

# NEWSLETTER



St Margaret's  
Primary School

Term Three, Week 10  
September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
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## From Susan's Desk

Dear Families,

As we head into the final week of term, there are a few important events to note. On Thursday, we will be celebrating Footy Colours Day, where students are encouraged to wear their favourite team's colours. Along with this, the Parents and Friends will be hosting a special lunch, and the much-anticipated "Longest Kick" competition will kick off at 2:30 pm. Please remember that Friday will not be a casual dress day, but we will have an early finish at 1:30 pm to mark the end of term.

## Leadership and Management News



The Year 1/2 students recently enjoyed a memorable and productive day at the You Yangs, where their classroom learning came to life in the great outdoors. The excursion provided a fantastic opportunity for the children to deepen their understanding of various topics while engaging with the natural environment. From observing native flora and fauna to exploring the geological features of the area, the students were able to make real-world connections to their lessons at school.

The visit also encouraged physical activity, with the students participating in nature walks and hands-on activities that challenged them to think critically and work collaboratively. The fresh air and open space fostered a sense of curiosity and wonder. It was a great success in consolidating their learning in a practical setting, and the enthusiasm shown by the students throughout the day was truly inspiring. This type of experiential learning is invaluable, helping to build not only academic knowledge but also a deeper appreciation for the natural world.

Those families with a child starting Prep with us in 2025, please note that we have broken our orientation sessions into smaller groups. You would have received your letter with the date and time for your sessions. Session 1 will take place on either Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup> OR Friday October 18<sup>th</sup>. Session 2 will take place Wednesday November 13<sup>th</sup> OR Thursday November 14<sup>th</sup>. All students will attend on Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup> for their final session. We hope that the smaller groups will allow students to feel more comfortable and to get to know their peers in a calm environment. We cannot wait to meet all our students over the orientation program.

As I will be on leave for the last week of term, please feel free to reach out to Renee Cunningham, who will be acting in my absence, should you need any assistance. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and wish you a restful break. Let's recharge and get ready for what promises to be a busy Term 4!

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**

Wednesday, September 18 <sup>th</sup>	PSGs
<b>Wednesday, Sept 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Girls Division Basketball</b>
Thursday, September 19 <sup>th</sup>	Footy Colours Day; Gold Coin donation. P&F Pie lunch Longest kick event
Friday, September 20 <sup>th</sup>	Final day of Term 3; 1.30pm dismissal - Sports uniform

**Term 4**

**October**

Monday, October 7 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of Term 4
Tuesday, October 15 <sup>th</sup>	School Board 7pm
<b>Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2025 Prep Orientation Session 1 - Groups 1 &amp; 2</b> <b>9.15-10.30 OR 11.45-1.00</b>
Friday, October 18 <sup>th</sup>	P&F special lunch
Friday, October 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>2025 Prep Orientation Session 1 - Groups 3 &amp; 4</b> <b>9.15-10.30 OR 11.45-1.00</b>
Monday, October 21 <sup>st</sup>	School Closure Day - Staff Professional Learning
Tuesday, October 29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 ONLY Student Free Day (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>	School Closure Day
Tuesday, November 5 <sup>th</sup>	Melbourne Cup public holiday
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>Wednesday, Nov 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2025 Prep Orientation Session 1 - Groups 1 &amp; 2</b> <b>9.15-10.30 OR 11.45-1.00</b>
<b>Thursday, Nov 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2025 Prep Orientation Session 1 - Groups 3 &amp; 4</b> <b>9.15-10.30 OR 11.45-1.00</b>
Thursday, November 28 <sup>th</sup>	Sacrament of First Reconciliation: 12 noon

**December**

Friday, December 6 <sup>th</sup>	School Closure Day - Staff Professional Learning
<b>Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Whole School Step Up Orientation Day</b> <b>2025 Prep Orientation Session 3</b> <b>Parent Session 9.30-10.45.</b>
Tuesday, December 10 <sup>th</sup>	School Board 7pm
Thursday, December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Carols Evening
<b>Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 6 Graduation</b>
Tuesday, December 17 <sup>th</sup>	Final day of Term 4. 1.30pm dismissal

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## ***Australian Mathematics Competition***

Earlier this term, 29 of our Years 3 to 6 students competed in the Australian Mathematics Competition. It is the first time St Margaret's has participated. The competition is held online and consists of a number of highly challenging problems that the children are able to work through and try to complete. The standard of the competition is very high!

