

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday 3rd November 2022, Week 5, Term 4

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

Good afternoon St Peter's community,

This week marks week 5 Term 4 - not sure where the time has gone. Our Year Prep students are half way through their last term as Prep students and our Year 6 students are entering their end of primary school years.

Our Prep and Year 2SC students are still out of their learning space. We continue to monitor the area and we begin restoration in the coming weeks as a result of the flood. We have contractors checking the room constantly to ensure the space is completely dried and ready for the work to begin.

Monday 1st November

On this day our teachers worked on moderating our student data and worked on creating differentiated reports for each of our students. Our teaching staff do an amazing job catering for the individual needs of our students and I am very grateful for their passion and dedication.

Summer School Uniform

All our students are expected to be wearing their summer school uniform and the correct footwear each day.

Playground

Our sandpit and sensory play area construction continues. We hope when the rain stops and our oval dries out the area will be completed. We have people working in the area today.

Frozen Friday

Frozen Friday is a huge success at our school. All the money raised goes towards our new play area and soccer goals. It is definitely a favourite day of the week for our students.



School Christmas Carols

Bringing the community together

Our school Christmas carols will be on the 8th of December. Our amazing parents committee are currently investigating street food market vans to cater for family meals prior to the evening. The Christmas carols are a wonderful evening to celebrate the end of year and join in carols to celebrate the Christmas season.

There will be a Christmas raffle on the night.

Smart watches

Some of our students have chosen to wear smartwatches to school. A gentle reminder that students are not permitted to receive messages during school hours or use their watch to record video footage during school hours. All phones must be handed into the office at the start of the day and will be returned at the end of the day. Student phones found during the day will be confiscated and parents / guardians will be required to collect them from the office.

Next week

I will be absent from school next week as I will be undergoing hand surgery. Unfortunately I suffer from arthritis and I require surgery to manage my thumb osteoarthritis. Daniela Torcaso will be acting principal and she will be supported by our leadership team and teaching team. Our school is fortunate to be supported by an amazing leadership and teaching team.

STEM Presentation at Melbourne University

We have been invited to present at the annual [Kids Conference](#) on 14th November 2022. Mrs Gatt and Mrs Mercuri, will bring 5 of our senior students with us to Melbourne University to participate in the conference which will highlight exemplary learning and teaching in primary school from across the nation. Our 5 selected students have been chosen to represent St. Peter's and present what we do in STEM, specifically how we integrate science curriculum.

This is a wonderful acknowledgement for our school; one that I am very proud to announce.



2023 School Trivia Night

Our amazing parents committee is starting to think about our 2023 Trivia night. We have waited a long time to come together as a community and have some fun. This is a parents only event and we are looking for a GOLD SPONSOR to support the event. Please see the flyer in the newsletter.



2023 School Leaders

On the 17th of November upcoming school leaders will present their leadership speeches. Every senior school student is a leader. We encourage our students to be the best version of themselves everyday.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

We thank you for in trusting our schools to support your child emotionally and academically each day

Christmas Tree Appeal

This year our Christmas Tree appeal will be focused on helping the St Vincent De Paul Society. Our Christmas tree will be set up near the school library and families will have the opportunity to place a Christmas gift under the tree. We simply ask that you list the age and gender the gift is suitable for.

Eg

Boy 8 years old

Female 30-50 years old

Our tree will cater for all different age groups - everyone loves a gift at Christmas.

Kind regards

Angela Tonkin

Principal

Frozen Fridays

HERE COMES SUMMER!

Every Friday during Term 4 some amazing parent helpers will be selling icy poles.

Zooper Doopers: \$1
Icy Poles: \$2

Icy Poles will be sold from 1:40 – 2pm from the canteen window.

All children will be able to purchase an icy pole during this time.

Religious Education

On Tuesday the Church celebrated the Feast of All Saints. This feast commemorates all the martyrs, holy men and women, known or unknown, whose lives were modelled on the Beatitudes and on the great commandment of love;

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.” (Matthew 5: 3-12)



On Wednesday we celebrated the feast of All Souls. This day is also sometimes referred to as Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, Feast of All Souls or Day of the Dead. On this day, those who have died are remembered and prayers for the souls are shared.



