ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL
Thursday 4th March 2021, Week 4, Term 1

To the St Peter's community,

Good afternoon Parents and Caregivers,

We are approaching our third Sunday in Lent
In this very beautiful homily for the **3rd Sunday of Lent, Year A**, we are given a real feel for what happened between Jesus and the Samaritan woman.

This is a reflection. It's written anonymously, but the one who wrote it was moved in the same way that we are **moved by the story of the Samaritan lady** who thirsted for something more than water. She thirsted for life itself.

"My brothers and sisters,
There is a thirst in every human heart.
Each of us is like that lonely Samaritan woman.
We are thirsting for something,
something that will satisfy all our longings.
But often we search in the wrong places.
We draw the water from many wells:
the water of praise to quench our thirst for self-esteem;
the water of success to quench our thirst for importance;
the water of pleasure to quench our thirst for joy.
And, yet, we still remain thirsty.
For only God can give us what we are looking for.
God alone can cause a spring to well up inside us
and the water from this spring will sustain us in our journey
to the Promised Land of everlasting life."

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

School Website
Last week we had 'School Presence' film crew on site taking footage of a day and life at St Peter's primary school.
Please open the link https://www.schoolpresence.com.au/post/virtual-school-tour-st-peter-s-epping

Many schools are turning to visual online tours as it is a challenge with different COVID restrictions. The footage allows our current families to experience a day inside the classroom and in the yard. We also want to allow potential families to see the great education we offer students at St Peter's.
There is a terrific vibe at St Peter's at present. The students are working hard adjusting to the daily structure of our literacy and numeracy block of learning. This is followed by Education and Family and Inquiry Learning. Wednesday is our school STEM day and specialists are on a Thursday.
The students are being taught to the point of entry.

I will let you know when the new footage is available. We have daily visual updates on our St Peter's Public Facebook account - please make sure you have joined.
On enrolment parents have given permission for their child to be posted on social media.

Please email me if it is your preference for your child not to be part of this platform.
Thank-you.

Angela Tonkin
atonkin@stprepp.catholic.edu.au

2022 Enrolments

Please contact the office asap if you have a Prep student to be enrolled in 2022. We have had a number of phone inquiries about Prep for 2022. Families that came through on Sunday and today were most impressed by our classroom structure, our vision to build teacher capacity, to improve student growth and our facilities.

Please tell families and friends about our Open Days or ring and make an appointment for a tour. Information is on our website

Thank you

Thank you to the families that have been paying their school fees. This contribution is greatly appreciated. Please come to the office and pay in person or online. If you are experiencing challenges with paying fees please make time to have a chat with me and we can work out a plan.

Staff change

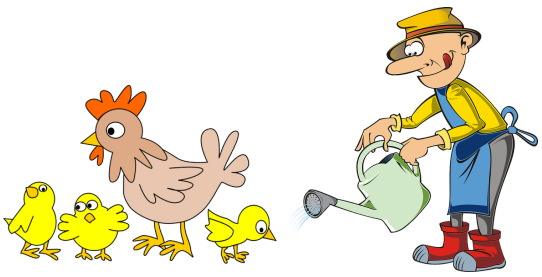
Year 3/4 classroom teacher Ms. Tanya Beaumont informed me last week that she has decided to focus on her family this year and will not continue in her classroom teaching role in Term 2, 3 and 4 2021. We wish Tanya and her family all the very best in what comes their way.

Mrs. Christine Moore has been working with our students as an intervention teacher this term in all classrooms. We are very excited that Christine has accepted the role as Year 3/ 4 teacher for the remainder of the year. Having Christine and Tanya working together for the rest of the term ensures a smooth and informed handover of student emotional and academic needs. Christine is an experienced teacher and is a wonderful asset to our middle school space. We will see Tanya at school during the year as a Casual Relief Teacher.

St Peter's Vegetable Garden

Our vegetable garden and chicken coup are an important part of our school identity. Our wonderful volunteer gardner Frank Ciechomski has informed me that due to ill health, he is unable to care for our garden and chickens. We are very grateful for the enormous contribution Frank has made to our school.

