

# ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday 21st July 2022, Week 2, Term 3



# NEWSLETTER

## Acknowledgment of Country

*We acknowledge this land as the Traditional Lands of the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin nation and we pay our respects to all elders past, present and emerging.*

*We will respect the land, animals and waterways, from the roots of the earth to the tops of the trees.*

*Thank you for letting us learn and grow on your mother earth. We understand that if we protect and look after the country, then the country will look after us.*



## School Vision

St Peter's is a faith filled and inclusive community that embraces diversity. We aspire to engage and empower all to think critically and act justly, guided by our catholic values, on our journey as lifelong learners.

## St Peter's School Improvement Framework

**To empower students to learn**

**To build teacher pedagogical practices**

**To strengthen partnerships with families and the wider community**

## Principal Report

Good afternoon St Peter's Community,

It has definitely been a very cold start to the term. The mornings have certainly been very cold this week and our students have needed their coats outside. Our class rooms are heated. I encourage the students to wear jackets outside but they do not need to wear additional clothing inside.

## After and before school care : EXTEND

We provide the service of before and after school care at St Peter's. Please contact the school office if you require more information about the service.

We need more families to access this valuable service to ensure it continues to be part of our school.

### **Term 3 Activities**

Term three commenced with our students **celebrating NAIDOC week**. The theme this year is ***Get Up! StandUp! ShowUp!***

The students were immersed in indigenous learning last week. The Moffatt and Neophytou Family presented our school with a collaborative piece of indigenous artwork. Each student and teacher contributed to the painting with their unique fingerprint. Thank you Ashlee and Mulvina for your generous time in helping to create this beautiful piece of art.



This week we launched our **Child Safety, Child Friendly Safety Guide**. This guide refers to the diversity of all children, and specifically mentions Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, children with disabilities, and children who are vulnerable. The child friendly guide will be easily located by our students and a resource for each child to access.

On Friday 22nd July our community will celebrate **Grandparents and Special Friends Day**. This will include afternoon activities for the grown ups that are important people in the lives of our students.

Our Year 3/4 students will be attending the Melbourne Zoo on Friday and they will join our grandparents celebration day at 3pm.

On Thursday 4th of August (week 4) our senior school students will be involved in a **STEM showcase** and incursion: **Musical Futures Express Yourself**.

Friday 5th of August students will be involved in a **Softball** incursion.

## **Parent committee meeting**

Thank you to our wonderful parents and grandparents that attended our parent committee meeting yesterday at 2.30pm.

Together we discussed the planning for our Father's Day stall and an open day for dad's and significant males in our school community to visit our school.

We also came up with a number of student celebration activities and some fundraising opportunities. Our next meeting is Wednesday 24th of August at 2.30pm. All families are welcome to attend and be part of our parents community.

Thank you for your support in building school and family connections and relationships.

 20.7.22 Parent Committee Minute Meetings

## **Ongoing Health & Wellbeing measures during Term 3**

With the commencement of Term 3 and the continuation of COVID infections and the influenza season, St Peter's continues to ensure there are ongoing measures in place to safeguard the health and wellbeing of all members of our school community.

### **Face Masks**

**It is strongly recommended by the Department of Health that face masks are worn in indoor settings, with face masks mandatory for those aged eight and over who are household contacts and attending school. This is because wearing masks is effective in reducing the transmission of COVID-19.**



**In practice, this means that the Victorian Government is asking that, through to the end of winter, students aged eight and over and staff wear masks when in class, except where removing a mask is necessary for clear communication or when a particular activity requires the removal of a mask.**

**Masks will be made available to all students each day at school and the students can opt to wear a mask indoors. All classrooms have been provided with a box of masks for students to access.**

Masks are not required to be worn outdoors, but can be worn when physical distancing is not possible. We understand that parents and carers will play an important role in supporting this expectation. A letter signed by the three school sectors (Catholic, Government and Independent) explains this will be a consistent expectation across all schools in Victoria this winter.

