Easter Prayer to share:

PARENT:
Help us, O risen Lord
to proclaim your Resurrection
by bringing good news to the poor,
and healing the hearts that are broken.

CHILD:
Help us, O risen Lord to proclaim your Resurrection by bringing your peace to those
who are in trouble and your joy to those who are in sorrow.

PARENT:
God, our Father who raised your Son from the dead help us to understand that we will
conquer our own death and rise with Jesus today when we live in love.

TOGETHER:
We ask you this grace through Jesus Christ who died for us and rose for our life. Amen.

Adapted from Proclaiming Your Resurrection. Source:
Lucien Deiss 1976, Biblical Prayers,
World Library Publications.

Project Compassion:
The response from our Community has been outstanding. To enable us to finalise our
donation, if you have any Walk-a-thon or Project Compassion monies to be returned
would you please forward to the office as soon as possible. Thank you to our generous,
caring community.
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### LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT:

**Welcome:**

Welcome back to children, families and staff. We hope that you have enjoyed a restful break and are ready for another busy term.

**Fire Service:**

We are in the process of upgrading our fire service—please ensure that you are aware of the out of bounds areas which have been taped off. Thank you.
**Painting:**
We are in need of assistance with painting, between 12.00pm to 4.00pm this Sunday 19th April. If you can help out—even for an hour or two please just turn up on the day. No need to bring anything, as paint and brushes will be supplied. Thank you.

**Change to Mass time:**
During Term 2 our school mass will be held at 12.15pm each Friday. The time change for Mass is due to the Year 6 Interschool Sports Program.

**New Smoking Regulations:**
From Monday 13th April 2015, under the Tobacco Act 1987 smoking is prohibited within the grounds of, and within four metres of an entrance to, all Victorian childcare centres, kindergartens, preschools and schools. The smoking ban applies at primary and secondary schools at all times, no matter whether the building or school grounds are being used for education purposes or other purposes. The ban therefore applies when other activities are taking place on the school grounds, such as fetes or sporting events, as well as during school hours. Signage advising of the regulation has arrived and will be placed at appropriate areas around our school.

**Parents and Friends Meeting:**
The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm, on Monday 20th April, and will be held in the Parents Room. All in our community are warmly invited to attend.

**School Uniform:**
**Hats:**
In accordance with our Sunsmart Policy, until the end of April all children must wear their school hat during lunch and recess, and when participating in PE lessons.

**Changeover—Summer to Winter Uniform:**
Children may wear either their summer or winter uniform (not combinations of) until Friday 1st May. From Monday 4th May children are to wear their full school winter uniform.

**PSW:**
Uniform items can be ordered online at www.psw.com.au The cost for online deliveries to your home is $5.00, or alternatively, your items can be delivered to the school free of charge. You can also visit the PSW Store (address details and opening hours below). A copy of the price list has been placed on the Community Notice Board.

**PSW:**
58 Westwood Drive,
Ravenhall VIC 3023.
Phone: (03) 9363 8458, Email: deerpark@psw.com.au

**Winter Trading Hours:**
(4th May—3rd Oct 2015)
Monday to Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am - 1:00pm
Individual and family photos have been sent home today.

If you have any queries please contact Arthur Reed Photos on (03) 5249 8600 or email enquiries@arphotos.com.au

New Education Support Officer (Teacher Aide):
A very warm welcome is extended to Maria Kelly. Maria is part of our support team for children within our school.

Extreme Concern:
Parental involvement, including parents and grandparents assisting in the classroom has been a long and valued practice at St. Margaret’s. Both teachers and students appreciate that parents and grandparents give up their time to volunteer with, for example, reading activities and maths groups.

Therefore I was very concerned when it came to my attention that there have been incidents of volunteers discussing the progress of students (not their own) with other parents.

This you can appreciate is unacceptable, and a serious breach of privacy. We hold the wellbeing of our families, but even more so OUR students as paramount.

Please understand that this practice cannot and will not be tolerated. Every child deserves our utmost care and respect.

