

NEWSLETTER



St Margaret's
Primary School

Term One, Week 3
February 10th, 2025
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From Susan's Desk

Dear Families,

Our beginning-of-the-school-year Mass will take place this Wednesday, February 12th, at 9:15 am in the church. Families are warmly invited to attend as we focus on the Year of Jubilee, bringing hope and gratitude to 2025. Father Sejeesh will kindly be saying Mass for us, and it is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community to welcome the new school year.

Our P&F AGM will also take place on Wednesday, February 12th, at 7:00 pm in the staffroom. This is a great opportunity to reflect on the successes of 2024, thank our past members, and welcome new members. Our P&F is generously overseen by a small group of dedicated parents who work tirelessly to support the school and our students. Their efforts provide incredible activities and much-needed equipment for our students. We would love to see some new faces on Wednesday night and encourage families to consider getting involved. This is a great way to demonstrate to our young people how acts of service can enrich the lives of many. I hope to see a full staffroom of parents who are eager to support us and hear about our vision for 2025!

We will also be holding our annual Welcome Picnic at Eastern Beach on Thursday, February 13th, starting at 5pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to connect in a relaxed setting and strengthen our school community. I look forward to seeing you there!

A reminder that toys from home should not be brought to school. Students can become upset if toys are lost or accidentally broken, and they can also be a distraction during learning time. We ask for your support in keeping all personal toys at home.

Please be mindful that before school supervision begins at 8:40 am, including for our prep students. We ask that students do not enter the classrooms before this time unless they have a special arrangement with their teacher. The time before school is crucial for teacher preparation to ensure the best learning experiences each day for our students. Child safety is also a priority, and students need to be supervised before staff members begin duty at 8:40 am. Arriving too early without supervision can pose safety risks, so we appreciate your support in ensuring that students arrive at an appropriate time. We do offer before school care through Kelly Club. Please contact them if you are having difficulty supervising your child prior to 8.40am.



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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

Information about booking our Term 1 Parent-Teacher Interviews will be sent home on Monday afternoon. The portal will then be open for you to make a booking. If your child has a PSG meeting this term, there is no need to book a Parent-Teacher Interview, as PSG times will be sent home separately soon. These interviews are for **parents only** and your student does not need to attend. They are a 'meet and greet' and an exchange of information to help your child start the year successfully.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to a fantastic week ahead!

Susan Perks

Year of Jubilee 2025



Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

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Calendar of Events

(new items in bold)

Term One

February

Wednesday, February 12th

Beginning of School Year Mass 9.15am Church
P&F Annual General Meeting 7pm in the staff room
Prep Testing Day

Thursday, February 13th

Beach Picnic 5pm Eastern Beach

Tuesday, February 18th

School Board 7pm

Wednesday, February 19th

Prep Testing Day

Friday, February 21st

Assembly Yr 5/6 9.15am

Saturday, February 22nd

Sacramental Enrolment Mass 6pm

Sunday, February 23rd

Sacramental Enrolment Masses 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am

Monday, February 24th

Confirmation Preparation Day 9:15 - 3:20

Tuesday, February 25th

Parent Teacher Interviews 3.45-6pm

Wednesday, February 26th

Parent Teacher Interviews 2.00-6pm
Prep Testing Day

March

Saturday, March 1st

Sacramental Enrolment Mass 6pm

Sunday, March 2nd

Sacramental Enrolment Masses 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am

Monday, March 3rd

2026 School Enrolments open

Tuesday, March 4th

Shrove Tuesday Pancake races 10:15am

Wednesday, March 5th

Prep Testing

Ash Wednesday Mass 9:15-10am (**time TBC**)

