



ST MARGARET MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Newsletter 14, Term 3, Week 8 2026



Monday 7th September - Foundation Blue Assembly
Friday 18th September - Last Day of Term 1:00pm Finish
Monday 5th October - Term 4 begins

Principal's Message

Some fortnights are hard to capture in a newsletter. This was one of them!

Hottest Theatre Tickets in Melbourne did not disappoint!

Whilst enjoying both performances of *A Night at the Museum*, I found myself watching the children as much as taking in the overall production. I loved the brief lapses in character when little waves were shared from the stage when a family member was spotted in the audience, the hesitant performers who jumped in with both feet, the rehearsed lines delivered with clarity and gusto and the delighted faces of the families watching them. What a truly special time for everyone!

The show capped seven weeks of learning with our artists in residence, Kinect 2Dance. Thank you to their team, to Alicia Wilson, whose work with the children brought the whole production together, and to Julia Foott for the artwork and communications. Thank you also to our staff and the many parents who helped backstage, on the day and throughout the lead-up.

And then there was the sarcophagus. Two nights before the show, Emma McGuirk called me in at 6pm because the face wasn't quite right. The original was a gold-painted mask, but Emma decided we could do better, and a new version was built from thick cardboard. Such attention to detail and collective investment in making the show epic. While Emma's investment in this artifact was never in question - After the show, Emma was spotted driving Tutankhamun home!

Principal's Message

The next day, a few weary faces notwithstanding, we were all back for the Book Week Parade, with our students in a creative array of costumes and our staff transformed into Luna Roo! Families arrived and everyone threw themselves into yet another celebration. Reflecting on all that blessed us this fortnight meant the last Sunday's Gospel has stayed with me. Following Jesus not only nurtures us but often asks something of us, and this can mean giving of ourselves for others. There was plenty of that last week, most of it away from the spotlight: staff staying late, parents backstage, children encouraging each other. Just fabulous!

Your voice matters: MACSSIS

As one of our strong beliefs is that everyone in our community has something to contribute, then we need to listen. The MACSSIS survey is your chance to tell us what is working well and where we can do better. Please take a few minutes to complete it. Your feedback genuinely shapes our planning.

Some Truly wonderful Funding News!

St Margaret Mary's has received an offer of assistance from the Supplementary Capital Fund, which means our \$5 million building project is now fully funded and the complete scope of works is back on track, with construction anticipated to begin later this year. Families will find the full story in the letter shared through internal comms this week, and I could not be prouder of what this means for our children.

Coming up...

Our Father's Day Sock Stall was a great success. Thank you to everyone who helped, especially Gin and Cara for running the stall and to all our enthusiastic shoppers! Photos from the Father's Day Breakfast will feature in the next newsletter. And on Monday, Foundation Blue leads our assembly.

There was plenty to applaud last fortnight, but as we all witnessed – the best moments are the unscripted ones: a wave from the stage, a nervous performer giving it everything, and Tutankhamun getting a lift home!

Those little moments tell the story of SMM best. Have a great fortnight, everyone.

Take care,

Colleen



ST MARGARET MARY'S

Building Our Future

We Did It!

Our building project is fully funded



What we are building

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">✦ Four contemporary classrooms✦ Specialist library learning hub✦ A lift and improved accessibility✦ Playground upgrades | <ul style="list-style-type: none">✦ New middle and senior student amenities✦ New undercover area✦ Outdoor learning improvements |
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Tender: September–October 2026

Construction anticipated to begin October–November 2026

GROWING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

From 132 students in 2023 to an anticipated 185 in 2027

These learning spaces will serve our children for generations to come

Families: read the full story in our letter sent home Thursday 3rd Sept.



