

NEWSLETTER



St Margaret's
Primary School

Term Three, Week 2
July 22nd, 2024
#22

From Susan's Desk

Dear Families,

Last Friday our FIRE Carrier Student Leaders led us through our NAIDOC Assembly. They shared with us their journey so far this year, and the development of the St Margaret's Convent and the Commissioning Ceremony. It was a time to reflect and celebrate the culture of Indigenous Australia and share the achievements of our FIRE Carriers. Their dedication and passion for this leadership position is evident. They also shared with us information about our Book Swap happening during book week. A flyer outlining this is attached to the newsletter. They also informed us that we raised almost \$200 for Opening the Door foundation with our end of term pyjama day.



Last week, we farewelled Luca and Raffaello Natale, who are embarking on an exciting adventure with their family to experience life in Italy. We wish them a wonderful time ahead and look forward to hearing about their travels. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Gian Natale for his time, support, and commitment to our School Advisory Council. Gian made a valuable contribution to our school community on the board, and I would like to express our gratitude for his service.

Thank you to those that were able to come and help out distributing our cookie dough! There were many delicious cookies in the student's lunch boxes the next day. Thanks to the P&F for continuing to support our school with creative and yummy fundraising ideas!

The St Mary's Parish Feast Day will take place on July 28th. The BBQ will be served from 11:30 am, and the Got Talent Show will begin at 2:00pm. Enjoy a free BBQ sausage sizzle, free raffle, free face painting, free Café Light tea/coffee/treats, and the free St. Mary's Got Talent event. Everything is free, but if possible and without any stress, we kindly request a gold coin donation. All donations received will go towards the Parish Pantry.

Don't forget to join us this Tuesday for our Grandparents' Day Mass and to share a toastie from the Cheer truck. We look forward to celebrating and thanking our grandparents and all they do for us!

Please take the time to check the calendar as new dates have been added in for the term.

Have a great week.
Susan

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 3

July

Tuesday, July 23 rd	P&F lunch - Cheer Truck
Tuesday, July 23rd	Grandparents' Day & Mass 12pm
Thursday, July 25 th	School Review Day 1
Friday, July 26th	TeeBall Comp - 5/6 selected students
Friday, July 26 th	Assembly - Year 5/6 presenting
Monday, July 29 th	Year 5/6 Railway Incursion
Tuesday, July 30th	P-2 Prayers in Pyjamas 5.30-6.30pm
Tuesday, July 30 th	School Board 7pm

August

Thursday, August 1 st	District Athletics at Goldsworthy; selected students
Friday, August 2 nd	Whole School Green & Gold Day (Olympics)
Monday, August 5 th -9 th	Matific Math Olympiad
Wednesday, August 7 th	Emmaus Meal for students making First Eucharist - 6pm
Thursday, August 8 th	Australian Maths Competition Years 3-6
Thursday, August 8 th	Feast Day Mary of the Cross; 3-6 Mass, 12pm
Friday, August 9 th	ICT Leaders Excursion
Friday, August 9 th	Assembly - Year 3/4 presenting
Monday, August 12 th	School Review Day 2
Monday, August 12 th -16 th	Book Week
Wednesday, August 14 th	Book Week Dress-up day. Theme: "Reading is Magic"
Thursday, August 15 th	Great Book Swap: Indigenous Literacy Foundation
Thursday, August 15 th	School Review Day 3
Friday, August 16 th	School Closure Day - Staff Professional Learning
Sunday, August 18 th	Sacrament of First Eucharist; St Mary's Basilica, 2.30pm
Monday, August 19 th	3 way conversations 2-6pm
Tuesday, August 20 th	3 way conversations 4-6pm
Friday, August 23 rd	Assembly - Year 1/2 presenting
Monday, August 26 th	Smile Patrol Dental
Monday, August 26 th -30 th	Year 3/4 Swimming Programme
Thursday, August 29 th	Prep/1/2 Liturgy 10.15am
Friday, August 30 th	Donuts with Dad - 8am
	Raffle draw
	Father's Day Stall
Saturday, August 31 st	P&F Bake Sale

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(new items in bold)

September

Monday, September 2 nd -5 th	Year 5/6 Swimming Programme
Tuesday, September 3 rd	School Board 7pm
Tuesday, September 3 rd	Bravehearts Incursion Prep & 1/2 PB
Wednesday, September 4 th	Bravehearts Incursion 1/2 TB & 1/2 JB
Thursday, September 5 th	Year 5/6 Rail Project Incursion
Thursday, September 5 th	School Review Day 4
Friday, September 6 th	Italian Day
	P&F pizza lunch
Friday, September 6 th	Assembly - Prep presenting
Thursday, September 12 th	R U OK? - Wear a touch of yellow
Thursday, September 19 th	Footy Colours Day; Gold Coin donation. P&F Pie lunch
	Longest kick event
Tuesday, September 20 th	Final day of Term 3; 1.30pm dismissal - Sports uniform

