

NEWSLETTER



St Margaret's
Primary School

Term Three, Week 8
September 2nd, 2024
#27

From Susan's Desk

Leadership and Management News

Dear Families,

Last Friday "Donuts with Dad" was a tremendous success, providing a wonderful opportunity to show our appreciation for all the amazing dads in our community. The morning included a meaningful liturgy, offering a moment to reflect on the countless ways our fathers support and care for us. A special thank you goes to the Parents and Friends (P&F) committee for their efforts in organizing the Father's Day stall, ensuring that our dads were treated to something special on their day. We hope that all the dads felt truly celebrated and had a fantastic Father's Day.

The community spirit was evident during the Father's Day Bake Sale held on Saturday. It was heart-warming to see so many families come together on Garden Street to purchase delicious homemade treats for their dads. The sheer number of cakes baked and sold was a testament to the generosity and enthusiasm of our school community. We are deeply grateful to everyone who volunteered their time, baked goods, or made purchases to support this event. Once again, a big thank you to the P&F for their unwavering dedication and hard work.

Our swimming program for the Year 3/4 students has concluded successfully, with many of our students making significant progress in their swimming skills. We are excited to see our Year 5/6 students begin their program this week, and we are confident they will benefit just as much from this valuable experience.

We are looking forward to the Bravehearts sessions for our Prep to Year 2 students this Tuesday and Wednesday. These sessions carry a crucial message about child safety, reinforcing our commitment to keeping our children safe. We encourage parents to continue these important conversations at home, ensuring that the message is both heard and understood. Bravehearts' "Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Show" is a dynamic program that empowers children by teaching them how to recognize when they feel unsafe and what to do if they ever find themselves in uncomfortable situations. Through the use of song, storytelling, and interactive elements, the program delivers crucial safety messages in a way that is both accessible and memorable for young minds. The program covers key topics such as understanding personal boundaries, recognizing the difference between good and bad secrets, and knowing who to turn to for help. These sessions are not only informative but also fun, ensuring that the important lessons they impart are absorbed and retained by the children. We believe that these sessions play a vital role in reinforcing the values we hold dear when it comes to protecting and educating our children about their safety, and ensuring our students feel supported and empowered to speak up and seek help whenever they need it.

We're excited to remind everyone about Italian Day this Friday! It promises to be a delightful day as we celebrate our love of Italy. The day will feature a delicious pizza lunch, giving our students a taste of Italian cuisine. To add to the festivities, there will be cookies available for a gold coin donation, allowing everyone to indulge a little while supporting a good cause. We're looking forward to a fantastic day filled with fun, food, and a great celebration of Italian culture.

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

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
Monday, September 9th	PSGs
Tuesday, September 10th	Division Athletics
Wednesday, Sep 11th,	1/2 Excursion to You Yangs
Thursday, September 12 th	R U OK? - Wear a touch of yellow
Wednesday, Sep 18th	PSGs
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
Wednesday, October 16th	2025 Prep Orientation Session 1
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, Nov 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, Nov 11 th -15 th	Year 1/2 Swimming Programme
Wednesday, Nov 13th	2025 Prep Orientation Session 2
Thursday, November 28 th	Sacrament of First Reconciliation: 12 noon (please note change)

December

Friday, December 6 th	School Closure Day - Staff Professional Learning
Tuesday, December 10th	Whole School Step Up Orientation Day
	2025 Prep Orientation Session 3
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



God took
the **strength** of a mountain,
the **majesty** of a tree,
the **warmth** of a summer sun,
the **calm** of a quiet sea,
the **generous** soul of nature,
the **comforting** arm of night,
the **wisdom** of the ages,
the **power** of the eagle's flight,
the **joy** of a morning in spring,
the **faith** of a mustard seed,
the **patience** of eternity,
the **depth** of a family need.

*When there was nothing more to add, God combined these qualities,
God knew the masterpiece was complete, and so, God called it ... **Dad.***

Author Unknown

Praise Those Fathers

Let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice.

Let us praise those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a worthy and virtuous father.

Let us praise those fathers who, despite marital discord, have remained in their children's lives.

Let us praise those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has nurtured a thriving life.

Let us praise those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their step children's love and respect.

Let us praise those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.

Let us praise those fathers who, by their own account, were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support. As well, let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by words and actions of their children.

Let us praise those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

Let us praise those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.

Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

- Prayer of Kirk Loadman adapted by Debra Mooney, PhD

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together in faith

School Community News

High Tea in Five Six!



