



St. Margaret's
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Term Three, Week 10
September 21st, 2017

Leadership and Management News

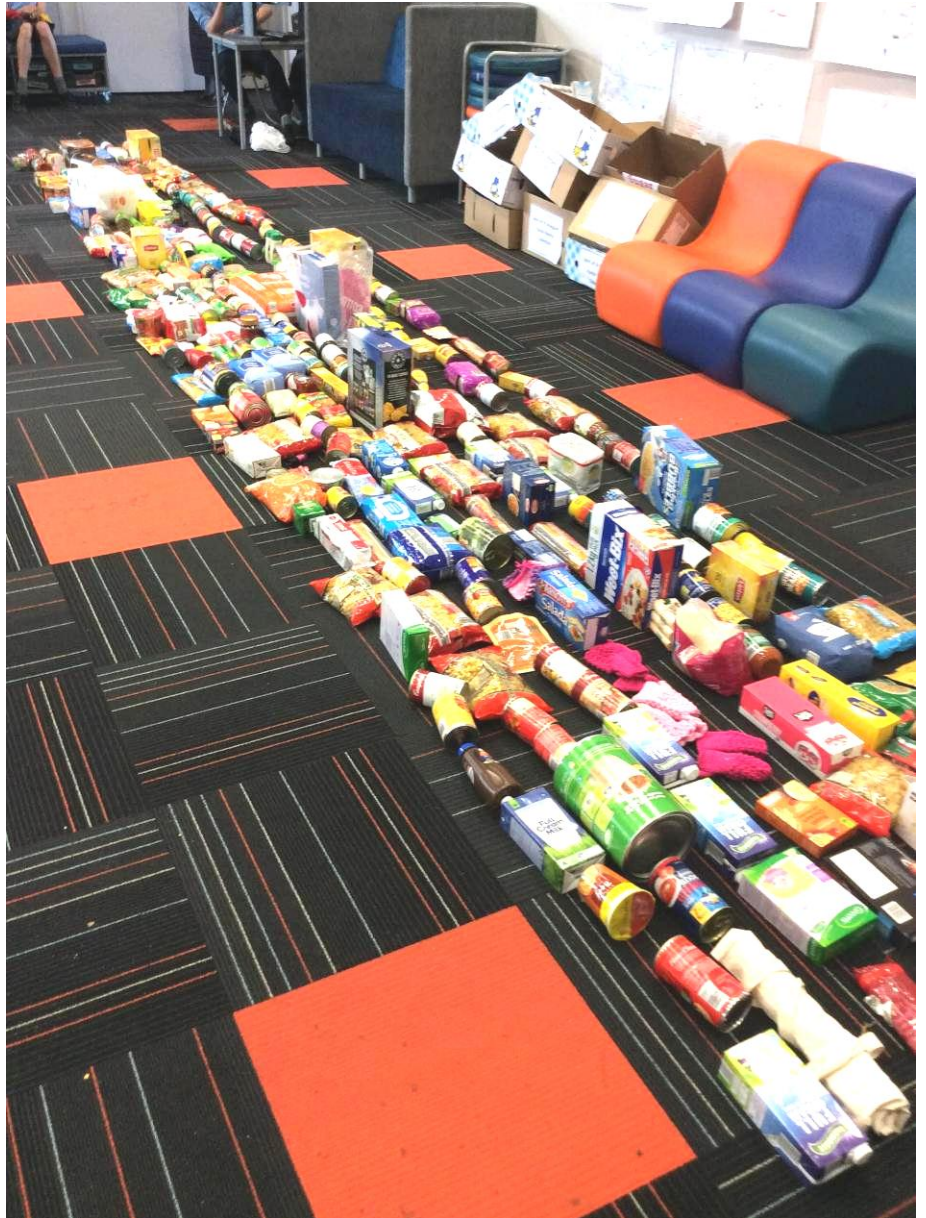
Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

A golden rule that has guided people for nearly two thousand years is to, "Treat others as you want to be treated". From a parent's perspective, this means teaching our children to be moral people and, if we are to succeed in raising moral children, we must help our children to not only think morally, but to act morally. This means deliberately teaching our children moral skills such as empathizing with other people, resolving conflicts, managing anger, using self-control. It means teaching values such as honesty, compassion, integrity, tolerance, loyalty, belief in human worth and dignity; all these values are embedded in the religious and civic fabric of our society. Our children are being steadily bombarded with 'outside' messages that promote behaviour that is contrary to these values. Our children need us to be their first and most powerful moral teachers.

Of course, our ability to assist our children will depend on the quality and consistency of our moral behaviour. "Like mother, like daughter" and "Chip off the old block" can be more passing observations when it comes to influence that parents can have on their children. Usually, children who act morally have parents who expect them to and who set standards by their own behaviours.