We are currently exploring options for a year level to take responsibility for the garden and chickens and establish a staff team. If you or a family member are interested in assisting with our garden and chickens, please contact me at the school.



Parish Letter

Attached to this newsletter is a Parish Letter. This letter welcomes our families and offers families the opportunity to make a voluntary donation to the parish.

This payment is not part of your child's enrolment fee and is not a payment expectation of enrolment at St Peter's.

The money donated to the church assists with running of the parish house, the church, insurance and assisting Fr Anh and Fr Nathan lead our parish community. Thanks for your consideration.

Dates to Remember

Monday 8th March	Public Holiday
Tuesday 9th March	Year 6 Leadership Speeches
Monday 22nd March	School Photo Day

In a world you can be anything

Kindest regards,
Angela Tonkin
atonkin@stprepp.catholic.edu.au

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

The Week in Review

AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the following students who received an award at our whole school assembly last week.

School Values **S**how Respect **T**hink Positively **A**ct Responsibly **R**emember to Persist and Bounceback.	Sophia 1/2JC Shaun 1/2 LM Dylan 1/2EW Nicholas 1/2 BG Joshua 3/4 TB Zaiden 3/4 SC Eva 3/4 JL Marcus 5/6 JM Dylan 5/6 EP Evana 5/6 GC
Whole School Agreed Ways ● Follow all staff directions. ● Treat property and the environment with care. ● Listen and speak respectfully. ● Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself. Only touch in kindness. ● Walk safely around the school.	

Advisory Council Report
Last Wednesday the school Advisory Board met with Angela and members of the school leadership team. It was the first onsite meeting since COVID restrictions began last year.

The board had a tour of the school and were most impressed with the new classroom structure and the flexible classroom spaces. It was the first time the board had seen the improvements to the junior space in which the ceiling has been lowered and sound pads put in the space to improve the learning for the students.

Angela shared the report from the school review completed at the end of last year - many of the actions had already started to be implemented to improve the growth of the students academic and social and emotional growth.

Reminders

This is the last week the school will communicate the newsletter and other information via the Storypark app. Please make sure all families have completed the registration process for their Operoo Care Profiles.

ADMINISTRATION
Notices:

School photo day is Monday March 22nd.

An order envelope with each child's name went home yesterday.
It is vital to the smooth operation of the pre-payment system that each child returns their own envelope, even if payment is enclosed in a sibling's envelope.
Sibling order envelopes are available at the office.

2022 Prep Enrolment for current families
Do you have a child starting Prep in 2021?
If so please collect an enrolment form from 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.

Coming Up at St Peter's School
Don't miss this online opportunity

St Peter's Primary School, Epping

Our school is part of a community partnership with:
St Joseph's - Mernda, St Mary's -Whittlsea, St Paul the Apostle - Doreen and St Mary of the Cross Mackillop - Epping.

As a collaborative, the community partnership is offering families of all the schools to attend an online workshop:

GROWING UP ONLINE

Cyber Safety with Susan McLean
Wednesday 10th March
Time: 7pm
Location : Zoom

Susan is an excellent presenter and this FREE online presentation will assist our families to understand the online platform that so many of our children are part of.
What are our children accessing online? How can we support our children?

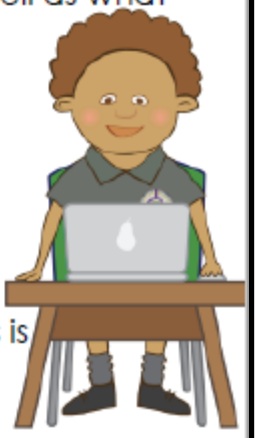
Please see the flyers attached to this email for more details.
I strongly encourage you to all attend.
Kindest regards,