***Merciful Father, hear our prayer and console us.
As we renew our faith in Your Son, who You raised from
the dead, strengthen our hope that all our departed
brothers and sisters will share in His resurrection, who
lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for
ever and ever. Amen***

***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual
light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.***



The parish at St Peter's is in need of some new families to help with church cleaning. You are paired with another family and it takes only an hour of your time around 4 times a year. If we have enough volunteers it could possibly be reduced to even less than that. This is a fantastic opportunity to give back to our community. Please contact the school so we can pass on your details or Parish directly 94016300

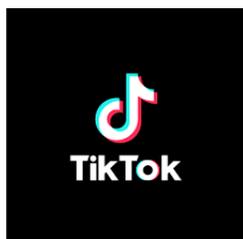
Child Safety and Student Wellbeing Parent's Corner



Online Safety

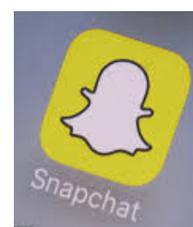
It is important that as adults we are aware of apps that our children are accessing and the content that can be shared within these apps

A few weeks ago I shared some information with you regarding parental controls. Today I am sharing a link to some apps that we are aware that some of our students are accessing through personal devices. On these pages you will find some general information about the app, recommended minimum age, app features, safety tips and protecting personal information and how to report harmful content.

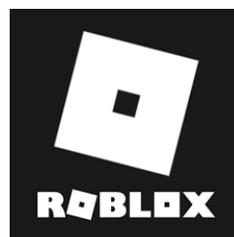


[eSafety guide TikTok](#)

[eSafety guide to Snapchat](#)



[eSafety guide to Instagram](#)



[eSafety guide to Roblox](#)

The Best Questions to Ask Your Child about Their Day at School

Parents of school aged children often share their frustration at how little their child tells them about their day at school. I know that I would ask my own children what they did at school and I always got the answers “Nothing much” or “I can’t remember”. Sometimes they focused on the one tiny negative thing that happened in the day and didn’t share any of the many positives. I worked on changing this with the way I asked them about their day.

Avoid asking questions about their day straight away and ask ‘open’ rather than ‘closed’ questions to avoid yes/no or single word answers. Here are some prompts that you could use to open up a conversation with your child about their day at school.

- What was the best thing that happened at school today?
- Who did you enjoy working/playing with today? Why?
- Tell me about something that made you smile/laugh today
- Can you show me something you learned/did today at school?
- Tell me about something you read today
- What are you looking forward to tomorrow?





2023 School Trivia Night: Friday 25th March

Our amazing parents committee is planning a school Trivia Night in 2023 - Term 1.

We are looking for a major sponsor (GOLD SPONSOR) for the evening.

Sponsorship will include advertising each week in our school newsletter and our social media page. We currently have 725 followers on facebook.

The major sponsor will have a display at the Trivia Night and advertising on each table.

We will also offer SILVER and BRONZE sponsorship packages once we have established our GOLD sponsor.

All of the money raised will go directly back into our school to enhance the learning spaces for our students socially, emotionally and academically.

Please contact me if you are interested in sponsoring our event and supporting our wonderful school.

Have a lovely weekend

Kindest regards,

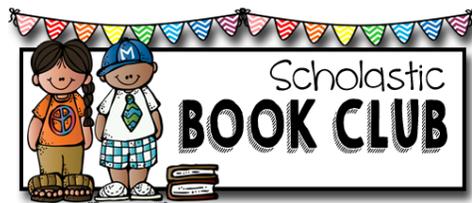
Angela Tonkin

Principal

atonkin@stprepp.catholic.edu.au

Physical Education

The past week has seen some exciting activities in sport at St Peter's. We finally pushed through our extreme weather events to see our first interschool sports this term. Our students worked hard against a strong Thomastown East. Whilst there were no wins, we saw fantastic improvement and sportsmanship. Middle School Students were exposed to the highly sought after "Train Like a Vixen" Netball programme at Parkville where they were exposed to specialised training for game skills and even met professional player Hannah Mundy. Yr 4 & 5 students also participated in the FFV Go Girls inaugural Futsal Gala Day. Yr 5 girls improved every game with 3 goals and our yr 4 squad won 2 out of their 3 games. Great job St Peter's!
Mrs Moore



It's Book Club time again! All catalogues were sent out yesterday afternoon.