TERM 3, 2026 DATES

Fri 4th Sep	Father's Day Breakfast
Mon 7th Sep	Assembly - Foundation Blue
Fri 18th Sep	Last Day of Term - 1:00pm finish



TERM 4, 2026 DATES

Mon 5th Oct	Term 4 begins
Mon 19th Oct	Assembly - 1 Green
Mon 2nd Nov	No school for students
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
Wed 9th	End of Year Mass
Thu 10th Dec	Christmas Concert
Mon 14th Dec	Assembly 5/6 Red
Tue 15th Dec	Last day of term - 12:00pm finish

Week 8 Awards

FB

Eloise L - For demonstrating Excellence through her consistent effort, positive attitude and commitment to her learning. It is wonderful to see you take such care and pride in all your work.

1G

Esme W - For demonstrating respect and excellence throughout our school production, and for willingly supporting each student to do their best. Esme, your care for everybody and encouragement of others is wonderful to see.

Tyler T - For demonstrating excellence across our literacy block and working hard to develop his reading and writing fluency. Tyler, we are very proud of your effort and progress this year!

2Y

Neve R - For demonstrating excellence throughout our school production and for committing to her learning. You have been able to show improved focus during whiteboard routines and completing classwork independently. Well done!

Willow B - For demonstrating excellence through an improvement in focus and following instructions promptly during learning time. You have been able to better respect others boundaries and engage in creative endeavours at appropriate times. Well done.

3/4O

Andrew P -For demonstrating excellence in Literacy through the creation of an information report about the Coorong, showcasing careful research and clear organisation of information. Well done, Andy!

Hawi L - For demonstrating excellence through his enthusiastic participation and positive attitude throughout the school production. Well done, Hawi!

3/4P

Harvey R - for demonstrating the school value of Compassion. Harvey is always looking out for his friends and it was great to see him offer encouragement to his classmates in the lead up to the school production. Well done on an excellent term Harvey!

5L

Ava B - For demonstrating our value of Excellence through the outstanding attention to detail shown in your Saints research presentation. Your care, effort and dedication produced wonderful work. Well done!

5/6R

Georgia C - For demonstrating outstanding excellence and leadership throughout our school production. Georgia has been a fantastic Dance Captain, supporting and encouraging others while being a positive role model for her peers.



Maddie's Taekwondo Achievements

Hi my name is Maddie and as you all may know I recently competed in China, for the 2026 China Taekwondo Championships. Being in China was surreal. I got to experience so many things that not a lot of people will, but getting on the competition stage was a big step for me.

In the competition there were about 30 countries that were competing from Cadet Division to the Senior Division over 2 days with 500 people competing. I competed on the first day which was very overstimulating but it was nice to be put first.

In my division was a Singaporean girl who I competed against in the final. This girl was a world champion and had won all her fights for the day and I got to experience fighting her. Even though I lost I think I had a great time with my first international competition and getting to fight good experienced fighters that have been trained to win in every situation. It is a great thing to have experience with traveling and being able to witness all different countries while doing my sport.

And even better, after my fight going backstage the Singaporean girl told me I am one of the BEST fighters she has ever fought.



Is Your Child Wearing Their Hat at School?

Hats are back!

Did you know that from mid-August, ultraviolet (UV) levels begin to climb to 3 or above in Victoria? At this level, the sun's ultraviolet radiation can cause damage that adds to lifetime skin cancer risk.

Please ensure your child currently has a hat at school labelled with their name and discuss the health reason for wearing it. Students may resist wearing a hat because they don't understand the risk of sun exposure.

Take protective action for your family, discuss the health reasons and refer to these SunSmart resources:

- [Family notice](#)
- [Be a SunSmart family](#)
- [There's nothing healthy about a tan ... still](#)
- [Use these handy tools and resources to know when you need sun protection and how to reduce UV exposure](#)

For health and safety, students who do not have hats at school will be directed by staff to play under the shelter, as play times coincide with peak UV.



Kath Novak
MHIPS Leader

Student Representative Council News

Our SRC has been busy sharing ideas and helping make our school an even better place! Here are some of the latest updates from our student leaders:

AFL Footy Colours Day

The SRC students were excited to suggest an AFL Footy Colours Day, and we are thrilled to announce that Mrs McCambridge has approved their idea! Students will be invited to come to school in free dress or their favourite footy/team colours on Friday 18th of September. We will be asking families to bring along a gold coin donation to raise money for St Vincent De Paul. It will be a fantastic opportunity to show our team spirit while supporting an important cause.