District T-Ball @ Grinter Reserve

District Soccer @ Howards Glover Reserve

Assembly Yr 3/4 9.15am

Friday, March 7th

Labour Day Public Holiday

Monday, March 10th

School Closure Day - Staff PL

Tuesday, March 11th

Division Swimming

Tuesday, March 11th

Sacrament of Confirmation 5pm at St Mary's Basilica

Wednesday, March 12th

P&F Barefoot Bowls

Friday, March 14th

Catholic Education Week - Year of Jubilee

Monday, March 17th-21st

Smile Point School Dental Visits **TBC**

Monday, March 17th-21st

St Patrick's Day Liturgy - Yr 3-6 students 2.30pm

Tuesday, March 18th

Pilgrims of Hope Geelong schools - selected student leaders

Wednesday, March 19th

Schools' Mass St Patrick's Melbourne - selected students

Friday, March 21st

School Board 7pm

Tuesday, March 25th

Student Leadership Conference - selected students

Wednesday, March 26th

School Photos

Thursday, March 27th

Assembly Yr 1/2 9.15am

Friday, March 28th

April

Wednesday, April 2nd

AFL Girls 9s

Thursday, April 3rd

Whole School Athletics Day

Friday, April 4th

Assembly **PREP 9.15am**

Last day of Term One - 1.30pm dismissal. Casual clothes

Calendar of Events

Term Two

April

Monday, April 21st
Tuesday, April 22nd
Friday, April 25th

Easter Monday public holiday
Term Two begins
ANZAC DAY public holiday

May

Tuesday, May 6th
Wednesday, May 21st

School Board 7pm
National Simultaneous Storytime 12noon

June

Monday, June 9th
Tuesday, June 10th
Tuesday, June 24th

King's Birthday public holiday
School Closure Day - Staff PL
School Board 7pm

July

Friday, July 4th

Term Two ends - 1.30pm dismissal

Term Three

July

Monday, July 21st
Tuesday, July 22nd

School Closure Day - Staff PL
Students begin Term Three

August

Tuesday, August 5th
Wednesday, August 13th
Sunday, August 31st

School Board 7pm
Emmaus Meal 5.30pm
Sacrament of First Eucharist 2.30pm

September

Tuesday, September 9th
Friday, September 19th

School Board 7pm
Term Three ends. 1.30pm dismissal

Term Four

October

Monday, October 6th
Tuesday, October 7th
Tuesday, October 21st

School Closure Day - Staff PL
Students begin Term Four
School Board 7pm

November

Monday, November 3rd
Tuesday, November 4th
Wed-Fri, Nov 5th-7th
Monday, November 10th
Tuesday, November 11th
Wednesday, November 12th
Thursday, November 20th

School Closure Day
Melbourne Cup Public holiday
Year 5/6 students at Camp Kangarooobie
Year 5/6 only, student free day (TIL staff day)
Remembrance Day
Penance Preparation Family Evening 5.30pm
Sacrament of Penance 12 noon

December

Friday, December 5th
Tuesday, December 9th
Monday, December 15th
Tuesday, December 16th

School Closure Day - Staff PL
School Board 7pm
Year 6 Graduation
End of Term Four 1.30pm dismissal

Calendar of Events

2025 School Closure Dates (subject to change)

Tuesday, March 11th

Tuesday, June 10th

Monday, July 21st

Monday, October 6th

Monday, November 3rd

Monday, November 10th Year 5/6 only, student free day (TIL staff day)

Friday, December 5th

PLEASE NOTE:

Assembly time for this year is 9.15am on the designated Fridays in the Church.



School Community News

2025 Student Leadership Groups

School Captains

Harriet Salkeld, Nuwain De Silva

Vice School Captains

Pearl Foley, Amelia Brown, Lenny Spencer-Harmer

House Captains

Red: Rafter Ruby O'Leary, Miller Clarke

Yellow: Iona Thomas O'Toole Ludena, Molly Herwynen

Blue: Mercy Elizabeth Mendiola, Isaak Flannagan

Green: Mulcahy Francesca Payne, Dhyani Ka Patel

Sustainability Leaders

Daniel Thomas, Lorenzo Manna, Airlia Likoudis,
Maeve Noonan, Harry Lydom, Freya Dooris

ICT Leaders

Jarren Cheng, Alexander Lacorte, Asha Clapinski,
Jack Hearsch, Liam Dillon, Jack Reynolds

Social Justice Leaders

Archie Turner, Chole Bidlo,
Alyssa Neal, Rylan Littlewood

FIRE Carriers

Arlo Bakker, Francesca Payne, Molly Jones,
Eliana Jadhav, Camilla Barton, Piper Stephenson,
Holly Maloney, Harrison Spark, Aiden Cardigan,
Finley Vaughan, Willow Clarke, Tobias Broad,
Jack O'Brien, Dhyani Ka Patel,
Tamiko Kai

