



ST MARGARET MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Newsletter 15, Term 3, Week 10 2026

Special Announcements

Monday 5th October - Term 4 Begins
Monday 19th October - 1 Green Assembly
Monday 2nd November - No School for Students

Principal's Message

Dear Families and Friends,

It is hard to believe we have reached the end of Term 3. From First Communion, Book Week and Night at the Museum to excursions, sporting events and the everyday learning happening in classrooms, it has been a full and rewarding term.

As spring begins, there is a lovely sense of new growth and new beginnings. This feels particularly fitting as some of our children begin preparing for Reconciliation next term. We also look forward to celebrating the Feast of St Margaret Mary, an important opportunity to come together and celebrate the faith, story and community at the heart of our school.

We also reached a significant milestone last Friday with our building project officially going to tender. The tender period will run for four weeks as we move forward with the full \$5 million externally funded project. This is an exciting step after a great deal of work behind the scenes.

Finally, thank you to our staff for the extraordinary amount they give, to our families for continually supporting our school and to Fr Samuel and our parish for their partnership. Most importantly, thank you to our children who bring the energy, joy and purpose to everything we do.

I hope everyone enjoys a well earned break, some spring sunshine and time with family and friends. I look forward to seeing everyone back for Term 4.

Take care,

Colleen



TERM 4, 2026 DATES

Mon 5th Oct	Term 4 begins
5th - 6th Oct	Grade 3/4 Camp
Tue 13th Oct	Reconciliation Evening - 6:30pm
Thu 15th Oct	St Margaret Mary's Feast Mass 9:15am
Fri 16th Oct	St Margaret Mary's Feast Day
Mon 19th Oct	Assembly - 1 Green
Fri 30th Oct	Sacrament of Reconciliation 2:15pm
Mon 2nd Nov	Student Free Day
Tue 3rd Nov	Melbourne Cup Day - No School
Wed 11th Nov	Remembrance Day
Mon 16th Nov	Assembly 3/4 Purple
Fri 27th Nov	Student Free Day
Mon 30th Nov	Assembly - 2 Yellow
Fri 4th Dec	Year 6 Graduation
Mon 7th Dec	Year 6 Big Day Out
Wed 9th Dec	End of Year Mass 5:30pm
Thu 10th Dec	Christmas Concert
Mon 14th Dec	Assembly 5/6 Red
Tue 15th Dec	Last day of term - 12:00pm finish

Week 10 Awards

FB

Olivia M - For displaying Respectful behaviour by listening to others, following instructions, helping others and applying yourself to your work. Amazing efforts Olivia

Olivia C - For always showing our school values of Compassion and Respect. You are always ready to help in the classroom, support your friends, follow instructions and set a wonderful example for others. What a superstar!

1G

Cleo P - For consistently demonstrating excellence across our Literacy block, modelling fluent and expressive reading to her peers. Well done Cleo!

2Y

Declan R - For showing respect for his own and others excellence by acknowledging what he needs to focus on the expected tasks and being resilient in the face of mistakes and consequences. You should be proud of your progress. Keep it up!

3/4O

Mackenzie M - For demonstrating excellence in Mathematics by embracing the challenge of decimals, persevering with her learning, and making wonderful progress. Well done, Mackenzie!

3/4P

William S - Has shown excellence in your effort and enthusiasm when writing persuasive texts. You have shared interesting ideas and developed strong reasons to support your opinions, including your entertaining piece on why hotels are better than camping. Well done!

5L

Asher P - For demonstrating Excellence through sharing insightful ideas and thoughtfully building on the contributions of others during class discussions. Great work!

5/6R

Gilbert M - For showing excellence by making a strong effort to slow down and complete his work more carefully. Gilbert has made wonderful progress towards producing high-quality work that reflects his abilities. Keep up the great work, Gilbert!



Herald Sun Feature

LIGHTS, CAMERA, HEADLINES!

The hottest stage show in Melbourne has hit the papers!

We are thrilled to share that our spectacular school production, A Night at the Museum, has been featured in the Herald Sun to public acclaim!

It's wonderful to see the incredible talent, enthusiasm and hard work of our students and staff recognised beyond the school gates. We couldn't be prouder of our amazing cast and crew, who brought the stage to life and made this production one to remember!

SMM is officially making headlines!

