



St. Margaret's
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term Four, Week 10
December 14th, 2017

Leadership and Management News

Dear Parents, Friends and Students,

As this is the final newsletter for 2017, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all those involved in our school community whose contribution has made it such a successful school year.

Firstly, I wish to acknowledge our teachers. I appreciate the manner in which they set about their duties in such a professional manner and the quality teaching they provide. I would like to thank our entire staff for the wonderful care and support they provide our children and families. Their dedication and willingness to assist in matters relating to student wellbeing and pastoral care is exemplary.

On behalf of all staff members, I wish to say a big 'thank you' to you, our parents, for the respect and support you have given our school. It is through this support that your child benefits in their development.

It has been highlighted to me on numerous occasions how well our children conduct themselves in and out of the school. I thank them for their enthusiastic participation in all their school activities. I would like to acknowledge them for the respect they display towards their teachers and each other.

We farewell Mrs Katrina Frewin from St Margaret's School. Katrina has been a dedicated teacher and has always displayed a great passion for St Margaret's. She has always endeavoured to provide the best for the students and presented a lovely rapport and manner. Katrina has been a committed, collegial and diligent staff member. In her work as our Religious Education Leader, Katrina's creativity came to the fore and her attention to detail was most evident. I wish her well as she takes up her new role as Religious Education Leader and class teacher at St Mary McKillop Primary School, Bannockburn and I thank her for the wonderful contribution she has made to St Margaret's.

I trust all have a joyful, hope filled Christmas and a wonderful break over the New Year. At this time of the year we especially remember family, friends, colleagues and also acknowledge those who need our care and support. I share a blessing with all:

*May the light of God surround you,
The Love of God enfold you.
The power of God protect you.
The presence of God watch over you.
May God shine his face upon you during this special
time in our Christian life.
Amen.*

Regards Brian



School Community News

2018 School Fees

There has been a minimal increase in 2018 school fees. Next year school fees have been set at \$1580 which is an increase of \$25. The additional curriculum levy of \$50 (an increase of \$10) applies to each student. St Margaret's School has an inclusive school fee, which covers the costs of student stationery, book orders, excursions, incursions, Year 6 camp, 1-1 ipad program and swimming are paid for from the revenue the school receives from school fees. Our school fees are very comparable with 'like schools' and I believe present very good value considering what is provided to our families. A breakdown of payments has been included with today's newsletter.

End of Year Mass

St Margaret's School's End of Year Mass will be held **tonight commencing at 5.30 pm at St Margaret's Church**. There is an expectation that students attend this Eucharistic celebration with an adult family member.

Derby Day Fete

Fourteen parishioners, including Fr. Jim, parishioners and representatives from our four primary schools, held a very successful review of the Derby Day Fete last Wednesday evening. The review group felt that this year's Fete was very successful as both a community event and core fundraiser for the parish and the schools. A key outcome of the Review was that the Fete has a future!!

Of course, future Fetes will only be possible if people contribute energy and time for the many key roles, as for our past Fetes. An interim committee of ten members has been formed and will meet early in the new year to discuss the timing, date, stalls, entertainment and other planning details of a future Fete.

If you would like further information about the Fete Review, or would like to join the new Fete Committee, please contact Annice Lappin on 52 299 453.

School Newsletter

I believe we have a fabulous newsletter that presents great information about life at St Margaret's. It is colourful, inclusive, focuses on class and school events and has a good element of humour and wit. Many thanks to Miss Marg who has done a tremendous job in putting the newsletter together each week and to Leanne who makes sure that the newsletter is printed off and that every family receives a copy. Thank you also Jaryd Fletcher for his great work in uploading our newsletter to the school website and skoolbag app.

School Uniform

Next year the pale blue polo will include the school emblem. This polo will be phased in over the 2018 school year and it is envisaged that it will be worn by all students in 2019. We ask that school families support the movement to a uniformed polo across the school and purchase the school embroidered polo from Bellarine Uniform to replace the current polo. The costs are \$25 for a short sleeve and \$30 for the long sleeve polo.

Class Movies

To celebrate the end of the year, classes often watch a video together. Grades 3 – 6 may choose a movie with a PG rating. If any family has issue with this, please inform your class teacher so alternative arrangements can be made for your child.

Thank You Mrs Cheryl

Our continued gratitude goes to our School Cleaner Mrs Cheryl Marshall for her hard work in keeping our school clean, tidy and safe. Cheryl's tireless dedication to the presentation of our school (even when we've got building projects happening!) is most appreciated.



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Farewell, But Not Goodbye.

It is with many sneaky tears that I say farewell to St Margaret's Primary School. After 16 beautiful years with your families, staff and community I will be starting a new adventure. I will begin 2018 at St Mary MacKillop Primary School in Bannockburn. And although I am excited about this new venture, I am incredibly sad to leave the sense of welcome and home that I have at St Margaret's.

The wonderful staff here at St Margaret's share a unique sense of fun and nurture, which spreads from staff room to classroom to playground every day. The children are delightful and kind and loving. My wonderful teaching partners over the years have made every day a pleasure. Your extended families are warm and interested, supporting and involved. What a treasure St Margaret's is!

I would like to thank you all for your support over the years and for allowing me into your lives, sharing your children with me each day. I have much to be grateful for as I finish my time at St Margaret's, but I'm sure a few more sneaky tears will appear before years' end.

All my most heartfelt wishes of love to you all.
Take care.
Katrina Frewin



Parent Helpers Required Wednesday December 20th

The school has engaged a removal team to assist with the movement of classes on Tuesday, December 19th. (School Beach day at Torquay). While this team will move the bulk load of items we are also seeking parental assistance to unpack boxes and set up classrooms on Wednesday, December 20th.

With the final dismissal of students being at the time of 1.20 pm and we will be holding a classroom 'set up' afternoon from 2.20 pm to 3.30 pm which will be followed by nibbles and refreshments. Please let us know if you can assist by completing the 'helper form' with today's newsletter.

Nibbles and Drinks Thank You to Parents Wednesday December 20th

The staff would also like to express their thanks for all forms of parent community support this year so our 'setting up' classroom afternoon will be followed by drinks and nibbles.



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I am able to assist with setting up classrooms on Wednesday, December 20th, 2.20-3.30 pm

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Upcoming Dates

December

- 15th Icy Pole Day
- 19th School Beach Day
- 20th Students last day at school for 2017
1.20pm dismissal

ICY POLE DAY!

This Friday!
50c per icy pole



2018 DATES

January

- 30th Students commence

February

- 2nd Welcoming Assembly @ 9.00 am
- 5th P&F Meeting
- 6th St Margaret's Family Beach Picnic
- 13th Shrove Tuesday
- 14th Ash Wednesday

March

- 12th Labour Day Holiday
- 14th School photos
- 29th Last Day of Term 1

One of the most
glorious messes in
the world is the
mess created in the
living room on
Christmas Day.

- Andy Rooney



Serious Strategy Gaming in 3/4!



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