



ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday 18th February 2021, Week 4, Term1

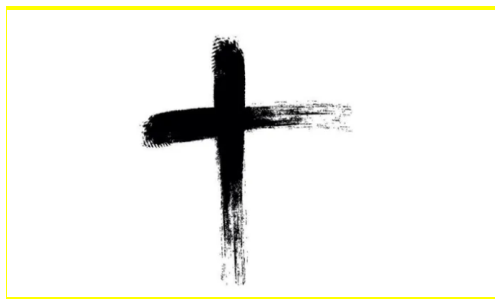
To the St Peter's community,

Ash Wednesday Prayer

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent which falls forty six days before Easter. It is not on a fixed date, falling on a different date each year because it relies on the date of Easter. It can occur as early as February 4 or as late as March 10.

Ash Wednesday gets its name from the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of the faithful as a sign of mourning and repentance to God. The ashes that are used are mostly gathered after the palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday are burned.

Lent takes 40-days (not counting Sundays) marked by repentance, fasting, reflection, and ultimately celebration. This 40-day period is meant to mark Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness. Where he fasted and where the Devil tempted him. In this period of lent believers are expected to set aside a time each year for similar fasting. Consequently followed by a celebration of Christ's death and Resurrection.



Good morning Parents and Caregivers,

Thanks for your support during our 3 day school closure as a result of the State Government lock down to prevent the spread of COVID 19. I appreciate the positive feedback from our community as a result of the actions we took. Our staff completed child safety modules and planned for a Remote Learning platform in the case of continued school closures.

As a staff we reflected on the speed in which our state was put into lockdown and the impact it has on the educational platform for our students.

Collaboratively we have developed a 2021 Remote Learning Plan. This plan enables actions to be put in place if the school is closed in 2021 as a result of a Victorian state lock down. We have shared the plan (below) and a letter for families explaining strategies we have put in place. We hope this action will clarify how Remote Learning will look if required in 2021.

Please click on the links

[Remote Learning Platform](#)

[Remote Learning Plan 2021](#)

This information will also be posted on our school website.

It is fantastic to have our students back onsite today!



Kiss and Drop Student Safety

The community has contacted me and other staff concerned about student and family safety each afternoon at the Coulstock Street, 'Kiss and Drop'. We want to work in partnership to ensure that child safety is a priority. We hope you will work in partnership with the school to address the concerns.

Unfortunately some families are taking unnecessary risks with student safety. As a school we collaboratively decided that action needs to be taken to ensure our students exit school safely.

From Monday 22nd February, 2021

The following school exit rules will be enforced to improve safety for our students and families.

Tiger Turf Gate (near the basketball rings) Coulstock Street

This gate can only be used by students that are using the kiss and drop system of pick up. Students can only enter cars in the gravel kiss and drop area.

Vegetable Garden Gate (near the school vegetable garden) Coulstock Street

This gate is to be used by all students and families that walk or have parked their car in another location and walk to collect students. If crossing the road, students and parents / caregivers are expected to use the school crossing.

I acknowledge this will add to the walking distance for some families - the action is to emphasise and prioritise student safety. Thanks for your support



Wedge Street and Coulstock Street kiss and drop Student entry into cars

Students can only enter a car in the designated gravel kiss and drop area on Coulstock Street and Wedge Street. Students are not permitted to enter cars on the side of the road where cars are in line for kiss and drop. School bags must enter the cabin of the car.

The school will be taking measures to ensure student safety is prioritised and orange fencing will be temporarily installed while our community adjusts to the new safety measures in Coulstock Street. I thank the community in anticipation and trust they will continue to support child safety as a priority at St Peter's.

***Please do not park or leave your car if you are in the kiss and drop line.
Do not turn right when exiting kiss and drop to ensure the flow of traffic.***

This kiss and drop arrangement may not be suitable for all school families. There is street parking available and a short walk to the school gate.

School photos

Monday 22nd March. Children wear their summer school uniform

Teacher Professional Learning

23rd February:	Literacy Coach on site Child Safety Professional Learning
24th February:	Sharing Family Violence Professional Learning
1st March:	Numeracy Planning Documents
2nd March:	School Annual Action Plan Literacy Coach on site
3rd March:	Agile School Leadership Professional Learning

COVID Restrictions

While there have been quite a number of 'COVID free' days in Melbourne, which is a great result, schools still have a number of restrictions that we need to operate under.

Based on the advice received in light of the latest COVID case, restrictions continue to be placed on schools. Please note that this will be an ever changing landscape, and further restrictions may be imposed with little notice.

Some of the changes are as follows:

Masks are required to be worn by parents entering the school site.

Masks must be worn inside all school buildings. To support contact tracing, schools must keep a record of all staff, students and visitors who attend on-site inside for more than 15 minutes. Schools must record the name, contact details, date, and time of attendance at school, as well as the areas of the school that the person attended. Thanks so very much for your support.

The Prep and 5/6 Buddy Picnic

Unfortunately due to the uncertainty of restrictions and the number of people permitted to meet in a space the **Prep and Year 5/ 6 Buddy Picnic will be cancelled this term.** Hopefully we can arrange something in Term 2 to build community connections.