Angela Tonkin
Principal

GROWING UP ONLINE

Cyber Safety Night with Susan McLean

An educational and entertaining session for Parents and carers, Susan's unparalleled knowledge leaves audiences shocked at the reality of the online world. It is a wake up call to even the most switched on parent and is delivered with Susan famous & nonsense approach.
The session will cover the positive benefits of technology as well as what parents need to be aware of:



- Cyberspace 101. The reality of the online world. It's not a matter of if – rather than when.
- What are kids doing online. Learn the latests apps and platforms your kids are either on.
- Online Grooming. What is it and when/how does it occur? What are the warning signs & what to do if you suspect this is happening to your child.
- Cyberbullying. What it is, where it happens, what it looks like, how to prevent and what to do if it occurs. Also the legal consequences and the possible criminal charges.
- Problematic Gaming. How to manage digital devices in your home.

Cyber Safety NIGHT
When: Wednesday the 10th of March
Time: 7pm (1 hour and 40 minutes duration)
Location: ZOOM Meeting Code:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88232601558?pwd=bHpNV1dCUE1OanVSWmtDaGN3Tmdadz09
Cost: FREE

St Mary's Parish Primary School Whittlesea

St Paul the Apostle CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, DOREEN

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL EPPING NORTH

Growing up Online

CyberSafety SOLUTIONS

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- **Cyberspace 101.** The reality of the online world. It's not a matter of if – rather than when.
- **What are kids doing online**. Learn the latests apps and platforms your kids are either on, want to be on or are being told about at school. TikTok, Omegle, House Party & more.
- **Online Grooming**. What is it and when/how does it occur? What are the warning signs & what to do if you suspect this is happening to your child.
- **Cyberbullying**. What it is, where it happens, what it looks like, how to prevent and what to do if it occurs. Also the legal consequences and the possible criminal charges.
- **Sharing Nudes**. The taking and sending of explicit images.The social and emotional consequences as well as the Law.
- **Problematic Gaming.** How to manage digital devices in your home to avoid problems and what to do if/when they arise.
- **Exposure to damaging content.** Including online pornography & site that encourage suicide, self harm & eating disorders.
- **Top Tips**– how to assist the children in your care to stay safe online with rules, parental controls and restriction passcodes.
- **The session will conclude with time for questions.**

What Susan doesn't know about Cybersafety is not worth knowing! She is absolutely brilliant and her presentations are dynamic and entertaining. She has the unique ability to connect with each audience from young people to adults.
(Dr Michael Carr-Gregg Adolescent Psychologist)

The best cybersafety talk I have ever seen! This is why I only choose to have Susan present. Our community deserves the best.
(Principal)

***Susan McLean** is Australia's foremost expert in the area of Cybersafety and young people. She was the first Victorian Police Officer appointed to a position involving Cybersafety and young people. Susan took her first report of cyberbullying in 1994 and since then she has conducted extensive research and has completed advanced training & tertiary studies in both the USA and UK and is a sought after presenter and advisor to Schools, elite sporting bodies such as the AFL, GP's, and both State and Federal Governments. She has authored resources for the Victorian DET, writes and reviews school Policy, provides crisis management/advice to schools & national & international companies. A sought after media commentator for television, print and radio, she recently co-authored the NSW Govt. review into mobile phones in schools. She is the most highly qualified & experienced presenter in Australia & is internationally renowned. Susan is a member of the National Centre Against Bullying (NCAB), a Trusted Education Provider (Office of the eSafety Commissioner) & an ambassador for Collective Shout. A published author, her book 'Sext's Texts & Selfies', is the definitive guide for parents, teachers and carers to help children stay safe online.*

CyberSafety SOLUTIONS

Introducing Susan McLean...

Why choose Susan?

LeadingAustralian Expert and Internationally renowned for her knowledge on all things cybersafety and young people.

Exceptionalqualifications and with over 24 years experience in cyberspace. (Incl. 27yrs Victoria Police)

Unsurpassedexperience in dealing with online issues across all platforms.

Unique understanding of the school environment including Duty of Care and how that applies in the digital space.

