

# NEWSLETTER



St Margaret's  
Primary School

Term Three, Week 7  
August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
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## From Susan's Desk

## Leadership and Management News

Dear Families,

Last week's three-way conversations celebrated the success of our student's learning so far this year. It was wonderful to hear the discussion being had around the school and for parents to witness firsthand the progress students have made this year. The collaborative efforts of students, teachers, and parents are evident in the growth we've seen, both academically and socially. Thank you to all the families who took the time to sit down with their child and their teacher to review goals, celebrate achievements, and plan the next steps in their learning journey. These conversations are an essential part of our home-school partnership, reinforcing that education is a shared responsibility, and we value the active role you play in this process.

This week, we are focusing on our incredible Learning Support Officers (LSOs) during LSO Appreciation Week. Our LSOs are the backbone of our school, providing essential support to both students and staff. From offering one-on-one guidance to facilitating group activities and ensuring that every student feels included and valued, their contributions are immeasurable. We encourage everyone to take a moment this week to personally thank our LSOs for their tireless dedication. We are incredibly fortunate to have such compassionate and skilled individuals who go above and beyond every day to enhance the learning environment.

The Year 3/4 swimming program kicks off this week, and it's an exciting time for our students. Swimming is not just a fun activity; it's a crucial life skill that builds confidence, promotes physical fitness, and enhances water safety awareness. To ensure your child is well-prepared, please remember to pack all necessary gear, including swimsuits, towels, goggles, and an extra set of snacks to keep their energy levels up before and after sessions. This program is a great opportunity for students to strengthen their swimming abilities while enjoying time with their peers.



We are also looking forward to our upcoming Father's Day celebrations. On Friday morning, we invite all dads, grandfathers, and special men in our community to join us for Donuts with Dad from 8 a.m., followed by a special Father's Day Liturgy on the basketball courts. This event is a wonderful opportunity to gather together and honour the important role fathers and father figures play in our lives. Following this, our P&F will host the Father's Day stall during the day, where students can purchase gifts for the dads and father figures they appreciate. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the P&F for their ongoing support and effort in organising these meaningful events.

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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



Lastly, information has been sent home regarding our upcoming Bake Sale, along with creative ideas for baked goods. We encourage everyone to get involved—whether it's baking with your family or volunteering your time. This is a fantastic way to bring our extended community together while raising funds for the school. On Saturday, we'll be setting up in Garden Street, where you can purchase some tasty treats, perfect for spoiling Dad or just enjoying with the family. We're excited about this opportunity to connect with each other and support our school in a fun and delicious way.

Have a great week.  
Susan

## Calendar of Events

(new items in bold)

### Term 3

#### August

Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>

Smile Patrol Dental  
Year 3/4 Swimming Programme  
Prep/1/2 Liturgy 10.15am  
Donuts with Dad - 8am  
**Liturgy on the Basketball Court – 9am**  
Raffle draw  
Father's Day Stall  
P&F Bake Sale

Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup>

#### September

Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>  
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Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>  
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Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

Year 5/6 Swimming Programme  
School Board 7pm  
Bravehearts Incursion Prep & 1/2 PB  
Bravehearts Incursion 1/2 TB & 1/2 JB  
Year 5/6 Rail Project Incursion  
School Review Day 4  
Italian Day  
P&F pizza lunch

Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

Assembly - Prep presenting

**Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**

**PSGs**

**Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Division Athletics**

**Wednesday, Sep 11<sup>th</sup>,**

**1/2 Excursion to You Yangs**

Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

R U OK? - Wear a touch of yellow

**Wednesday, Sep 18<sup>th</sup>**

**PSGs**

Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

Footy Colours Day; Gold Coin donation.

Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

P&F Pie lunch Longest kick event

Final day of Term 3; 1.30pm dismissal - Sports uniform

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Calendar of Events

(new items in bold)

Term 4

October

Monday, October 7 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of Term 4
Tuesday, October 15 <sup>th</sup>	School Board 7pm
Friday, October 18 <sup>th</sup>	P&F special lunch
Monday, October 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>School Closure Day - Staff Professional Learning</b>
<b>Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 5/6 ONLY Student Free Day</b> (staff TIL day for camp)
Wednesday, October 30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Camp - Anglesea (until Friday, November 1 <sup>st</sup> )

November

Monday, November 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>School Closure Day</b>
Tuesday, November 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Melbourne Cup public holiday</b>
Wednesday, Nov 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	Prep Swimming Programme
Thursday, November 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 /4 Sleep Over
Friday, November 8 <sup>th</sup>	P&F Special lunch
Monday, Nov 11 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1/2 Swimming Programme
<b>Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sacrament of First Reconciliation: 12 noon</b> (please note change)

December

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

# I Wish for You...

Comfort on difficult days,  
Smiles when sadness intrudes,  
Rainbows to follow the clouds,  
Laughter to kiss your lips,  
Sunsets to warm your heart  
Gentle hugs when spirits sag,  
Friendships to brighten your being,  
Beauty for your eyes to see,  
Confidence for when you doubt,  
Faith so that you can believe,  
Courage to know yourself,  
Patience to accept the truth,  
And love to complete your life.  
God Bless you!