All students who participate in the AMC receive a certificate of achievement at their level. This year, we had some students perform particularly well. A huge congratulations must go to the following students who received a Certificate of Distinction...

Friday Foley  
Andrew Nabati  
Ishe Tobayiwa  
Nuwain De Silva



Matt de Jong  
Maths Leader

## ***Chess Club Term Three Champions***

First Place Best and Fairest  
***Lorenzo Manna***

Second Place -  
Silver Grasshopper Badge  
***Harvey Little***

Third Place Bronze Grasshopper Badge  
***Addison Launer***



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### 2024 Division Athletics



On Tuesday the 10th of September, 26 of St Margaret's finest athletes travelled to Goldsworthy Reserve in Corio to compete against Geelong and the Bellarine's best in the 2024 Division Athletics. These students needed to qualify via their achievements in our St Margaret's School Athletics Carnival and then the District Athletics, which was against local schools. It was a big achievement just to be there.

There were some exceptional athletes at the event who had worked hard at honing their skills, but our students performed admirably and competed hard. Our highest placed athlete was Ivy Timmins who placed 2nd in the 12/13 Year Girls Discus. She will move forward to the next round of competition. Zac Winterton placed 3rd in the 11 Year Boys 100m Hurdles as did Tom Higgins in the 12/13 Year Boys 1500m. Seth Stevenson came 5th in the 12/13 Year Boys Shot Put and Pearl Foley also came 5th in the 11 Year Girls Long Jump.

Here is a list of students and their events on the day...

Harrison Harvey	Discus	Quinnie Westwood	200m
Toby Broad	1500m, 800m	Tamiko Kai	High Jump, Long Jump
Ishe Tobayiwa	800m, High Jump	Jack O'Brien	1500m
Bella Cioch	100m, Hurdles	Francesca Payne	1500m, Long Jump
Harriet Salkeld	1500m, 800m, Relay	Zac Winterton	100m, Hurdles
Pearl Foley	Hurdles, Long Jump, Relay	Thomas O'Toole Ludena	High Jump
Ruby O'Leary	Relay	Asha Clapinski	Relay
Isabelle Fitzgerald	1500m, 800m, Relay	Tom Higgins	1500m, 800m
Mia Mason	200m, Hurdles, Relay	Ivy Timmins	Discus
Philly Coumans	Triple Jump, Relay	Seth Stevenson	Relay
Lachlan Barton	Hurdles, High Jump, Relay	Charlotte Butcher	800m, Relay
Elouise Horton	Hurdles, Triple Jump, Relay	Loui Lagana	800m
Zach Harvey	Relay	Jock Golding	Relay

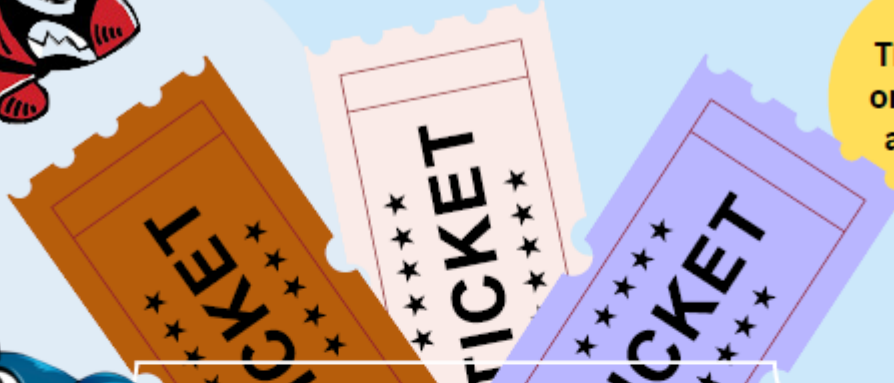


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# PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETING

**Tuesday 17th September  
7pm  
Staff Room**



**All welcome - We would love to see lots of parents**

## INTRODUCING

# Butterfly Body Bright

Our school is excited to have registered with Butterfly Body Bright, an Australian first, whole of primary school program of the Butterfly Foundation that aims to promote positive body image and a healthy relationship with eating and physical activity in all students, so they can thrive at school and in life.

