Loving God,

We pray for all those who have died recently.
I also pray that there is no more violence, and no more robbing from houses.

Blake. Year 3V

EDUCATION IN FAITH:

Change of Meeting Room:
A reminder that the Eucharist meeting will now be held in the Multipurpose Room at 7.00pm on Tuesday 29th July. We look forward to seeing all parents who wish their child to make their First Communion this year.

Each year meetings are held so that each of the holy Sacraments are highlighted, and families are able to meet together and discuss their child’s faith journey. Father Justin will lead our meeting and the Year 4 teachers and Religious Education Leader will be in attendance to answer any questions.

Thank you.
Please note: To enable easy access to the Multipurpose room parents can park in the Staff car park.

LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT:

Community Safety:
On Monday after school, Maribyrnong Council staff from the Traffic / Engineering Department, along with Cr. Cameron McDonald observed the pick up practices of our school. They were, as we were, horrified at the way some parents totally ignored the basic road safety rules when approaching the school and parking their cars.

Council have recognised that action needs to be taken so as to ensure the safety of our school community. We presented Cr. McDonald with our petition for a school crossing, and he will table it at Council. We will keep you informed of the steps that the school, in collaboration with the Maribyrnong Council will take.

Thank you to all those families that follow the road rules and observed the signs which are posted.
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Activities:
Next week there are many extra-curricular activities occurring in our school:

Wednesday 30th July:
Year 5 and 6 children will be attending St. Bernard’s Secondary College to watch “Shout—The legend of the Wild One” (Johnny O’Keefe) Musical.

Friday 1st August:
Clubs for Prep to Year 6 will commence. This is our second year of Clubs. The children love them and enjoy the experience of many new activities.

Thursday 31st July:
Year 1 Enrichment Activity (3.20pm-5.00pm): Amazing Race / Afternoon Tea. This is part of our Camp program, and the children will have an enjoyable, challenging and fun experience.

Chicks:
We have hatched in the Year 2 classrooms! If anyone in our school community would like to adopt a chick(s) on Friday 1st August please see Miss Cindy or Miss Alison.

Lost:
On Wednesday, a green headband containing a hearing device was lost within the school grounds. If found could it be handed into the office.

School Fees 2014:
School fees per family for the year are $1300. In addition, levies of $250 per child and Capital Building Fee of $150 per family are now due. Statements were sent home (via the eldest child) yesterday. 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)

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA):
If you did not apply for this allowance in February but have become eligible to do so for the second instalment please collect an application form from the office. Your Centrelink Card must be valid as at the first day of Term 3 (14th July, 2014), and will need to be provided to the office. The last day for new applications for the EMA 2nd instalment is Friday 1st August. If you received the first instalment and are still eligible for the benefit you will automatically receive it. You DO NOT need to apply again.
Medical Authorisation Form:
If your child needs medication during school hours, you are required by law to complete a “Medication Authorisation Form”, which names the medication, times and dosage to be given. These forms are available from the office.

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@smmaribyrnong.catholic.edu.au

STUDENT WELLBEING:

Knitting Club:
Miss Cindy would welcome donations of knitting needles (any size) and wool for the Knitting Club which commences next week. We need enough for at least 14 students. If you can spare any of these items please take them to Miss Cindy’s room.

SRC:
The SRC Nominations for last week:

- Year 4J: Holly Rose
- Year 5AO: Yuki
- Year 6AH: Christien
- Year 4R: Juan
- Year 5LM: Riley
- Year 6S: David

Last Weeks Awards:
- Playground: No Award
- SRC: Yuki—Year 5AO
- Congratulations

Media Reporting:
On the next page, please find information from Parenting Expert, Michael Grose to assist you when speaking to your child/ren about the recent air crash tragedy.
Helping kids make sense of the MH17 airline disaster

Michael Grose

Reports of the recent shooting down of Flight MH17 over Ukraine air space has saturated newspapers, television and the Internet for the last week. The events were shocking and many of the images quite chilling. World-wide outrage has been the result.

But what about the impact of the event and the subsequent media coverage on children and young people?

As adults we all want our children to live carefree lives and keep them from the pain and even horror of tragedies such as natural disasters. In reality we can’t do this.

So what is a parent, teacher, or other caring adult to do when such events fill the airwaves and the consciousness of society?

Here are some ideas:

Reassure children that they are safe. The consistency of the images can be frightening for young children who don’t understand the notion of distance and have difficulty distinguishing between reality and fiction. Let them know that while this event is indeed happening it will not affect them directly.

Explain what happened. Sounds obvious but it’s important not to simply assume that children and young people understand what’s happened. Be calm and stick to the facts, using a map to show older children where it happened.

