



ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tuesday 15th December 2020 – Week 11, Term 4

To the St Peter's community,

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This is our last newsletter for what has been a year like no other.

Who would have thought that when we started our school year in late January, that this is the year that we would have?

The silver lining is that we have witnessed the amazing resilience of our school community. The way in which our students, teachers and parents adapted to Home Learning was incredible. Home Learning was something that was quickly thrown at us, and the ability of all involved to quickly adapt was staggering. I had never heard of Zoom or Google Meet, and to see how proficient our students and teachers have quickly mastered this learning platform was incredible. Thank you to everyone for the positivity in which this new learning was supported.

It reinforces the fact that learning isn't done in isolation, and that we are all social creatures. It is said that it takes a village to raise a child: what a village St Peter's is!

I would like to express gratitude to our teachers. During Remote learning I had the opportunity to watch some incredibly dedicated staff go well and truly beyond what was expected to do their best to make the best of a challenging situation to try to maximise the learning of our students. To listen to our teachers run group meetings was inspiring. A number of teachers set up their offices or family rooms as classrooms.

Reports and class groupings

Reports will be sent home today. We hope that they will give parents a great picture as to the progress of their children.

The students met their 2021 teachers this week. Setting up the learning spaces for 2021 is no easy task, and as I have written in previous newsletters, my primary concern is about having effective learning environments. We ask all parents to support us with the class grouping for 2021.

School Governance

As of January 2021, the Governance of all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne will transfer to a new entity called 'Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd (MACS). For our school community, there will be little difference to how the school is run, but in the background, things will be changed. As we hear more information, we will pass this onto our school community.

Year 6 Graduation

Last night we celebrated the 2020 Year 6 graduation. This was a special night, as not only do we celebrate 7 years of education at St Peter's for many of our Year 6 students, but we formally say goodbye to many families who will leave our wonderful school community. Thank you for all that you have brought to our school.

School Fees

In consultation with Fr Anh I have decided to keep School Fees and Levies for 2021 the same as 2020. Families will also notice some reduction in camp levies.

It has been an extremely difficult year for many families and we are grateful to those families that have paid their school fees. If you have not yet finalised your 2020 fees and levies - I kindly ask that you finalise payments asap.

Please contact me via email if you are experiencing financial hardship and we can discuss a payment plan.

Last day of school:

Wednesday 16th December

9.15pm	End of year assembly in the Galilee Space Prayer service (students and staff only)
12.45pm	Year 6 Rose planting ceremony (students and staff only)
1.15pm	All students gather on the oval with school bag Make a guard of honour
1.25pm	Year 6 walk the guard of honour (students and staff only)
1.30pm	All children dismissed: teachers please supervise the exit gates

Unfortunately due to COVID restrictions parents and caregivers must remain outside the school gates.

Thank-you to the St Peter's community for welcoming me into the St Peter's family. It has been a challenging semester but also an extremely rewarding time in my life. My promise to you is that I will continue to work hard with our amazing staff to create a learning environment that caters for our student social, emotional and academic needs.

Wishing you and your families Christmas blessings and a New Year filled with love and kindness.

Kindest Regards,

Angela Tonkin

Principal

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2021

28th January: 2021 Prep Orientation Day 1

29th January : Year 1 - 6 students first day

2021 Prep Orientation Day 2

St Peter's Catholic Parish Primary School is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.



ADMINISTRATION
Notices:

PROCESS FOR CHILDREN'S ABSENCES

If you know that your child is going to be away in advance please send an email to their contact teacher or to the notices@stprepp.catholic.edu.au If it is an unexpected absence please ring the front office and let Jo or Deb know. Alternatively you can fill out a form on the School website, just follow the Quick Links tab and click on Report an Absence.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 16th December: Last day of school for 2020, 1.30pm finish.

Announcements and Reminders



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27 November 2020

Mrs Angela Tonkin
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Dear Angela,

I am very pleased to inform you and the St Peter's Primary School community that two alumni from your school have recently been commissioned into the role of College Captain of St Monica's College, Epping for 2021.

We have two College Captains annually, and how wonderful that Nicholas Younes and Leanne Sebastian, are next year's student leaders. They obviously have a very fine pedigree with both graduating from your school five years ago.

I thought that you and your staff and students would like to receive this good news. Congratulations on the excellent formation both Nicholas and Leanne received from St Peter's.

Yours faithfully,



B.E. Hanley
Principal

A Letter to Parents from The School Photographer

15th December 2020

Dear Parents

As we can all appreciate, 2020 has been quite a challenging year like no other.

There was a time when it looked like we would not be able to have any school photographs taken this year. We stuck the course and in the end staying apart did keep us together.

With over 2 ½ terms of photography sessions that needed to have their photos taken, we've managed to reschedule appointments and create new employment opportunities in order to ensure that every student at every school we work with has had their school photo taken in 2020. From October 26th we managed to accommodate 25 weeks of school photo visits into 5 weeks, so we're all very proud of that fact.

With all photography we produce, a proof check needs to take place where the school reviews what's been captured has been correctly titled, that the portraits taken match the names of the student correctly and the class pages are approved so that they can proceed to be printed. Normally, upon completion of this process of photography orders arrive at a school within 3-4 weeks.

Due to the unprecedented number of schools photographed this late in the year, your school's proofing process was not completed until 2nd December 2020. Unfortunately, this means that photography orders will not reach your school before the end of term.

Our team will continue to work throughout the school holidays so that your orders will be delivered to school in the new year, and will be ready for distribution at the beginning of February 2021. We thank you for your patience and understanding, and hope that 2021 will be a year that everything begins to return to normal.

Kind regards

The School Photographer

**Please Note to the families that are leaving at the end of 2020 -
When we receive the photos at St Peter's we will make sure all ordered photos for the students that have left are delivered to you as soon as possible.**