

NEWSLETTER



St Margaret's
Primary School

Term Four, Week 1
October 7th, 2024
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From Susan's Desk

Leadership and Management News

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 4! This term is filled with various events, activities, and important dates, so I encourage you to regularly check both the newsletter and the school calendar to ensure you don't miss anything. The pace of the term will pick up quickly, and these resources will help you keep track of everything going on.

With the warmer weather approaching, it's also time to review some important guidelines regarding our school uniform. Hats are required to be worn during all outdoor activities in Term 4, as part of our sun safety policy. If your child does not have a hat, now is the time to find one, as the "No Hat, No Play" rule will be strictly enforced starting from Week 2. Please note that students will not be permitted to participate in outdoor play without a hat, so it's essential to have one ready every day.

Regarding uniforms, please ensure that your child is wearing one of the two designated school uniforms in its entirety. Mixing elements from both uniforms is not allowed, and students should be in the complete version of either option. This maintains consistency and supports our school's dress code. Additionally, students are expected to bring and apply their own sunscreen as part of our sun protection measures. While teachers will remind students to use sunscreen, it's important that they know how to apply it themselves. We encourage you to show your child how to apply sunscreen properly to ensure they are well-protected during outdoor activities. Hair that reaches the shoulders must also be tied up and kept off the face at all times, not only for hygiene reasons but also to prevent distractions during learning. If your child forgets a hair tie or needs one, I have a supply of spare hair ties available, so don't hesitate to ask.

As we settle into Term 4, staff will begin the process of considering class placements for 2025. This is always a careful and thoughtful process, with many factors to consider. We kindly ask for your trust in both the staff and the process itself, as it involves a great deal of consideration to ensure the best outcomes for all students. From academic needs to social dynamics, we take the time to assess each student's individual situation. Our goal is always to create balanced and supportive learning environments that will set every child up for success in the coming year. Rest assured; we do our absolute best to ensure that all students are placed in classes where they can thrive.

We look forward to a fantastic term filled with learning, fun, and growth.

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.



In our school

We encourage one another,
We build one another up,
We are at peace with each other
We seek to do good, we rejoice,
We give thanks,
we pray constantly,
in our school.

Adapted. 1 Thess. 5:7, 13, 15-18

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 4

October

Monday, October 7 th	First Day of Term 4
Tuesday, October 15 th	School Board 7pm
Wednesday, October 16 th	2025 Prep Orientation Session 1 - Groups 1 & 2 9.15-10.30 OR 11.45-1.00
Friday, October 18 th	P&F special lunch
Friday, October 18 th	2025 Prep Orientation Session 1 - Groups 3 & 4 9.15-10.30 OR 11.45-1.00
Friday, October 18th	Assembly – 5/6 presenting
Monday, October 21 st	School Closure Day - Staff Professional Learning
Friday, October 25 th	World Teacher's Day
Tuesday, October 29 th	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

Friday, November 1st	Assembly – 3/4 presenting
Monday, November 4 th	School Closure Day
Tuesday, November 5 th	Melbourne Cup public holiday
Wednesday, Nov 6th	Years 1/2/3/4 Science Incursion
Wednesday, Nov 6 th - 8 th	Prep Swimming Programme
Thursday, November 7th	Year 5/6 Rail Incursion
Thursday, November 7 th - 8 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
Tuesday, November 12 th	GALS online student session for Year 6 girls
Wednesday, Nov 13 th	2025 Prep Orientation Session 1 - Groups 1 & 2 9.15-10.30 OR 11.45-1.00
Thursday, Nov 14 th	2025 Prep Orientation Session 1 - Groups 3 & 4 9.15-10.30 OR 11.45-1.00
Friday, November 15th	Saint Margaret's Day Celebrations & 75th Anniversary of our School
Friday, November 22nd	Assembly – 1/2 presenting
Thursday, November 28 th	Sacrament of First Reconciliation: 12 noon
Friday, November 29th	Assembly – Prep presenting
Friday, November 29th	RSVP for Year 6 Graduation due

December

Friday, December 6 th	School Closure Day - Staff Professional Learning
Tuesday, December 10 th	Whole School Step Up Orientation Day 2025 Prep Orientation Session 3 Parent Session 9.30-10.45.
Tuesday, December 10 th	School Board 7pm
Thursday, December 12 th	Whole School Carols Evening
Friday, December 13th	Whole School Movie & Picnic end of year celebration
Monday, December 16 th	Year 6 Graduation
Tuesday, December 17 th	Final day of Term 4. 1.30pm dismissal

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
ENTRY

St Margaret's Primary School



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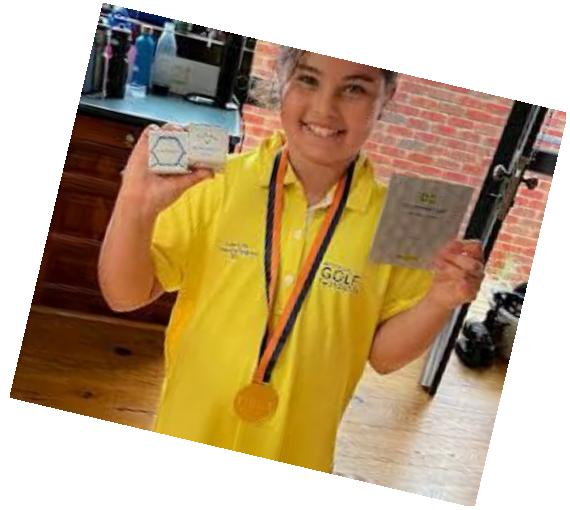
Great Job Winnie!