Be available. Let kids know that it is okay to talk about the unpleasant events. Listen to what they think and feel. By listening, you can find out if they have misunderstandings, and you can learn more about the support that they need. You do not need to explain more than they are ready to hear, but be willing to answer their questions.

Help children process what they see and hear, particularly through television. Children are good observers but can be poor interpreters of events that are out of their level of understanding.

Support children’s concerns for others. They may have genuine concerns for the suffering that will occur and they may need an outlet for those concerns. It is heartwarming to see this empathy in children for the concerns of others.

Let them explore feelings beyond fear. Many children may feel sad or even angry with these events so let them express the full range of emotions.

Avoid keeping the television on all the time. The visual nature of the media means that images are repeated over and over, which can be both distressing to some and desensitizing to others.

Be aware of your own actions. Children will take their cues from you and if they see you focusing on it in an unhealthy way then they will focus on it too. Let them know that it is happening but it should not dominate their lives.

Children’s worlds can be affected in ways that we can’t even conceive of so adults need to be both sensitive to children’s needs and mindful of what they say and how they act in front of children.

In difficult times, it is worth remembering what adults and children need most are each other.
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 icypoles at the end of the day.**

More information on food allergies and their potential danger can be found at: http://www.allergyfacts.org.au/
**School Community:**

**Community Care update:**
Thank you to everyone that has registered to be part of community care, we have had some wonderful meals provided already. Your support and generosity is warmly received. If you haven’t received an email as yet confirming your involvement or would like to be involved could you please email your details including:

Name, email, phone contact, your child’s name/s class and also if you are available to provide meals, lunches and or school runs.

Katy Reed is coordinating this and her email is kt.reed1@gmail.com

**Canteen News—Lunch Order Roster:**
If you are interested in assisting with the preparation of lunch orders in the canteen between 9.00am and 11.30am on a Monday or Friday please contact Bonita:

Email: lesbon@optusnet.com.au
Phone: 0481 002 935

Due to Health and Safety issues and Council requirements, children and toddlers are not permitted to be in the canteen between these times.

**School Business Directory:**
The school Business Directory is located on the school website under the “School Community” tab. Families of the school are welcome to advertise their services in this directory. Please see the office for a form if you would like to advertise your business.

**Canteen—Counter Sales:**
The canteen will be open for counter sales during Term 3 between 11.40am and 12.00pm on Tuesday and Thursday. To accommodate our increased student population we require an extra parent helper (3 each session) to assist with the counter sales. If you can spare some time would you please add your name to the roster located outside the canteen (between 1A and 2C). Parents assisting in the canteen require a Working with Children card.

**School Uniform:**
Parents wishing to purchase uniform items can order them 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 at 58 Westwood Drive, Deer Park. The Deer Park shop hours for Term 3 are 8.30am-5.00pm Monday to Friday, and 9.00am-2.00pm on Saturday.
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.

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.doj. 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.

Notes Sent Home This Week:
Newsletter (electronic)
Parents and Friends—Fete Newsletter No. 2
District Sports Carnival
Fete Gold Coin Fundraiser:
Thank you to everyone for your support. We raised $612.95 from the Casual Clothes Day and these funds will help with the running costs of the Fete.

Facebook Page:
A great way to keep up to date with activities being supported by the Parents and Friends Group is to jump on Facebook and “Like” our page.

Search “St. Margaret’s Primary School Maribyrnong, Parents and Friends”

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Catalogues were distributed today to the eldest child in every family. IF you would like to place an order please return to school by Friday 1 August.
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 3:20-6:20pm 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. Aloysius College
- Simonds Catholic College
- St. Bernard’s College

**Free Tennis Open Day:**
- Essendon Tennis Club

**Netball Open Day:**
- Essendon Netball Club

**Saver Plus**
- superspeak

**Occasional Care—Wingate Avenue Community Centre**

**DJ FLEXI—DJ@ your party**
- Mothers Day Afternoon Tea Photos

**The Fitness Stable**
- Crazy Hair Day Photos

**St. Margaret’s Building Drawings**
- Refugee Week Art Competition

**Aberfeldie Football Camp**

**Oasis Pool Maintenance and Services**
Greening the Oval project completed over the Easter break

Thanks to the support of the school community and also donations by the local business community, our school oval is now green!

The installation of the irrigation / sprinkler system was completed over the 2 week Easter break. This will enable the oval to be lush and green throughout the year for the children to use. A big thanks to Sean Lees for working through the holidays, and to Dwight MacKinnon for operating the digger during construction.

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