Gardening Club

Our students are still very keen to get our Gardening Club growing! If you are a parent or grandparent who would be interested in helping out with the club, please contact Julia Foott via email. We would love to hear from anyone with a green thumb who can help our students develop their gardening skills and enjoy some time outdoors.

Looking After Our PE Equipment

The SRC has also been discussing ways we can take better care of our school resources. Students will now be encouraged to use a sign-in and sign-out sheet when borrowing PE equipment. This will help us keep track of equipment, ensure it is returned after use and encourage everyone to take responsibility for our shared resources. A big thank you to our SRC members for continuing to listen to student ideas and turn them into positive changes around our school!

Julia Foott
Learning Diversity Leader

Student News

Hello this is the Wellbeing Captains,

At school we run the quiet area which is a place in the school for students to cool down and relax during the business of playtime. We have asked the students in all classes what they want to add to the quiet area and we are adding some of students suggestions but we still think a bit more is wanted. So we are asking you for some donations to be in the quiet area and the donations we want are preferably things kids can play with together like board games or card games. We ask for things that are easy to pack up explicitly, no small pieces. If you have a donation you can put it in the office and we will collect it at the end of every day. The deadline will be at the end of week 3 term 4.

Yours sincerely,

The Wellbeing Captains



Student News

Hi there families,

This is Ariella and Evelyn. We're from 5/6 Red. We're going to talk about how our week went with book week. In our book parade last Friday we saw some amazing costumes! There was a Dog Man, Luffies, Thing one & Thing two, and a particularly sparkly Rainbow Fish! The Teachers were dressed up as specific kanga! This Luna Roo was the star of the Simultaneous Story Time book this year of 2026! The SRCs have been thinking of a of a Gardening Club! Ariella has thought about an idea with bringing the worm farm back to SMM, although they are thriving, they are only cared by the Environmental Leaders, we want a gardening club where others can see the worms too. We have an opinion from Olivia C in foundation Blue. She thinks it's a great idea and would very much like to join it. Thank you Olivia!

Now someone (Rozalia) from 3/4 Orange would like to say something. She thinks anyone should be joining, they should wear gloves and there should be a compost bin for the worms. Thanks Rozalia!

Florence would like to comment: she thinks that it would be really fun for others interested and should be more aware of the environment. Thank you so much Florence.

Thank you for reading,

Ariella and Evelyn

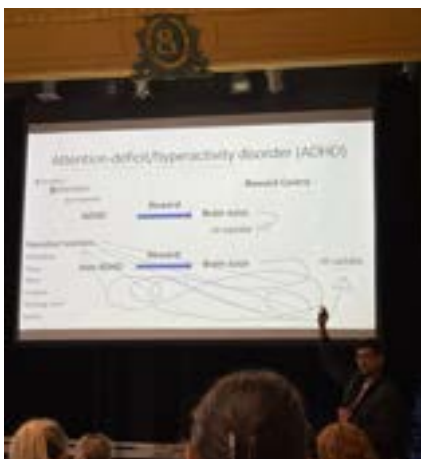


Professional Learning: Building our Understanding of ADHD

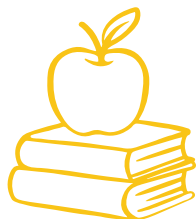
At St Margaret Mary's, we are committed to ensuring our staff engage in ongoing professional learning that strengthens their practice and most importantly, improves outcomes for every child. Our staff participate in a minimum of three hours of professional learning each week, with a strong focus on child-centred learning, wellbeing, inclusion and supporting the social and emotional development of our students. Last week, we were delighted to partner with St Mary's Primary School, Williamstown, for a professional learning session focused on ADHD and supporting students with diverse learning needs.

