Education in Faith:

God of love and liberty, we bring our thanks this day for the peace and security we enjoy, which was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of war.

We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain, but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come. That the liberty, truth and justice which they sought to preserve may be seen and known in all the nations upon earth.

This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life for the sake of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Clive, a Vietnam War veteran visited all the children this week, and shared his own experiences as a soldier. He shared important information about both ANZAC Day and Gallipoli, and explained the significance of rosemary as remembrance. The children were able to ask many questions and it was a memorable experience for us all. Many thanks to the Hill Family for arranging this visit.
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**Prep 2016:**

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

Term 2 is already in full swing! All of the children have settled in really well, and working hard with all staff.

A big thank you to our community of dedicated parents who generously gave their time, in very unpleasant conditions on Sunday, to continue with the painting of our school. It already looks much brighter. The next “Painting Bee” will continue between 9am and 1pm on Sunday 3rd May.

A Parents and Friends meeting was held on Monday night and many events discussed. Dates have been included in the School Calendar. There will be many opportunities to be involved in these events and you are encouraged to support the hardworking Parents and Friends Committee.

**Mandatory Reporting:**
To continue to support our children and families, all staff have completed the “Protecting the Safety of Children and Young People, Mandatory Reporting” Professional Learning module (Catholic / Independent Schools).

**Medical Authorisation Form:**
To ensure children’s safety, in accordance with VRQA regulations any medication which is to be administered at school must be in its original packaging. For example, if your child is to be administered Panadol, it must be given to the office, and a medication authorisation form completed. The Panadol must be in its original packaging.

**Interschool Sports:**
Interschool Sports for Year 6 children commence next week, on Friday 1st May. If you have not already returned your permission slip and $20 to cover bus costs would you please attend to as soon as possible.

**Prep 2016:**
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**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 now been placed at appropriate areas around our school.

**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
Riding your bike to school:
The school encourages children to ride their bikes to school. By law, children riding a bike must wear a helmet, and must dismount from their bike at both the school crossing and entrance to the school. Children who ride their bike to school should leave their bikes behind the MacKillop Building. Below are some important rules relating to riding on a footpath:

Riding on a footpath or shared path:
You can ride on a footpath if you:
• are a child under the age of 12
• are an adult supervising a child under the age of 12
• have been given and are following the conditions on a medical certificate that says you have a disability that makes it difficult for you to ride on the road. You must be able to show the certificate to a police officer or authorised person when asked.

Bike riders must keep to the left on footpaths and shared paths, unless impractical to do so. Bike riders must give way to pedestrians on shared paths or footpaths

Source: Vic Roads

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

Prep 2016:
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School Fees—2015:
$1,395.00 Family fee
$250.00 Levy per child
$200.00 Capital Building Fee

Statements for Term 2 have been sent home. 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)
Mothers Day Stall
Entertainment Book Note
Book Club Note

Prep 2016:
Is your child commencing Prep next year? Have you lodged an enrolment form? Applications close (for new and existing families) tomorrow, Friday 24th April 2015.
23rd April, 2015

Dear Parents,

**St Margaret’s School Reading Challenge**

This year the school will once again give students the opportunity to participate in **St Margaret’s School Reading Challenge for Years Prep to Year 6**. It is similar to **The Premier’ Reading Challenge** in that we aim to promote a love for reading and improve literacy skills. It will begin on May 1st and conclude on August 28th.

The teachers will be encouraging all students to take up this challenge, however it is **not compulsory**. If students choose to participate, they will be issued with, and responsible for keeping a reading log. Parents are encouraged to support their child in completing the challenge to monitor their progress. **This log must be presented to the class teacher, on completion of their allocated book quota in order to receive a certificate.**

Every student that is successful will be acknowledged for their efforts through a certificate, and have their names published in the school Newsletter.

The students will be encouraged to borrow a minimum number of books for their Year level from our school library or the local library. For further information and booklists please visit: **Premier’ Reading Challenge website** [www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc).

If your child has difficulty reading the texts alone, please read together.

**Reading logs and rules are available at the office.**

Let’s rise to the challenge!

Yours sincerely,

Mary Valentino-Pamment

Literacy Leader
**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 week’s nominations:

- **Year 4C** Michael
- **Year 5LM** Brandon
- **Year 6AH** Amy
- **Year 4R** Max
- **Year 5V** Alyssa
- **Year 6S** Daniel

**Awards:**
- **Playground:** Jasper—Prep E
- **SRC:** Amy D-T—Year 6AH

Congratulations!

**School Community:**

**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:

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 childrens 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 icy-poles are acceptable. They should be placed in the freezer in the canteen, please remember to collect any leftover icy-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!

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

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

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

Our weekly Mass prepared by 5V will also be commemorating ANZAC Day. 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.

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

Thank you to Leanne Welch for selling ANZAC badges at school this week. If any child or parent wishes to buy a badge, Leanne will be at school this afternoon, and both tomorrow morning and afternoon selling badges. The prices range from $2-$10.
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:

**Thursday 7th May**
TBA
Mothers Day Stall *(change of date)*

**Saturday 16th May**
8.00am-1.00pm
Union Road Cake Sale

**Friday 22nd May**
TBA
School Disco

**Sunday 3rd May**
9 – 1pm
Painting

**Friday 29th May**
TBA
Canteen Special Food Day

**Saturday 13th June**
TBA
Trivia Night

**Friday 16th October**
TBA
Bush dance

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Saturday 16 May 2015

The first cake stall for 2015 will be held on Saturday 16 May, so get out your favourite recipe.

An information sheet, baker's number and label and plate and wrapping will be sent home with the children in the coming weeks.

Our cake stalls have always been a success, so, let's make this one the best one ever!

Sandpit Progress:

It seems that the new sandpit has been coming forever!! Unfortunately we could not commence the construction of the new sandpit in 2014 as the new position interfered with access to the MacKillop Building Site. We had initially decided to use sandpit 'pods' in our construction, however further advice had been that these pods will not have the longevity that a timber construction would have. We are now in the process of getting quotes for a 4m x 4m timber sandpit to be constructed. Our first quote has come in at $3670, and we feel that that is overpriced. You can see from the photo the kind of structure we are after. If you have a contact that would be able to quote us to construct our sandpit, please leave your details at the office or contact Danielle Watson on 0418304296 or dmorton74@ymail.com

Thank you everyone for such a wonderful response! Please continue to bring your gifts to school so that the children will have the opportunity to purchase a lovely gift for their mum.
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): kreed1@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 children’s 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: https://online.justice.vic.gov.au/wwccu/onlineapplication.do.

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 St. Peter’s Bears Basketball Club
MLC24 Maribyrnong Lifestyle Centre—Small Group Training

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**Kids Social Tennis for St. Margaret’s children**

**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.
COMMUNITY CARE

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: ____________________________________________