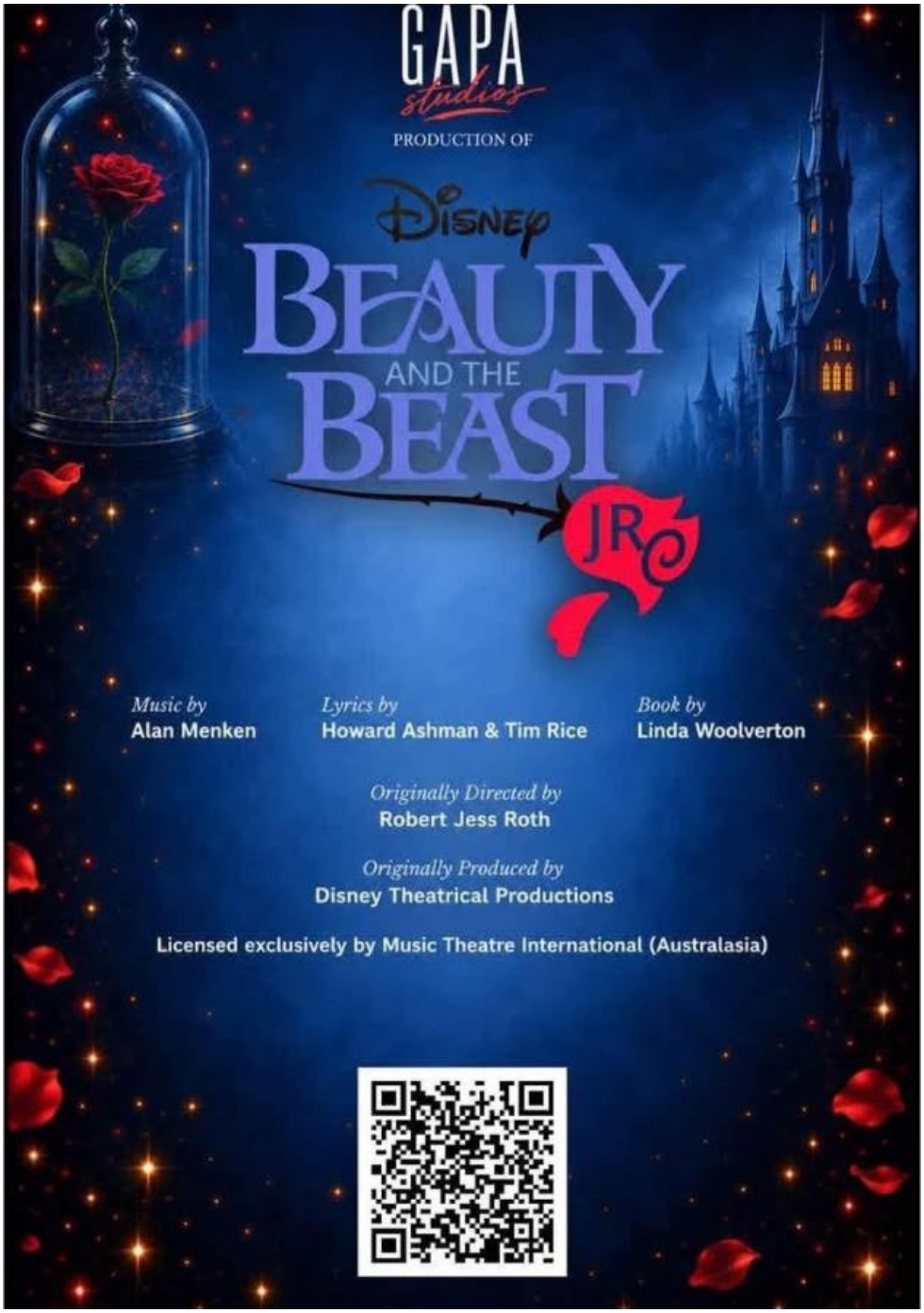
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Drama Queens!

Niah and Kartia Mirmilstein have an upcoming musical performance of 'Beauty and the Beast' with Geelong Academy of Performing Arts (GAPA).

Niah is Mrs Potts who will be singing the main song and Karti with a French accent is the candlestick, Lumiere. Both have been working hard all year, it has been a huge commitment which they are loving. Use the QR code below for tickets.

The girls will be lead roles on just the 28th November shows. Congratulations and good luck Niah and Kartia!



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*Kids can join NAB AFL Auskick if they are turning 5 in the calendar year (before 30th June in WA).

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THURSDAYS 3.30-4.30
SCHOOL OVAL

STARTING 19TH NOVEMBER

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