*Student of the Week Awards*

CLASS	STUDENT	AWARDS – Friday, August 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2024
<b>PREP</b>	Hadley Robinson	For her commitment to nightly reading. You are making great progress Hadley!!
<b>PREP</b>	Ariah Gibson	For being a reading superstar! Keep up the great effort.
<b>1 / 2 JB</b>	Rafferty Vaughan	For your positive attitude shown towards your schooling.
<b>1 / 2 JB</b>	Piper Drever	For stepping outside of your comfort zone and employing a growth mindset.
<b>1 / 2 TB</b>	Patrick Noonan	For doing his best to construct a complex sentence.
<b>1 / 2 PB</b>	Ihsan Fareed	For always trying his best and following school expectations.
<b>1 / 2 PB</b>	Claudia Walker	For consistently demonstrating a positive attitude and exemplary behaviour.
<b>1 / 2 PB</b>	Max Higgins	For demonstrating positive sportsmanship and encouraging others.
<b>3 / 4 HM</b>	Tommy Hearsch	For your consistent work ethic and following teacher instructions.
<b>3 / 4 HM</b>	Bella Cioch	For your persistence in challenging tasks.
<b>3 / 4 LC</b>	George Vapp	For his energy, enthusiasm and kindness to others.
<b>3 / 4 LC</b>	Arlo Bakker	For demonstrating the school's values of being respectful, safe and responsible in the classroom and at play.
<b>3 / 4 JK-KB</b>	Jack Geoghegan	For the interest he has shown throughout mathematics.
<b>3 / 4 JK-KB</b>	Ava Addy	For the positive approach she has shown during our literacy groups.
<b>5 / 6 KH</b>	Harry Lydom	For confidently presenting his reflection at Parent-Teacher conversations. Well done.
<b>5 / 6 KH</b>	Sophia Peat	For being a kind and caring member of our class. Thank You Sophia.
<b>5 / 6 JW</b>	Maeve Noonan	For a thrilling story in literacy which included an amazing example of hyperbole!
<b>5 / 6 DJ-FM</b>	Nuwain De Silva	For displaying great research skills on your recent scripture research task. Well done.
<b>5 / 6 DJ-FM</b>	Melody Kessler	For working hard in your group to create a fantastic readers theatre script. Great work.
<b>Principal</b>	Mithra Balasubramani	For showing kindness and care to others.



*together in faith*

*School Community News*

# WHO'S WHO PORTRAIT EXHIBITION



ON NOW UNTIL – SUN  
3 NOV

OPEN DAILY  
MONDAY TO SUNDAY, FROM 10AM TO 5PM

Little Malop Street  
Geelong, Victoria  
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Geelong  
Gallery

FREE  
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ST MARGARET'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

# ITALIAN DAY

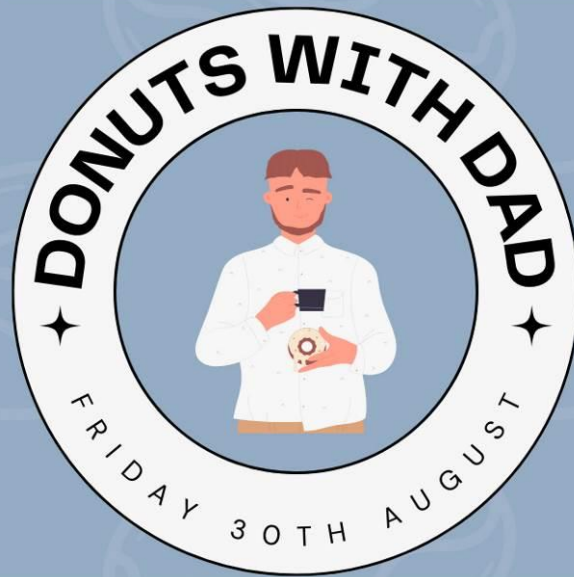
Phil Carroll (Piano Accordionist) Performance  
Pizza + Gelato  
Homemade Italian Biscotti  
Gold Coin Donation for our Wellbeing Hub

Friday, 6 September  
1:30pm

Basketball Court  
Families Welcome



# 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

### 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

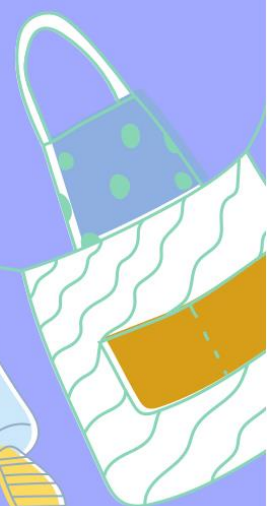
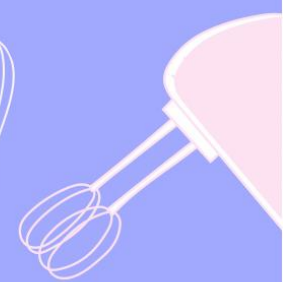
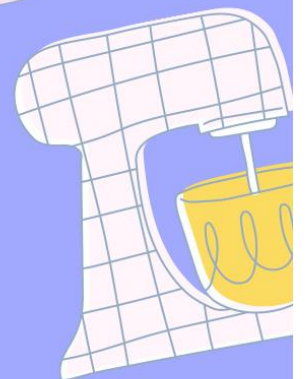
SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST

8AM - 1PM

93 GARDEN ST

(NEXT DOOR TO GOOSE)

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



# Kids' environment and health workshops

Learn how the principles of Chinese Medicine and Feng Shui can support your child's physical and emotional wellbeing with practical, actionable strategies to leave you feeling supported, informed and empowered.

Our Co-hosts:



**Dr. Bedelia Flanagan**  
SHEOAK CHINESE MEDICINE



**Lauren Tyrrell**  
FENG SHUI PRACTITIONER



For more info and to book:



 **Sunday**  
Sept 15 -  
2pm-4pm

 **Sunday**  
Oct 20 -  
2pm-4pm

 **Pure Wonder Soul Studio**  
2 POWELL PLACE, GEELONG



**ST. MARY'S TENNIS CLUB**  
**THOMSON RESERVE, EAST GEELONG**  
**HOTSHOTS TENNIS PROGRAM**  
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