In a world where you can be anything

Be kind

Kindest regards,
Angela Tonkin
Principal

St Peter's School is committed to the care, well being and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.



ADMINISTRATION

Notices:

CSEF Payment Eligibility

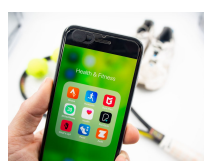
If you have a current healthcare/concession card and have not submitted your details before, please contact Deborah in the office.

PROCESS FOR CHILDREN'S ABSENCES

If you know that your child is going to be away in advance please send an email to their class teacher or visit our school website and click the Quick Links tab to fill out the Report an Absence form.
If it is an unexpected absence please ring the front office and let Jo or Deb know.



Announcements and Reminders



School / Home Communication

Please note that from **Friday 26th of February, 2021** the school will no longer be using STORYPARK as a communication tool.

All families are requested to set up an OPEROO account.

Please contact Jo at the front office if you require help in setting up this app. Information has been included in this newsletter. Thanks for your support.

OPEROO

How does a User create a Care Profile? (Without an existing account)



How does a User create a Care Profile? (Without an existing account) (Community Edition)

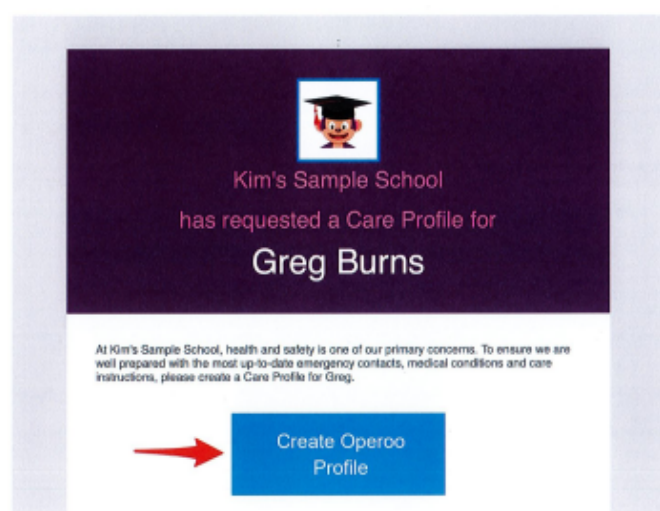
For Community Edition

There are two ways Profile Owners (i.e., parents, adult club members, adult participants, employees, etc.) can create a Care Profile:

- **Creating a profile by using the email invitation sent by the Organisation.**
- Creating a profile directly on the Operoo website

CREATING A PROFILE BY USING THE EMAIL INVITATION SENT BY THE ORGANISATION

1. When an Organisation requested you to create a profile, an invitation email will be sent to you.



2. Click on **Create Operoo Profile** and fill out the form.



Sign Up for Asia Pacific Region

Your name*
eg. John Smith

Your email address*
eg. john.smith@example.com.au

Password*
Choose a new password

Password confirmation*
Must match with password

Your mobile phone number*
eg. 0410 123 123

Country
Australia

State
Australian Capital Territory

Timezone*
(GMT+10:00) Melbourne

☐ By clicking "Sign Up" you agree to the Terms of service and Privacy policy

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NOTE: A verification email will be sent to your email address. Please click on the link sent in the email and log in to Operoo.

4. Once done, you will be directed to the **Operoo Central**. On the **Requests** section, you'll see a **Profile Request** from the Organisation. Click on the **Create Profile** button, follow the prompts and completely fill out the form.

Operoo Central - My Account - Help - Sign Out

Operoo Home

Requests 0

001's Sample School has requested core information for Greg Burns.

CREATE PROFILE

My Profiles 0

+ Add Profile for you and your family members

Profiles Shared with Me 0

No profiles shared from family and friends.

NOTE: A profile will be shared with the Organisation until it's complete. As Update

Operoo Central - Form Library - My Account - Help - Sign Out

Operoo Home

Requests 0

001's Sample School - Queensland
Campus has requested core information for Greg Burns.
Please complete the profile so you can share it.

CREATE PROFILE

My Profiles 0

+ Add Profile

001's Sample School
Name: Greg Burns
Family: 1 user left
Update Requested

5. After you've completed the profile, you will be directed to the **Consent** page along with the contact information of the requesting Organisation. Click on the **Agree** button to consent and share the profile with them.

Consent

I confirm that the details provided in this profile for 001's Sample School are accurate to the best of my ability. By sharing this profile I confirm that the details can be relied upon by users of this information who have shared them in their own.

The following organisation have requested your profile information:

001's Sample School

Administrator: John Cumberbund
Name: John Cumberbund
Email: john.cumberbund@001sample.com
Country: Australia

If I consent to sharing my personal profile with the above organisation.

Please draw your signature below

001's Sample School

I agree

This profile has not been consented upon to last change more than a minute ago.

To check if you've successfully shared the profile, please click on the profile.

