

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday 3rd March 2022, Week 6, Term 1

NEWSLETTER

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

Buongiorno (Good morning / Hello) St Peter's Community,

Our community is embracing learning the Italian language. Collectively we are greeting each other and asking how we are feeling each day in Italian. I love when I hear our students are teaching families phrases at home and sharing their new learning.

Each day I walk through our learning spaces and see happy children engaging with each other, working independently or in a small teacher focus group. We have certainly begun the year positively. Teachers are challenging and stretching the learning of each student. I am most appreciative of the effort our amazing teachers and learning support officers are putting in each day and the willingness our students display to learn new concepts. Every student at St Peter's will experience success.

Welcome to the families that have joined our school since the start of this year. We are so glad you are part of our inclusive community.

I hope our community embraces all we have to offer at our amazing school.



School Captains

I had a meeting with our 2022 school captains this week. They offered feedback and student voices on how our year has begun. Moving forward our school captains will wear fluo vests when on the yard during recess and lunch. This is to enable students to identify our student leaders and ask for support in joining friendship activities and interacting with other students positively. Our teacher, Wellbeing Leader, Sara Brundell will work with our school leaders to give them strategies in dealing with student questions and how to best offer support. This will be explained to the students at our assembly today.

Next week I will meet with our house captains and discuss student activity groups during lunch time to support student friendship activities. Empowering student voice.

The captains have introduced themselves in this newsletter. Please see the pages below.

Swimming Sports

Students have represented our school at the district swimming sports today held at the Broadmeadows pool. It is an exciting time to see our students taking part in district school sport activities. The students were so excited and each one achieved a personal best in their chosen races. I was extremely proud of their sportsmanship and their sense of pride representing St Peter's. Congratulations to our swim captains - Kyle and Lara.

Thanks to Christine Moore, our Physical Education teacher for her enthusiasm to ensure our students have opportunities to experience sporting competitions against other schools. It has been a very long time since our school has been represented at the district swimming sports. We are always open to what worked well and how communication with families could be improved.

I encourage all families to book students in swimming lessons outside of school hours.

Learning to swim is a life skill.



Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths

We have introduced a new STEM program this year and our STEM teachers Laura Mercuri and Rachael Lorkin are doing an excellent job engaging students in our STEM maker space.

St Peter's received the Aviation Project and Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools STEM Innovation Grant for 2022. Enthusiasm for the project was evident with almost 60 applications for 2022. Five primary schools were accepted into the program. Congratulations St Peter's !

Great things are happening at St Peter's in STEM 2022.

Chicken Coop

The chicken coop is a favourite place for many of our students. Last year we re-homed our chickens to a larger space.

I am seeking some support from families to reestablish our chicken coop and get it ready for some new chickens. **We need your help - It needs a bit of a face lift and tidy up.**

Please email me if you are able to help with the project - it can be during school hours, after school hours or on the weekend. Whatever works best for you.

atonkin@stprepp.catholic.edu.au

Once it is ready our junior and middle students can investigate getting some new hens for our school.



2022 School Leaders

During our zoom school assembly today, we announced our new school leaders.

Congratulations to the following Year 5 and 6 students.

We look forward to working with you in your chosen curriculum area.

Wellbeing Leaders

Ronan Cisar
Joshua Murphy
Rajdeep Giran

Digital Technology Leaders

Allegra Sajeve
Yash Balyan
Kyle Benito
Mark Raddino
Arnold Chemwolo

Italian Leaders

Noah Gaudio
Isiah Bozic
Mason Taylor
Alyssa Adam
Lara Matti
Adrian Accaputo

Learning Leaders

Ayra Sharma
Thai Hoang
Ashika Jaggi

Faith Leaders

Steffi Tran
Abigail Josephpillai
Thimashi Talpawila

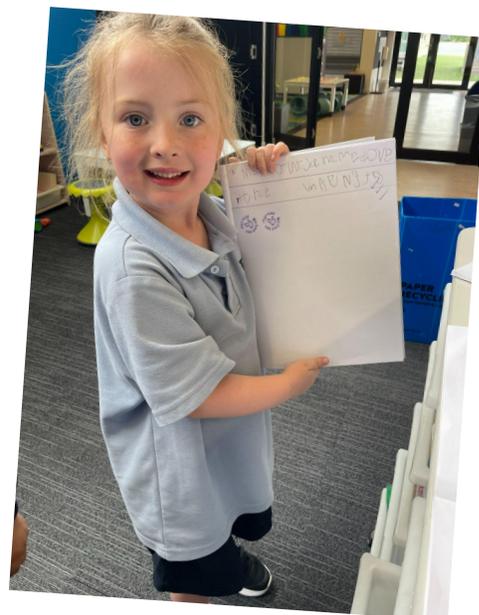
2023 Enrolments

We have begun taking 2023 Prep enrolments. The Epping community is certainly embracing our new chapter and it is exciting the number of families expressing interest in our amazing school and all we have to offer.

