



ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Thursday 16th November 2023, Week 7 , Term 4 2023
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.

Principal Report

Good afternoon St Peter's Community,

Twilight sports - community event

How wonderful was our Twilight Sport event last week! We were blessed with the sunshine to enjoy this school/ community event. It was especially lovely to see all the parents, family and friends who came to witness the success of the day. A big shout out goes to Miss Trianta who planned the event and guided the Senior students who led the sports stations. They set a great example to our younger students.

Partnering with our Secondary Schools

Yesterday we had the arrival of our first cubby house especially built for the students of St Peter's. The cubby house was built by the Certificate II in Building & Construction year 10 & 11 students from Parade College. The cubby is situated in the Piazza area, we are certain it will bring the students much joy as they explore and play.



Parent Support Group Meeting

In the coming weeks some families will be receiving a meeting request to attend a Parent Support Group meeting which is scheduled for the week beginning November 27th. These meetings are for those students who are working towards set goals outlined on their Personalised Learning Plan.

Google Survey

Community Feedback is a valuable resource to help our school grow and improve. Earlier in the year we asked our families to complete a google survey to share what is working well and even better if. This was really helpful and assisted the school leadership in knowing what the community priorities were.

Some outcomes from the survey:

- *continued lobbying with the council for new footpath and car spaces in Wedge Street and Coulstock Street
- * grant for the new oval and playground was prioritised
- *parent workshop in mathematics
- *community event that invite the community into our school
- *gymnastics program and student water safety programs

Thank you for the time you take to give feedback

We encourage our families to complete the survey below to help our school be the best it can be in planning for 2024.

Click on the link to open the survey: [St Peter's School Survey 2023](#)

St Peter's Athletics Day

On Friday 8th December students in years 3 - 6 will have the opportunity to attend the St Peter's Athletics Day at St Monica's College. Please look out for the permission slip that will be sent home with your child shortly.



Mrs Tonkin

On a final note we extend our best wishes to our principal Angela Tonkin who is on sick leave recovering from surgery on her foot. Angela had surgery last Friday and three pins inserted in her foot as she continues with challenges associated with osteoarthritis. She has been directed to rest and elevate to enhance the recovery process. We look forward to seeing her return safely in a couple of weeks.

Kind Regards

Daniela Torcaso
Acting Principal

Religious Education

Level Mass Schedule Term 4 Reminder

Below are the remaining class masses for Term 4. All are welcome to attend. If you are attending please meet the classes in the church. Mass begins at 9:15am and concludes at approximately 10am. Please note the whole school end of year mass will begin at 10am

Date	Classes/Level Attending
22/11/23	Year 1
29/11/23	Prep
14/12/23 (10am)	Whole School End of School year Mass



Vinnies Christmas Hampers

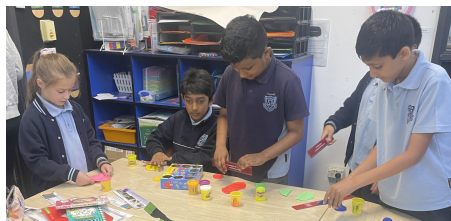


Thank you to our school community for their kind contributions to the Epping Conference of the St Vincent De Paul Society Family Christmas Hamper Appeal. Our Family Christmas hampers are filling up nicely with all of the kind donations received from our school families. Please continue to donate over the next 3 weeks. Working together we can make a big difference in the lives of families in our local community

[This document provided by St Vinnies outlines items that can be contributed to hampers.](#)

3/4TD Prayer Time

Earlier this term the year 3/4 students visited St Monica's to explore prayer experiences created by their year 7 students. Year 3/4TD and Mrs Davies were so inspired by this that they are engaging in morning prayer in different ways. They have developed different prayer stations that they can interact with throughout prayer with a different focus at each. The prayers include prayers of thanks and gratitude and focus on personal and global needs.



Prep: Faith, Life World Learning

The Prep students have been learning about how we all celebrate in different ways. They have explored the questions

- What are the occasions people celebrate?
- When do people celebrate events?
- Why are celebrations important?
- How do different cultures and faiths celebrate?

The students have been sharing their personal experiences of celebrations from their cultural backgrounds and faith traditions. It was lovely to see the students listening to each other share with some students asking questions to learn more about their peers' traditions. Keep up the amazing work Preps!



Wellbeing

We live in an ever evolving world of digital technologies. Our ability to communicate with family and friends has increased with the technologies that are available at our fingertips.

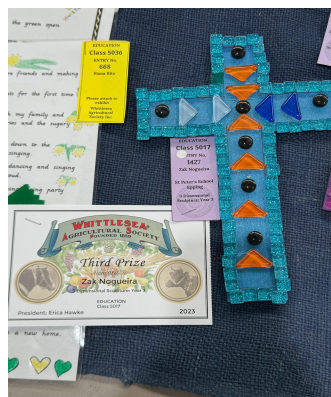
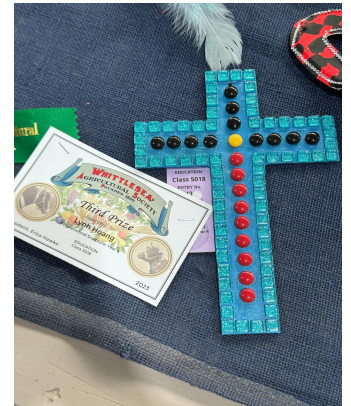
Having these available to us is a positive thing however it can cause pressures to constantly be connected. Take some time to read the article linked below "Pressures of Social Media"

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/young-people/pressures-from-social-media>



Visual Arts

Congratulations to all of the students who had their artwork displayed at the Whittlesea Show Art Exhibition. There were hundreds of entries in each category and our students received a number of awards. You should all be very proud of the high quality of your artwork.