Prep 2016:
Is your child commencing Prep next year? Have you lodged an enrolment form? Applications close (for new and existing families) on Friday 24th April 2015.

Change of Details
Please notify the office immediately if you have changed any of your address or telephone contact information. It is imperative that this information is up to date in the case of an emergency.

Messages:
If you have a message which needs to be passed on to your child during the day please either call the office on 9318 1339 or send an email to:

  officeadmin@smmaribymong.catholic.edu.au
FACT SHEET
PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

ST MARGARET’S PRIMARY SCHOOL has finally had a school crossing installed in front of the entrance to our School. Please note:-

1. It is a timely reminder for all motorists to be vigilant of the 40km p/h School Zone speed limit;
2. It is illegal to do a u-turn on the Esplanade (they are double lines - $148 fine). It takes little time to drive around the block if need be;
3. If you park on the opposite side of the street to the school - PLEASE use the school crossing.
4. Do not stop within 20 metres on the approach side of the school crossing; ($148 fine)
5. Do not stop within 10 metres on the departure side of the school crossing; ($148 fine)
6. Try parking away from the front gate and walk a little way to drop off or collect your child
7. “I’ll only be a few seconds” is NOT an excuse. There is no acceptable timeframe for dangerous parking.
9. Expect the unexpected. Children are spontaneous and not always aware of the dangers around them.
10. Children should get in and out of the car using the kerb side door.
11. Police will continue to be conducting regular patrols past our School during the peak pick up and drop off times.

PARKING
Please be aware of the signs posted in relation to parking. During school times, apart from the designated areas, Drop Off zone, school crossing and driveways, parking is unrestricted.

DROP OFF ZONE IS BACK
The Drop Off Zone has moved. It is situated on The Esplanade. It is from 10 metres on the Departure side of the school crossing to the end of the school’s security fencing.

NO PARKING
DROP OFF & PICK UP ZONE
School Days
8.30am - 9.30am
3.00pm - 4.00pm

REMEMBER: -When you see the 40km School road signs, please be sure you are sticking to the limit of 40 km per hour to help keep our children safe and avoid yourself a penalty.

Police will be conducting regular patrols past our School during the peak pick up and drop off times.

As adult motorists we must be aware that children can possess little or no road sense. They are unpredictable, can be difficult to see and act on impulse. Once they make up their minds where they want to be, they can be quick to act and run across the road.

Please take care and slow down when driving past the school, paying particular attention to the school crossing. Be aware that children may unexpectedly run out from behind vehicles when they do not have a clear view of oncoming vehicles.
Please remember the 40 km/h speed limit applies at all times.

But remember, crossing supervisors cannot maintain a safe environment on their own; motorists need to play a part as well. Exercise caution when near school crossings, remembering the 40 km speed limit. Be aware that sometimes conditions will demand even slower speeds are needed.

When you approach an operational school crossing in your vehicle, please take time to consider the supervisors and their important role in road safety. They will try to keep traffic moving freely with minimal interruptions, but if you are held up, please be patient and remember that school crossing supervisors are dedicated to getting children safely across busy roads to school and home again throughout the year in rain, hail or shine.

The law is clear when it comes to school crossings. Drivers must be aware that the school crossing supervisor is also a pedestrian. Drivers may not enter the school crossing until the school crossing supervisor is completely off the road.

When approaching or stopping at a children’s crossing a driver must;

* Approach at a speed at which the driver can, if necessary, stop safely before the crossing.
* Stop as near as practicable to, but before reaching, the stop line at the crossing if –
  (a) a hand-held stop sign is displayed at the crossing; or
  (b) a pedestrian is on or entering the crossing.
* Not proceed until there is no pedestrian on or entering the crossing and the holder of the sign –
  (a) no longer displays the sign towards the driver; or
  (b) otherwise indicates that the driver may proceed; and
* Not proceed until there is no pedestrian on or entering the crossing."