Term 4

October

Monday, October 7 th	First Day of Term 4
Tuesday, October 15 th	School Board 7pm
Friday, October 18th	P&F special lunch
Monday, October 21 st	School Closure Day - Staff Professional Learning
Tuesday, October 29th	Year 5/6 ONLY Student Free Day (staff TIL day for camp)
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
Wednesday, November 6 th -8 th	Prep Swimming Programme
Thursday, November 7th	Year 3 /4 Sleep Over
Friday, November 8th	P&F Special lunch
Monday, November 11 th -15 th	Year 1/2 Swimming Programme
Thursday, November 28th	Sacrament of First Reconciliation: 12 noon (please note change)

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

Prayer for Families

Loving God,

We thank you for the gift of families. We ask your blessing on all families today and always. Be with us in our daily life together. Be our guide in times of challenge. Be our strength in times of difficulty. Be our joy in times of delight. Help our families to grow stronger in your love and show us how to love one another, as you have loved us. Amen.

Curriculum News

Come on the journey with us...

This week we continue our journey in the Science of Reading and move towards some changes in the literacy block. These changes allow us to include important elements such as, the practice of daily review, explicit teaching of phonics and phonemic awareness, spelling/morphology, fluency, syntax (the arrangement of words and phrases) at the sentence and paragraph level, vocabulary, comprehension and handwriting. This means we are constantly adapting to meet the needs of our students by putting targeted, teaching strategies and routines in place.

Our intention at St Margaret's this year has been to, strategically and deliberately roll out elements of research based instruction that align with the Science of Reading in a new Structured Literacy Block. Skills are explicitly and directly taught to students with clear, step by step explanations, examples and modelling of examples using an 'I do, We do, You do' approach. This teacher-led instruction also enables teachers to provide in time and targeted feedback directly to students.

'Explicit teaching is an approach that recognises learning something new - like reading, spelling, writing, mathematics, tying shoelaces- requires explicit step by step instruction and lots of practice.'


Associate Professor, Dr Lorraine Hammond, Early Childhood Expert

In term One we introduced 10 minutes of handwriting instruction across the school. Term Two was all about fluency and the repeated reading of familiar texts. Now in Term Three, we look to build in the practice of daily review into the first 15 minutes of the school day after homeroom.

In the next few weeks we will share with you what a daily review session looks like in each of the classes so that you can discuss this at home with your child.


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Wednesdays at Lunchtime
In the Multi-purpose Room
Term 3: 24 Jul to 11 Sep
\$138 per term

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BEAM ART

Hello! My Name is...

Michelle

I am a Mental Health Social Worker and Art Therapist from Wonderkind and Co. I will be facilitating **BEAM on Tuesdays** for 8 weeks of Term 3. This term, our BEAM group will be focusing on building self confidence and skills with establishing, navigating and maintaining relationships through fun and therapeutic art activities.



Final year social work students supporting the program:

Holly

Keryn



Book Week

Monday 12th - Thursday 15th August



Scholastic Book Fair

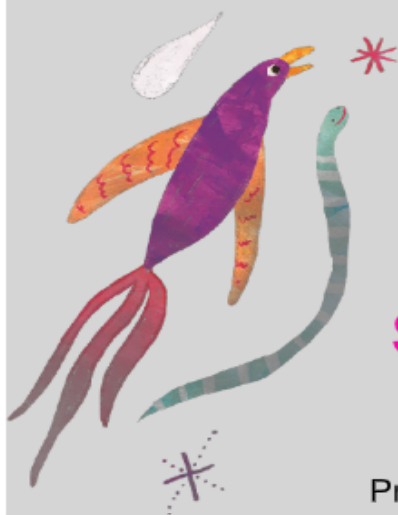
Monday 12th - Thursday 15th August
Open 8.40-9 and 3-3.30

Dress-up Day

Wednesday 14th Aug
Parade at 9.15

On the basketball court
(weather permitting)

Dress-up to theme of **READING IS MAGIC**
or your favourite Book character.
Families and fiends welcome.



St Margaret's Great Book Swap

Fundraising for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.
Thursday August 15th

Prior to this event students are asked to donate a favourite book.
This can be new or preloved but it must be in good condition.
Students bring a gold coin donation on the day of the Great Book Swap
and choose a new book for themselves to keep.