Over the past few weeks, the Year 3 and 4 students have been making acetate poppies in their Visual Arts lessons. In memoriam of all service men and women who have fought for our country, the poppies were placed in the ANZAC garden near the school office.

To empower students to learn

To build teacher pedagogical practices

To strengthen partnerships with families and the wider community

Christmas Book Fair

As we come closer to the end of the year, St Peter's Library will be hosting a Christmas Book Fair. This will be with a different company from our previous book fairs and so will have different items for sale and will run a little differently.

The students will still have the opportunity to view the items prior to opening to the community for sales, however this time there will be NO BACK ORDERS. Once an item is sold out we will not be able to re-order it. There will be books available for as low as **\$2** and the highest priced item will be **\$20**. Please note that there will be no toys or stationery items.

This is a great opportunity to do some Christmas shopping and support our Library at the same time. We hope you are able to visit at one of these times.

Wednesday 22nd November

3:30 - 4:30 BOOK FAIR OPEN FOR FAMILIES

Thursday 23rd November

8am-9am BOOK FAIR OPEN FOR FAMILIES

Students will have the opportunity to purchase throughout the day

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Friday 24th November

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BOOK FAIR CLOSSES AT LUNCHTIME



Year 3/4 Kitchen Garden

This week, we were lucky enough to have Nonna Brenda come in and cook with us during our Kitchen Garden session. Nonna Brenda helped us make her famous spaghetti bolognese. We sliced up some onion and garlic and fried them off in oil. Then we added the mince and once it had browned we added the sauce. We had to break our spaghetti to fit it in the pot, sorry to all Italians for this cooking crime! We had a great time with Nonna Brenda today. We are so grateful to our volunteers that give their time to make our cooking classes such a fun experience.

If you would like to join us in our upcoming cooking sessions please email Miss Billy or Miss Davies. Our sessions run every Friday morning from 9:00 - 10:00 for 3/4BG and 10:00 - 11:00 for 3/4TD.

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ST PETER'S

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Location: St Peter's Tiger Turf

DECEMBER
7

Food Trucks serving from 4:00pm

Carols 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Christmas Raffle

Christmas Shop

(Carol candles, Christmas tattoos & wristbands for sale)

Santa Visit

BYO Chairs and blankets to sit on

Alcohol is NOT permitted



Key Dates Term 4 2023

OCTOBER 2023	TERM 4
WEEK 7	Friday 17th: Frozen Friday
WEEK 8	<p>Monday 20th: Prep orientation session 3 - 9.15am - 10.30am - reading to your child</p> <p>Tuesday 21st: Evacuation Drill Students visit book fair throughout the day 2023 Kids Conference, Melbourne University</p> <p>Wednesday 22nd: Year 1 Mass 9:15am, St Peter's Church All Welcome Students visit book fair throughout the day Christmas book fair open to families in the library 8:00 am - 9:00 am</p> <p>Thursday 23rd: Christmas Book Fair open to families in the Library 8:00 am - 9:00 am and 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm 2024 Year 6 leadership speeches</p> <p>Friday 24th: Christmas book fair open to families in the library 8:00 am - 9:00 am Assembly 2:40 pm, Families welcome Frozen Friday</p>
WEEK 9	Wednesday 29th November: Prep Mass, 9:15am, St Peter's Church, All Welcome
WEEK 10	<p>Monday 4th: Prep excursion to CERES Environmental Education Centre</p> <p>Wednesday 6th: St Monica's transition day for Grade 6 students</p> <p>Thursday 7th: Christmas Carols & food trucks from 4pm</p> <p>Friday 8th: Athletics Day (Prep - Yr 2 onsite @ St Peter's, Yrs 3 - 6 @ St Monica's College) Assembly 2:40pm, families welcome Frozen Friday</p>
DECEMBER	
WEEK 11	<p>Monday 11th SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY (Staff facilitated planning day)</p> <p>Tuesday 12th: Secondary state school Year 7 transition day</p> <p>Wednesday 13th: Last day at school for Year 6 students 2:00 pm Whole School Assembly to farewell Year 6 students 3:15 pm Graduation walk out on the school oval 7:00 - 8:00 pm Year 6 Graduation Mass & Rose Planting 2024 Class Orientation years prep - 5 and new students joining in 2024 Student Reports available via nforma platform from 4pm Assembly 2pm. Families welcome</p> <p>Thursday 14th: Whole School End of Year Mass 10:00 - 11:00 am Kaboom Incursion 11:30am - 1:30pm</p> <p>Friday 15th: Last Day Term 4, 1:30pm finish</p>

Procedure for Reporting an Absence

Thank you to the families that are using the 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. A reason for the absence must be noted.

The exemption from school form is to be completed for students that are absent for more than 10 school days. The form is also available from the school office.

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 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.

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.



Frozen Fridays
HERE COMES SUMMER!

Every Friday during Term 4 from **Friday 6th October**, some amazing parent helpers will be selling icy poles and chocolates.

Zooper Doopers: \$1
Icy Poles: \$2
Caramello Koalas: \$2
Freddo Frogs: \$2

Sales will be from 1:40pm in the piazza.
All children will be able to purchase during this time.