Please ensure if you have a child starting Prep in 2023 you contact the office for an enrolment pack.

Please tell your family, friends and the community about the opportunities and extensive curriculum we offer our students.

Every child will experience success at St Peter's.



WE NEED YOU TO BE PART OF OUR 2022 COMMUNITY GROUP

Last newsletter I reached out to our community for volunteers to be part of a **Community Group** to assist with some fundraising activities, community activities, Mother's Day stall, Father's Day stall, a student disco and Easter activities. Sadly I only received two emails from individuals that wanted to be part of the group.

I am encouraging families to be active participants and allow the school to listen to community voices and build relationships. Please email me if you are interested in being part of our community group and include a day and time that you are available and I will do my best to accommodate your availability. Look forward to hearing from you.

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Together we can do great things.

Kind regards,

Angela Tonkin

Like our facebook and instagram accounts and get weekly and daily updates on what is happening at St Peter's.



2022 School Captain Introductions



Liam

Hi St Peter's

My name is Liam and I am one of the school vice captains for 2022. I am confident that I will help the St Peter's community grow and thrive. I enjoy doing maths, reading, puzzles and making other people laugh. I look forward to taking on this role and getting to know each and every one of you.

Sana

Hello teachers and students of St Peter's. My name is Sana. I'm one of your school captain's this year. I enjoy doing jigsaw puzzles, bike riding and playing with my dog Leo. I'm really honoured to be a school captain for 2022! It is a huge privilege and responsibility. I look forward to working with everyone at St Peters and doing my absolute best to support and help all, whenever they need it.

Emma

Hey!

My name is Emma and I am so excited to be your vice captain this year! I enjoy drawing, doing art and going outside. I can't wait to participate in all kinds of fun and productive activities together throughout this year.

Alex

Hello my name is Alex and I am the school captain for 2022. I love cooking and playing video games with my fellow classmates. I have been cooking since I was 6 years old and it's really fun making something that someone loves and enjoys. I also love colouring while watching videos. It keeps me calm and cool. These are some things about me. And good luck to the swimming tournament people, hope you win!!!!.

Wellbeing News

Congratulations to Our Agreed Ways Award Winners this week.

Shan PGC	Ashish PGV	Aric 1AM	Natalia 1EW	Brody 1LP
Ryan 2JL	Narveer 2AC	Angie 2SC	Rehmat 3/4SC	Anna 3/4BG
John 3/4PS	Nathan 3/4TD	Alana 5/6JW	Jamie 5/6JM	BJ 5/6EP

Education in Faith

Forgiveness is a way of life. Everyday we called to forgive one another. As these children prepare for their First Reconciliation we pray together

Lord, as these children prepare to celebrate their First Reconciliation, help us to be models. Help us to show love and compassion and to forgive and say sorry. Guide us to be peacemakers in our school community and beyond.

Amen

Zofia	Jed	Aiden	Lynh	Lucas	Anik
Abigail	Adam	Alexa	Frances	Sofia	Joshua Miguel
Dion	Jayda	Shaun	Shenel	Oliver	Siena



We celebrated Ash Wednesday with paralituries in each classroom.

Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Lent is the time before Holy Week, where we take some extra time to stop and think about what we need to change in our lives to prepare us for the special season of Easter. Lent lasts for 40 days and during this time we think extra hard about how much we love God and how much He loves us. We remember that God loves us so much that He gave up His only son for us.

This liturgical season is marked with the colour purple.

During Lent, we are encouraged to donate to **Project Compassion** to support others in local and global communities. **Project Compassion** has the theme for 2022 is **‘For All Future Generations’**. This reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build a better future for all.

As St Pope John Paul II said, **“The future starts today, not tomorrow.”** Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

Donations can be added to the Project compassion boxes in each classroom.

SENIOR NEWS!