Aug 28, 2026

All the best Book Week photos from Melbourne's west

By ATHOS SIRIANOS



Scarlet dressed as Australian religious sister Mary Mackillop



Isaac, Mars, Elsie, Hunter and Will



Asher, Violet, Eve, Ruby and Keira

Book Week is here and students from schools in Melbourne's western suburbs have gone above and beyond with their costumes this year.

See if your school is featured.

St Margaret Mary's Catholic Primary School

Students at St Margaret Mary's Catholic School in Spotswood put on a terrific Book Week school concert, with this year's story based on Night at the Museum.

FSG News

It has been an incredible term of community support, fundraising and local partnerships at St Margaret Mary's!

Thanks to the generosity of our local community and our wonderful fundraising partners, we have been able to raise valuable funds to help subsidise the cost of our school production, A Night at the Museum, making this special experience more accessible for our students and families.

A huge thank you to:

- Grill'd Altona North – Local Matters Campaign – Runner Up
- Grill'd Yarraville – Local Matters Campaign – Winner
- Vernon St Cellars – Wine Tasting Fundraiser
- Compton Green Williamstown – Advertising Board Sponsor

These partnerships have made a real difference and demonstrate just how much can be achieved when our school and local community work together.

We are incredibly grateful for the support of these local businesses and everyone who has contributed to our fundraising efforts. Thank you for helping us bring the magic of the stage to life!



Student Representative Council News

Our Student Representative Council (SRC) has been busy sharing ideas, listening to student voice and looking for ways to make a positive difference across our school community.

Georgia and Jackson created a fantastic poster to promote our upcoming Footy Colours Day, helping to spread the word and build excitement throughout the school.



The SRC is also keen to establish a school gardening club and is still looking for interested parents who may be able to volunteer their time, knowledge or support. If you would like to be involved, please reach out to the school.

Evelyn has suggested the idea of creating a student podcast using Kids Cast. The SRC will explore this exciting idea further and present the proposal to Mrs McCambridge for consideration.

Mars and Jenson from 3/4 Orange identified a concern about our school bags and suggested that bags with wheels may be a more practical option for students. They have taken the initiative to write a persuasive letter to Mrs McCambridge outlining their idea and will now await her response.

The students have also been reflecting on the Father's Day Stall and discussing ideas for future stalls. Cynthia will be writing a persuasive letter to Mrs McCambridge with suggestions for how the stall could be changed next year, including some alternative ideas for what could be sold.

It is wonderful to see our SRC students confidently sharing their ideas, identifying areas for improvement and advocating for positive change. We are very proud of the way our student leaders are using their voices to contribute to our school community.

Julia Foott
Learning Diversity Leader

GET FIT
GIVE BACK



GET FIT, GIVE BACK • 2026 COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN

THANK YOU!

To every family and friend who got fit and gave back this year — and to the local community members who chose our school — you've made a real difference.



St Margaret Mary's Primary School has been awarded

\$600

through **BLUEfit's Get Fit, Give Back** community drive — part of over **\$345,000** raised across Australia in August for local schools, charities and sporting groups.

With sincere thanks from the students, staff and families of St Margaret Mary's Primary School, Spotswood

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Student Representative Council - Student News

These two weeks in the Student Representative Council we have had lots of fun discussing our ideas on what we can improve on in the school. Not only are we lucky to have an SRC group but its privilege just to have such a great Principal and Vice Principal who help us so much and really take on our ideas allowing students to have a say in what we think that we can add and improve in our school now we have been discussing lots of stuff like how foundation students have shown us great job of coming to our meeting despite their age they have been the first ones there.

Also our grade 3/4s have shared their amazing idea on how we could add wheels onto our bags when the new design of bags with the new logos on them.

Meanwhile our grade twos have come up with an impeccable idea on how to swap the sock stall with another item for Father's Day because many Fathers don't use the socks and we want to maximize the amount of joy Fathers in our school get out of Fathers day. In the older grades we have been focusing on persuading our Principal to have a gardening club to the school meanwhile we have successfully created a sports jersey dress day which will be happening on the last day of this term.

Lastly some of the other members have had thoughts on what to add in the upcoming construction. And finally a big thanks to our school captains Georgia and Jackson our Vice Principal Mrss Foott the SRC member Evelyn who created this news letter and all the other SRC members in our school striving on the behalf of all our students to make the school the ideal place for all the pupils in our thriving school.