If we show that we value others by treating them in a courteous and considerate way, if we demonstrate concern about the welfare and feelings of others, if we show respect and dignity for the rights of all people and show an appreciation for diversity and counter stereotyping to help eliminate prejudice, then, we will certainly be living examples to our children of, "treat others as you want to be treated".

I would like to thank our school families for their most generous response to our Spirit of St Margaret Parish Pantry Collection. Our goal was to make four lines of donated items across the Multi-purpose Room. We doubled this. Your support to this social justice initiative is very much appreciated and showed a generosity of spirit and compassion towards others.



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School Community News

Spirit of St Margaret Fun Runs

This year we will be introducing a family component to our Spirit of St Margaret Fun Run. The usual Spirit of St Margaret student walk / run will continue to take place. This will be held on Thursday, October 26th at Thomson Reserve during school time. Students walk or run around the designated path and are sponsored by family members and friends. All students are expected to participate in this event.

There will also be an optional Spirit of St Margaret Family Fun Run which will be held at Eastern Gardens on Friday October 27th. This will be held in the evening. It will comprise of two events: The first being a 5 km run commencing at 6.00 pm followed by a 2.4 km walk / run starting at 6.45 pm. This will be followed by a picnic tea (BYO everything). We are also asking that adults seek sponsors for this activity.

An organising committee has been put together and we will be asking parents (who won't be running or walking) to volunteer as marshalls, first aid attendants, timekeepers and announcers. More information will be forwarded about this next term.

What we are doing now is informing you of the family fun run so you can start to commence a training regime over the holiday period and to register for either the 5 km run or 2.4 km walk / run on the following link:



goo.gl/Tt9EJL
or QR code



The Spirit of St Margaret Family Fun Run isn't designed to be a major fund raiser. Its focus is on Fun, Health and Community. Hopefully you can somehow be a part of this.

Enjoy the rest of your week.
Regards Brian

Confirmation

The three Confirmation celebrations held last week were reverent and spirit filled. Our Year 6 students are to be congratulated on their respectful, responsible and reflective participation throughout the services. Thank you to their teachers – Mr Kearney and Mrs Cann for preparing them so well for this sacrament and to Mrs Frewin our Religious Education Leader who did a great job coordinating many facets of Confirmation.

Term 4 Public Holiday Entitlement

Next term St Margaret's School will be taking the Melbourne Cup as its public holiday. This 'falls in line' with the majority of schools in the Parish of St Mary's and Catholic schools in the Geelong region. The date for this year's Melbourne Cup is Tuesday, November 7th.

St Margaret's School Advisory Board

The next meeting of the School Advisory Board will be held on Tuesday, October 17th commencing at 7.00 pm.



"THEY DO LOVE THE HOLIDAYS!"

Parents and Friends' Association

Well done to our P&F who last Saturday organised a BBQ team at Bunnings, Waurn Ponds. Many thanks to those parents who gave so much of their time to assist and helped to raise \$2,400 for the school. This was another marvellous effort from our P&F team.

Lisa Cunningham
Shayne Cunningham
Joanne Plastini
Paul Robbins
Bec Henrikson
Libby Fitzgerald

Melissa Guarnaccia
Andrew Seiffert
Toosje Frequin
Rachael Glance
Lachlan Broad
Renee Hayes
Gerard Tognon

Renee Winterton
Denise Clench
Matt Van Den Bosch
Kate Drew
Jaryd Fletcher
Craig Talbot



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Melbourne Outlet Shopping Tour



Tickets are \$35 per person and can be purchased from Anne in the office (limited seats so get in quick).

It's BYO lunch and drinks.

Saturday, October 21st

Depart: 07:30am SHARP

Address: St Margaret's PS 83 St Alban's Road

Return: 6:30 pm

Outlets as follows:

NATIO
FEELGOOD
FOOTSCRAY FASHION
BAZAAR
AUSLUGGAGE
TOYWORX
CHRISTMAS ELVES
CANDY STRIPES
RAGLAN FASHION
CLASSICA
BAMBIS
THE LINEN FACTORY

Joanne Plastini



Woolworths Earn and Learn

As you know, our school has been participating in Woolworths Earn & Learn. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school.

We're now at the important stage of the program where the Sticker Sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn & Learn claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem.

So **TOMORROW**, please send in your Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheets and any loose Earn & Learn stickers you may have. Remember to check your handbag, the car glove box or they maybe stuck on the fridge. Every little bit helps.

Thanks again for all your support!

End of Term Three

The final day of Term 3 is tomorrow, Friday, September 22nd. Children will be dismissed at 1.30pm. We will not have an assembly this Friday.

Footy Colours

Tomorrow, students, staff and parents are invited to wear their footy colours. No donation necessary.



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