The session was facilitated by registered psychologist Stewart D'Silva, who provided staff with practical strategies and valuable insights into understanding ADHD, attention, regulation and executive functioning. The session explored ways educators can better understand the needs behind student behaviours and create supportive, inclusive learning environments where all students can thrive.

We are grateful to St Mary's Primary School for partnering with us and providing an opportunity for staff from both schools to learn, collaborate and share ideas. Professional learning opportunities such as this strengthen our collective knowledge and ensure we continue to grow as educators, with the wellbeing, development and success of every child at the heart of our practice.



Julia Foott
Learning Diversity Leader



Teaching & Learning Around the Rooms

Teaching & Learning

Dear Families,

It has been a wonderfully busy fortnight at St Margaret Mary's! Between a stunning performing arts production, a week of book-themed fun, and today's Foundation nurse screening, our students have had so much to be proud of. Read on for a recap of what's been happening, and a look ahead to Father's Day.

A Night at the Museum: Our Dance & Drama Production

What a show! Last Thursday, our students took to the stage for both an afternoon and an evening performance of A Night at the Museum, a full-scale dance and drama production run by Kinect Performing Arts. From choreography and staging to lighting and sound, every element came together for a genuinely professional performance.

Beyond the dazzling costumes and choreography, this production gave our students the chance to build confidence, teamwork and performance skills in a supported, inclusive environment, exactly the kind of experience where every child can feel proud of simply giving it a go. A huge congratulations to every student who performed, and a heartfelt thank you to the Kinect instructors, Mrs Wilson and Mrs McGuirk, our staff, and the families who supported rehearsals and turned out on the night. It was a proud moment for our whole school community.

Book Week Celebrations

Book Week wrapped up last Friday, and it was fantastic to see our school community embrace a love of stories and reading. Thank you to the students who dressed up and shared their enthusiasm for their favourite characters and books, and to the staff and families who helped make the day so much fun.

Celebrations like these are a great reminder of how we continue to build our learning connection through literacy, imagination and shared experiences beyond the classroom.

Foundation Nurse Screening St Margaret Mary's Primary School

This week our Foundation students took part in the Foundation nurse screening program. Thank you to all the families who returned consent forms and supported their child through the process. If your child was screened today, any relevant results or follow-up recommendations will be communicated home in the usual way. Please don't hesitate to contact the office if you have any questions.



Paul Smith

Deputy Principal/Director of Inclusive Teaching & Learning

Foundation

In SEL, Foundation Blue has been learning about people who help us. We have explored community helpers and their important roles, as well as the different people within our school community who help us each day. We have also discussed how to ask for help when we need it and how we can be helpers ourselves at SMM. Together, we decided that one of the most important ways we can help others is simply by being kind. We made a special Bee Kind Pledge, promising to show kindness by using our manners, saying sorry, using please and thank you, letting others go before us in line, taking turns, including others and listening when others are speaking. We are working hard to put our pledge into action every day!

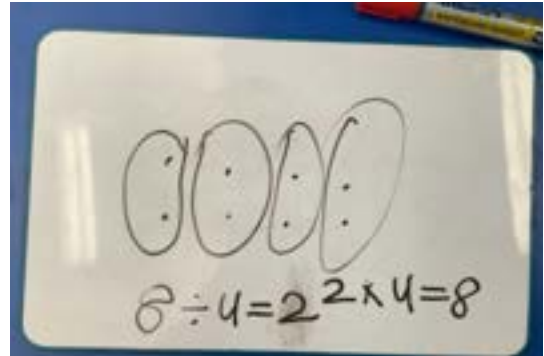


In Core Knowledge, we been exploring our local community. We identified special places and discussed why they are important to us, before creating bird's-eye views of familiar places. We also connected our Core Knowledge and SEL learning by investigating community helpers—where they work, the buildings, vehicles and equipment they use, and the important ways they help us. To bring our learning to life, we worked collaboratively to create our very own mini 3D community, complete with a school, police station, chemist, fire station, airport, hairdresser, post office and plenty of cafés! It was a fantastic way to combine our learning, creativity and teamwork.