Written by: Asher P (5 Lime)

Congratulations Keira - NAIDOC Medal of Excellence

We are incredibly proud to congratulate Keira B of 5 Lime on being selected as a recipient of a 2026 NAIDOC Medal of Excellence!

Keira was recognised through the NAIDOC Week School Initiatives Competition, run by Koori Kids in partnership with the Department of Education and state counterparts. The competition invited primary school students from across Australia to participate in colouring-in and writing activities connected to the annual NAIDOC theme.

Keira's short story was selected as one of just 34 winning entries across the state, earning her a prestigious NAIDOC Medal of Excellence. The NAIDOC Week School Initiatives aim to encourage students to develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of friendship, cultural diversity and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and perspectives. Entries were judged by a panel including Aboriginal Elders, agency representatives and members of the wider community.

We are delighted to celebrate Keira's achievement and the creativity, thought and respect she demonstrated through her entry. Her success is a wonderful reflection of the values we strive to foster at St Margaret Mary's- respect, inclusion, cultural understanding and celebrating the strengths and contributions of others.

Congratulations, Keira! We are so proud of you!

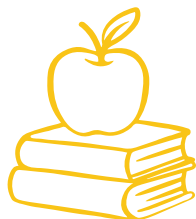


BUSHWALK

"Okay I am SO excited for our bush walk Tooooooday!" Keira was saying as she brushed her long brown hair. It felt much better than my short blonde hair. Florence has mid-leath brown curly hair and we all have hazel eyes. "Get into groups of three!" our teacher was saying. The walk started out good. We walked around but then I tripped and landed on an awkward angle. My ankle was sprained and we were lost! Keira and Florence cleverly found a cave and helped me get there. It was a cold and cloudy day. After that we searched for food. Well Keira and Florence were. I was in our cave. Then suddenly I heard scratching and scraping and hopping? Then I saw it. It was a joey! Not just a joey but a family of kangaroos! When Keira saw them she immediately gave the kangaroos our food and started to play with the joeys. "Keira! That is our food!" I shrieked. "Oh you worry too much Paige. I'll get more food later." I felt my cheeks flush and Florence giggled.

"Yeah It isn't the worst thing. Paige. Get in that ones pouch! I did what Florence said and then Keira and Florence burst into laughter. I laid down and pretty soon I had drifted into sleep even though it had only been half an hour. I dreamt of EVERYTHING. Dreamtime, Dirawong's legendary battle with the rainbow snake, Ya-wa-ma-who and what the first fleet would have been like. When I got up I felt much better. After saying goodbye to the kangaroos we grabbed our bags and left. Soon we got back. Our teacher asked everyone about their bush walk. When we told our class about our bushwalk the teacher said she was proud and gave us all a gold star! We all got back to school and wrote about NADIOC week and its history. All my friends' essays were good but the teacher said mine was the best. I read out my story to the class.

The End



Teaching & Learning Around the Rooms

Teaching & Learning

SMM Term 3 in Review

Well, that went fast. Term 3 has been one of those terms where you blink and suddenly it's the last week, but what a term it's been. Our teachers have kept their focus firmly on great teaching, with classroom Learning Walks giving us plenty to celebrate (and a few things to sharpen up, because we never stop improving). Students have been stretched and supported in equal measure, from targeted numeracy and literacy work to extension for our high-flyers.

And then there was Production Night at the Museum, an absolute triumph. Watching our students step into the spotlight (quite literally, surrounded by kangaroos and a sarcophagus) was a genuine highlight of my year, not just the term. The talent, the nerves, the proud families crowding the aisles, that's what community looks like. Bravo to every student who got up there, and to our dedicated staff who pulled it all together behind the scenes.

Thank you to our staff, students, and families for everything you've poured into Term 3. Now, go and rest. Sleep in. Ignore the emails.

We wish every family a safe, happy break, and we'll see you all, refreshed and ready, for Term 4!