On Monday, the Year 5/6 students had their second 'Leadership' session with Kate Wilde and Jane. Within their groups they discussed their ideas for teaching others and spreading KINDNESS within the school community. The next step is to plan their action and allocate roles for completing their task. Some groups have some very creative ideas planned. We look forward to seeing KINDNESS spreading throughout the school.



HOME LEARNING:

Formal HOME LEARNING began on Monday. Each week the students' tasks will be posted on the SENIOR GOOGLE CLASSROOM informing them of the Reading, Writing/Spelling and Maths tasks they need to complete. It is important for them to organise their time to get the activities completed on a daily basis. SMART Spelling books need to be returned each FRIDAY.

WELL DONE to ALANA in 5/6 JW for being so organised and getting straight into her Home Learning tasks.



Year 1's

Over the last couple of weeks the Year 1 students have been working hard to write, illustrate and publish their own books about themselves. Students have all used adjectives to describe their appearance, have identified their interests and hobbies, have described their family and have shared all the fun things they like to do with their friends. They have drawn matching illustrations for each page of their books and have created a bright front cover. Students have enjoyed sharing different details about themselves as well as learning how everyone is different. They have made connections to our Inquiry unit about accepting others, even if they are different.

Well done Year 1s!



Learning Diversity

NCCD

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) takes place every year. The NCCD is a collection that counts:

- the number of school students receiving an adjustment or 'help' due to disability
- the level of adjustment they are receiving to access education on the same basis as other students.

Students are counted in the NCCD if they receive ongoing adjustments at school due to disability. This 'help' allows them to access education on the same basis as a child without disability. The NCCD uses the definition of disability in the Disability Discrimination Act 1992. Schools provide this information to education authorities. The [NCCD Factsheet for Parents, Guardians and Carers](#) provides further information.

Strengthening Partnerships with families and the wider community

Introducing our Year 2 & 3/4 Team

Amy Clifford

Hi everyone, I'm Amy Clifford. I am a Year 2 teacher and this is my fourth year at St Peter's. I have been teaching for many years and have worked in Shepparton and around the North Eastern suburbs of Melbourne. I love teaching all subject areas but my absolute favourites are Reading and Maths. Most children in the school know me as the cheeky teacher who loves doing yard duty on the adventure playground. You will often find me going down the slide with the children or trying to do the monkey bars!



Susie Camilleri

Hi my name is Susie Camilleri. I joined the wonderful St Peter's school community midway through 2021. This year I am teaching Yr 2. I love the enthusiasm, warmth and eagerness of the children at St Peter's. I enjoy seeing kids learn and grow to become the best they can be.

I have four children of my own although they are all adults now, they still keep me busy. I also have 2 dogs and two cats that I adore. Our family loves catching up at picnics or going out to dinner.

Jemma Lockyer

Hi my name is Jemma Lockyer and I am teaching our fabulous year 2 children this year. I love coming to school everyday and seeing all the children's big smiles! My favourite thing to do is to read and talk about stories with the class. I have two cheeky dogs, one is called Hagrid and the other is Rafiki! You might have heard them bark when we were learning online last year!



Shelby Chiminello

Hello everyone! My name is Shelby Chiminello (Miss C) and I am Grade 2 SC's classroom teacher on Fridays and an intervention teacher from Tuesday to Thursday. This is my first year at St. Peter's and I'm excited to see what's to come throughout my time working here. St. Peter's has such a great community and I'm looking forward to getting involved and being a part of it. I can't wait to get to know all of the students here and build positive relationships both inside and outside of the classroom, as I have always loved working with kids and helping them grow. I previously taught physical education last year as I love being active and playing different sports especially AFL. I also love going to the beach in summer and to the snow to snowboard in the winter time! I have a dog named Ollie who is in my photo with me and he is a maltese poodle.

Sophie

My name is Sophie and I am a teacher in the year 3/4 area. I started my St Peter's journey in 2018 as a casual relief teacher and have taught in the Middle school since 2019. I love building relationships with my students and families and I am very excited for the journey ahead with my class this year. I strive to create a comfortable, safe and caring learning environment where we are a team.

I love to get away to the beach in my spare time and enjoy the company of my friends. Exploring new places and being out in nature is something I find calming. I have a cheeky dog named Bella. We bought her from The Lost Dogs Home almost 15 years ago. I am looking forward to all of the amazing things this year will bring!