Click on the link to access the letter: [Letter-to-parents-15-July-2022 \(1\).pdf](#)

## **Changes to the reduction of testing and isolation exemption period**

The period of time when someone is considered a recently confirmed case and therefore exempt from testing and isolation requirements has been reduced from the previous **12 weeks to four weeks.**

This means that a student or staff member who is a household contact and wishes to attend school must take five RATs over seven days and receive negative test results, and wear a face mask (if over eight years old) in indoor spaces. This applies from four weeks after the end of an isolation period when they were a case.

Families will also have to report being a household contact to their school after this four-week period.

### **Rapid Antigen Tests**

The Victorian Government is providing up to three further deliveries of Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) in Term 3 and again in Term 4 to schools. RAT tests will be distributed to families as they are received by the school.

Kindest regards  
Angela Tonkin

**Please follow our school on Facebook and Instagram. You can also see our social media images on our school website.**



### **Grandparents/Special Persons Afternoon**



Tomorrow Friday 22nd July we will celebrate Grandparents/Special Person Afternoon. This is a special time for our students to celebrate these special people in their lives and to thank them for the support and love that they give to them each and every day.

Grandparents and Special Persons will be asked to enter the school via the Galilee Space at 2:30pm. Students are working in mixed class groupings and have been allocated the same learning space as their siblings. We will have lists available to locate the rooms that they are working in and staff to assist you with finding your way.

## Religious Education



Next Week the Church celebrates the feast day of St Jochim and St Anne, the parents of Mary. We celebrate the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, Grandparents of Jesus.

Not only did Joachim and Anne raise a sinless daughter, they also had a perfect grandson; Jesus! Joachim and Anne performed their parenting responsibilities with grace. Their feast day is on July 26th. This is a day to honour them and all grandparents for their contribution to our lives.

Let us pray for our Grandparents

God of love,

We thank you for our wonderful grandparents.

They bring such joy and happiness into our lives.

Thank you for all the special times that we have with them.

Please watch over them, protect them and care for them.

Amen



## Child Safety

### **Child Safety Week**

This week is Child Safety Week at St Peter's. Throughout the week the students have been learning about being safe because '**we all have the right to feel safe**'.

We are learning that when we are feeling unsafe that we can **recognise** that feeling, **react** to it and **report** it to a trusted adult.

Levels have explored feelings and body clues, the clues our body uses that help us to recognise our feelings. They have also discussed and named 5 trusted adults that they can talk to if they are feeling unsafe and need help.

Child Safety week has been a good opportunity to open discussions about reporting unsafe behaviours as well as remind ourselves how we keep each other safe and happy at school; by following our Agreed Ways and living out our School Values each day.





## Class Leaders

This week each class has elected a class leader. The class leaders will work with Mrs Brundell to discuss safety at the school. These students will represent the students at our school and work to continue to make St Peter's a safe and happy place.



Ashish PGV	Shan PGC	Cassidy 1AM	Georgie 1EW
Aria 1LP	Jake 2JL	Daniel 2SC	Ioanna 2AC
Shreya R 3/4SC	Anna 3/4BG	Joshua 3/4PS	Natalia 3/4TD
Karthik 5/6EP	Claudia 5/6JW	Sebastian 5/6JM	

## Teaching & Learning

### NAIDOC Week

It has certainly been a powerful and engaging return to school for Term 3. Last week the school celebrated and recognised the culture, history and achievements of Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander people during our NAIDOC week teaching and learning inquiry. Thank you to the parents who joined us in our whole school assemblies. A big thank you once again to Nicholas' family, Ashlee and Mulvina, for collaborating with our students to create a St. Peter's original artwork. If you'd like to see this art piece in person, it is displayed in our school library. We feel very privileged to be presented with this special and meaningful gesture.



