



St. Margaret's
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term Three, Week 9
September 14th, 2017

Leadership and Management News

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

This Thursday, Friday and Sunday our Year Six students will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation at St Mary of the Angels' Basilica. At Confirmation, they will be sealed with the Holy Spirit, who strengthens and guides them in their Christian life.

The Pentecost story is a most significant event as it is often described as the 'birth' of the Church. Before the Holy Spirit came to the Apostles for the first time, they were gathered together in the upper room of a house. They were slowly recovering from the events of Good Friday; they were frightened and nervous about Jesus' promise to them, "You will receive power when the Spirit has come upon you". They did not realize that Jesus has prepared them well for what was about to happen to them. The Spirit arrived with a great wind with tongues of fire and their hearts were filled with the power of the Spirit.

They were able to speak about their faith with boldness and confidence and share with others what they had seen, experienced and learnt from seeing Jesus in action.

They were able to bring healing to people who were hurting.

They were able to work out disagreements by remembering what Jesus had taught them: Blessed are the poor in spirit, the meek and humble, the merciful, those who hunger and thirst for what is right, those who mourn are able to enter into the sufferings of others, those who are persecuted in the cause of what is right.

So, this week, when our Grade Six students are about to formally receive the power of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation and begin speaking for themselves, we might cast a timely glance over our own lives to see how well we have spoken for ourselves. What are our reactions as the power of the Spirit continues to be revealed in our lives? How "blessed" are we in living the inspiring words of Jesus about being humble and merciful, in contributing to the welfare of the disadvantaged, in standing up for Christian values?

As a school community, you are all more than welcome to attend the Confirmation Masses, where we pray together that this sacrament will further strengthen the following students and their relationship with God and others.

Thursday 14th

Astton Millen, Alexandra Tidlacka, Samuel Macdonald, Cooper Glance, Sam Ryan, Jake Coronado, Matilda McGowan, James Delaney



Friday 15th

Jamai Van Den Bosch, Mitchell Low, Charlotte Talbot, Oliver Douglas, Lucy Webb, Brodie Fox, Brady Chandler, Flynn Chirgwin

Sunday 17th

Shae Dallow, Siena Robertson, Olivia Lane, Ruby Wright, Louis Andrews, Solomon Murphy, Alice Taylor

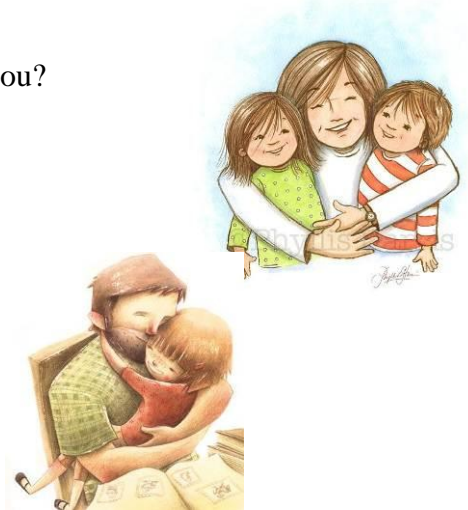
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School Community News

Usually parents ask their child at the end of each school day, “So how was school?” Often the answer might be “fine” or “good,” which doesn’t tell us a whole lot. Sometimes we want to know a little more. Here are some alternative open-ended questions that will prompt your children’s memories:

13 Ways to Ask Your Kids ‘So How Was School Today?’

1. What was the best thing that happened at school today?
2. Tell me something that made you laugh today?
3. If I called your teacher tonight, what would she tell me about you?
4. How did you help somebody today?
5. How did somebody help you today?
6. Tell me one thing that you learned today.
7. When were you the happiest today?
8. When were you bored today?
9. What do you think you should do/learn more of at school?
10. What do you think you should do/learn less of at school?
11. Where do you play the most at recess?
12. What was your favourite part of lunch?
13. If you got to be the teacher tomorrow, what would you do?



Perhaps parents could try some of these questions over the next few weeks. They might generate some different responses than usual and you may learn a little more about your child.

Enjoy the rest of your week.
Regards Brian

School Building Project

The I-Centre building project will commence on Monday. During the construction period teachers, students and parents are only to use the internal southern stairs. The builders will be using the southern doorway directly into the I-Centre as an entry and exit point. All other doors to the I-Centre will be locked. Temporary fencing will be placed around the asphalt area of the Multi-purpose room and the southern end of the front pergola. Entry to the school will only be via the front and rear entrance points. The builder’s site will be located at the asphalt area outside the I-Centre and multi-purpose room. No-one is to access the asphalt area during the construction period.

School Advisory Board

The next meeting of School Advisory Board is scheduled for Tuesday, September 19th at 7.00 pm

**I stopped understanding maths when
the alphabet decided to get involved!**

Remembering



Your prayers are asked for Mrs Ana and the Clifton family on the passing of Rob’s mother Maree Clifton.

Parent Teacher Interviews

The Year 5-6 Interviews will be held on:
Monday, September 18th from 4.00 – 6.50 pm &
Wednesday, September 20th from 1.00 – 5.00 pm.

Each interview will have a ten minute duration.

To make an interview appointment please log into:

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Year 5-6 parents enter the code **mxpkm**

Once you have entered the applicable code, enter the required details and select the time you would like.

Thank you to the parents of 3/4 students who attended this week.

Art Room News



Things to check out

- September 26th** YMCA crafting @
Market Square
(Geelong)
- Now- October 29th** The Magic Of Aardan:
The studio behind
Wallace & Gromit @
ACMI
(Melbourne)
- October 3rd** Intro to knitting @
National Wool Museum
(Geelong)
- October 21st** Art Workshops @
NGV (Melbourne)
- Permanent exhibition** Immersive and
interactive art gallery @
ARTVO (Melbourne)

Donations



The Art Room is currently seeking old short sleeved t-shirts and tissues. If you are able to donate any of these, please feel free to drop them past the Art Room.

Upcoming Events

Once again St Margaret's will be entering a whole school art piece and Grade 6 scarecrow into the Royal Geelong Show. We will also be brightening up Little Malop Street mall with a colourful Christmas Tree.



- October 19th- 22nd** Royal Geelong Show
- November** Little Malop Street
Christmas tree display

Getting Messy with Clay

Throughout Term 3, students have been getting messy with clay and we have created pots, cups, sheep, snakes, houses and even got to meet Dani Salvo.

This week we had fun creating our final clay pieces. These will be left to dry over the school holiday break before being painted in Term 4.



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Final Day of Term Arrangements

The final day of Term 3 is Friday, September 22nd. Children will be dismissed at 1.30 pm on this day.

Footy Colours

On the final day of Term 3, students, staff and parents are invited to wear their footy colours. No donation necessary.



Free Desks

The school has five to six free desks available to families. Hopefully these can be put to good use and you will be doing us a favour if you can pick them up. The desks are located at the back entry of the school. Help yourself or contact Anne at the office for pick up arrangements.

Upcoming Dates

September

- 14th Confirmation
- 15th Assembly 1/2 presenting
- 15th Beauty and the Beast excursion Gr 3/4
- 15th Confirmation
- 17th Confirmation
- 18th Parent – teacher interviews Gr 5/6
- 20th Parent – teacher interviews Gr 5/6
- 22nd Final day of term – wear your footy colours!

DID YOU KNOW ...



...in one year, a running tap can fill over 4 backyard pools?

Please remember to turn off our drinking taps after use.



Congratulations to all St. Margaret's students who represented the school on Tuesday.



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