Billy Guler

Ciao Families of St Peter's,

My name is Billy Guler and I am a 3/4 teacher. I have been a teacher at St Peter's for four years, having previously taught in the junior school. I am very excited to expand my knowledge by teaching at a new year level.

Something that I consider to be very important is the relationships I have with my students and their families. I believe these relationships help me to know my students better, which in turn helps me understand how to teach them at their point of need. I endeavor to create a learning space where children feel safe and are able to take risks to challenge themselves in their learning.

In my spare time I love to spend time with my family and friends. I enjoy trying foods from different cuisines and learning new recipes. My favourite recipes always include chocolate! This year I am looking forward to working together with you to further the development of your child's growth.



Louise Pasquali

My name is Louise Pasquali and I have 2 roles at St Peter's school this year. I work in the Middle school as a classroom teacher 3 days a week and in the Library 1 day per week.

I joined St Peter's staff last year, working in the Senior school and as part of the STEM team. Prior to coming to Epping, I have worked in Eltham and Eltham North for many years across all year levels and in a number of specialist roles.

I am very excited to have taken on this dual role, as classroom teacher and Librarian, and am loving the balance that it is bringing to my working week.

I firmly believe that happy children learn best, and endeavour to create a safe, happy and welcoming environment for the children. I believe that the school and home have a joint role in the education of the children who are in my care, and aim to keep open lines of communication to ensure that a good working partnership is developed.



Outside of school, I am a Mum to 4 children, who are mostly now young adults. I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, watching my children play sports, baking, reading, gardening and going for walks. I look forward to working with the children in 3/4 PS this year and to helping grow the love of books and reading through my work in the Library.



Tori Davies

My name is Tori Davies and I am a teacher in the 3/4 area. I started my journey at St Peters last year and I am very excited to be spending my first year in middles this year! I love creating a positive, welcoming and safe classroom for both my students and their families. My belief is that all my students are on an individual learning path and it is really important to build those relationships and help students at their point of need.

Outside of school, I love being active and spend a lot of my time at the gym, hiking or surfing. I was a gymnast for 10 years and love to continue recreationally. I have a staffy named Helmet and a golden cross named Bella.

I am looking forward to meeting you all and working as a team to continue the development of your child.

Mikeala Selaindinakos

My name is Mikeala and I have two roles as a teacher in the 3/4 team this year. I team teach alongside Louise in 3/4PS, where I am the classroom teacher 2 days per week. Following on from last year, I also have been lucky enough to continue to work as the Intervention and Extension teacher in Grade 3/4, providing additional support or extension for students in Literacy and Numeracy.

In each of my lessons, I plan opportunities for hands-on learning to occur in order to engage, support and inspire confidence in each of my students. Through providing my students with constant care, kindness and respect, I have been able to establish a safe, supportive and inclusive environment for all my students.

When I'm not teaching, I am training for my main athletics event- the 400m sprint. I have been a sprinter since I was a child and have a passion for all events running or fitness!

I am so excited to continue my teaching and learning journey at St Peters with your child!



Library Borrowing has begun

Please make sure your child has a library bag to protect the library books they bring home.



Gastro Outbreak

We currently have a number of students absent from school with gastro-like symptoms.

Gastroenteritis is a short-term illness triggered by the infection and inflammation of the digestive system. Symptoms can include abdominal cramps, diarrhoea and vomiting.

The school is enhancing cleaning routines to eliminate the outbreak.

Handwashing with soap and water is the best defence against spreading the bug. Students are encouraged to follow good hand hygiene practice at school. We ask that parents reinforce this message at home with their children.

Students should remain at home until their symptoms have stopped for 48 hours, as you all may still spread the infection during this time

<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/ConditionsAndTreatments/gastroenteritis>

Anaphylaxis Awareness

St Peter's has a number of children with Anaphylaxis across all year levels.

Anaphylaxis is a severe, rapidly progressive allergic reaction that is **potentially life threatening**. The most common allergies in school aged children are nuts, eggs, cow's milk, fish and shellfish, wheat, soy, sesame, latex, certain insect stings and medications.

St Peter's will not ban certain types of foods (e.g. nuts) as it is not practicable to do so, and is not a strategy recommended by the Department or the Royal Children's Hospital. However, the school will avoid the use of nut based products in all school activities and we request that parents be mindful of the types of food that are packed in their child's lunch box.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Report a School Absence

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 on 9401 1157 and let Claire or Deb know.

Your child should have received their Semper Dental Form. Please return forms back to school by **Friday 11th March** if you would like your child to be seen by the dentist.



