

NEWSLETTER



Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools



St Margaret's
Primary School

Term Three, Week 3
July 29th, 2024
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From Susan's Desk

Leadership and Management News

Dear Families,

This past Tuesday, we celebrated Grandparents' Day with a series of heartwarming events. The church was filled to capacity as we gathered for a special mass in honour of our beloved grandparents. Afterward, everyone enjoyed a delightful toastie lunch provided by the Cheer Truck, which we were fortunate to savour outdoors under beautiful weather. This wonderful celebration wouldn't have been possible without the dedicated efforts of Joel Kearney, and we extend our thanks to him for organising such a memorable day. We would also like to thank the P&F for organising the cheer truck and for those helpers on the day that cooked and distributed all the toasties!

Our Girls 5/6 tee ball team recently participated in the district competition, where they displayed exceptional skills and sportsmanship. Their hard work and dedication were evident as they competed with enthusiasm and grace, making us all proud. The girls won 2 out of 3 games, and came second overall. CONGRATULATIONS Willow, Melody, Fajr, Harriet, Ivy, Dhyani, Frankie, Molly, Ruby, Asha, Pearl, Eliana and Mrs Handley who have now set their sights on 2025!



Our Year 6 sustainability leadership had a fantastic experience at St. Joseph's, where they spent the day planting trees and learning about local indigenous plant life. This hands-on activity not only contributed to our local environment but also deepened their understanding of the ecological significance of native plants in our community.



Looking ahead, we are excited about the upcoming "Prayers in Pyjamas" night for our Prep, One and Two students on Tuesday. This cozy and meaningful event promises to be a special time for our younger students to come together in prayer and community.

We also want to wish our students representing St. Margaret's at the District Athletics on Thursday the very best of luck. We hope you have a wonderful day of competition, perform to the best of your abilities, and uphold our core values of respect, responsibility, and safety.

A reminder when dropping your child off at school that you observe the no standing zones at the front of the school. We ask that you do not drop students off near the crossing as the visibility of students crossing the road is reduced. We ask that you park in a designated spot as the safety of our students is our shared priority.

Enjoy the week ahead, and let's continue to support and celebrate each other in all our endeavours!
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

Monday, July 29th Year 5/6 Railway Incursion
Tuesday, July 30th P-2 Prayers in Pyjamas 5.30-6.30pm
Tuesday, July 30th School Board 7pm
Wednesday, July 31st Year 5/5 Performing Arts Incursion

August

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

Saturday, August 31st



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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
Friday, 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 18 th	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 7 th	Year 3 /4 Sleep Over
Friday, November 8 th	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 Grandparents

Dear God, We thank you for our wonderful grandparents. They bring such joy and happiness into our lives. Thank you for all the special times that we have with them. Please watch over them, protect them and care for them. May they know your goodness and love always.

Amen.

Student of the Week Awards

CLASS	STUDENT	AWARDS – Friday, July 26 th 2024
PREP	Aksel Sibi	For his excellent efforts in reading and writing.
PREP	Mia McGennissen	For her “can do” attitude in writing!
1 / 2 JB	River Munn	For setting a great example for others in the classroom.
1 / 2 JB	Lina Hirwa Rugira	For your positive attitude shown towards your schooling.
1 / 2 TB	Luna Stephenson	For your amazing efforts towards your learning and kindness towards others.
1 / 2 TB	Xavier Hanan	For your kindness towards others and trying your best.
1 / 2 PB	Gurmann Parinja	For making gains in his reading abilities.
1 / 2 PB	Bonnie Martini	For enthusiastically embracing new learning experiences.
3 / 4 HM	Toby Broad	For extending yourself in finding the area of triangles.
3 / 4 HM	Ivy Heather	For always following school values and trying your best in literacy.
3 / 4 LC	Mateo Horvatic	For his creative approach to tasks and working cooperatively with others.
3 / 4 LC	Jake O’Toole Ludena	For demonstrating strong mathematical thinking and skill development.
3 / 4 JK-KB	Finley Vaughan	For having a positive attitude towards her learning and always trying her best.
3 / 4 JK-KB	Kenny Golding	For his active participation and sharing his strategies during our numeracy sessions.
5 / 6 KH	Alex Lacorte	For outstanding presentation in his literacy book.
5 / 6 JW	Loui Lagana	For outstanding presentation in his literacy book.
5 / 6 DJFM	Alyssa Neal	For working hard in your literacy.
5 / 6 DJFM	Adriel Sibi	For working hard on your maths lessons and completing your assigned work.
Principal Award	Max Russell	For his kind and caring nature and his willingness to help others.



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](#)

#ALLEZAUS

'Let's Go Australia'



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]