### Learning Helpers needed in classrooms

Parent Helpers are valued members of our school community. Last term we invited our past volunteers who have already fulfilled the training workshop and compliance back into our learning spaces. We are once again offering an information session next Thursday 28th July at 9:15am for all new parents and carers who are interested in learning more about how to become a Learning

Helper in our classrooms. We hope to see many new faces as we work in teaching and learning partnership.

## **STEM**

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) is hosting the annual STEM MAD (Make A Difference) Showcase on 4th August 2022. I am pleased to announce that St. Peter's will be taking 2 groups of senior school students to represent our school in 2 categories. A group of students will be entering their plane that they constructed during their aviation inquiry and are hopeful that they have designed and constructed the fastest flying plane. Another group of students have been selected to showcase their STEM inquiry that has aimed to solve a real world problem. A BIG thankyou to our senior school teachers, Mrs. Jane Molinaro, Miss. Emma Perri and Mr. James Warren for their guidance, amazing teaching instruction and facilitation to fulfil their aviation inquiry. Equally, BIG gratitude goes to our STEM teachers, Ms. Laura Mercuri and Ms. Rachael Lorkin who have delivered exceptional teaching opportunities for the students to work through a design thinking process, think critically, fly drones all the whilst keeping the students engaged in their learning and having fun doing so. Good luck senior students!!



## **Home Learning**

A friendly reminder that we need your support to develop good home learning habits when students bring home their homework tasks. Reading is encouraged daily. Spelling and word fluency is also important each night. If you are not sure what home learning tasks your child should be doing, please contact your child's teacher.

## **Term 3 Curriculum Overviews**

As we have started a new term, teachers have prepared new classroom inquiries. Please see the attached Curriculum Term 3 Overview to learn more specifically what your child/ren will be inquiring into across this term.

[Foundation Term 3 overview](#)

[Year One Term 3 overview](#)

[Year Two Term 3 Overview](#)

[Middle Term Three overview](#)

[Senior Term Three Overview](#)

As always, if you have any questions or need any clarification, please email me and I will be more than happy to assist. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Melissa Gatt

Teaching and Learning Leader

[mgatt@stprepp.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mgatt@stprepp.catholic.edu.au)

***Prep - Grade 2 parents: A note has been sent home with your child for parents interested in becoming parent helpers:***

Dear Parents and Carers

This is an extended invitation to all new parents/carers to join us in learning how to become a Learning Helper here at St. Peter's. The information Parent Helper Workshop session will be held next week, on **Thursday 28th July from 9:15am - 10:15am** with tea and coffee to follow.

This is an opportunity to learn more about what is involved in being a helper in our learning spaces. If you are interested in becoming a learning helper and will attend the information session next week, please fill in the rsvp form attached and hand it in to your child's teacher before the session.

Thank you for your support and cooperation as we build a teaching and learning partnership.

Kind regards,

Melissa Gatt

Teaching and Learning Leader

Literacy Leader

If you would like to learn more about becoming a Parent Helper, please fill out the form below and return it to your teacher:

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name and Classroom: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I will be attending the Parent Helper Information Session on

Thursday 28th July, 2022 from 9:15am.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Replies may also be submitted via Operoo)

## **No sharing of food**

Celebrating Birthdays and other special events.

Birthdays are a special time of year and we endeavour to make children feel special on this day and always. In line with our no sharing of food policy, it is important that you discuss with your child that food brought from home should not be shared with other children at school. Children are not permitted to bring cakes or lollies to school to share with classmates on their birthday. This is also the case for other celebrations throughout the year, including Easter and Christmas. Food cannot be given as a gift or shared with other children at school.



## **Procedure for Reporting an Absence**

Thank you to the families that are using the [notices@stprepp.catholic.edu.au](mailto:notices@stprepp.catholic.edu.au) email account or the 'Report an Absence' link on our website, to notify the school of an absence.

It is not always possible for teachers to access emails before they mark the morning roll or they may also be absent. By sending an email to the notices email address, the office staff can make sure the roll is updated. Please send an email for each day your child is absent, or specify a date range for their absence.

