

NEWSLETTER



St Margaret's
Primary School

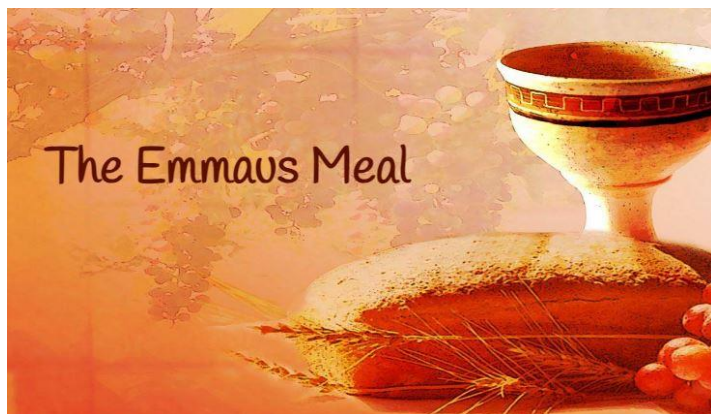
Term Three, Week 5
August 12th, 2024
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From Susan's Desk

Dear Families,

This week, we are excited to welcome Lucy Glover for a two-day visit as part of our four-yearly review cycle. During her visit, Lucy will be engaging with staff, students, and parent representatives, offering us a valuable opportunity to reflect on our achievements and challenges over the past four years. This review is a crucial part of our continuous improvement process, helping us to set clear and actionable goals for the future.

Lucy has already been onsite in recent weeks for our VRQA (Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority) compliance audit, which thoroughly examined all aspects of our child safety protocols. We are pleased to announce that our processes and procedures met all compliance requirements. This positive outcome underscores our commitment to providing a safe and supportive environment for our students. We eagerly anticipate the insights and recommendations Lucy will bring to help us enhance our practices and achieve our vision for the school's future.



Last Wednesday evening, our First Eucharist candidates and their families gathered to share in the Emmaus Meal, a significant step in their preparation for receiving the sacrament. This event provided a meaningful opportunity for families to come together in faith and support the children on their spiritual journey.

We extend our thanks to Joel Kearney and the Year 3/4 teachers for their dedication and hard work in preparing these students for their First Eucharist. Their commitment ensures that the children are well-prepared and understand the importance of this sacrament. We look forward to celebrating this special occasion on Sunday, August 18th, at St. Mary's, and we invite all families to join us in this joyous event.

A reminder that Friday, August 16th, is a school closure day. On this day, our staff will be attending professional learning sessions off-site, collaborating with colleagues from other schools in our region. This professional development is part of our ongoing commitment to enhancing our educational practices and aligning with the MACS (Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools) vision for instruction.

The focus of the day will be on deepening our understanding of the science of learning, which involves exploring evidence-based strategies to improve student outcomes. By investing in our teachers' professional growth, we aim to ensure that all our students benefit from the highest quality of instruction and support.

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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 are thrilled to celebrate Book Week next week! This annual event is a highlight of our school calendar, encouraging a love of reading and creativity among our students. The theme for this year is "Reading is Magic," and we have a range of exciting activities planned to inspire and engage our students.

Our Book Week parade will take place on Wednesday morning, where students are invited to come dressed as their favourite book characters. This is always a fun and colourful event, and we look forward to seeing the imaginative costumes our students create. Throughout the week, there will be various activities and we encourage all families to participate and support their children in celebrating the joy of reading.

Have a great week.
Susan



Calendar of Events

(new items in bold)

Term 3

August

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

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

Calendar of Events

(new items in bold)

Term 4

September

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

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



What an astonishing thing a book is. It's a flat object made from a tree with flexible parts on which are imprinted lots of funny dark squiggles. But one glance at it and you're inside the mind of another person, maybe somebody dead for thousands of years. Across the millennia, an author is speaking clearly and silently inside your head, directly to you. Writing is perhaps the greatest of human inventions, binding together people who never knew each other, citizens of distant epochs. Books break the shackles of time. A book is proof that humans are capable of working magic.