Reading is Magic

On Thursday August 15th as part of our Book Week celebrations, St Margaret's will be running a "Great Book Swap".



Our school has been teamed with the Yari language House in WA.



We are holding a Great Book Swap to support the Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF) to provide books and learning resources to children living in remote Communities across Australia.

The Great Book Swap is a fantastic way to celebrate reading locally, learn more about Indigenous languages and culture, and raise funds for a great cause.

We will also have the chance to

WIN A VIRTUAL VISIT FROM BELOVED ILF AMBASSADOR ANDY GRIFFITHS

[Andy Griffiths - Supporting the Great Book Swap](#)

Between now and the beginning of Book Week celebrations (August 12th) students are asked to donate a book, new or preloved (but must be in good condition). These can be left at the office. On the day of the Great Book Swap students donate a gold coin and choose a new book for themselves to keep.

Thank you for your support with this event. Direct donations can also be made directly to ILF via our school's fundraising page using the following link:

[St Margaret's Great Book Swap Fundraising Page](#)

[The Great Book Swap - Gregg Dreise](#) - Gregg is an ILF Ambassador

["Voices of the Future" - ILF promotion](#)



PATRONS: The Hon Quentin Bryce AD CVO
and June Oscar AO

ilf.org.au

Dear Parent or Caregiver,

Your child's school is participating in the 2024 *Great Book Swap*, a fundraising activity that supports the Indigenous Literacy Foundation and their works with remote Communities across Australia.

The Indigenous Literacy Foundation is a charity that works with 424 remote Communities to supply books and literacy resources, and publish books in First Languages by and for First Nations Peoples.

As part of our *Great Book Swap* program, we will continue to provide all participating schools with access to digital learning resources. As a host of the event, your school will be assigned to a language house and will have access to items such as language fact sheets, videos and maps for cultural learning. 2024 celebrates the third year of UNESCO's *Decade of Indigenous Languages* and we are thrilled to provide your students with the opportunity to learn more about First Languages and the diversity and richness of cultures from books created by remote Community authors and illustrators.

If your child would like to participate in the event, we ask that they bring a favourite book (to be donated) and a gold coin or note to school on the date your school has nominated for this event. Our fundraising site also allows you to make an online donation to your school's *Great Book Swap* in the lead up to the event. Check in with your *Great Book Swap* organiser for the link to your online event page.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to celebrating the national *Great Book Swap* with you, your child and the school community. Happy swapping!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Bowen", written in a cursive style.

Ben Bowen
Chief Executive Officer

Indigenous Literacy Foundation Fact Sheet



Reading Opens Doors - that is, doors to future opportunities and choices.

KEY MESSAGES:

Our purpose is to invest in remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities to provide the tools and resources they request to shape the direction of their children's literacy future.

We are Community-led, responding to requests from remote Communities for culturally relevant books, resources and programs to support Communities to create and publish their stories in languages of their choice.

Everyone can help! Make a donation, host a Great Book Swap, Busk For Change, hold a fundraiser throughout the year, or contact the ILF to discuss your partnership ideas.

We receive no Government funding and rely solely on donations from supporters.

BACKGROUND:

In remote Communities across Australia there is often no infrastructure such as libraries or bookstores. Access to reading material is extremely limited and this impacts the achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

Through investment in Community the ILF supports sustainable and positive change in Indigenous literacy through the supply of books and a greater focus on the publication of Indigenous content.

We aim to advocate and build awareness among the wider Australian population of the strengths, knowledges and wisdoms held within remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities.

The ILF is a Community-led organisation that has three core programs, including:

- 1. Book Buzz** aims to develop pre-literacy skills and familiarity with books for babies and toddlers, through a regular story-time session. Parents and carers are supported and are given the tools to talk about, read and share books with their children, in First Languages and in English.
- 2. Book Supply** gifts books that aim to interest and engage the Community in reading and sharing books together. The books are carefully chosen so they are culturally appropriate, and between 50% - 55% are by Indigenous authors or illustrators. The books are distributed by road, air or sea to crèches, playgroups, schools, women's centres, and health centres who use them in different ways.
- 3. Community Publishing** supports adults and children to write and illustrate their own stories in languages of their choice. The ILF publish the books and gift them back to the Community. These books are highly desired because they often share a local story that a Community is familiar with and many are written in First Languages.

Since 2011, the ILF has gifted 869,266 books to more than 424 remote Communities, supported 107 playgroups with its early literacy program and published 126 books reflecting 36 First Languages.