Semper Dental

"always looking after your oral hygiene"

FREE DENTAL CHECKUP AND TREATMENT FOR ALL ELIGIBLE STUDENTS AT ST PETERS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers

Commencing March 17, 2022 your child will have the opportunity to join the Semper Dental school dental program.

If due to COVID19 your child has not recently seen a dentist we would encourage you to take up this offer.

The bi annual treatment program is available to all participating students in school terms one and three on the following basis:

1. Families who are in receipt of Family Tax Benefit Part A are eligible for the Medicare Child Dental Benefit Scheme Funding of up to \$1,013 every two years. For additional CDBS details please visit: <https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/medicare/child-dental-benefits-schedule>.
2. Families not in receipt of Family Tax Benefit Part A are offered a very generous fee for service treatment for \$99.00. This covers the cost of an examination, scale and clean. Families with private health insurance are able to claim this cost against their private health cover with up to 3 item numbers making the out of pocket cost minimal. (see Page 2 for additional information and payment options)

The twice yearly treatment program is offered in accordance with The Australian Dental Association recommendation that all primary school age children should see the dentist every six months and therefore we operate a twice yearly preventative treatment program at your child's school. This is important to ensure that your child's teeth are well maintained, and six-monthly treatment will minimize the chance of decay.

The services provided and the **convenience of being carried out at the school** makes it **easy for you** to have your child treated in this time and cost effective way. At each visit we provide a preventative treatment program. Preventative treatment involves an oral examination and treatment such as scale, cleaning, fluoride application and fissure seals where necessary. We will provide you with a report on each visit and will inform you if your child requires additional dental care.

If you wish to go ahead, please have the forms completed and returned to the school via reception or the class room by

Friday March 11, 2022

We recommend this program to you and your family.

If you require any further information, please feel free to contact **Semper Dental** directly via email on

mac@semperdental.com.au or call **Mac** on 0412 077 067

Yours sincerely

THE SEMPER DENTAL TEAM

March	KEY DATES TERM 1
Tuesday 1st	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 2nd	Ash Wednesday Mass No preps at school (preps will be rostered to come in for one on one testing)
Thursday 3rd	Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 8th	First Reconciliation, 5pm
Wednesday 9th	No preps at school (preps will be rostered to come in for one on one testing)
Monday 14th	Public Holiday - Labour Day. School Closed
Tuesday 15th	School Photos
Wednesday 16th	Prep attendance at school whole day
Thursday 17th	Semper Dental visit
Friday 18th	Semper Dental visit
Wednesday 23rd	Prep attendance at school whole day
Wednesday 30th	Prep attendance at school whole day
April	
Wednesday 6th	Prep attendance at school whole day
Thursday 7th	Twilight Sports 3.30 - 5pm
Friday 8th	End of Term. Students finish 1.30pm

Feedback

We are always looking for ways to improve our school community - please email our principal Mrs Angela Tonkin if you have suggestions or feedback you would like to share. Thank you atonkin@stprepp.catholic.edu.au All emails will be acknowledged.



Have your contact details changed?

Please don't forget to inform the school office if your personal contact details need updating, phone numbers, address, email etc. It is important we are able to contact either parent / guardian in the event of an emergency and will ensure communications are directed to the correct contact.

An email can be sent to office@stprepp.catholic.edu.au



EXTEND OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

BOOK 14 DAYS IN ADVANCE TO SAVE MONEY!

Extend offers fun programs that develop and nurture young minds including science, cooking, sports and imaginative play. Book now for the remainder of Term 1 to secure your place!

Bookings for our Extend Squad Holiday Program will soon be open! Keep an eye out for an email from us in coming days to find out what fun activities are on offer each day so you can secure the days you need for school holidays.

Visit extend.com.au to enrol your child or book your sessions!



Enquiries 1300 366 437

Book online today

extend.com.au



Future Super Stars is a 38-place long day care service located on the grounds of Melbourne Polytechnic. We're a beautiful, small centre and we pride ourselves on the close meaningful relationships that we build with all of our children and families. Our play-based program offers fun and engaging learning experiences with lots of outside play. Our children in our 3 – 5-year-old funded kindergarten program are excited to visit St Peter's Primary School at the end of March as part of our "Community Walks" program.

**TO BOOK A TOUR OF OUR SERVICE, PLEASE CALL
VIKKI ON 9401 1730**