Paul Smith

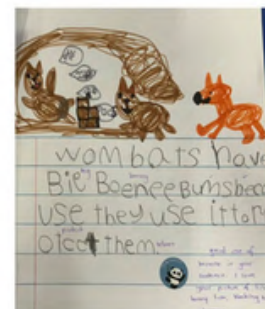
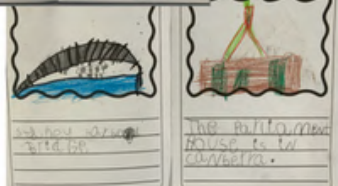
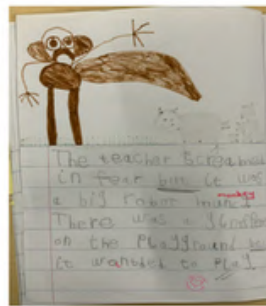
Deputy Principal/Director of Inclusive Teaching & Learning

Foundation

In Maths, Foundation students have been exploring grouping and sharing. We have been learning how to share collections equally between different numbers of groups and identify whether groups are odd or even. Students have also begun learning how we can record our sharing using a number sentence and the division sign ($\div$).



In Writing, we have been learning about conjunctions and how they help us add more information to our sentences. Students explored how because can be used to give a reason and but can change the direction of an idea. Using sentence stems, students practised completing sentences with because or but while making sure their ideas made sense.



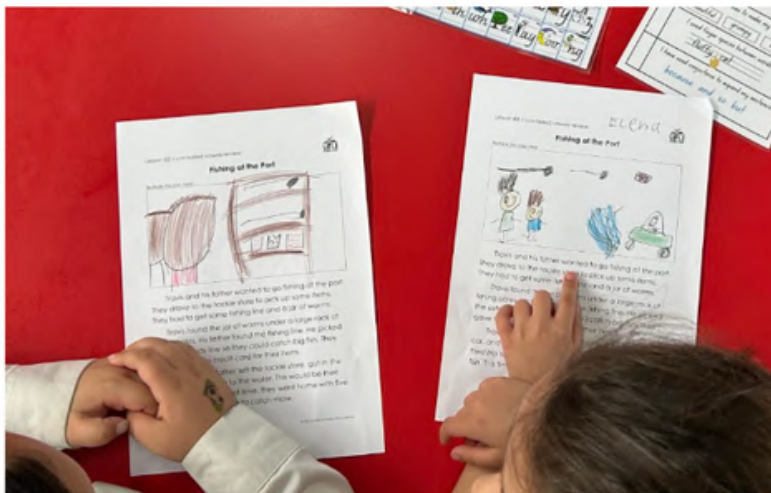
In Core Knowledge, we have been exploring famous places and landmarks around Australia. Students have been learning the difference between natural landmarks, which are formed by nature, and human-made landmarks, which are built by people. Along the way, we have discovered lots of interesting facts about our amazing country, including that the Great Barrier Reef is so large it can be seen from space!

Year 1

In Week 10 Literacy, 1 Green consolidated their understanding of persuasive writing after seeing their chairs on strike on Monday morning! The students were greeted with a letter from the chairs and tasked to respond with clear explanations of how they will care for classroom materials. 1 Green did a fantastic job demonstrating their creativity and ability to respond to abstract situations.



1 Green continue to engage with daily reading fluency sessions, consolidating their knowledge of sounds explicitly taught across terms 2 and 3. These partnered sessions follow a gradual release of responsibility, reducing the cognitive load required for reading, creating greater opportunities for deep comprehension.



In Religion, 1 Green wrapped up their unit on God's creation by making posters for each classroom on how we can care for our school environment. Working in small groups, the students were eager to share their learning from this term. They did a wonderful job creating and delivering meaningful posters to inspire our whole school community!

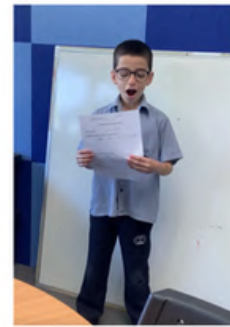
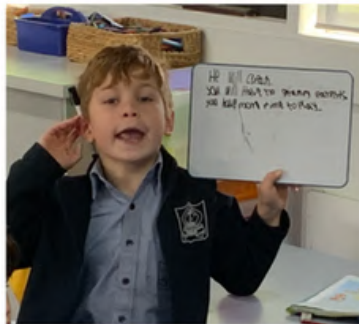
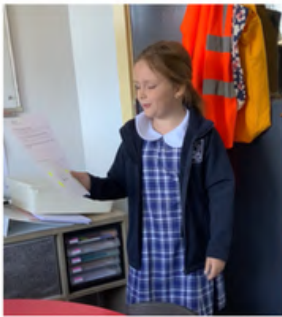
Year 2

What a fantastic and busy fortnight it has been in 2 Yellow!