Learning and Teaching



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we all excitedly returned to school this year our commitment to the learning and wellbeing of our students remains our priority. We have been so impressed by the level of engagement within the newly refreshed learning spaces. The teachers continue to plan learning that reflects Victorian Curriculum standards.

Term One's Inquiry Big Idea:

We Pay Our Respect (History and Geography)

It's the beginning of a new school year. It's a time to celebrate new beginnings and appreciate our similarities and differences as members of the St. Peter's community. The world in which we live is diverse and changing and has been shaped by people and events of the past. Understanding historical and geographical changes, can influence our future decisions that shape humanity. Valuing our diverse cultures as well as continuing to develop our knowledge of Indigenous perspectives, helps us appreciate the importance of RESPECT.



Term One Overviews of Learning

Here are the Curriculum Overviews for each level for our Term 1 inquiry.
Please follow the links below to access overviews:

[Foundation Term 1 Learning Overview](#)

[Junior Term 1 Learning Overview](#)

[Middle Term 1 Learning Overview](#)

[Senior Term 1 Learning Overview](#)

Kindest regards,
Melissa Gatt
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Learning and Teaching Leader
Literacy Leader
STEM Advisor

The Week in Review

WELLBEING

Staff and students have been engaging in learning centred on developing relationships and a safe learning environment for all at St Peter's.

As a school community we have been revisiting our School Values; respect, positivity, responsibility and persistence through our S.T.A.R. Acronym.

Show respect

Think positively

Act responsibly

Remember to persist and bounceback

Students and staff have been engaged in dialogue about how we show our school values each day in our school community. After creating lists and bundling ideas together, St Peter's School now has five **Agreed Ways** that form the basis to ensure that all are happy and safe at St Peter's School.

Agreed Ways

1. Follow all staff directions.
2. Treat property and the environment with care.
3. Listen and speak respectfully.
4. Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself. Only touch in kindness.
5. Walk safely around the school.

Our Agreed Ways have only just been finalised and will be explored further in each of the learning spaces through a range of activities. Staff will be looking for students using our School Values; S.T.A.R and our Agreed Ways so they can receive stickers and other rewards.

Each fortnight one student from each class will receive a S.T.A.R. Award for displaying our School Value.



Congratulations to the following students who received a S.T.A.R. Award at our first school assembly.

Jed in 1/2LM	Billie in 1/2BG	Gabriel in 3/4JL	Sana in 5/6EP
Daniel in 1/2EW	Damian in 1/2JC	Mark in 5/6JM	Sheridan in 5/6GC
Maben in 3/4SC	Bethany in 3/4TB	Noah in 1/2 BG awarded by the specialist team	



Lent is the Christian season of preparation before Easter, beginning on Ash Wednesday and lasting 40 days. This liturgical season is marked with the colour purple.

This year Pope Francis has encouraged Catholics to practice charity during Lent. In his message he asks people to “*experience Lent with love*”. He goes on to say that “*love is a gift that gives meaning to our lives. It enables us to view those in need as members of our own family, as friends, brothers or sisters. A small amount, if given with love, never ends, but becomes a source of life and happiness.*”



Project Compassion is Caritas Australia’s annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal.

Millions of Australians come together in solidarity with the world’s poor to help end poverty and promote justice. It is the international aid and development organisation of the Catholic Church in Australia and is part of one of the largest aid and development networks in the world.

This year, Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion theme is ‘**Be More**’. It challenges us to venture into a new experience of compassion, and is taken from the invitation of St Oscar Romero, to “**Aspire not to have more, but to BE more.**” In doing so we acknowledge that we are called to a life of ‘being’ as opposed to ‘having’ because our human dignity is not gauged by what we have but what we are: made in the image and likeness of God. Who we are and how we relate to others and live out our lives is more important than what we have.

Sacrament Booking Reminder

If your child/ren are receiving a Sacrament this year you are required to make an online booking. Please use the information below log in to create a booking if you have not already done so.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow the prompts.

Please use the code that is relevant to your child (listed below).

Sacrament Celebrations for 2021	Online booking code
First Reconciliation	dw4yq
First Eucharist	yhx9x
Confirmation	e9yss

Should you have any further questions please contact Sara Brundell by phoning the school or email sbrundell@stprepp.catholic.edu.au



We proclaim a crucified Christ

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9 February 2021

*Parents and Carers of children in Catholic Schools
Staff and Colleagues in Catholic Education
Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne*

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

My warm and prayerful greetings to you all.

I do hope that the Christmas season brought many blessings to you despite the extraordinary times we find ourselves in.

May I take this opportunity to once again extend my gratitude to each and every one of you; parents, carers, teachers and administrators, who have risen to meet the challenges of these times.

You have been resilient and innovative, and kept your families and communities close in times of distancing. The rich life of Catholic education is an indispensable part of our missionary call to the Gospel, and the good people of God are blessed abundantly through your efforts.

I am sure that you are eager to commence this year and to be filled with the energy and excitement that comes from helping our young people flourish and grow.

May St Joseph, our protector, strengthen and guide you all as faithful carers and diligent workers as this year unfolds. Please know that my prayers are with you.

With every grace and blessing, I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne

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