Year 1

In Mathematics, 1 Green are developing their understanding of sharing, grouping, finding halves and employing skip counting strategies – the foundations for multiplication and division. They are exploring equal sharing and finding quantities within collections through counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. The students are using concrete manipulatives and real-life examples to make the learning more engaging and relative to them. 1 Green is practising applying their findings to sentence frames such as half of _ is _, _ groups of _, and _ shared between _ is _. We are also having beginning conversations of the symbols used within these number sentences – x and .



We also celebrated Book Week, a wonderful way to promote daily reading and a love of literature while recognizing Australian authors and illustrators. The week began with an online event hosted by the State Library of Victoria, featuring an immersive storytelling experience with Josh Pyke. The students blended art, music, and literature to write a song about their classmates. 1 Green also participated in the Book Week parade, spending the morning beforehand writing stories, completing book reviews, listening to their chapter book, *James and the Giant Peach*, and, of course, admiring the costumes!



Year 2

What a jam-packed and joyful fortnight it has been in 2 Yellow! Between our learning and rehearsals for our whole school production, the students have shown wonderful stamina, enthusiasm and teamwork. Here's a look at what we've been up to.

Spelling: We've been reviewing prefixes and suffixes, exploring how adding these small word parts to the beginning or end of a base word can change its meaning entirely.

Reading: Our class book, *Are We There Yet?*, has been a wonderful springboard for learning. This fictional story follows a family's road trip around Australia, visiting real places along the way, which ties in beautifully with our new Core Knowledge unit on the Growing Colonies of Australia. So far we have briefly explored convicts, some of the explorers who contributed to the mapping and discovery of parts of Australia, and what life may have looked like for an early settler.

Writing: *Are We There Yet?* has also been our mentor text for writing. Students have been crafting detailed sentences using adjectives and practising sequencing events in the correct order.

Comprehension: We have been focusing on the skill of monitoring, alongside inferring, to help us check whether what we've read makes sense and to dig deeper into the overall meaning behind a text.

Maths: Our focus has been shape! Students have explored what makes a polygon a polygon, the names of 2D shapes, parallel lines, where shapes can be found in our environment, and the features of both 2D and 3D shapes. We've also been building our mathematical vocabulary to help us understand exactly what a question is asking, for example: How many vertices does a triangle have? Vertices is another word for corners, and we know that "tri" at the start of a word means three.

In **Religion**, we have been exploring the story of Exodus and learning about important fathers in the Bible, connecting nicely with the upcoming Father's Day. In SEL, we've been building strategies to help us play fairly and stay resilient when things don't go our way. The last few weeks have been especially busy with rehearsals for our whole school production, and what a truly wonderful show it was! Well done to all our 2 Yellow stars for your hard work and dedication. Book Week parade was also a success, with some wonderfully original costumes on display.

Thank you for your continued support at home!

Year 2

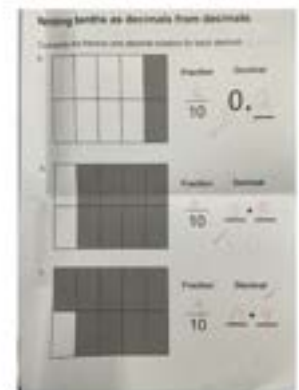


3/4 Orange

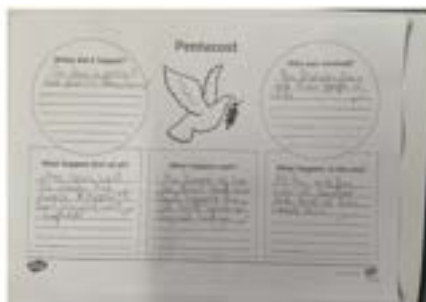
It has been another huge and exciting fortnight in 3/4 Orange, with plenty to celebrate! In Literacy, we have begun reading *The Wild Robot* and have been following Roz's adventures as she discovers the island and learns about the world around her. We have also started developing our persuasive writing skills by planning a letter to our parents, persuading them to buy us a robot for home!



