



NEWSLETTER

St. Margaret's
Primary School

Term Two, Week 4
May 6th, 2024

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From Susan's Desk

Dear Families,

We are thrilled to share some highlights from our recent Year 1/2 excursion to Queenscliff! It was a day filled with excitement, learning, and exploration. Our students were blessed with perfect weather throughout the day, setting the stage for an unforgettable experience. They had the opportunity to visit the Discovery Centre and immerse themselves in hands-on activities focused on various marine life. From touching sea creatures to observing their behaviours up close, it was a truly enriching session that sparked their curiosity and fascination.

Additionally, our students enjoyed a time at the beach, where they engaged in a range of educational activities. We would like to extend our thanks to the parents who supported this excursion.

Leadership and Management News



A reminder that our Parents and Friends (P&F) meeting is scheduled for this Tuesday at 7pm in the staff room. We warmly welcome all parents to join us for an evening of collaboration and planning some fantastic social experiences and fundraising activities for our school community. The P&F plays a vital role in enhancing the school experience for our students and families, and your participation is key to our success. Whether you're a seasoned member or new to the community, your ideas, insights, and enthusiasm are highly valued. We look forward to seeing you there!

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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 want to bring your attention to some important updates regarding COVID-19 testing and staffing at our school. As you may be aware, we have observed an increase in the number of students testing positive for COVID-19 recently. In light of this, we want to emphasize the critical importance of regular testing for all students and keeping sick children at home. By adhering to these guidelines, we can work together to minimize the spread of the virus within our school community.

The impact of illness on our staffing levels has been significant, particularly given the shortage of substitute teachers and learning support officers (CRTs). This places additional pressure on our dedicated staff to cover classes and maintain the quality of education for all students.

To support our efforts in testing, we have a limited supply of COVID-19 testing kits available at the front office for those who may need them. If your child displays any symptoms please keep them at home and test regularly.

Wishing everyone a great week ahead!
Susan

Calendar of Events

(new items in bold)

Term 2

May

Friday, May 10 th	Muffins with Mum 8am Raffle Draw Mother's Day Stall
Friday, May 10 th	Assembly – 5/6 presenting
Tuesday, May 14th	Division Cross Country - selected students
Thursday, May 16 th	Netball/AFL Lightning Premiership 5/6 students
Friday, May 17 th	Whole School Athletics and P&F BBQ
Monday, May 20th	Year 3/4 Scienceworks Excursion
Friday, May 24 th	FIRE Carrier Commissioning Ceremony - selected students
Friday, May 24 th	Assembly – 3/4 presenting
Tuesday, May 28 th	School Board 7pm

June

Friday, June 7 th	Assembly – 1/2 presenting
Monday, June 10 th	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Wednesday, June 12 th	Prep Excursion - Werribee Zoo
Thursday, June 20 th	Prep/1/2 Non Eucharist Mass at St. Margaret's Church 9.15am
Friday, June 21 st	Assembly – Prep presenting
Thursday, June 27 th	Years 3-6 Mass at St. Margaret's Church 9.15am
Friday, June 28 th	Final day of Term 2. 1.30pm dismissal



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Calendar of Events

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Term 3

July

Monday, July 15 th	First Day of Term 3
Tuesday, July 23 rd	P&F lunch - Cheer Truck
Tuesday, July 23 rd	Grandparents' Day
Tuesday, July 30 th	School Board 7pm

August

Friday, August 16 th	School Closure Day - Staff Professional Learning
Sunday, August 18 th	Sacrament of First Eucharist 2.30pm
Friday, August 30 th	Donuts with Dad 8am
	Raffle draw
	Father's Day Stall
Saturday, August 31 st	P&F Bake Sale

September

Tuesday, September 3 rd	School Board 7pm
Friday, September 6 th	Italian Day
	P&F pizza lunch
Thursday, September 12 th	R U OK? & Footy Colours Day
	P&F Pie lunch
	Longest kick event
Tuesday, September 20 th	Final day of Term 3. 1.30pm dismissal

Term 4

October

Monday, October 7 th	First Day of Term 4
Tuesday, October 15 th	School Board 7pm
Monday, October 21 st	School Closure Day - Staff Professional Learning
Wednesday, October 30 th	Year 5 /6 Camp - Anglesea (until Friday, November 1 st)

November

Monday, November 4 th	School Closure Day
Tuesday, November 5 th	Melbourne Cup public holiday
Thursday, November 21 st	Sacrament of First Reconciliation: 12 noon

December

Friday, December 6 th	School Closure Day - Staff Professional Learning
Tuesday, December 10 th	School Board 7pm
Thursday, December 12 th	Whole School Carols Evening
Tuesday, December 17 th	Final day of Term 4. 1.30pm dismissal

God Bless

God bless all those that I love.
God bless all those that love me.
God bless all those that love those that I love.
And all those that love those that love me!