Indigenous Literacy Day

The ILF initiated *Indigenous Literacy Day*, an annual and national day of advocacy, celebrated on the first Wednesday in September. On this day, the ILF encourages schools and organisations to participate in the celebration of First Nations stories, cultures and languages by watching the annual ILF film and livestream from the Sydney Opera House. Please visit www.ilf.org.au for details.

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Swap



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GREEN DAY & GOLD DAY

FRIDAY 2 AUGUST 2024



We're turning Australia green & gold on Friday 2 August in support of the Australian Olympic Team competing in Paris.

Green & Gold Day is for everyone. Show your support and turn your school Green and Gold for the day.

This day is about painting the country in our national colours and celebrating Australia's sporting achievements on the Olympic stage!!!



We invite you to be part of the action and show your support

Share your green and gold day celebrations by tagging
[@AUSOlympicTeam](#) [#GreenandGoldDay](#) [#Allezaus](#)

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'Let's Go Australia'





GREENDAY & GOLDDAY

FRIDAY 2 AUGUST 2024

Inspiration to bring Green & Gold day alive in your school:

- ✓ Invite students and staff to embrace the Green & Gold! This could include clothing, accessories and face paint. Encourage creativity and offer prizes for the most spirited outfits.
- ✓ Host a Mini Olympics Event! Encourage older students to lead activities and invite your school community to join in the fun.
- ✓ Explore the Have A Go resource to learn more about inspiring students of all ages to start playing Olympic sports.
- ✓ Have an Olympian or aspiring Olympian visit your classroom with Olympics Unleashed – [register for a visit today!](#)
- ✓ Tune into [Olympics Unleashed TV](#)
- ✓ Visit the Olympics Unleashed website to learn more about how to register your interest to have Olympians and aspiring Olympians visit your school to inspire and motivate students to be their personal best.

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There is still time to sign up for the School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI):

- For any families signing up now, this offer means free internet until 31 December 2025.
- For families who have already connected with SSBI, their free internet will automatically be rolled over until 31 December 2025.

Check your eligibility for free nbn broadband until the end of 2025 now:

Contact the National Referral Centre on 1800 954 610
(Mon – Fri, 10am – 6pm AEDT) or visit
anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet



With the school year
under way, check if
you qualify for **free**
home internet!

SSBI (SCHOOL STUDENT BROADBAND INITIATIVE) INFORMATION SESSION

Are you caring for a school aged child? You may qualify for free home internet! Come along to one of our drop-in information sessions at Newcomb Library and find out more about the SSBI or gain assistance connecting.

No bookings required.



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Wednesday 10 July 2024
11:00am to 12:00pm

Friday 12 July 2024
10:00am to 11:00am

Monday 15 July 2024
10:00am to 11:00am

Thursday 18 July 2024
12:00pm to 1:00pm

Thursday 25 July 2024
2:00pm to 3:00pm
Newcomb Library

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CLASS STRUCTURE:

Different lessons are taught each week from a structured syllabus ranging from tactics, strategies, master openings, traps & special moves. After the lesson children are paired up in a fun tournament playoff. Prizes are awarded to the top 3 players at end of term.

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CLASS DETAILS - ST MARGARET'S PRIMARY - GEELONG

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	DATES	COST
Wednesdays	1:30-2:20pm	Multi-purpose Room	24 Jul to 11 Sep	\$138 per child/per term

"Alex loves chess club and gets very upset if he misses a session. His chess has definitely improved and his teacher, Anita feels that it helps with his math in class in terms of concepts and thinking.

Keep up the great work!" Katrina Lambert: Hampton Primary School

ST. MARY'S PARISH FEAST DAY - Sunday July 28.



"ST MARY'S GOT TALENT" - 2.00pm in the Pioneer Room.

Young and older!

REGISTER TO PERFORM TODAY!

If you can sing, dance, play an instrument, do magic tricks, tell a few good jokes - whether you are a solo act or a group, you are invited to register for our afternoon of fun and entertainment in the Pioneer Room

(Parish Centre: 150 Yarra St. Geelong)

**Gold Coin donation for St Mary's Parish Pantry*



BBQ SAUSAGE SIZZLE  [sponsored by **Kings Funerals**] 

– serves from 11.30am onwards

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**** FREE FACE PAINTING ****

**** FREE RAFFLE ****



CAFÉ LIGHT  [sponsored by **Jonathan Hepner Funerals**] 

will be open from 10.30am, and you are most welcome to pop in for coffee/tea and a sweet treat. **Gold Coin Donation for St Mary's Parish Pantry*

For more information, or to register, please email:

rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au

or call the Parish Office 5222 1977 with your questions or details.

**The Gold Coin Donation is an "if you can" option.*

All money raised from this event will be donated to support the our Parish Pantry.