## **Updating your personal and contact information & changes to student medical conditions**

Do we have your most up to date contact details? If not, please contact the school on [office@stprepp.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@stprepp.catholic.edu.au) so we can update our records. This includes parent/carers' name, address, phone numbers, email address and emergency contact details.

Please ensure any changes to student medical conditions are communicated directly to the office in person or via email. This will help to ensure that appropriate measures are put in place to manage your child's medical condition.

## Key Dates Term 3

July	Key Dates Term 3
Friday 22nd	Year 3/4 excursion: Melbourne Zoo (returning by 3pm)
Friday 22nd	Grandparents and special friends day
Tuesday 26th	Second hand uniform shop open 08:45 - 09:15am & 2.45 - 3.15pm
Wednesday 27th	Yr 5 visit to St Monica's Dalton Road Campus 11.45 - 12.45
Thursday 28th	Classroom helpers workshop
August	
Tuesday 2nd	Second hand uniform shop open 08:45 - 09:15am & 2.45 - 3.15pm
Thursday 4th	Musical Features Incursion - Middles & Seniors
Friday 5th	Softball Incursion
Tuesday 9th	Second hand uniform shop open 08:45 - 09:15am & 2.45 - 3.15pm
Thursday 11th	School Assembly 9.30am
Thursday 11th	Advisory Board Meeting - 7pm
Mon 15 - Wed 17	Year 5/6 Camp
Mon 22 - Fri 26	BOOK WEEK - Dreaming With Eyes Open
Monday 22nd	Book Week dress up parade - Galilee Space
Wednesday 24th	R.A. Spratt Author visit (Years 3 - 6)
Wednesday 24th	Parent Committee Meeting 2.30 - 3.30pm
Thursday 25th	Open classroom for storytime - parents invited to attend
Thursday 25th	Semper Dental visit
Friday 26th	Semper Dental visit
Friday 26th	The Bremen Town Musicians Incursion (Prep - Year 2)
<b>Friday 12th</b>	<b>School Closure Day - Staff Professional Development</b>
Tuesday 16th	Second hand uniform shop open 08:45 - 09:15am & 2.45 - 3.15pm
Tuesday 23rd	Second hand uniform shop open 08:45 - 09:15am & 2.45 - 3.15pm
Tuesday 30th	Art Show & STEM Exhibition 8.30am - 9am + 3.30pm - 5pm
Wednesday 31st	Fathers day gift packing 1.30 - 3.30pm (parent helpers)
<b>September</b>	<b>ST MONICA'S COLLEGE. EPPING</b>

Thursday 1st	Fathers Day Gift Stall (9 - 11am)
Friday 2nd	Dads & Donuts 2.30 - 3.30pm - Galilee Space
Tuesday 6th	Second hand uniform shop open 08:45 - 09:15am & 2.45 - 3.15pm
Tuesday 13th	Second hand uniform shop open 08:45 - 09:15am & 2.45 - 3.15pm
	Footy Day - Dress up as favourite sports hero. Wear football or favourite sports outfit. \$2 gold coin donation
Thursday 15th	Hot lunch provided - sausage sizzle (or meat free option)
<b>Friday 16th</b>	<b>End of Term 3 - 1.30pm finish</b>



## IT'S GETTING CHILLY! WARM UP WITH OUR WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM!

**Fight off the cold with some holiday fun!**

Get creative with some squirt painting,  
warm up with capture the flag  
and become the greatest showman  
with our wacky circus incursion!

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Secure your spot for your children today!**



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# National Tree Day

**Sunday 31 July**  
**12pm-4pm**

**Norris Bank Reserve,  
McLeans Rd Bundoora**

**FREE  
EVENT**

-  **Tree planting**
-  **Wild Action Zoo**
-  **Art and craft activities**
-  **BBQ, coffee and so much more!**

[whittlesea.vic.gov.au/events](http://whittlesea.vic.gov.au/events)



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