- Carl Sagan

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Student of the Week Awards

CLASS	STUDENT	AWARDS – Friday, August 9th, 2024
PREP	Billie Jobson	For her excellent efforts in writing.
PREP	Solomon Westwood	For being a kind and caring friend to all his peers.
1 / 2 JB	Alessia Bucedì	For a great transition to St Margaret's, well done!
1 / 2 JB	Louis Gray	For demonstrating resilience and independence.
1 / 2 TB	Quinn O'Leary	For his enthusiasm and attitude at the Mini-Olympics.
1 / 2 TB	Zainab Kamran	For her dedication to learning and always trying her best.
1 / 2 PB	Peter Jackson	For his outstanding teamwork and positive attitude in helping others succeed.
1 / 2 PB	Zita Nolan	For always trying her best and showing determination in all that she does.
3 / 4 HM	Harrison Harvey	For showing great persistence in Matific and improving your accuracy.
3 / 4 HM	Addison Launer	For completing your 150 stars on Matific and helping other classmates.
3 / 4 LC	Ashley McKenzie	For the persistence and effort he has shown with Matific this week.
3 / 4 LC	Giuliano Bucedì	For his enthusiastic start at St Margaret's. Welcome!
3 / 4 LC	Tamiko Kai	For being an avid reader, and for strong reflective thinking during book discussions.
3 / 4 JK-KB	Hazel Bennett	For the pride she takes in ensuring her work is presented neatly.
3 / 4 JK-KB	Aliza Cole	For the dedication she has shown towards her mathematics during our Matific Olympiad.
5 / 6 KH	Molly Herwynen	For approaching her learning with a positive 'can do' attitude and being a lovely member of our class.
5 / 6 KH	Freya Dooris	For engaging in all learning activities with energy and a positive attitude. Well done!
5 / 6 JW	Ruby O'Leary	For always giving everything 100% and taking pride in her school work.
5 / 6 JW	Aiden Cardigan	For making smart choices and being more focused in class.
5 / 6 DJ-FM	Lenny Spencer-Harmer	For your excellent work in maths creating a bar graph from the Olympics Medal table.
5 / 6 DJ-FM	Alex Werner	For your achievements during the Matific Olympics - great work!

together in faith

School Community News

PREP'S 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL



Book Week

Monday 12th - Thursday 15th August



Scholastic Book Fair

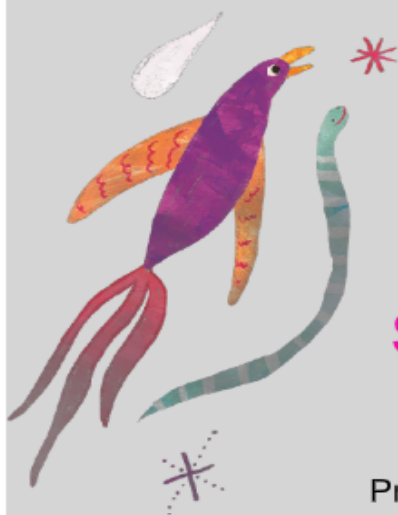
Monday 12th - Thursday 15th August
Open 8.40-9 and 3-3.30

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

Library News

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](#)

Aussie of the Month

*Congratulations to Willow Clarke
for being this month's Aussie.*

*Respect.
For being respectful, friendly,
kind and helpful to others.*



LOST PROPERTY

We often find items like lunchboxes and drink bottles left around the school and playground. Please ensure that ALL items are clearly labelled, or they are likely to have zero chance of making it back to their owners.



These have been looking for their owners for several days. Some have upopened food inside. If you recognise, please collect from the sink outside the staffroom.

FATHER'S DAY MORNING TEA



Join us for coffee and a donut as we celebrate the special men in our lives!
Date: 8am-9am
Location: Basketball Court
No RSVP required. We look forward to seeing you there!

St Margaret's PS

Father's Day Stall



Friday 30th August

*Stall helpers needed

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Can you help on
any of the
following
dates/times.**

- Friday 30th August - Donuts with Dad set up 7.30am
- Friday 30th August - Bake Sale Drop off from 8.30am & 3pm
- Friday 30th August - Father's Day Stall from 9am

- Saturday 31st August - Bake Sale Stall - 1 Hour shifts from 8am



Please contact the school office on 5229 7453 to pop your name and phone number down on the roster.

Our BIGGEST fundraiser of the year!

ST MARGARET'S PRIMARY SCHOOL P&F

FATHER'S DAY BAKE SALE

SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST

8AM - 1PM

93 GARDEN ST

(NEXT DOOR TO GOOSE)

Baking packs will go home with students from the 15th August