We have been reviewing our spelling rules to keep those skills sharp and so Miss Thompson knows which rules we still need practice with.

Our daily writing fluency has focused on merging choppy sentences into one fluent sentence, joining ideas using conjunctions, deleting repeating nouns and adding pronouns. We have been reading *The Stone Lion*, a beautiful story of magic, feelings, kindness and understanding. Our writing focus has been on possessives and pronouns, which we have found a little tricky!

Comprehension has been revision, review and combination of skills, and we have been able to use elements of the short texts we've explored to answer questions and expand our knowledge and vocabulary. We created our own advertisements for a toy and some of us even decided to record ourselves as news presenters to put our ad into action.



In Maths we have been exploring operations, reading word problems to determine which operation to use, and showing our knowledge by answering them using a variety of visual strategies such as groups of, bar models, partitioning and skip counting. Core Knowledge has wrapped up our unit on the Growing Colonies of Australia by conducting some research on a famous explorer of our homeland.

My Explorer Research
Choose one explorer from this project (or research your own). Fill in the fact file below.

Explorer's name	MATTHEW FLINDERS
Year(s) of voyage	1801-1805
Name of ship	HMS PORPOISE
Where they explored	South Australia
What they discovered	the Gulf of St. Lawrence
Three interesting facts I learned	from Tasmania

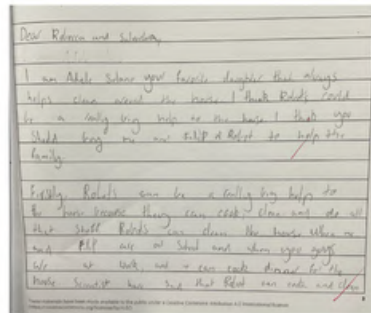
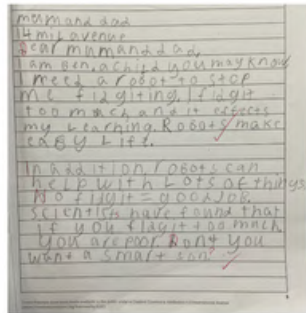
Draw a picture of the explorer or their ship:

disappeared at sea
his boat sank

It has been a fantastic and busy term, and 2 Yellow is definitely ready for a break!

3/4 Orange

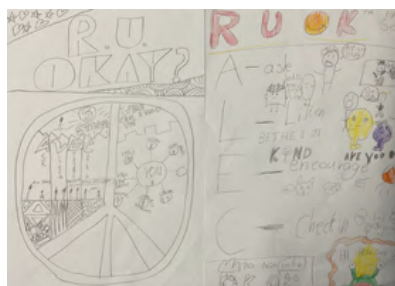
It has been a wonderful final fortnight of Term 3 in 3/4 Orange, with lots of learning, creativity and reflection! In Literacy, students completed their persuasive letters to their families, using their persuasive writing skills to convince them why they should buy a robot for home!



In Numeracy, our Year 4 students wrapped up their unit on decimals, while our Year 3 students completed their learning on fractions. We then spent the final week exploring mass and capacity through a range of practical activities.



In Religion, we learned about the First Church and compared it with the Catholic Church today using a Venn diagram to identify similarities and differences. In SEL, we explored R U OK? Day, discussing the importance of checking in with others and creating colourful posters to spread the message.



It has been a busy and fantastic term, and we are so proud of the effort and growth shown by everyone. We wish all our families a safe, happy and restful holiday break and can't wait to see everyone back next term for what will be an exciting start to camp!