In Mathematics, our Year 3 and Year 4 students have been enjoying learning in their cohorts, with Year 3 focusing on fractions and Year 4 exploring decimals.



In Religion, we have been learning about Pentecost and exploring what it means to be a Spirit-filled person.



In SEL, we have been investigating how stress can present itself in our bodies and learning strategies to help us recognise and manage these feelings. It has also been a very exciting fortnight outside the classroom, with our school production being a huge success and lots of fun had during Book Week! What a wonderful fortnight!

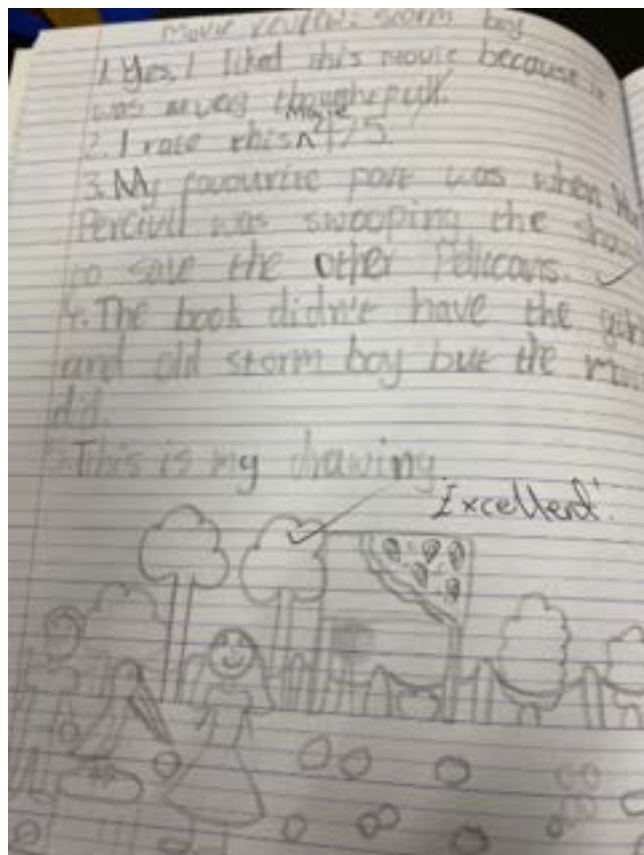
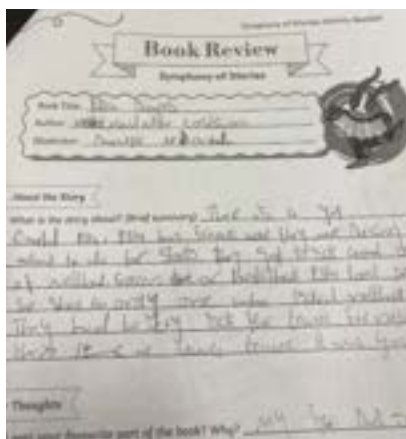
3/4 Purple

3/4 Purple had a wonderful time celebrating Book Week, with students looking fantastic in their creative costumes. It was a lovely way to end the week, with students participating in book reviews, watching Storm Boy—our recently completed class text—and taking part in an indoor Book Week dress-up parade.

A huge congratulations also goes to all of our students for their outstanding performances throughout our school production, Night at the Museum. The students should be incredibly proud of the effort, enthusiasm and confidence they showed across the entire day.

In Mathematics, our Grade 3/4 students are currently working in same-level classrooms to support their learning. Grade 4 students are learning about decimals with Miss Hutchins, while most Grade 3 students are consolidating their understanding of fractions with me.

We have also begun an exciting new Core Knowledge unit exploring Australia's closest neighbours, and students are looking forward to learning more about the countries, cultures and communities within our region.



Year 5

What a busy and exciting couple of weeks it has been in 5 Lime!