SAFETY TIPS FOR DRIVERS WHEN APPROACHING A SCHOOL CROSSING:
* Do not stop on a school crossing when the flags are displayed, watch the flow of traffic in front of you;
* Do not stop within 20 metres on the approach side of a crossing;
* Do not stop within 10 metres on the departure side of a school crossing;
* Do not stop within 10 metres of an intersection;

SAFETY TIPS FOR DRIVERS USING A ‘DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP’ ZONE:
* You cannot park in a drop off zone and leave your car, you must remain with your vehicle, or a parking ticket may be issued;
* Always drop-off or pick-up your child from the designated area;
* Drivers should remain in the vehicles at all times when using the ‘Drop-off and Pick-up’ area.
* Make sure children use the footpath-side door when getting in and out of a car.
* Make sure the hand brake is on, especially when children are boarding or alighting;
* Never double park.
* Never park across a pedestrian crossing.
School Fees—2015:
$1,395.00 Family fee
$250.00 Levy per child
$200.00 Capital Building Fee

Statements were sent home to families yesterday. These are for your reference only, and you are not required to wait to receive your statement prior to making a payment. Payments can be made at the school office at any time by cash, cheque, credit card, eftpos or direct deposit. If paying by direct deposit our details are:

Bank: National Australia Bank
BSB: 083 347
Account No.: 450044123
Account Name: St. Margaret’s Primary School
(Please ensure that you include your family name in any reference fields)

Credit card payments can also be made over the phone. Please contact the office and provide your credit card details.

Notes Sent Home this Week:
Newsletter (electronic)
School Photos

Learning and Teaching

Maths News:
This year our mathematics focus will be on Mental Computation throughout the school.

The current Woolworths promotion using animal dominoes is a great resource. We would encourage you to collect as many as you can for use at home or to support our junior classroom programs.

Ideas on how to use these will follow in upcoming newsletters.

Happy collecting.

Ms Lynda and Ms Jill (Mathematics Leaders)
**STUDENT WELLBEING:**

**Head Lice:**
A case of head lice has been reported in Year 4. Parents would you please check your child’s head for lice, and if there are any eggs/lice please treat prior to your child returning to school.

**SRC:**
Last term’s awards:

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**Awards:**

- **Playground:**
  - Abby—Year 1A

**SRC:**
- Lucas P—Year 2AM
  - (13/3/15)
- Klara—Year 3SG
  - (26/3/15)

Congratulations!
We have a number of children at our school who have food allergies. These allergies range from minor, through to life threatening. It is not only nuts that these children are allergic to, we need to be cautious of all foods. To ensure we maintain a safe environment for these children it is essential that the rules listed below are followed. Also, if your child has a friend who has food allergies try to ensure your child is educated about this and if they have the food that causes the allergic reaction in their lunch box that they tell their friend and teacher.

**NO peanut butter or any foods that include peanuts are permitted to be brought to school. It is imperative that our children's well being and safety rules are adhered to by all of our school community.**

Please also remember:

- No sharing of food
- No nut products at school
- Parents are not to offer other children food during school times
- Washing of hands after eating

**Lollies are not to be provided to celebrate birthdays, however water iced-poles are acceptable. They should be placed in the freezer in the canteen, please remember to collect any leftover iced-poles at the end of the day.**

More information on food allergies and their potential danger can be found at:

http://www.allergyfacts.org.au/
TUNING IN TO TEENS
Emotionally Intelligent Parenting
A six session parenting program for parents & carers
of adolescents aged 11 - 18 years

PROGRAM DETAILS
WHEN:       Wednesday mornings
            April 29 to June 3
TIME:       10am to 12.30pm
WHERE:      Anglicare Victoria
            42 Mary Street
            PRESTON VIC 3072

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
AS PLACES ARE LIMITED!