3/4 Purple

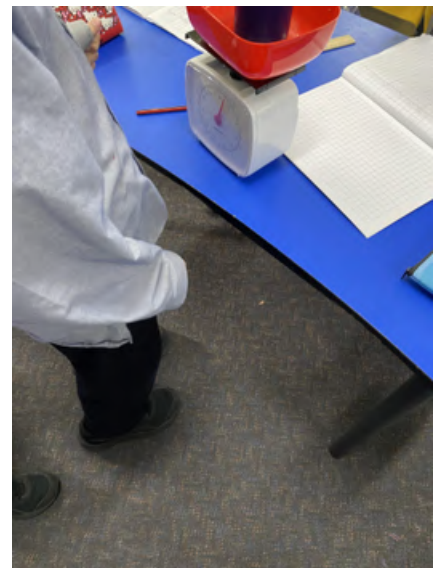
3/4 Purple have had a fantastic Term 3, and I would like to thank all families for their continued support with your child's learning throughout the term. Students have thoroughly enjoyed reading and listening to *The Wild Robot*, which has provided great opportunities to explore the future of robotics and develop ideas for persuasive writing.

In Mathematics, students have enjoyed hands-on learning as they developed their understanding of mass by measuring and comparing grams and kilograms.

Our Core Knowledge learning about Australia's closest neighbours has also been a highlight, with students completing a mini project on a country of their choice and sharing their new knowledge with the class.

We are looking forward to an exciting start to Term 4 with our camp to Mount Evelyn. Please take the time to carefully check the camp packing list and ensure students have everything they need. We are hoping for some beautiful spring weather, but please remember that evenings can still be cool, so warm clothing will be important.

Have a safe holiday break and I look forward to seeing you all next term.



Literacy (Jasper)

This fortnight we have been using our knowledge of saints and making an information report. I chose to do my information report on St Maximilian Kolbe. Did you know that St Maximilian Kolbe volunteered to die in place of a stranger at the Auschwitz concentration camp during World War 2?

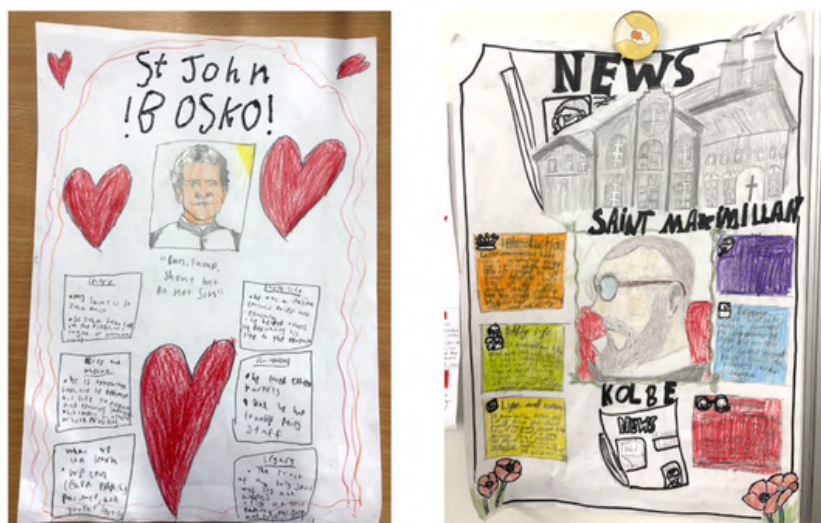


Maths (Evie)

In Maths, we have been learning about converting units of measurement in length, mass, and capacity. We have also been learning about 12 and 24 hour time, practicing converting between the two, and applying these to real life situations.

RE (Cynthia)

These last couple of weeks, everyone has been working hard on completing their saint booklets for the end of term. We also started making posters to go with our information reports on our chosen saint. I chose St Maximilian Kolbe, and one thing I learned about him was that he protected Jewish people during World War 2.

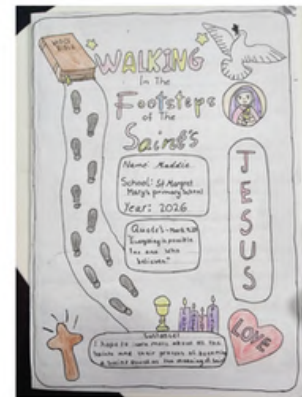
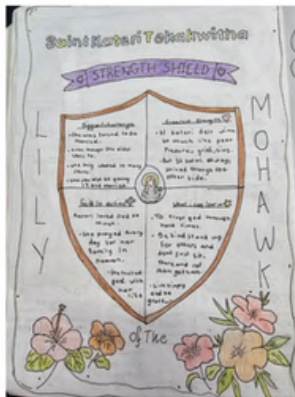


Years 5 and 6

Wrapping Up Term 3!