Last week, 5 Lime led a fantastic assembly, confidently sharing their knowledge and impressive presentation skills with the school. Later in the week, the students enthusiastically participated in our whole-school production, opening strongly with the first group dance. A special congratulations to those who took on additional responsibilities by supporting the main cast. You were fantastic!



Amongst all the excitement outside the classroom, we have continued eagerly reading our class novel, *Once*. Our discussions and new discoveries have helped guide and strengthen our writing skills.

In Mathematics, we have completed our decimals unit and are now exploring different forms of measurement. We are learning to accurately convert between metric units of length, from millimetres to kilometres.

In Religion, we are nearing the end of our Saints project and adding the finishing touches to our booklets before completing our final research task. Core Knowledge has also inspired fascinating conversations about wants and needs, consumer choices, and how the things we consume can affect individuals, communities and the environment.

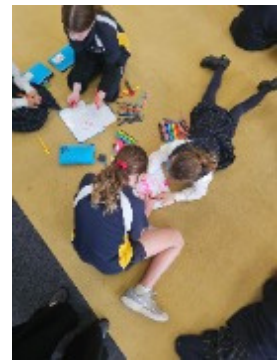


Years 5 and 6

It's been all go for 5/6 Red over the past fortnight! Amidst the excitement of preparing for our school production, we have also been busy hosting our class Mass, where we explored the important theme of healing.



We celebrated Bullying No Way Week with our Prep buddies by considering how we could "colour St Margaret Mary's with kindness". Together, we completed small random acts of kindness and created thoughtful cards for teachers across the school.



Our student leaders Avery, Alex and Freddie also proudly represented our school at the Junior Council meeting, where they raised an important local issue with the Mayor. It has certainly been a busy and action-packed couple of weeks!



A Night at the Museum – What a Success!

What a wonderful experience A Night at the Museum was! We are incredibly proud of all our students, who performed with such enthusiasm, confidence and joy. Our main and supporting cast were outstanding and truly brought the story to life.

A heartfelt thank you to Bree, Kyle and Savannah from Kinect for sharing their guidance, creativity and expertise with us throughout the production. Thank you to all our teachers and staff for the time, energy and hard work they put in behind the scenes. A special thank you to Emma McGuirk for designing and creating our amazing Egyptian sarcophagus. We are also incredibly grateful to our parent community for making costumes, helping with props, assisting backstage and making sure the children had everything they needed. Thank you to our FSG and parent helpers who worked in the canteen and helped make the evening such a success.

Most of all, congratulations to our amazing students. Seeing them shine on stage made all the hard work worthwhile. We hope they feel very proud of themselves and remember their Night at the Museum experience fondly for many years to come.

What a special night and a wonderful achievement for our whole school community!



Alicia Wilson
Performing Arts Teacher

School Production

Our school production was held on Thursday the 27th of August.

Everyone at SMM was very excited and had their dance moves on. We travelled to Williamstown theatre and had some great students act outstanding characters. Kinect performing arts were really helpful and encouraging throughout the sessions and even more on the day with everything they organized for us.

We'd also like to thank our music teacher Mrs. Wilson for helping organize the costumes and our lovely art teacher Mrs. McGuirk for making the amazing sarcophagus display! Everyone was very nervous but very excited to perform. We had a lovely time and we completed our matinee and evening performances happily, and safely! SMM are so grateful for this play that we were blessed with.

Written By: Cynthia N and Maeve G



School Production





What a Page-Turning Book Week at St Margaret Mary's!

What an incredible week of story, imagination, and school spirit! Thank you to our entire school community for making this year's Book Week celebrations such a memorable success. From creative costumes to quiet reading corners, our hallways were buzzing with literary excitement.

Week Highlights:

The Costume Parade: Our parade was a sea of color and creativity! It was wonderful to see classic characters, superhero favorites, and clever DIY creations come to life.

Special Events: Students had a fantastic time participating in Josh Pyke's song creation lesson online with students from all over the State, and loved seeing the books brought to life at our whole school incursion.