Tuning in to Teens shows you how to help your teen develop emotional intelligence.
Adolescents with higher emotional intelligence:
• are more aware, assertive & strong in situations of peer pressure
• have greater success with making friends & are more able to manage conflict with peers
• are more able to cope when upset or angry
• have fewer mental health and substance abuse difficulties
• have more stable & satisfying relationships as adults

For registration & enquiries please contact:
Gianna Mazzone
Parentzone Northern
9465 0322
0407 519 498
Parentzone.preston@anglicarevic.org.au

Parentzone Northen is the regional parenting service in the North funded by the Department of Education & Training (DET) and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

Anglicare VIC
anglicarevic.org.au
Welcome:
Congratulations to Luan (Year 5V) and family on the safe arrival of Olivia.

Welcome to St. Margaret’s Joey (Year 3SG) and family

Congratulations Stone, Duc Huy, Marcus and Ben
on their success at the State Swimming Championships.

Stone:
1st: Backstroke (and a new Victorian State record)
1st: Freestyle

Stone, Duc Huy, Marcus and Ben:
2nd: Relay

Community Business Directory:
Included on our school website is a Business Directory within the heading “School Community”.

The purpose of this directory is to promote business opportunities within our community for parents of our school. There is no cost to families to advertise in this directory. If you would like to have your business listed please complete a form which is available from the office.

Click on the link to view the Directory:

Dear Parents and Friends,

On ANZAC Day, (April 25th) each year, we reflect and remember the men and women who have served in Australia's Defence Forces. This year is especially important as we celebrate the 100 year anniversary.

At St. Margaret's we will have a guest speaker visit the children on Tuesday 22nd April, to enhance their understandings of life in the Australian services.

We are also planning a short school commemoration ceremony on Friday 24th April at 9am. The Year 5LM assembly at 2.40 will also be focusing on the significance of ANZAC DAY. Our weekly Mass prepared by 5V will also be commemorating ANZAC DAY.

All in our community are welcome to join us at 9am Friday morning for the ceremony on the basketball court.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings (22nd-24th April) next week, Leanne Welch will be selling ANZAC badges at school. The prices range from $2-$10.
ANZAC
Service & March

"They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them."
Lest we Forget

EVERYONE WELCOME
SUNDAY 19th APRIL
ANZAC March & Service Assembly 10.00am for 10.15am March followed by Service at Cenotaph Heinz Reserve opposite the R.S.L

Join us at the R.S.L after the service for light refreshments.
DAWN SERVICE

100 Years
Commemoration of the Landing at Gallipoli

SATURDAY 25th APRIL
Dawn Service Assembly 6.00am at Cenotaph Heinz Reserve opposite the R.S.L
Followed by Gunfire Breakfast at Keilor East RSL
Important dates:

Monday 20th April
7.30pm
Parents and Friends Meeting (Parent Room)

Friday 8th May
TBA
Mothers Day Stall

Friday 16th October

Bush dance
COMMUNITY CARE

The St Margaret’s community likes to take care of, and help out our families when the need may arise. The demands of our hectic lives can be difficult and overwhelming for all of us at one time or another and we all need support at times.

For those of you who are not aware, St Margaret’s previously organised a “Food Bank”, whereby meals were prepared for families within the school at a time of need.

This year we are hoping to continue and extend this support. We are hoping to include perhaps child pick up/drop off, supplying a school lunch etc.

St Margaret’s is therefore asking for volunteers – any Mums or Dads who would be willing to whip up a meal or assist in other areas for a family who may be experiencing some temporary hitches in life.

We are also asking anyone who feels they require some support, or know of a family in need of a little care to contact Katy Reed (via email): kt.reed1@gmail.com or Margaret Harvey (via email): mharvey@smmaribyrnong.catholic.edu.au or simply mention a need to your child’s teacher, or any Staff member who can pass the information on. All matters will, of course, be handled confidentially.

If you are willing to participate, could you please return the slip attached to the last page of the newsletter, and return to the office by MONDAY 29th APRIL.

Your name and email address and mobile number will be registered on a list that Katy will coordinate. As the need arises, she will contact persons on that list using a rotating roster to help out the St Margaret’s community.