Religious Education Leaders

Lily Bell, Ishe Tobayiwa,
Ivy Simonsen, Lani Richardson,
Loyola Jackson, Bella Cioch

together in faith

School Community News

Our School Leaders



Student of the Week Awards

CLASS	STUDENT	AWARDS – Friday, February 7 th , 2025
Prep PB		All of Prep PB for their fantastic start to the year!
Prep SB		All of Prep SB for their fantastic start to the year!
1/2 JB	Caden Mirmilstein	For having a fantastic start to the school year and setting a great example for others!
1/2 EK	Lucia Hanan	For coming to school each day with a positive attitude and a willingness to learn. Keep up the great work!
3/4 EC	James Kessler	For achieving personal goal with a recount writing task. What a fantastic start to the year!
3/4 HM	William Ferguson	For making a great start to the year and being a great role model for your classmates.
3/4 LC	George Lynch	For contributing to our class with humour, creativity and friendliness.
3/4 JK-CB	Cooper Clowes	For making a wonderful transition to St Margaret's and showing excellent learning habits.
5/6 DJ-JW	Lucas Spark	For starting the year with a positive attitude towards all things at school.
5/6 FM	Isaak Flannagan	For making a positive start to the year and for displaying outstanding leadership in our class. Well done!
5/6 KH	Maeve Noonan	For making a great start to year 6. Well done.
PRINCIPAL'S AWARD	Lucas Spark	For being an upstander



We have had some families looking for their childrens' missing shell jackets. They are named. Please check all student bags and the name tags on all jackets to make sure your child has their own jacket. Please return any misplaced ones to the office.



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2026 Enrolment

St. Margaret's Primary School. Living our Catholic faith, engaging passionately in learning, connecting with and shaping our world.

It is with great enthusiasm that we welcome you to St Margaret's Primary School. We are a Catholic co-educational primary school in East Geelong, Victoria with approximately 240 children from Prep to Year 6. Our caring and dedicated staff are committed to sharing their passion for learning, helping our students to reach their full academic potential, develop their Catholic identity and acquire social responsibility. Our goal is to support all children in a nurturing environment that promotes academic excellence and a commitment to service.

TOUR DATES:

MONDAY MARCH 3rd 9.30AM & 4.00PM

FRIDAY MARCH 14TH 9.30AM & 12PM

MONDAY MARCH 10AM

Applications are open now and close May 2nd

To book a tour contact the school directly on (03)5229 7453

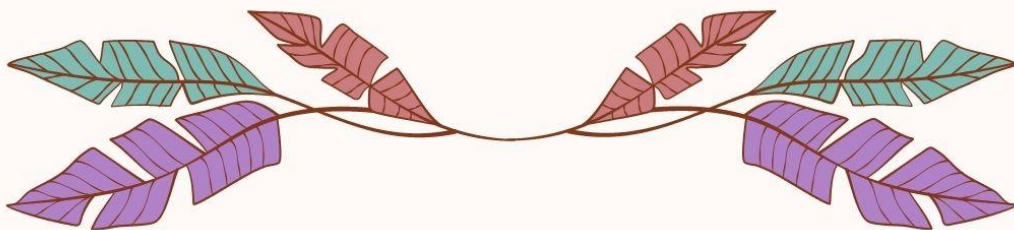




St Margaret's P&F AGM

ALL WELCOME.

Join us for a fun and engaging evening as we work together to make our school even better for everyone. Come along, get involved, and be part of the positive change!



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- **Wednesday February 12th**
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7pm

Staff Room





St Margaret's P&F
BAREFOOT
BOWLS NIGHT

EASTERN PARK
BOWLING CLUB

51 GARDEN STREET, EAST GEELONG

***Drinks at bar prices.**

***Amazing Raffles, Prizes & Wine Wall!**

FRI 14
MARCH

6.30PM

TICKETS VIA
OUR FLEXI
SCHOOL
APP

\$15

PER HEAD FOR
BOWLING & BBQ



ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE GEELONG

COLLEGE TOURS

St Joseph's College Geelong invite you to join our College Tours this term.

We are proud to continue offering an innovative education, and we welcome all senior primary school boys and their families to come and visit us.

Bookings essential

Year 7 applications for 2026 are now open until Friday 9 May

sjc.vic.edu.au

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9.15am tours

- Tuesday 18 March
- Thursday 20 March
- Monday 24 March
- Wednesday 26 March
- Thursday 27 March

1.45pm tour

- Wednesday 26 March



Due to Construction of our Arts, Learning & Technology Precinct, all College Tours will be held in Term 1 2025

SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY | 11AM - 1PM | NETBALL ROOMS

JUNIOR FOOTBALL MEET THE COACH

& REGISTRATION

PRO-TEK MOUTH GUARDS | STAFNC APPAREL

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Photos of St Margaret's Students at the Australian Open



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@ Howard Glover Reserve**

**Rego Day : 16/2 11am-1pm
@ Howard Glover Reserve**

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Scan and fill in player
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**All age groups available and any player
experience welcome**