We have had a fantastic final few weeks wrapping up a busy Term 3! In Literacy, students finished our novel study of *Once*, which was a class favourite, and created a book quilt to demonstrate their understanding of the characters, themes and key events.

In Religion, students completed their saints research and created beautiful booklets before choosing a saint of interest to independently research and write an information report about, applying the writing skills they have developed throughout the term.



In Maths, we finished our learning on measurement and time. Students practised converting between units of length, mass and capacity, as well as developing their understanding of 12- and 24-hour time.

It has been a wonderful term filled with learning, special events and plenty of fun. We hope everyone enjoys a very well-deserved holiday break!



Mental Health in Primary Schools (MHiPS)

Tips for the School Holidays

The school holidays are finally here! While the change from the usual routine can be welcome, changes in the usual structure of the day/week can sometimes bring unexpected challenges. Taking a proactive approach to mental health and well-being during the break can help students return for the new term feeling refreshed, recharged and ready to learn.

Here are ways to support children's mental health & wellbeing over the holidays:

Maintain Basic Routines

Keeping reasonably consistent bedtimes and family schedules can make it easier for children (and caregivers) to resume the routine in two weeks.

[Do my kids need routine in the school holidays? – Lifeworks Psychology Australia](#)

Encourage Physical Activity, Outdoor Play and 'Green Time'

Physical movement, greenery and fresh air are natural mood boosters.

[Recommendations for children and young people \(5 to 17 years\) | Aust. Govt](#)

[Guidelines for healthy growth & development for Children & young people \(5 to 17 years\)](#)

Keep a Check on Screen Time

It can be easy to defer to digital devices; however, this needs to be balanced with other creative and active activities

[Parents and carers – Navigating screen time: tools for today's families \(esafety.gov.au\)](#)

[How to balance screen time over the children's holidays](#)

Kath Novak
MHiPS Leader

Self Directed/Unstructured Play Time

According to [apa.org](https://www.apa.org), self-directed play helps kids build resilience, flex creative muscles, and engage organically with peers. Read about [the many wondrous benefits of unstructured play](#).

Connect and Check In

Holidays are a great time to connect and check in with each other. All kids love spending quality time with the significant adults in their lives

Wishing all of our school families and staff a safe, healthy, restful term break!



Kath Novak
MHiPS Leader

Literacy

As Term 3 draws to a close, we reflect on the wonderful work seen across all literacy learning areas.

Foundation, Year 1 & Year 2: Students engaged with rich mentor texts in their Writing units, building comprehension strategies and expanding their vocabulary through Children's Book Council Award-winning reads.

Years 3 & 4: Students explored *Storm Boy* and *Wild Robot*, using them as springboards for persuasive writing and information reports. They also practised note-taking skills while learning about unique Australian geography.

Years 5 & 6: Students spent the term reading, discussing, and analysing *Once* by Morris Gleitzman, applying critical thinking to World War II while writing an information report on Poland.

Whole School: All students completed short, sharp Reading and Writing Fluency sessions four times per week, building automaticity and comprehension skills across all curriculum areas.

A huge thank you to all our teachers for pouring so much heart and energy into this term – a well-deserved rest awaits!

Lucy's Local Knowledge

With two weeks of spring holidays right around the corner, I've rounded up a few local gems – perfect if you're looking for family plans or trying to dodge the unpredictable spring weather.

 Pocket House Craft – Create a free pocket house filled with all your favorite things, inspired by Josh Pyke and this year's book week theme. State Library Victoria, 19th september – 1st December 1pm – 4pm.

 Celebrate International Talk Like a Pirate Day at Polly Woodside. Bring along your scallywags and buccaneers, join the Polly crew and discover what life was like on a tall ship sailing the seven seas. Tickets \$15 – \$25 via National Trust Victoria.

 Little Blue Dot as part of Melbourne Puppetry Festival @ Arts centre Melbourne. Developed alongside Monash University astrophysicists, this show blends theatre with space literacy, exploring gravity, black holes, and light-years for ages 5-12.

Lucy McCarthy
Literacy Enhancement Leader

Australian Girls Choir Workshop

Monday 13 October at 10:00am

The Australian Girls Choir (AGC) will be visiting our school on Monday 13 October at 10:00am to run a singing and movement workshop for our students.