A big thank you in anticipation, and to Katy for her support.
Commonwealth Bank—Student Banking
Our student banking day is Tuesday. Children should put their money and bank books in the tray to be sent to the office. Our team of school banking parents will then process the deposits on the childrens behalf. The rewards theme for 2015 is “Outer Space Savers”. Rewards tokens can only be collecting when banking via the school—the CBA branch network does not participate in the program. Thank you to our wonderful group of parents who volunteer to assist with making this program possible. To ensure that our volunteers are able to complete the banking in a timely manner would parents/children please ensure that they complete all details on their deposit slip. An example of how your slip should be completed appears below.

Working With Children:
All parents are welcome to volunteer at the school in various areas, e.g. canteen, school excursions and classroom help. You will need to obtain a working with children card to be able to do this. Applications can now be completed online at:
Once the online application has been completed it should be printed and lodged at Australia Post. Paper applications can be downloaded from the WWC website. There is no charge for a Working with Children check for volunteers. As directed and mandated by the government we are unable to allow parents without a WWC card to help out at school.
Out Of School Hours Program:

After Care Hours of Operation
Please be aware that our hours of operation are strictly 7:00-9:00am for before school care and 3:30-6:30pm for after school care. Due to issues pertaining to insurance and the government regulation, these hours must be strictly adhered to.

New Bookings
New children using the program will need to have completed an enrolment form and submit a copy of their immunisation record. We cannot legally accept children who have not been correctly enrolled.

Existing Permanent Bookings/Occasional Care
All: If your child/children will be absent, parents should inform the aftercare staff or alternatively leave a SMS message on 0417 247 295.
Permanent Bookings: If you wish your child/children to have a permanent place in the program, or you wish to vary the days of attendance, please ask after care staff to provide you a booking form. Staff will fax these to YLV when completed.
Occasional Care: In order to ensure correct staff ratios are in place, please book your children in either by SMS the aforementioned number, or advising the school office.

Anaphylaxis/Allergies/Asthma/Other medical conditions
Parents of children with Anaphylaxis/Allergies/Asthma/Other medical conditions are required to give appropriate medications to us, together with an up to date action plan completed by a General Practitioner. Aftercare medications are stored in a separate area to that of the school.

For the safety of those with allergies, please ensure that your children refrain from bringing onto the premises nuts or any product made of nuts.

Before/After Care Safety
To ensure the safety of children attending our program no child is to be dropped off or walked through the multipurpose room unless they are enrolled in the Out of School Hours Care Program.
For further information on the items outlined below please see the Community Notice Board located outside the Canteen.

**Secondary School Information:** St. Bernard’s College
Bringing Up Great Kids—Anglicare Victoria
Children’s Programs—Kensington Community Recreation Centre
Mini Chefs Avondale Heights Club Tennis Day
The Fitness Stable School Holidays Kids Tennis Lessons
Oasis Pools Essendon Auskick
Get Active Sports Aussie Rules skills sessions
Riverside Golf and Tennis

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**Kids Social Tennis for St. Margaret’s children**
**Resumes this Saturday 18th April 2015**

**What is it?**
Saturday morning social tennis for St Margaret’s children Preps to Year 3s. Last term, around 30 school children took part in fun, free social tennis lessons on Saturday mornings with Alex and Cathy (school parents). All the children and their parents had a great time so the sessions will continue again this year. Preps and Year 1-Year 3 children are welcome to join in the fun.

**When is it?**
Saturday morning, commencing Saturday 18th April from 9am to 10am.

**Where is it?**
40 The Esplanade, Maribyrnong

**Cost:**
$5 per family per session. The funds raised are donated back to the Parents and Friends to assist with their fundraising efforts.

**Do I need my own tennis racquet?**
No, we can supply a racquet for you.

We need at least one parent / guardian to remain with your child during the session.
For more information contact Alex on 0408 274 976.
Attention Katy Reed (via school office)

I would like to register my name on the “COMMUNITY CARE” register.

Name: ____________________________________________

Child’s Name: ___________________________ Year: ________

Email: _________________________________________________

Mobile: _______________________________________________