Comprehensiveunderstanding of the Law (Criminal and Civil). When and how to involve Police.

ExpertPolicy Development and crisis management.

Qualifications

Keeping children safe online - NSPCC & CEOP UK (2015)
Teaching Digital Citizenship - NCMEC USA (2015)
Certificate of Training - Dallas Crimes against Children Conference (2012)
Certificate in Child Safety on the Internet - University of Central Lancashire UK
Certificate of Training Protecting Children online - Fox Valley Technical College USA
Certificate of Training - Internet Crimes Against Children Conference (Dallas 2008)
Certificate IV Assessment and Workplace Training - ASEAN Training & Education Services

Don't settle for a trained facilitator or presenter with NO cybersafety qualifications who deliver a rigid or one dimensional program. Susan's sessions are tailored to each audience, are engaging, clear, concise and comprehensive. Your school, workplace, sport club or community deserves the best.

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St. Peter's School
Parent Reading Session

Learn how you can help support your child with their reading at home.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,
We are excited to invite you to our Parent Reading Session run by literacy consultant, Jane Plunkett on **Wednesday 17th of March at 9:15am in the School Library.**

The teaching staff have been working with Jane for the past 6 months, learning how to best teach reading skills to their students.

We now look forward to providing an opportunity for you to come along to our **Parent Reading Session** next week and learn about how you can support your child's reading development at home and how we teach reading here at St. Peter's Primary School.

During the session Jane will outline the latest research regarding the BIG 6 of reading along with providing some great book titles for you to read with your children. To find out more about Jane, please click on this link Jane Plunkett Educational Consultant to read about her experience.

Following the session, we will provide morning tea so you can chat about all things reading and books!

Your younger children are more than welcome to attend, however if you are unable to join us, please know the reading session will be recorded and uploaded onto our school website for you to access the information shared.
We hope you can join us!
Melissa Gatt
Literacy Leader
mgatt@stprepp.catholic.edu.au

St Peter's Catholic Parish

"Grace And Peace Be Yours In Abundance" (1 Peter 1:2)

2021 PARISH CONTRIBUTION

Dear School Families,

Welcome to a new School year and new beginnings for all School families!

Your child/ren first were introduced to our Church at Baptism, now the connection takes another step by attending our Parish Schools. These connections follow through by your contributing to our growing Parish in several ways, including financially. Our Parish is committed to providing the Sacraments, faith education and pastoral services for everyone in our Parish.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to those who have already contributed and ask those who have not to do so to the Parish in 2021 through your commitment of **$400 to the 2021 Parish Contribution.** In order to **not** be an additional financial burden on families, the Parish Contribution amount of $400 has remained the same as in previous years. Payment options are listed below.

Please fill in and return via email or in person to the Parish office.

To reduce the cost on damaging our environment and sending letters through the schools, we would appreciate all families sending your email addresses so we can communicate by email (please see below).

PAYMENT OPTIONS - PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR OPTION [PLEASE PRINT]

FAMILY EMAIL ADDRESS:.....

Family Surname and Eldest child's name:.....

CASH /CHEQUE/DIRECT DEBIT OR CREDIT CARD: Visa ☐ Master Card ☐

Card number: ...../...../...../..... Expiry Date...../.....

Name on the card:.....

Please debit $..... from my credit card on .....date.

Signature.....

INTERNET BANKING:

ACCOUNT NAME: EPPING CATHOLIC PARISH CHURCH

BSB: 083 347 **A/C NO.** 65880 7871 **REF:** Your eldest child & family name

Please feel free to come to visit us at 13 Davisson Street, Epping, have a chat and ask any questions regarding Parish life. We would be more than happy to assist in any way possible.

With very best wishes

Fr Anh Nguyen (Parish Priest)

Tim Kelly
(Principal Glowrey Parish Primary)

Angela Tonkin
(Principal St Peter's Epping)

Claire Pitcher
(Acting Principal
St Mary of the Cross Epping Nth)