The workshop will run for approximately 30 minutes and is inclusive, fun and non-competitive. It is open to all girls who would like to take part, whether they are interested in joining the Australian Girls Choir or simply enjoy singing, music and movement. There is no expectation or commitment to join the AGC after participating.

If your child would like to attend the workshop, parents will need to register using the QR code below.

We hope many of our students will enjoy this opportunity to participate.

Children blossom as members of the AGC, both on and off the stage. They develop confidence, public speaking and presentation skills, resilience and a genuine sense of belonging.

THE AGC WILL BE VISITING YOUR SCHOOL TO HOLD AN ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP WITH INTERESTED GIRLS.

The group assessment workshop includes singing and movement activities and is designed to be a fun and positive experience. Following our visit, we will post a personalised report and further information about 2027 classes to you.



[Register Online](#)

Alicia Wilsom
Performing Arts Teacher

Catholic Church News

Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for September is 'For the care of water': Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

[The Pope Video](#) and the prepared prayer intentions for all of 2026 are available via the [Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network](#).



St Margaret Mary's Feast Day Celebrations

We are looking forward to celebrating the Feast Day of our school's patron saint across two special days this year. On Thursday morning, our whole-school Mass will be held at the usual parish Mass time and led by our Year 3/4 Purple students. On Friday 16 October, the wonderful Kinect team will return to teach our students a cohort dance and a whole-school dance. Families are warmly invited to join us for the performance at 2.30 pm.

Dance sessions:

9:00am - 9:40am session 1 / P-2

9:40am - 10:20am session 2 / 3-4

10:20am - 11:00am session 3 / 5-6

11:30am - 12:10pm session 4 / P-2

12:10pm - 12:50pm session 5 / 3-4

12:50pm - 1:30pm session 6 / 5-6

Performance: 2.30 pm

We look forward to celebrating this very special occasion together. In the meantime, we wish all our families a happy, safe and restful holiday break.

God bless.



James Mitchell
Religious Education Leader

Sports Gala Day

This is how Volleyball Gala Day 2026 went.

It was really fun, lots of jokes and good volleyball skills. There was a year 6 team and a year 5 team. Neither of the teams won but it was still really enjoyable. There were lots of other schools there including Wembley, Yarraville and much more. It was really well organized and the teams overall were both pretty good. It was held at Footscray City Primary School on the 3rd of September 2026.

Everyone was really energetic and excited for the games. I think everything went great and it was a really cool experience. We would like to thank Miss P and Mr Chase for being there with us on the day.

Written by: Luka B (5/6 Red)



Volley Stars

On Thursday the 3rd of August some of the year 5 students went to play Volleystars at Yarraville West Primary for Gala day. There were other schools such as St Leo the Great, Wembley and our host.

Even though we didn't win every game, the best part isn't winning or being the best, it's being with your friends and having fun.

In the end we had a great time, winning one game out of four. We would like to thank Miss Garner for her support and looking after us on the day.



Upcoming Events



Foundation 2027

IMPORTANT DATES

Optional Foundation 2027 Drop Ins
9:15am - 10:15am
Thursday 13th August
Wednesday 26th August
Thursday 3rd September

Foundation 2027 Transition Mornings
9:30am - 10:30am
Tuesday 27th October
Tuesday 10th November
Tuesday 24th November



Save the Date

YEAR 6

Graduation

FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2026

GRADUATION MASS - 5:30PM
St Margaret Mary's Church

GRADUATION FUNCTION - 6:30PM
Spotswood RSL

More details to follow



ST MARGARET MARY'S

Feast Day



THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER

9:15AM MASS
at St Margaret Mary's Church

FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER

2:30PM PERFORMANCE
in the school hall
led by Kinect





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Dates: Wednesday 7 & 14 Oct
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Community News



An 8-Week Resilience Group Programme

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Program Details

Age Group Children aged 5-8 years	Duration 8 Weeks	Group Size Up to 10 participants	Cost per participant, per session \$110	Total Program Cost \$880	Funding Medicare rebates & NDIS funding may be applicable.
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St Margaret Mary's students are independent life-long learners inspired by Gospel values and empowered with a sense of purpose and responsibility. They confidently engage with others and are equipped with skills to adapt to an ever changing world.

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