Library Support: Thanks to your support at our Book Fair, we raised over \$1,250 to purchase brand-new books and resources for our school library.

A Huge Thank You:

Special thanks go to our library staff, teachers, and parent volunteers for organizing and running the events. Above all, thank you to our families for supporting costume design, attending the parade, and encouraging a lifelong love of reading at home.

Lucy's Local Knowledge

Guided Wetland Nature Walk @ Hobsons Bay Wetlands Centre, Sun 6th @ 11am

Newport Railway Museum - Vintage steam locos, historical carriages, and model train setups (12:00 PM-5:00 PM). Saturday 5th, 12th & 19th Sep

🕒 Junior Baseball & T-Ball Come & Try. Newport Rams (Williamstown North) & Williamstown Baseball Club Free introductory sports sessions with equipment provided for ages 4-17. Sun 30 Aug

Lucy McCarthy
Literacy Enhancement Leader

Book Week Parade



Outside School Hours Care Newsletter



St Margaret Mary's Primary School- Spotswood

Term 3

A message from the team

A warm welcome to all our families! At Macseye OSHC, we provide a nurturing environment where children can thrive, learn and grow through engaging experiences. We encourage you and your child to share your thoughts and ideas, helping us tailor our activities to meet their unique interests and needs.

If your child has a medical condition, please ensure you provide an updated Medical Management Plan and schedule a meeting with Indira. This will enable us to deliver the best possible care for your child.

We are here to support your child's needs and interests. If you would like to discuss any needs or requirements regarding your child, we are happy to schedule a meeting.

Please feel free to contact me on 0493975687 or email me on SMM.Spotswood@macseye.vic.edu.au

Check out the fun!



Important Dates:

- **National Book Week** – 24th to 28th August
- **Father's Day Activities** - 1st to 4th September

Term Dates:

Monday 13th July–
Friday 18th September
2026

The Last day of school
OSHC will be available
from **1.00pm** onwards

Make a booking!

Experience the fun of MACSEYE's OSHC program at St Margaret Mary's Primary school Spotswood today!

Call our friendly team: 0493975687 or 1300 501 029

Visit us: SMM Spotswood OSHC (7.00am to 9.00 am or 3.15pm to 6.30pm)

Email: enrolments@macseye.vic.edu.au | Website: www.macseye.vic.edu.au

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



ST MARGARET MARY'S SPOTSWOOD

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 SPOTSWOOD

FOOTY COLOURS DAY!

WEAR YOUR TEAM COLOURS

RAISING MONEY FOR
St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

All funds raised will go to St Vincent de Paul Society to support Australians doing it tough. Your donation helps provide food, clothing, shelter, and essential support to people in need in our local community.

FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

LET'S SHOW OUR COLOURS AND SUPPORT THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY.



Spring Festival

School Holiday Program

Prep to Grade 6

Play

Create

Explore

Have fun!

Don't miss out!

Book your child's adventure today.
 Find your nearest location.

MACseye
 macseye.vic.edu.au

ST MARGARET MARY'S - SPOTSWOOD

Thank You

VERNON STREET CELLARS



21A Vernon St, South Kingsville

For generously donating the ticketing proceeds from your last wine tasting night to our school

A WONDERFUL DONATION OF
\$560 to St Margaret Mary's

Please support this generous local business!

WITH GRATITUDE — THE SMM COMMUNITY

Footscray BASEBALL CLUB

FREE JUNIOR BASEBALL COME AND TRY!

LEARN NEW SKILLS, MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND HAVE FUN PLAYING BASEBALL!

T-BALL (5 - 6 YEAR OLDS)	LITTLE LEAGUE MODIFIED BASEBALL (7 - 10 YEAR OLDS)	JUNIOR BASEBALL (11 - 14 YEAR OLDS)
MONDAYS 5:00 - 5:45PM	MONDAYS 5:30 - 6:30PM	WEDNESDAYS 5:30 - 7:00PM
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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 Multiple education & NDIS funding may be applicable.
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