Our staff and students will be undertaking a range of activities to become a Body Bright School.

## CURRENT RESEARCH TELLS US:



Around  
**50%**

of 8-to-11-year-old girls  
report body dissatisfaction,  
often wanting to be thinner



Having a **negative body image as a child** can lead to unhelpful dieting behaviours, disordered eating, depression, social and academic challenges, and eating disorders



**Boys are often wanting to be more muscular,** which is starting from the early primary school years



### YOU PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE TOO!

Access Body Bright Families for information to support body image and healthy eating and physical activity patterns in your home.

[www.butterflybodybright.org.au/families](http://www.butterflybodybright.org.au/families)



## RESOURCES AND DOWNLOADS

Tips for how to start creating a Body Bright home

30 days of being a Body Bright family

Tip sheets for families (including translations in 5 languages)

Body Bright family poster

Body Bright blog

Access at [www.butterflybodybright.org.au/resources](http://www.butterflybodybright.org.au/resources)



Are you concerned about your child's relationship with their body, eating and physical activity, or their physical development?

Visit [www.butterflybodybright.org.au/concerned](http://www.butterflybodybright.org.au/concerned) for information on warning signs and what do if you are concerned



For more information about Butterfly Body Bright, please visit [www.butterflybodybright.org.au](http://www.butterflybodybright.org.au)  
FAQs [www.butterflybodybright.org.au/faq](http://www.butterflybodybright.org.au/faq)

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# WHO'S WHO PORTRAIT EXHIBITION



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# Kelly Club School Holiday Program



**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](http://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.

## OCTOBER 2024 HOLIDAY PROGRAM ST MARGARETS

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Week	Date	Activity	Description
WEEK 1	Mon 23 September	<b>PJ DAY</b>	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	<b>COLOUR BLAST</b>	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	<b>BOUNCE</b>	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	<b>GRAND FINAL DAY</b>	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	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>	See you on Monday!
WEEK 2	Mon 30 September	<b>WILDLIFE SAFARI</b>	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	<b>DISCO DAY</b>	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	<b>MINI GOLF</b>	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	<b>MASTERCHEF</b>	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	<b>FREAKY FRIDAY</b>	Get ready for a freaky day filled with fear factor challenges, blindfolded food tasting, and surprises you won't see coming!

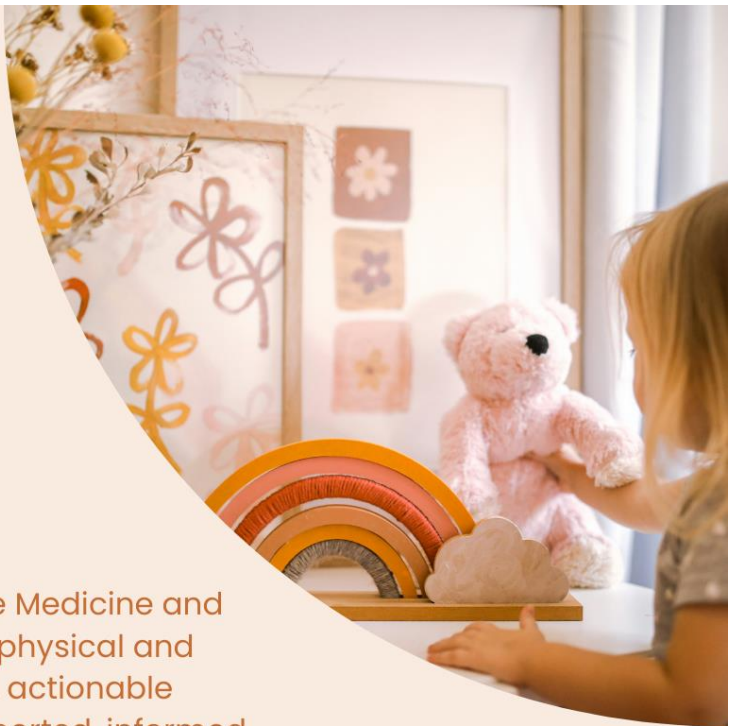
**FULL DAY:** \$70  
**EVENT DAY:** \$30-\$40 extra



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Sept 15 -  
2pm-4pm

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

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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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