Sports News

On Friday May 16th we have our whole school sports day at Landy Field. This is always a fun day and all students are looking forward to it.

One of the highlights is the parent teacher relay - if you would like to take part in this relay, please let me know! You can email me at

fmoran@smgeelongeast.com.au.

The students love watching teachers and parents running too!



A big week of sport coming up in Week 5! On Tuesday May 14th we have 21 students representing St. Margarets at the Bellarine Division Cross Country. It's a wonderful achievement and we wish them all the best!



On Thursday May 16th, Year 5 and 6 students will be taking part in the District Winter Lightning Premiership. We have teams competing in boys AFL and also three teams in Netball, it's a great day out and we wish all teams lots of luck!



Geelong-Viqueque Friendship Schools

Invite you to the 2024 Trivia Night



To be held at Clonard College May 10
Entrance via Murphy's Lane Herne Hill

ABOUT

Trivia Night celebrating the ongoing friendship between Geelong and Viqueque in Timor Leste, our major fundraiser to support education in Viqueque.

Once again, professional quiz masters Mick and Erin will lead the fun and the trivia.

BYO drinks, glasses and food.

\$35 per adult/\$20 per student

Live Auction and raffle.

DATE

Friday 10 May 2024 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Book online now at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CPMDA>



juliew@geelong-viqueque.com.au (GVFS Secretary)

ST MARY'S PARISH JUNIOR

Join Us!

CHOIR

Junior Choir has been in this Parish for 20+ years.

It was started in 2003. The choir was created to be a place where children of the Parish can socialise and sing in praise of the Lord, in a safe and happy environment. It gives them an opportunity to offer their musical talents at an 11am Mass once a month. (*the 4th Sunday*)

New members are always welcome

and we invite you to take the next step.

If you are interested, please call Rebecca at the Parish Office on 5222 1977 during the week,

or email: rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au

Weekly practices are held during the school term on a Friday after school [3.30pm - 4.30pm]

SAVING FAMILY STORIES



WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

This orientation session will provide you with an overview of using our new photo and film digitisation station at Newcomb Library.

Get those photos, VHS tapes, slides, and film negatives from the 'olden days' out of storage and learn how you can bring them to digital life!

You are welcome to bring along a slide, photo or negative to share and practise.

This session is specifically designed as intergenerational, for Youth to attend with their adults.



Tuesday 7 May 2024

4:00pm – 5:00pm
Newcomb Library

Tuesday 4 June 2024

4:00pm – 5:00pm
Newcomb Library

All events are FREE unless otherwise specified.
Bookings essential.
Online grlc.vic.gov.au
In person at any branch, or phone 03 4201 0500



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CHILDREN & FAMILIES



EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS



TODDLER TIME – Dance, sing and read along.

Tuesdays 10:30 – 11:00am

PRE-SCHOOL STORYTIME – Discover the magic of stories and the love of reading.

Thursdays 10:30 – 11:15am

BABYTIME – Songs and rhymes for babies.

Fridays 11:30 – 11:50am

WEEKLY PROGRAM

Newcomb Library
Cnr Wilsons Road & Bellarine Hwy
Newcomb 3219

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YOUTH



CODING & STEAM



DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS CAMPAIGN – BEGINNERS

Come for an intro to the tabletop game and play a beginner campaign:

"Dragons of Stormwreck Isle"

The campaign will run over 9 weeks, please book for all sessions.

(Session will not run on May 1st)

If you are unable to attend a session, we will give your character a holiday.

Ages 12+



Wednesdays in Term 2

From: 24 April 2024

4:00pm – 5:00pm

Newcomb Library



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3D PRINTING – FOR TWEENS

Where is the largest 3D printer in the world? What are some of the strangest things printed with a 3D printer.

Learn answers to these questions and more, then use the software to design your own custom bag tag that we will print for you.

This 3D printing session is designed specifically for Children aged 8+



Tuesday 23 April 2024

4:00pm – 5:00pm

Newcomb Library

Tuesday 21 May 2024

4:00pm – 5:00pm

Newcomb Library

Tuesday 18 June 2024

4:00pm – 5:00pm

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