

NEWSLETTER



St Margaret's
Primary School

Term Three, Week 6
August 19th, 2024
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From Susan's Desk

Dear Families,

Book Week was an incredible success and brought joy to our school community. The parade on Wednesday was a highlight, filled with vibrant colours and excitement as students and staff alike dressed as their favourite book characters. It was wonderful to see so many well-loved stories brought to life in such a creative and enthusiastic way. The Book Swap also went smoothly, allowing students to exchange books and discover new stories, while the Book Fair drew plenty of interest and engagement from families. We want to extend our thanks to all the families who supported the events of Book Week and a special acknowledgement to Kerrie-Anne for her outstanding organisation and effort in making the week so memorable.



Leadership and Management News

Last Friday, our staff participated in a valuable professional learning day that was both insightful and inspiring. We joined over 600 teachers at Braybrook to deepen our knowledge of phonics, structured literacy, and the practice of daily review. These strategies are essential as we continue refining our teaching methods to enhance student learning outcomes. Our team is committed to integrating these approaches into our classroom instruction and will be working on further improving how we teach literacy to all students, ensuring that our educational practices remain effective and evidence-based.

Sunday was a significant day in our school's spiritual life, as we celebrated the sacrament of First Eucharist. It was a beautiful and meaningful ceremony that reflected the importance of this milestone in the faith journey of our students. The day was filled with warmth, reverence, and community spirit. We are grateful to the teachers and to Joel Kearney for their dedication and hard work in preparing the students for this special occasion. Their efforts ensured that the day was not only well-organised but also spiritually enriching for everyone involved.

Our three-way conversations are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday this week. Unlike previous years, there will not be an early finish on these days. Students will be supervised and provided with an alternative program so that the conversations can commence at 2 p.m. on Monday. Regular school finishing times will be in place on both days, ensuring a smooth transition and minimal disruption to the school routine.

A gentle reminder to all parents and guardians that morning supervision of students does not begin until 8:40 a.m. We have noticed an increasing number of students gathering at the back gate before 8:30 a.m., which raises safety concerns. To ensure all students are supervised and safe, we encourage families to consider using Kelly Club's before-school care services if earlier drop-off is required. This is an important step in maintaining a safe and secure environment for all our students while also ensuring that we comply with child safety standards. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

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

August

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 P&F Bake Sale
Saturday, August 31 st	

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

School Community News



**GREAT
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SWAP**



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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

Students bring along \$5.00 to purchase

DAD

TICKET

KITCHEN GARDEN

Friday 30th August

*Stall helpers needed

The complex block features a blue and white checkered background. At the top, it says 'St Margaret's PS' in a teal font. Below that is the main title 'Father's Day Stall' in a large, bold, teal font, flanked by two brown hearts. To the left, a green circle contains the text 'Students bring along \$5.00 to purchase'. Below this is a red heart with the word 'DAD' in white. In the center, there are several illustrations: a man's face with a beard and glasses, a coffee cup with a blue lid and a brown sleeve, a ticket with the word 'TICKET' on it, a green key with a heart-shaped head, and a wooden planter box labeled 'KITCHEN GARDEN' containing various green plants and small signs. At the bottom, the date 'Friday 30th August' is written in a large, bold, black font, followed by the text '*Stall helpers needed' in a teal font.

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

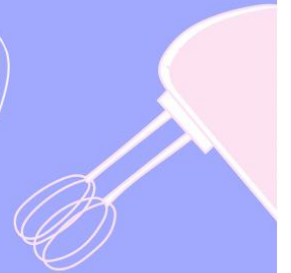
SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST

8AM - 1PM

93 GARDEN ST

(NEXT DOOR TO GOOSE)

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



BATPACK POP-UP WORKSHOPS: DIGITAL TATTOO SERIES



BATForce are inviting Families to two online pop-up workshops to explore Young People's online worlds.

These workshops are funded by the Anthony Costa Foundation.

**These sessions are
ONLINE & FREE!**

The workshops will be run by Leigh Bartlett who has delivered 100's of Digital Tattoo workshops over the last 15 years. Leigh believes that you are your Children's first teachers and their best teachers.

As Children start and go through school the importance of families and schools being on the same page when it comes to tech use is critical.

1 'LOGGING IN EARLY'

Children's introduction to their online worlds is happening earlier and earlier.

The 'Logging in Early' Digital Tattoo early years workshop pulls on years of BATForce working across primary schools with Parents and Carers who wish they'd had the information earlier.

This workshop is for parents, carers and grandparents of **Pre-school to Year 2 students.**

**Tuesday
7.00-8.15pm**

**10 SEPT
2024**

2 'RAISING GENERATION WI-FI'

Supporting Children as we introduce them to the world via the internet, social media/chat platforms and gaming is very much a conversation about relationships not the tech itself.

'Raising Generation Wi-Fi' aims to support Families to develop plans that mirror their own values around how technology use is supported as their children grow and begin to interact with others in their online worlds.

The 'Generation Wi-Fi' Digital Tattoo workshop is for parents, carers and grandparents of **Year 3 to Year 6 students.**

**Tuesday
7.00-8.15pm**

**17 SEPT
2024**

Register via
the link or QR
Code:



**BATPack-PopUp-
Family-
Workshops**



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At Lemon Drops Kids Therapy we offer a range of therapeutic services, including school holiday workshops and intensive art and play therapy sessions. Here is an overview of what we offer, so head straight to our website to find out about each one!



Play Therapy



Art Therapy



Youth Counselling



Shiatsu



Interplay Therapy (Play Therapy involving child & caregiver)



Sibling Therapy Sessions



Arts Therapy for Adults



Therapeutic Horticulture (Garden Therapy)



Caregiver Support Sessions



Safe and Sound Protocol (SSP)



Group Play Therapy



Caregiver Arts Therapy - Online Supportive Wellbeing Sessions



Self-E - 8 week Self-Esteem Workshop



CD Kids - Expressive Social & Emotional Learning



School Holiday Intensive Therapy



Self-E - 2 hour School Holiday Self-Esteem Workshop



Calm The Guard Dog and Hear The Owl - Anxiety Workshop



More Info