Orders can be placed using the order form at the back of the catalogue and be returned to school with the correct money.

Alternatively, orders can be placed online via the LOOP.

All orders will be due to us by:
Friday 11th of NOVEMBER 2022

Kind regards,
Louise Pantano and Louise Pasquali

School Gates

A reminder to families that the school gates on Coulstock and Wedge Street open at 8.30am. When the music bell sounds at 8.50am, the gates will be closed. Students arriving after this time will need to be signed in via the iPad at the school office. Thank you

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

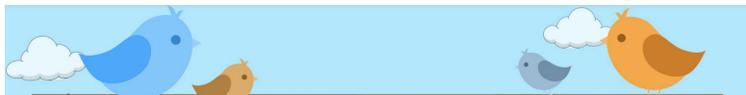
Do we have your most up to date contact details? If not, please contact the school on office@stprepp.catholic.edu.au so we can update our records. This includes parent/carers' name, address, phone numbers, email address and emergency contact details.

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.

Key Dates Term 4

(Please note dates may be subject to change)

November	
Friday 4th	Frozen Friday (icy poles \$2 / Zooper Doopers \$1)
Tuesday 8th	Uniform shop closed today Italian Day - Whole School Celebration - Italian Theme Dress - Lunch Pre-order
Wednesday 9th	Prep 2023 Orientation Session 1 - 9.15 - 10.30am Year 2 Oz TenPin Bowling Excursion Second hand uniform shop open 8.45 - 10.30am
Friday 11th	Remembrance Day Frozen Friday (icy poles \$2 / Zooper Doopers \$1)
Tuesday 15th	Prep 2023 Orientation Session 2 - Reading to your child workshop 9.15am - 10.30am (Parents invited to stay for this session)
Friday 18th	Frozen Friday (icy poles \$2 / Zooper Doopers \$1)
Monday 21st	Prep 2023 Orientation Session 3 - Maths with your child workshop (Parents invited to stay for this session)
Friday 25th	Frozen Friday (icy poles \$2 / Zooper Doopers \$1)
December	
Friday 2nd	Frozen Friday (icy poles \$2 / Zooper Doopers \$1)
Thursday 8th	2023 Year 6 students will be involved in bear signing School Christmas Carols 5pm - food available 6.30pm Carols begin
Friday 9th	All students onsite (no longer a school closure day)
Monday 12th	Year 6 Big Day Out - Arthur's Seat
Tuesday 13th	Last day for 2022 Year 6 students 3.30pm Year 6 Graduation Mass 7pm in the church Rose planting ceremony after mass at school entrance 2023 Moving up Orientation 12.00- 1.30pm
Thursday 15th	Whole School (Prep - Year 5) end of year Mass 10 - 11am Kaboom Year Prep - Year 5 celebration 11:30am - 1:30pm
Thursday 15th	End of Term 4 - 3.30pm (Grades 1 - 5)



WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4! JUST IN TIME FOR EXTEND-A-HAND!

Get excited for this week! As part of our yearly initiative, we're dedicating time to a fun and worthy cause.

This year's initiative is National Bird Week! From **October 17-21** have an awesome time dedicated to our flying friends! Get involved with us and enjoy the bird related fun!




Go to extend.com.au and join our flock for National Bird Week!



BOOK A FAMILY TOUR TODAY

Parade College

Bundoora Campus
Yr. 7-12

Preston Campus
Yr. 8-12

Visit parade.vic.edu.au to book a tour!

TERM 4 DATES

- Friday 14 October
- Monday 24 October
- Thursday 10 November
- Thursday 17 November

Tours commence at 9:15am & conclude at 10:45am




#aworldofopportunities



CFA EPPING OPEN DAY SAVE THE DATE!



EPPING CFA OPEN DAY! NOVEMBER 20

10.00AM - 2.00PM
2 O'Herns Road, Epping 3076

FAMILY FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

- FACE PAINTING
- JUMPING CASTLE
- RAFFLES
- SAUSAGE SIZZLE
- POPCORN
- BALLOON TWISTING
- BADGE MAKING
- PONY RIDES
- REPTILE PETTING

...& MORE!



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