Hi Miss Perks,
How are you?
I just wanted to message you about my golf!!!

On Sunday I played golf and won for the under tens !!!!!!!!!!!
I won a medal, three golf balls but I gave one to Hazel B who
came third and a voter to Drummond Golf !!!!

Golf Australia wanted to interview me and make an article
about me. Last year they made an article about Ivy on her
golf and now want to write about me !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Have a great holiday!
From Winnie Timmins



The Timmins family from the Geelong region in Victoria are the gold star measure of the Australian Golf Foundation Girls Scholarships.

They are also testament to the notion that siblings can follow each other into the game. Middle sister Winnie, 9, is the latest to pick up the program, via her school St Margaret's Primary and the East Geelong Golf Club recently.

Eldest Ivy was a participant in 2023 through Curlewis Golf Club outside Geelong, and youngest of the trio, Pearl, is dabbling in golf although she is not yet old enough to take part in the AGF program.

Winnie Timmins, who is in grade three, said she already loved golf.

“Dad started teaching us how to play when I was a bit younger with Pearl and Ivy. I just like hitting the ball. It’s kind of fun,” she said this week.

She has already won two competitions, and she is improving. “I can hit the ball way further now,” she said.

The Timmins family are guided by father Jack, an “obsessive” golfer at Curlewis.

“We heard that the school (St Margaret’s) was thinking about joining the program, so we thought ‘let’s apply’,” said Jack Timmins.

“They’re really into it. They’re playing with girls who are the same age and Jay (PGA Professional Jay McKenzie) does a great job with them.”

Golf runs deep in the family. The three girls’ maternal grandparents are golfers, and the three generations of the Timmins family have played several times together. Jack Timmins acts as caddie and mentor.

“Caddieing for the three at once is pretty challenging,” he joked. “I don’t push golf above any sport. But they love going to the range and getting a milk shake, hitting a few balls. When you get on the course they love being in a cart. It’s a bit of Dad time.

“From my point of view whether they’re into the sport into the future it doesn’t matter. They are actually playing every sport under the sun. But if they want to pursue golf, they’ve got a solid grounding.”

<https://www.golf.org.au/girls-scholarships-are-a-family-affair/>

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



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



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 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
FAQs www.butterflybodybright.org.au/faq



THOMSON TIGERS CRICKET CLUB 2024 - 2025 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

AGE GROUPS

Woolworths Blasters (5- 10 yrs old)
Under 11's
Under 13's
Under 15's
Under 17's
Junior Girls

COME AND TRY SESSION

For all new and current players, we will be holding a come and try session on:

Monday 30th September 2024

5pm-6pm

Thomson Reserve, Godfrey Street

ALL WELCOME

CONTACT DETAILS

Registrations Open – www.playhq.com

For more information or assistance with registration, please contact:

Dale Menzies – ☎ 0412 053 595

Kate Dew – ☎ 0416 182 563

CRICKET – Ready to bat, bowl and have a ball?

Thomson Cricket Club offers a Cricket Blast Program for children aged 10 and under. Learn skills through fun activities and modified games.

Boys and girls welcome.

Friday evenings commencing 15/11/24.

5 pm – 6 pm.

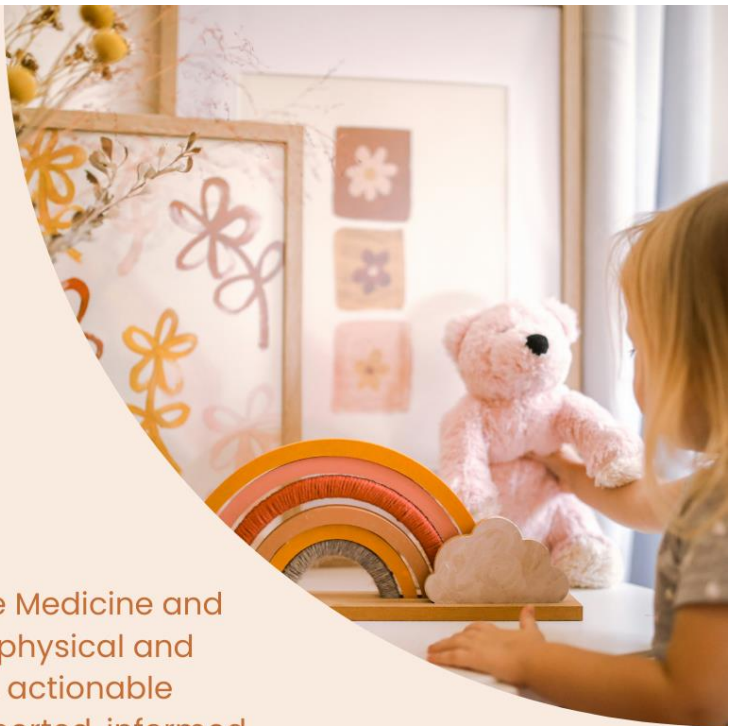
Cost is \$99 and all participants receive a cool Cricket Blast Pack.

Under 11 & Under 13 junior cricket also available.

Register at play.cricket.com.au or contact Dale Menzies on 0412053595

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