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WHO'S WHO PORTRAIT EXHIBITION



ON NOW UNTIL – SUN
3 NOV

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

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FREE
ENTRY

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



KELLY CLUB

General Information: We believe in giving children opportunities to do the things they love and enjoy in a supportive and encouraging environment. We provide quality childcare in safe and fun surroundings for children out of school. Our holiday program is focused around sports, games, and outings to local attractions. Our friendly staff are passionate about working with children. They are provided with training on behaviour management techniques, first aid, child protection and activity planning/delivery.

Who can attend: Children aged 3-17 yrs

What do you need to bring: Shoes and appropriate clothing, jacket or sweater, hat, drink bottle and food.

Food: Please bring plenty of packed food and drink for morning tea/lunch/afternoon tea. Lunch will be free approximately 12:30pm to 1:00pm each day.

Program activities: Program activities are adapted to suit children of all ages and children may be grouped by age depending on numbers. Program activities may vary without notice dependent on weather conditions and program numbers.

Payment details: Payment is required 7 days from receiving an invoice. An invoice will be issued once attendance has been completed and will be adjusted based on CCS subsidies.

CCS (Child Care Subsidies): Kelly Club is CCS approved with Services Australia, which means you can enjoy a subsidy of up to 90% of your fees, depending on your circumstances. This is then paid directly to Kelly Club on your behalf. For more information visit www.my.gov.au

Cancellations: Kelly Club requires 24 hours written notice for a booking cancellation. Fees will be charged if notice is not received. Kelly Club will require 5 days written notice for booking on occasion/vacation days and 3 days written notice for a booking cancellation for secondary/vacation days. Event Day fees: Excursion fees - up to \$40 per child. Inclusion fees - up to \$30 per child.

Please note: Every care will be taken to ensure the safety of your child/ren and their property. However, organisers of Kelly Club accept no liability for any injury sustained to your child/ren or any loss or damage to his/her property whilst on the program. If your child/ren are collected late after the conclusion of the program you will be charged \$1 per minute.

Website:

Lily Davis/ Leanne Wilson

OCTOBER 2024 HOLIDAY PROGRAM

ST MARGARETS

Contact: stmargarets@kellyclub.com.au

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WEEK 1

Mon 23 September

PJ DAY

Slip into your snazziest PJs and head to Kelly Club today for an epic lumber party! Get ready for games, snacks, and lots of fun!

Tues 24 September

COLOUR BLAST

Wear your favorite color or all white and step into the rainbow with prism science and rainbow fruit kebabs. If you're lucky, you might just find a pot of gold waiting for you!

Wed 25 September

BOUNCE

Join us for an awesome hip day to bounce! \$40 extra for the day. Please remember a big lunch, drink bottle, shoes and a hat.

Thurs 26 September

GRAND FINAL DAY

Join us for an action-packed day of footy in the lead up to the Grand Final! Come dressed in your team's colours and take part in goal kicking and handball competitions.

Fri 27 September

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

See you on Monday!

WEEK 2

Mon 30 September

WILDLIFE SAFARI

Keep your eyes peeled as we embark on a wild Safari. Treadle through the mud, climb over the trees, we wonder what you'll see! \$30 extra for the day incursion

Tues 1 October

DISCO DAY

Channel your inner 70s disco dancing queen and come down for a boogie at Kelly Club! We want to see your best disco outfits

Wed 2 October

MINI GOLF

Join us for an awesome hip day to Bellarine Adventure Golf \$30 extra for the day. Please remember a big lunch, drink bottle, shoes and a hat.

Thurs 3 October

MASTERCHEF

Bring your taste buds and hungry stomachs along for Kelly Club Masterchef! We will be baking and cooking some 10/ 10 dishes you won't want to miss.

Fri 4 October

FREAKY FRIDAY

Get ready for a freaky day filled with fear factor challenges, blindfolded food tasting, and surprises you won't see coming!

FULL DAY: \$70

EVENT DAY: \$30-\$40 extra



BOOK ONLINE NOW AT www.kellyclub.com.au



POTTERY STUDIO-EVENTS & GALLERY

School Holiday's Pottery & Craft Sessions

Fri 27th Sept 10.30am-12.30pm Kids Pottery Class

Tues 1st Oct 10.30am-12.30pm Kids Pottery Class

Tues 1st Oct 1.30pm-3.30pm Kids Pottery Class

Wed 2nd Oct 1.30pm-3.30pm Kids Pottery Class

Additional classes will be listed on these dates and other dates if these book out. Adults may book a spot for themselves to join in and make something as well. You can either stay or drop off.

\$55 per person for 2 hours. Includes clay, colours, glazes and 2 kiln firings.

To book visit the website <https://hazytales.com/events/events-calendar/>

These are a few of the other things we do at Hazy Tales Studio:
Bespoke Pottery Parties for Adults & Kids. Custom events. Hen parties.
Adult evening 'Clay & Cocktails by Candlelight'. Porcelain products & jewellery for sale.

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